Human rights speaker snubbed

Disgrunted Chinese students walk out of forum

Bryant J. Knechtle

W hat started as an informational session about Chinese labor camps Tuesday night in the University of Idaho SUB Ballroom turned into a political debate between Chinese students from UI and Washington State University and Harry Wu, the featured speaker. Wu, a human rights activist, was a prisoner of the "laogai" or labor camps for 19 years before moving to America and becoming a citizen. He has written two books and was featured on the television show "60 Minutes." He wants to see "laogai" in every dictionary and language in the world. I cannot turn my back on my fellow country men and women," Wu said. "Today I am very lucky to be an American. I would have to be obnoxious I would have to go to prison." "He reflects what one man can do with one voice," Peltman resident and WSU employee Margaret Pout said. "He totally flies in the face of people that say that their vote doesn't count." In disagreement with Wu's message, WSU student Bill Lu said, "He is an American right now, not Chinese. If he talks this in China to regular people, nobody would pay attention." Since 1949 and the arrival of communism in China, the government has instituted labor/prison camps as their form of criminal punishment. Wu refers to them as the "Machi." He was sentenced in the laogai as a political activist. It is estimated that one in 10 laogi prisoners are political. He claims that the treatment of prisoners in the camps is awful and inhumane. "Everything you saw in the film "Schindler's List" is happening in China right now." In the camps, prisoners are brain-washed communists. They are not allowed to keep their own political viewpoints. Wu said, "China remains a lawless country. The communist rulers clearly tell the people that they have no intention of giving up the government." • SEE HARRY WU PAGE A6

Bicycle workshop educates community

Andrea Lucero

B icycle collisions have increased from 219 per year to 325 per year from 1993 to 1995 in the state of Idaho, not including the 95 percent of accidents not given on traffic reports. John Barnes of the Idaho Transportation Department says bicycle education is important especially in a biking community like Moscow.

Barnes presented a free workshop on increasing bicycle safety Tuesday evening at the Egger Youth Center. The program was geared toward educators, public administrators, advocates and anyone interested in learning more about how to teach and promote responsible bike riding.

"Working with a community group to make biking programs known sets the stage for safety education," explained Barnes. "Our main purpose is to convince the community that to have an impact on bike safety, the community has to come together." Members of the Moscow Bicycling Commission, University of Idaho students, community members, city council members • SEE BIKES PAGE A6

Kennedy speaks on America's environmental destiny

Jeff Olson

I nterviev with Bobby Kennedy Jr. spoke about his views on the environment Wednesday at WSU.

Kennedy spoke for over an hour on the history and future of environmental policies in the United States, focusing on his area of expertise, the Hudson River Valley and Long Island Sound. In his lecture, he referenced America's environmental heritage from the first surveys of the New England coast to the expansion into the "untamed West" as witnessed by Emerson and Thoreau, Presidents Jefferson, Washington, the Roosevelts, Grant and artists like Remington and Adams.

"The wilderness gives America its identity. It gives us our nearness to nature, our Creator, to life," he said.

"It is our traditional closeness to nature which defines our national character. Our greatest presidents, those who we recognize as representing the national character, sought their inspiration from their love of the earth. It is not an accident that we invented national parks." Kennedy criticized the 104th Congress as being the most anti-environmental, legislative body ever to represent the people and the interests of the United States. Congress' attempt to pass environmental deregulation under the auspices of the "Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act" admits the brunt of Kennedy's attack, along with the implementation of the protection of private property clauses which would have required the federal, state or local governments to compensate companies and individuals for any financial losses due to environmental protection regulations.

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Cloudy today with a chance of rain. Highs dropping into the 30s this weekend with snow coming Saturday and Sunday.
Faculty Council considers policy change on repeating courses
Andrew White

The ASU Senate learned Wednesday that the Faculty Council is entertaining a proposal to restructure student options for retaking classes for grade point-computational purposes.

Katie Jolley, Faculty Council Representative, briefed the Senate on the events that have been unfolding pertaining to the students' rights to repeat classes they have performed inadequately in.

Jolley told the Senate that students may lose their right to repeat a class they have a failing or unsatisfactory grade in to improve their grade point average. Under the new proposal, all letter grades on transcripts will be final in grade point computations.

ASU Student Defender Mike Lojek informed the Senate on the operations of his office. Lojek reassures any students in need of counsel regarding the Student Code of Conduct. This semester he has had seven cases.

Coordinator of Co-Curricular Learning and Student Activities Shara Plasters reported the We Might Be Giants concert in the Student Union Ballroom is officially sold out. "We haven't had a sellout since I can't remember when," Plasters said.

Angela Raitz, chair of the Safety Board, told the Senate there are some "exciting developments" occurring on campus for increased student safety. Campus phones will be installed on campus, and she is taking proposals to 'increase night watch to a full escort service.'

During President Brian Kane's communications he said, "The biggest problem within the ASU this week is the fax machine.

Kane told the Senate he is planning on moving the fax machine to the ASU office. The machine is shared with KUNI, the Argonaut, ASU Advertising, and the GEM. It is on the third floor of the SUB, where the Student Media offices are located.

Kane reported that two new task forces have been created: the New Student Task Force chaired by Senator Mahmoud Shickel, and the high school leadership task force chaired by Senator Chris Houck.

Shickel is particularly looking for student participation from minority students, athletes, and out of state students for the New Student Task Force.

ASU Senator Curt Wootam told the Senate the online elections will be available for students to use for the upcoming Nov. 20, 1996 ASU elections.

Students appointment confirmations were: Erin Long to the Activities Board, Jessica Thomas to the Union Board, Claire Anderson to the Activities Board, and Anne Bates to the Safety Board.

Today
Play sports for the hungry
A sports marathon fund-raiser for world hunger will be held at Memorial Gym tonight. Admission is $5. Eighty percent of the proceeds will fight hunger overseas and 20 percent will feed the hungry domestically. Sponsored by Baptist Student Ministries.

Career Services
"Introduction to UI Career Services" is a free workshop offered by Career Services at 2:30 p.m. in Brink Hall. Call 885-6121 to pre-register.

$60 to Boise
Reserve your spot on the Thanksgiving bus today! UI is offering low-cost bus service to southern Idaho for the Thanksgiving vacation. Buses leave Friday, Nov. 22 and return Sunday, Dec. 1. Cost is $60 to Boise, $90 to south-central and southeastern Idaho. Reservations should be made by Nov. 15, but will remain open until buses are full. Call 885-6977.

This weekend
Do a little dance
Learn to dance salsa! Free lessons from professional dance instructors from Latin America will be given at the international potluck dinner and dance Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Moscow Community Center. Sponsored by the University Culture and Language Association.

Slurp 'N' Burp some Tea
Texas Tea will be performing at the Slurp 'N' Burp Saturday at 9:30 p.m. There is a nominal cover charge.

Weaving show and sale
The Palouse Hills Weaver Guild will hold its 23rd annual show Friday, Nov. 16 and 17 at A Fine Line, 143 N. Grande Ave., Pullman. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16, and from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Items will include tapestries, garments, scarves, rugs, and small gifts. For more information, call 882-8466.

Learn about Thanksgiving Traditions
Lois Sehns will host the International Women's Association on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the CON south (near Woodland Hills on the highway). A program on Thanksgiving Traditions will be presented at 2 p.m. IWA welcomes all interested women in the community. Transportation is available; be at the SUB parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Call 885-7661 for more information.

Ongoing
Donate food
AAFCS is collecting food for a needy family for Thanksgiving. Boxes for donations of canned foods or any other nonperishable item will be located in the first floor of the Nickols Building and the south entrance of Subway. Call Michelle at 883-1468 for information.

Adopt a family
If interested in adopting a family for Thanksgiving, please contact Kevin Pickron at Community Action Agency, 882-3535. Also, if you are in need of a Thanksgiving basket, please call before Nov. 22.

Next week
Rake those tree droppings
Leaf collection will take place on the third week of November. Bag your leaves and leave them at the curb the day after your regular garbage collection day. Leave the bags untied. For more information, call 882-5754.

Work for Bill
Microsoft will be in town Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. in the SUB Silver to present an informational presentation. For more information, call 882-5754.

Announcements

This column is open for any announcements of interest to the student body. Contact us to submit announcements. telephone: 885-6121 E-mail: theargonaut@msstate.edu

For internships or a job, this is a prime opportunity to network. Co-sponsored by ACM.

Sojourners' Alliance
Sojourners' Alliance, a local non-profit organization working toward a community vision of dignity and equality of all people, will be holding an annual meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Moscow Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

Thanksgiving potluck
A traditional Thanksgiving potluck will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Women's Center Lounge at noon. The turkey will be provided, so bring your favorite side-dish.

Local jobs and internships
There will be a local internship and student employment fair Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the SUB Silver and Gold Rooms. Twenty-five local employers will be present with openings for spring and summer 1997.

I want YOU to vote in the ASUI elections Wednesday!

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Cadets learn and lead at camp

Cadet Robert Creason

Camp Grizzly sits quiet and alone this cool fall morning, but not for long. The Cadets of the Chinook bat-
talion are headed to the camp for a
weekend of learning.

Cadet-Major Joshua Wiffer, a
senior in the ROTC program, guaran-
tees that the learning that will take
place this weekend will be nothing short of an adventure.

Wiffer is the cadet in charge of
making sure that this Field Training
Exercise is planned and executed in the
Army's high standard of excel-
lence.

The cadets will leave the university
tonight at 6:30 p.m. for Camp
Grizzly, where they will stay until 9
p.m. Saturday.

The weather forecast calls for some
rain on Saturday, Wiffer said, but the
kind of people you find in the
Christmas Battalion are not going to
let a little adverse weather slow them
down.

The cadets will spend the weekend
learning leadership skills using
Situation Training Exercises (STX).

The program shows a simple yet effi-
cient plan of action. Watch, learn, do,
then lead.

The freshmen who take the option of going to Camp Grizzly will
observe the sophomores and juniors
using the STX.

The weekend for these newsmen to
the program will also involve understanding how its camouflage
themselves and their equipment,
experimenting with individual
Moment Techniques, and doing a lit-
tle Troop Leading Procedures.

Sophomores will be teaching the
brush as the juniors lead these younger students through situations that
could happen on the battlefield — situations
that could happen on the battlefield of life where quick, rational, decisive
decision making abilities make all the
difference.

The juniors will be leading nine-
mans squads through an offensivedefense mock battle which
will enable them to develop leader-
ship potential.

"It's not about winning, it's about learning," Wiffer said.

The leadership that the juniors fine-

tune will be needed for this coming summer at Advanced Camp — a one-
week test for cadets to show off the
germs. "Many seniors have only
took part in the ROTC program.

Wiffer and the rest of the seniors
will be leading the entire operation.
The command line in the cadets with
Army ROTC.

Leading is a skill that requires prac-
tice, and the AROTC allows lots of
practice to lead. This means of leader-
ship allows cadets to generate the
direction of the program.

This is one only on the many activi-
ties that the battalion performs.

While this weekend for some might
be "if everyone learns something,
primarily the junior, who will need the leadership
development for the coming summer."

This weekend is offered at no
cost to the individual cadet. If inter-
ested in future events, call the Army
ROTC in Memorial Gym at 885-
6258.

Latest diet craze, Redux, hits university students

Erlin Schultz

Manufacturers say that in the first 10 weeks
it was available, the drug Redux caused
60,000 new diet pill prescriptions to be
ordered per week.

It is making headlines all across the nation
and showing up in pharmacies everywhere.

Desires to slim down, Redux, is the latest
item of interest in the world of weight con-
trol. While it is certainly not the first diet pill
to be introduced to the American public,
Redux is gaining attention for its claims of
safe and effective weight loss.

Back up this is the fact that Redux has been
approved by the Food and Drug
Administration for long-term use, making it
the first new diet drug to be approved in near-
ly 20 years.

News of Redux has also been reaching the
ears of many University of Idaho students.
The Student Health Center has experienced
increasing demand for and curiosity about
diet pills, especially when students find out
that Health Center pharmacists do not
describe Redux.

"There are a lot of side effects people don't
know about," said Ked gir 
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Kadegir is student,

"Because we often don't get the whole pic-
ture of the student, we
don't like to prescribe this
drug," Girard said.

"The problem is that Redux is a

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Hootie contests put Letterman to shame

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Robin Paul's boss gave her permission to book his 1994 Mercury Sable so she would win tickets for the Hootie and the Blowfish concert in Pocatello.

"Because he's really cool and he knows how bad I want these tickets," she said Wednesday.

Ten people were called from more than 130 who called in to the Z-103 radio station to answer the question, "What's the most outrageous thing you would do for Hootie and the Blowfish tickets?" together on the battleship USS Idaho during World War II.

"Young kids who didn't know better — who went to war — got to be buddies," Sevell, of Scotch Plains, N.J., said Tuesday. "We stuck together.

But after the war they lost touch.

Clark left the Navy in 1946 at age 20 and returned home to Yakima.

Two years later he moved to Richland and worked at the Hanford nuclear reservation until he retired.

Sevell, meanwhile, opened an automotive repair shop he now runs with his family in New Jersey.

While Clark forgot about the loan, Sevell didn't.

"He helped me when I needed it,"

Sevell said. "I can't say I don't pay my bills.

After years of searching, Sevell found Clark on the Internet, using a national telephone database.

On Oct. 15, Clark returned from a hunting trip to find a message from Sevell on the answering machine, asking if he was the man who served on the Idaho. The two men then talked for the first time in nearly 50 years.

"It's hard to know what to say after all these years," Clark said.

They have talked of getting together again.

As for the money, Clark doesn't have any plans.

It's in the bank, drawing more interest.

The concert was slated for Wednesday night.

Mark Hanny of Idaho Falls, who squirmed raw eggs into the mouth of his cocker spaniel with a turkey baster, then poured them into a cup and drank them.

"I think I'm going to throw up," he said afterward.

Darin Wray of Idaho Falls put Nair on his hairy chest. Vic White of Lewiston drank a mustard through a straw.

Ross Gorun of Rexburg shaved down 10 live noon tests fish and some crickets. He said the tests tasted like "stinky"

Paul slipped a Dallas Cowboys bumper sticker on the windshield, lifted her hammer of destruction and brought it down six times.

Her unique talent paid off. She, along with the fish-eater, the Nair guy and Joe Ross, who had "Mike and Brad Z103" tattooed on his right arm, won tickets to sit on stage at the concert.

Loan repaid 50 years later

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — It took 50 years, but Bennett Clark finally got his $250 back — with interest.

In 1944, the Richland man loaned the money — nearly a month's pay — to former shipmate Norman Sevell.

Sevell needed money to start a car repair business and pay for the costs of a baby.

On Nov. 1, Clark got a letter from Sevell, inside was a check for $4,166. The money covered 50 years of interest on the loan at about 6 percent.

"I couldn't believe it at first," Clark said.

"I wouldn't've been happy just to get the [$250] back.

The two served for several years

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Clinton still opposes balanced budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned that remarks by President Clinton might help the prospects of the balanced-budget constitutional amendment, administration officials told reporters Wednesday that Clinton meant to emphasize that he will fight its likely approval by Congress.

On Tuesday, Clinton told reporters he believes the amendment is unnecessary, a position he has taken for years. But he added a condition, saying for the first time that he would consider one if it contained an “escape hatch” for recessions, when decreased business activity normally drives up federal deficits.

Awakening Wednesday to headlines and news broadcasts that Clinton had softened his position, administration officials began telephone conferences, saying the president had not meant to flush a green light to the proposal. The calls represented an administration attempt to recast the story to their liking in hopes of retaining an outside chance of stopping the amendment, or at least forcing it to be changed.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told The Associated Press he and other economic advisers had advised Clinton Tuesday whether he had meant to backtrack on his previous opposition to the amendment.

“He said absolutely not, he was still opposed to the balanced-budget amendment, and we should actively fight against it,” Rubin said.

Rubin said Clinton told them that if it appeared the amendment would be approved, “we should try to get one that’s the least harmful.”

But he also said Clinton has “grave doubts about whether you can create an escape hatch that is sufficientlyflexible to take into account whatever may happen down the road with the economy.”

White House economic adviser Gene Sperling called an after telephone gathering, said administration officials wanted to make sure that reports of Clinton’s remarks didn’t encourage lawmakers to vote for the measure. Rubin said the White House wanted legislators to know “we’re not going to speak out as to why we think the proposal is bad.”

The balanced-budget amendment passed the House in 1995 but fell a single vote short of Senate approval. At the time, Clinton helped lobby against it. After passage, Congress, a constitutional amendment does not require the president’s signature, but does need approval by 38 states.

With the elections last week resulting in a bunch of additional amendments supporters joining the Senate, the proposal seems likely to get the two-thirds majority Congress needs to pass it. Republicans plan to take it to the House and Senate floors early in the new Congress, perhaps in January.

Michele Davis, press secretary for House Majority Leader Richard Armey, R-Texas, noted that Clinton wouldn’t discuss efforts to balance the budget with GOP congressional leaders on Tuesday.

“It’s kind of putting your money where your mouth is,” she said of Clinton’s support for the constitutional amendment.

Asked whether Clinton would lobby against the amendment again, Rubin said that would be “something you decide when you get there.”

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These revisions of the Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts would have immediate impacts on environmental protection policies, which are susceptible to private ownership (the air, running streams, etc.). The verdict of those who show that trust, or prevent them from gaining from it, are to be held accountable. Kennedy argued, that the after the fall of the Roman Empire, there were many monopolies of private power (such as the fishing rights to rivers and streams) to private persons, which in part lead the English to form Kirtland, Ohio in the late 1800s.

Of course some like exclusive fishing or hunting rights, monopolies public resources to private communities. Kennedy cited the former Soviet Union as an example of the risks of de-regulation which utterly destroyed the environment.

"Over 20 percent of Belarus (approximately the same size as Washington state) is now covered with forest due to two large-scale nuclear accidents, one of which the international community never heard about. The radiation from one of these accidents killed about one million people. People from resources the Noah helmet and real would have been protected by it.

The United Nations has shown that the species actively alive will be extinct within one generation. Because we are such an ingenious species, we could probably survive regardless of our environmental policies, but environmental protection is about survival, but of quality of life. I do not want my chil- dren to grow up in a world without fish or fisherman, or about our heritage before the laptop. Destroying the environment is like tearing the pages out of every Bible. It destroys a legacy, something with cannot be renewed." The most highly contaminated and polluted regions of the United States, Kennedy said, are the poorest neighborhoods of the inner cities and impoverished rural districts where heavy industry has come and subse- quently abandoned, where "the people do not have enough money to buy representation. "It is in the poor and the unrepresented who get left out of considerations of pub- lic policy, and it is they who bear the brunt of poor decisions made for the sake of political expediency. Environmental degeneracy are the enervating forces of the future when the pelf of public resources is being cut up and sold for ready cash."

Kenedy seemed assured that the human race would not perish due to over-population of the environment, even though over one-half of the species currently alive will be extinct within one generation. "Because we are such an ingenious species, we could probably survive regardless of our environmental policies, but environmental protection is about survival, but of quality of life. I do not want my chil-

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ed: the effects of the Moscow subway for bicycling, which included a slide show depicting different types of bike lanes throughout Moscow; the importance of teaching youngest safe bicy-
cycling habits; how to curb reck-

lessness bicycling habits and how to share streets, paths and side-

walks.

Workshop participants showed great interest in the installation of more bike lanes throughout Moscow. "The lanes are really impor-
tant," Barnes said. "Bicycles really improved the cycling sit-
uation with the installation of the Sixth Street lanes." Workshop participants were also given "green" safety on biking in Idaho. Statistics from the Idaho Department of Transpor-

ation show that helmet use in Idaho has increased 7 to 11 percent from 1993 to 1995. Also, the bicycle accident rate per 100,000 person miles driven has increased.

Bikes

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"I don't like a lot of the things that happen in China, but no gov-
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"I don't like a lot of the things that happen in China, but no gov-
ernment is perfect, including the American democratic system," said one student.

"We just want the audience to know the truth," said another.

Wu sternly responded to their comments. "We need to distin-
guish between the mother land and the government. Chinese have to know the ugly truth and then we will have the bright future." In Wu's defense, local residents directed comments at the dis-
guished students. "Whether you agree with him or not, he is here as a lecturer," Peyao said.

"This is America and nobody is keeping you here. You can leave if you want to leave."

The comments prompted the majority of the Chinese students to exit the discussion. We ended the presentation shortly after their departure.
Tenure is the ticket to universal parking

After reviewing the situation carefully, I have come to the inevitable conclusion that a purple permit is a bad idea.

Let me take you back to the beginning of this adventure. ASU President (and fellow classmate) Kane mentioned once that he didn’t think it was fair that students couldn’t buy the gold parking permits. These permits allow access to gold, red, and blue lots, and are only available to faculty and staff (at rather high price, I might add). Rather than suggesting allowing students to purchase these permits, Kane thought — hypothetically, of course — that parking would be so much more equal if we had one parking permit for one price.

After all, this is a country based on equality, isn’t it? Shouldn’t all people be equal in the face of the parking lot?

Well, maybe.

Most students would love to park in the gold lot up by the Administration Building. Heck, some of them would even dish out the extra money to buy the gold permit. But what Kane suggests is that all parking on campus, from the Admin. to the Kibbie Dome to Student House should fall under one permit. After all, why should any one permit be any better than any other?

So, I asked Pamela Alsterlund, manager of Parking and Information Services and really a very nice lady. She had actually thought of this idea herself. But it’s not going to happen, at least not any time soon.

First off, you can forget those gold spots. The administrators have already decided those are theirs and they’re hardly going to give them up to some student. Alsterlund has no control over that. So, sorry, no Admin. spot for you.

Second, Alsterlund had thought about a “purple” permit, i.e., combining the red and blue permits into one sticker at one price. Right now there is a great deal of confusion going on who should own and manage the streets on campus. Alsterlund said she wants to deal with that before she starts making color changes. So, if it were to ever happen, it wouldn’t be right away.

And, most importantly, third, a purple permit would take away the “cheap” option. Sure, red sticker prices would come down, but blue would go up a substantial amount, probably too high for the average student to pay. Well, the “parking” streets and gravel Kibbie Dome lot wouldn’t be able to handle the overload of parking.

So, there you have it. I’ve done the search, asked the questions, and found the details. Our parking system, we have now isn’t the best in the world, but a single-permit system really wouldn’t solve anything. I suggest that if you want to park in the gold, apply for tenure.

—Lisa Linnagen

Opinion

No complaints here (wink wink)

Pas a deuxsire

Brian Davidson

It’s quite a shock for an opinion columnist (or what I am to sit down at a keyboard to write a column) to hear he is to complain about.

Complain about bland and bitter of the journalistic trade, as must of you in my situation. If I have to complain about something, we’ll talk about lowery government, politics in the streets, unnecessary death, houses, dress suits that always sag and the wild croquet ball that shoots down the streets and bounces with a dull thud. Be sure we’re type furiously away at our little key-boards complaining about how many things to complain about and vote Democrat so the government will establish committees, bureaus and perhaps even new departments dedicated to issuing bulky reports (such as Fed Studs, Labels Oxygen as Carcinogens) aimed at warning the public so we have something to write about.

Not all columnists — or journalists, for that matter — complain, though we do have reputations of being door individua- lities with bad manners and whiny, pimple-sounding voices. It’s about a time of two or three years.

Take George Will, for instance. (Note: Not for one minute am I comparing any meager attempts at opinion to those of George Will). For starters, he has wardrobe full of blue suits and racks full of red ties. The closest I’ve got to that is a Mr. Bachelor and tuxedo warmer for 6 inches wide. Maybe underneath he’s a fun guy who likes nothing better than swapping dumb blonde jokes with his buddies. But what really takes me is how he’s dressed in one of those suits when he’s writing his columns about the stars and warning us about the dangers of “Friends,” poor economic policy, lazy government, parasites in the streets, and the wild croquet ball that shot from the Croquet Competition, etc., etc. Barfly, if I had to read him in a complimentary mood. It is that hard to find something good about the society we live in? Maybe it is, if we keep looking in the wrong places.

Conversely, we have Dave Barry. (Note: Not for one second am I comparing my meager attempts at humor to those of Dave Barry. Five years, he has six-figure salary. The closest I’ll ever get to that is by eating enough doughnuts to have a six-figure figure) Some people wonder if this guy is ever serious. Maybe he’s just in a comedic mood. Is it that hard to find something good about the society we live in? Maybe it is, if we keep looking in the wrong places.

Ah, now you see I did have something to complain about after all:

Too many Americans look to the media as an end rather than as the means to an end. Though we try our best to do our jobs without bias or lack of enthusiasm, we are human beings first and journalists second. Mistakes will be made. Lies will be told. Though we may walk through misery and warnings believing the things we write to be perfect glooms and opions, though we may dare think of ourselves as enlightened and informed beings well above the doggerel of aver- age ignorance we are, in fact, just as many people, good-natured ignoramuses as ourselves. After all, we’re people. Of course, so does everyone else. Not education, or wealth, or opportunity will make us as perfect as we will be by the Great Equalizer.

Because people believe what is fed to them. Be it on television, in the newspa- per, said in a movie, sung in a song, printed on a t-shirt, scratched on a wall or written as a joke. If some stupid thing is doctored up enough there will be people to believe the thing. Smart and dumber, allowing it to influence the great equalizer, spirituality is the great tranquillizer.

So what’s the solution? A few charac- ters from 1939’s “Wizard of Oz” said it best:

HUNK: You act like you haven’t any brains at all!

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Call us jerks, ignorance and morons so

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Election ‘96 yields surprise winners:

Really late returns favor 1 Percent Initiative, libertarian candidate, pot


You’re right, but please, just one last little election column? Great! So with your favorite 1 Percent person you may get some campaign news you may have missed.

Idaho’s Prop. 1 (1 percent initiative) Wins.

OK, maybe they’ll have to compromise, but let’s not, Ron Raskin and his Idaho State Property Owner’s Association have made their point. Even though the IPA’s property owner’s proposal got trounced 65-35 percent at the polls, Phil Bitt is feeling their pain. Governor Phil announced Monday in Lewiston that he’ll propose a Constitutional amendment to limit annual tax increases and allow for special lower tax rates in the future. You say you thought property taxes were going to be nosed out? Not anymore. Ron Raskin and the 1 Percent

Opinion Gap

Tim Lohrmann

crowdn’t a’nt all stupid. They know a basic truth in politics. That’s if you get your issues out and get the out laws and the wild croquet ball that shot from the Croquet Competition, etc., etc. But if you have to explain to a complainer how the society we live in? Maybe it is, if we keep looking in the wrong places.

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cars. The passage of the “medical mari- juana” proposition by big margins — 56 percent and 65 percent respectively in California and Arizona respectively — has thrown state law enforcement officials and brought sharp words from President Clinton’s “drug czar” according to a USA Today report a couple of days after the election.

Voters of both states agreed with the proposition proponents that if marijuana can help the seriously and often terminal- ly ill deal with their pain and nausea they should have it. But I don’t appear that the politicians are listening in this case.

Even though Clinton has, by his own admissions, pulled on certain naturopathic substances in the past, and not even in instances of illness (at least not physical- ical), his aforementioned drug czar Barry McCaffrey assures that “the govern- ment remains committed to the fact that marijuana are still against federal law. My spin? Marijuana is already more than plentiful and will still be easily available to Wholly independent California or Arizona who wants to continue using it. The only ones who’ll be deprived of pot, if the feds have their way, will be folks who are too weak and individuals who are suffering from cancer or other serious illness to go out and contact a street dealer. As hero the government’s line: If you need it, you can have it. If you don’t need it, have it. Ain’t the drug war great?”

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Letters to the Editor

Lack of Veterans Day support appalling

Another year goes by, and yet another Veterans Day goes unannounced and uncelebrated by the faculty and students of the University of Idaho.

This is my third year at this university, and I am absolutely appalled that such an important holiday is completely ignored by our institution of higher learning. Throughout the history of our nation, men and women have gone out to fight our wars in order to secure the freedoms that we take for granted every day. Many of these men and women never even returned home. The ones who did survive, the veterans, deserve to be honored for their sacrifices and hardships.

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I am affected by this day because I had family members who were veterans of war. Both of my grandfathers served as members of the Army during and immediately following the Second World War. My dad, at Father, was an officer. He was serving as a Sergeant in the Second Wave of the D-Day invasion. He was later awarded a Silver Star for his valor during the battle of St. Lo. My mother’s dad served as an officer and doctor in the Army medical corps where he was sent to Japan to help the survivors of the atomic bombings.

While many of you students out there do not have immediate family who served in the armed forces, it is important for you to appreciate the sacrifices that have been made for your freedom. Make an effort to appreciate and celebrate Veterans Day next year.

I would now like to address the faculty of the University of Idaho. As I said before, your lack of respect for this country’s heroes is appalling. This university goes out of its way to show its patriotism by printing key dates and holidays on the calendar, but ignores an important holiday like Veterans Day. As students, we are bombarded with politically correct rhetoric published and peddled by all the little special interest groups on campus. We are forced to celebrate every "minor" holiday and shamelessly banish "having the week and "Human Rights Day" because it doesn’t fit their agenda.

We are then forced to ignore important holidays like Veterans Day. This year the concept of war is "not popular" with those who control our system of higher education.

Nobod on this Earth prays for war, but wars are a fact of life and die in them. This university should show these people the respect they deserve by celebrating a day that honors their bravery and sacrifice. Unlike many of the holidays we celebrate on this campus, it is about something that everyone at this university has been directly or indirectly affected by the previous actions of their nation. We have all had friends and relatives who have served their country in the military. For this reason, this holiday is one that can be celebrated by all of us.

I am not asking for a day off from school. It is asking to take action and honor our veterans—by actively opening the doors to the veteran groups that reside in the city of Moscow. Why not invite some of these groups to have their ceremonies on the UI campus? By opening the campus to veterans and your peers you would be honoring them, while at the same time, furthering the education of the students that attend this university.

—Jeffrey S. Rose

SUNRISE...FROM PAGE A7

Meanwhile, San Francisco Dave Fratello of California Congressional Rights is moving in the right direction and upward. He’s forming Americans for Medical Rights to push the cause all over. It’s true, your move, northern hemisphere activists! Libertarian candidate for President wins! (At least in The Onion)

No, he didn’t carry the state. Bobby D. did. But a Libertarian presidential candidate did win an election in Texas. Ron Paul, the 1988 Libertarian party nominee, got enough votes to win a seat in Congress. He’s the 50th vote in the 107th Congress. Democratic.

Running as a Republican, Paul created quite the storm in the old Left Star State. First he beat the incumbent in the GOP primary, against Speaker Newt’s wishes, no less. Then he had the gall to nudge the full campaign without backing off from his "small-l" libertarian views. The Democrat in this race ran attack ads featuring Paul doing his Libertarian thing. The clip had him saying things like, "it’s time to get rid of the drug dealers, let’s get rid of all drug laws," or "I’m a libertarian!" Newt, however, must have to settle for the "alaria" label in Texas and wait a few years, Harry, you’ll be fine.

But, one can’t help but feel enlightened about Election ’95’s semi sob-off events. If not, I can’t help you anymore. No more election coverage here. I’m moving on. I promise, I’m no longer a political dependant.

But, I thought next week, if it’s OK, I’d do...
The Heart of Chinatown in Lewiston?
'Uni the Brow' Gets Out the Rogaine
Bar Wars: Return of the Red-eye

Groovy's Day Trippin' Guide to Spokane
Independent Films Rule, Dammit!
No Room to be Board? Try Snowshoes

Author Comes of Age in the Wilderness
Scuba Duba Doo Over Spring Break!

We know what you want...
Temple exhibit provides local history

Justin Cason

Most people go their whole lives without being an "expert" on anything. The Lewis-Clark Center for Arts & History is giving us the opportunity to change that.

The arts center is giving the public a chance to be prac-
tising history through the lens of Lewiston's past — in particular, the late 19th century when the town had a large Chinese immigrant population said, unknowingly to host not from Lewiston, but from China.

Priscilla Wegars, an affiliate associate professor in the sociology/anthropology department at the University of Idaho, will be giving a tour of the Beek Aisle (pronounced Buck-eye) Museum, a house of worship for the Chinese people a century ago.

The tour will take place Nov. 21 at the center.

All those attending will be vested in the Asian nation's culture and will be informally trained to be a tour docet, or guides, themselves. The temple is permanently displayed at the Center for Arts & History.

The Beek Aisle Temple was an icon of this ethnic group present in much of northern Idaho in the 1880s and 1890s, and served as a Chinese place of worship here.

Chinese were drawn, or rather, guided here to work the mines and on the railroads in the 19th century.

The temple, which has moved Lewiston locations three times in the past, was set up for these workers.

The inside of the Beek Aisle Temple is adorned with plaques, lanterns and stands of beads hanging from the ceiling. The most fabulous items, however, are the stairs at the front of the temple.

"The main step up front is very elaborate, with red, green and gold," Wegars said. "The secondary altar pedestal on the main altar has various objects, such as food and drink for the gods, bouquets of everlast-
ing candles and fortune-telling sticks or blocks.

The Chinese folk religion had many aspects which could be found in their distinct temples, according to Wegars. Their religion pays homage to a number of gods and encompasses a mixture of Buddhism, Confucianism and, in particular, Taoism. In fact, the temple's name itself means "place of many gods."

Now, approximately 100 years after the large Chinese community in the Palouse, the sanctuary still remains, refurbished and refurnished after almost a year of cleaning and an-

The museum was cleaned with distilled water and Q-
tips, mostly by volunteers," said Wegars. "It was painstaking work.

Wegars' presentation, which includes slides, maps and informational handouts, starts at 1 p.m. Admission is free to this Idaho Humanities Commission program. For more information, call the arts center at 799-2243.

Day-tripper's guide to Spokane

David Camden-Britton

"If you haven't experienced Spokane — the Techno Mecca of central Washington — for yourself, this little guide might prove useful in assisting your experiments with reality manipulation. Remember, most chemicals described in here are Schedule 1 by the DEA and you are considered a naughty person for having them. Also, the Argonaut in no way endorses their use, and this is written for informative purposes only.

For those who prefer green leafy smokable, Spokane is indeed fun after dark. Hundreds of gas station mini-marts and grocery stores to satisfy your munching needs. Manico Park offers lovely views (and concealing trees) during the day. If you like being around lots of normals when flying high, Riverfront Park is an excellent choice. lifts, an Imax Theater, and lots of people to keep you occupied for hours. Note that the Park Police are in league with the Spokane PD and will be irate to find you smoking out in their park. Discretion is advised.

For those of a more acidic bent, several locations should top your list. The sensual Grotto, located in Riverfront Park, provides endless wonderment, amusement, and vague feelings of revi-
lution. Any city with a bronze statue of a goat that will suck up trash at the touch of a button isn't all bad.

One word: Imax. A three-story tall screen showing education-
al films at high volume. Finner bliss is difficult to find. For a more natural setting, try Horizon Elementary School.

Swingers, and rarely parked gondolas make a perfect place to run around and hide in the moonlight.

Of course, these relatively harmless substances are just not enough for some folks, so in the interest of completeness, here are a few other places to go: you've got something to do.

Pick check you want, so, for the finest in trips run, if you can't walk, to the Centennial Trail: Spokane's longest stretch of walking/jogging trail. You can't too wrong if you decide to go north (about 30 miles). This will provide an effectively end-
less outlet for your high, and you should be able to run it there or four times in an evening. And no, low, overheating hitches to make you paranoid.

In case of an emergency, several excellent hospitals are near-
by — a hop, skip and a walk away. For less serious moments, the clientele of nearby late-night coffe shop are usually quite capable of helping you realize that you are not, in fact, hallucinating. (And remember, do not pass anyone any bits of green paper you may have in your pocket, and never sign a legal binding agreement when under the influence of these chemicals.)

Best of luck in Spokane, and remember: Only Users Lose Drugs.
The scum of humanity. Or at least of the block. That's why George Henderson thought of himself every time he noticed his reflection in a street window or in the bug-eye sun-glasses of the Fairy redneck he sat across from on the bus each Tuesday afternoon on the way to the podiatrist. Why his coarses flared each time he saw that particular woman was one of the mysteries.

Dr. Kiling was trying to unravel but George was concerned not with rouge or redheads or a doctor whose name made him sound as if he should be working as a fruit canner rather than as a physician. He was trying to think of a way to impress Charlotte, a brunette who had just moved into his apartment building three floors down. His appearance would not be enough.

At best it would invite a shoulder-shaking fit of dogger laughter; at worst a case of the dry heaves. A head roughly the shape of a sea buoy and scantily covered with a round bushy ring of snubly black hair. The eyes and mouth smiled often and in tandem, but Charlotte could see no trace of that wonky nose. He had the chin with a clip, but his underdeveloped neck tended to emphasize the perfect chin and make it look rather like a tree that had been haphazardly hacked at by an epileptic lumberjack. The shape of the head concealed the unibrow companion made a snide remark to himself about the way he handled buttons dangling a bit low and heavy at his sides.

George had heard about the possibility that they were too long and thus carried them best wherever he went. The fact that he had no dis- comfiting funny home in the left elbow might amuse Charlotte, but how could he introduce his elbows into any normal conversation?

His left pinky finger was a stopper, but the star that nearly divided it in two worked better to impress the gentleman than the lady. His legs and posterior resembled two grains of rice speared on the ends of toothpicks with the fur ends biret out a mere three millimeters for feet.

He dressed well enough as his bud- get would allow. He wore a college, due to irritable skin rash- es, but kept himself very clean. George was not dumb, either. He taught English at the community college, went to all the plays and concerts, and shunned any event that involved any contraption with the suffix -suauti stuck on the end of it. Unless he was contracted by sympathy laughers, he could con- sider himself rather witty, though far from being the life of the party. The building where he lived was not a club. On the contrary, he enjoyed a view of a small, well-kept city park. And the halls, eleva- tors and stairways were cleaned weekly by a rather corpulent and surly woman who rooted through the trash before it outing.

It’s just that Charlotte was into fads in a big way: this color and that hair and those shoes and that place to hitch a piece of cheese and how many earrings and how exotic the tights and how big the T-shirt with the cartoon characters on it and how sporting the shoes and, unfortunately, how he chewed the bow.

Burt, the Upper character famed for his removable nose and the shirt lacking in stow, who had inspired the latest and ugliest fur ever to strike the Planet, or at least the States, which is often regarded as the Planet by most who live there. Thick, adorned, braided, cater- pilled, milledoped, frizzy and sculpted unibrows marched across the foreheads of the hippest of the hip, some of whom had two unib- rows, one above the other. There were special emmies and eyes, clips and combs, tapers and inci- ments and implants for the many who were not graced with a natural unibrow in the first place. Some even dared to display chinestones, whitening whiskers that burned in the breeze and even fully-functioning microcomputer chips that could play “Louis-le-iaius” in sixteen dif- ferent languages. Those were the novelties that were molded to the wearer’s psychic profile. An unfortunate side-effect to the earlier attempts at implants resulted in the dying off of the natural bow, leav- ing the wearer with a Hilcherson nose of for forever ever so out of place a few inches directly above the spot from whence it would look lessen out of place. Of course that sparked in own trend, but it had a smaller social impact than did the unibrow.

Suddnly, as if a comet wardrobe toxic chemicals exterior to the face of a nation had crashed into the Earth, heavily hardly endowed men were the prizes sought in the bea- uty bars and the classical expresso stands in the garden shops in the consorts of America. How long the fad would last no one could tell, since no one exactly knew when the next fad would come along, but the hairier mem- bers of society were set to reap the benefits of geniality populace as long as the fashion vamps waft- ered kindly in their direction.

George studied his reflection in the glasses of the gym-shewing red- head. The humps of the road under the bus and the vibrations of her head caused by her rather vigorous chewing made his prevarication rather difficult, but he was left enough to grasp quick glances at the red lights and bus stops. His rather casual glances were enough to convince his out-shewing mirror (at least for the time being) that his interest was mainly concentrated on the scenery flashing behind her per- sonal burning bush.

“Have we all gone for myself?” George asked out loud to no one in particular. Forgetting that people on public buses are always ready to answer any blundered thuri- cal question that hits their ears.

“That breath of yours would will the wallpaper, baby,” the out- chewer snapped as she violently turned her head to stop staring at me, ya pervert!”

“Young man,” said the blue-hair with the death grip on her handbag, “you could be a little less frugal with the deodorant.”

A jackbooted thug with a red and blue button with the word COP on it kicked George’s foot and bel- lowed, “You look like a punky, dude. A real way. Lose the sneak- ers and get a spider tattoo on your tongue.”

“Go on! Go on!” shouted a small child wearing pants with tnt-tail raiments of bladred absurd on them.

“You guys suck just as much as I do,” George said, forgetting to blurt it out this time. The bus rolled on without roll-off for a few more blocks, then George decided to get off and walk the rest of the way to the barber shop. He pitted rather nervously in the chair as his stylist outlined the options available to those wishing to go up. He’d always hated barber shops; hated the assumption that just because he was in there to get a trim that he had to play Twenty Questions or listen to boring anecdotes about Aunt Nuni or Uncle Buffal. Then they expect a tip, as Monty Hall had awarded them the latest issue of the Mystery Box for being such a perky barb. So George refused to spin the wheel and kept his hundred dollar pocket tightly buttoned.

“Here’s a nice clip-on model. We sell a lot of these to successful busi-nessmen over in the West Coast, point out a postage stamp sized cleft in the little cardboard card she held in her hands.

“What is that? Yellow?”

“George, sweetie, it’s better. The army developed this supervel-cro to reduce the noise. Seems those who are the best shoemakers. All you do is glue the supervelcro in place and put the unibrow patch on whenever you want. The velcro’s see-through, and

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Karen noticed toupees. Getting extreme, he thought. "Goodness, George! You sleep like a little baby. For about fifteen minutes. That's how long you sleep.

"My eyes! Can I see it?" He felt at the bandage on his forehead with the hand Gloria was not clenching between her own.

"No George, it's still a bit tender, you know. It should stay under for a few hours, preferably overnight," there was an odd catch in her voice, and the normally blanched patient of the shop was hovering in the corner, face red as a beet.

"How much—"

"Thirty-eight-fifty, not including tip.

Thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents came, George walked out of the shop into the autumn sunshine. Out of sight of the shop, he took off a stake of his forehead and searched in vain for any reflective surface. The sun was low, glinting off the window fronts. Redhead would not be on the bus at this hour. The leaves were only beginning to fall from the roadside trees, so he decided to take a walk down the road and cannily promenade to the Sunday surrogate, surveying the good looking wood and advertising his new social heights to the chicks at the same time. A blonde sipping a mineral water at a sidewalk table gave him a long curious look. Charlotte would be sore amazed, he thought to himself. George mimicked the television commercials for units that he had heretofore mocked. My Charlotte, would you like to go out to coffee with me and my unit? The blonde suddenly frowned in his direction. Two high-school girls gave him a double take, their dainty jaws dropping ever so unlikelyly to the floor. Maybe a bit too young, he thought to himself.

"Do it.

"Go easy with the rajive, Gloria," her boss yelled, momentarily taking her attention off the bold dome she was doctoring in a neighboring chair. "Remember what happened to Dick Opham."

"Not my fault it had that recessive gene," Gloria snapped back.

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thing that independent filmmakers focus on. Instead, they put the idea and the product first, which is an interesting concept nowadays. A capitalist system such as ours, includes independent films as a refreshing change in movie-making.

However, the truth is that Moscow residents have no local opportunity to see how the other half — in this case, unconventional, often gritty independent pictures — lives. This is a shame because the theatrical drama events are facilitated quite nicely. The Hartung Theatre and Pullman’s Beaux Arts Coliseum are theatrical havens, yet nowhere in Moscow is there an institution for higher cinematic learning. Occasionally, the Student Union’s Borah Theatre will show an “indie,” but this is a rare event, and the films are seldom new releases.

By the way, as much as I love a fresh layer of uncooked powdered, Warren Miller ski films are not what I’m referring to here as gripping independent filmmaking.

This is also a shame because the student body is missing out on some of the best movies to come out of the 1980s and ’90s. The Sundance Institute, an organization founded by actor Robert Redford which promotes and rewards the best of the indies, has proven this to be true. The films are a fresh single-handedly responsible for discovering 1992’s Like Water for Chocolate, a passionate love story about the shackles of tradition.

Hoop Dreams, Sex, Lies and Videotape and even the cult classic, Clerks, all were honored by this patronage of independent cinema.

Indies, if nothing else, show a way of filmmaking not evident at the major box office outlets today. This is especially fascinating when you compare the work of well-known directors to their early, independent works. Spike Lee, for all intents and purposes, began his professional directorial career with She’s Gotta Have It and School Daze, both indies. Looking at these films gives us a unique comparison of how Lee has adapted his filmmaking to include more potentially controversial topics (Jungle Fever, Do the Right Thing) as his name has achieved a higher status in Hollywood. His commercial success has given him the opportunity to place racism and race relations on the screen, but now, fortunately, to a much larger audience.

While I do admit that the independent film circuit has its own fair share of duds, movies like The Big Lebowski and the brilliant When We Were Kings should not be designated merely for play on PBS, The History Channel or A&E network. They’re just too good, unfortunately or not. When We Were Kings is an insightful documentary event leading up to (and including) the historic “Rumble in the Jungle,” a 1974 boxing match in Zaire which pitted an aging Muhammad Ali against young George Foreman. This picture is a study in human character, particularly Ali’s. It accurately casts him as a national hero, imprisoned by his own country for refusing to fight in Vietnam.

Instead of adorning the marquee signs outside cinemas, though, most indies are buried under the carpet and never heard from again, with the exception of some of the lower-quality, campy independent films, such as The Toxic Avenger and Surf Nazis Must Die, which have found their way to USA network’s “Up All Night” with Gilbert Gottfried, itself a mark on American culture which can and should be discussed at a later date.

The bottom line is that Moscow is lacking an artful outlet for independent films, and the community is suffering artistically because of it. The local cinemas should put out profit aside for one minute and attempt to accommodate culture. Hopefully, it won’t take another great indie like Hoop Dreams or Like Water for Chocolate to make them realize this.

The men of Sigma Chi would like to thank all those who participated in our White Ribbon Campaign (Men Against Violence Against Women), it was a tremendous success.

We would especially like to thank Michael’s arts and crafts tore for donating the ribbons. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Men of Sigma Chi
Finding the Octopus' Garden

Likelemmings to the sea, scuba divers face risk, adverse conditions, humility native life in order to experience the indescribable. Most people wonder what really exists in the depths of the water bodies surrounding us. Be it idle curiosity or a quest for the past, people have taken to exploring the murky underbelly of pristine lakes and treacherous seas.

For many, the attraction remains merely the feeling of being in the aquarium instead of tapping on the glass. The first open-water dive, after months of pool preparation for those in land-locked states such as Idaho, is unlike any other experience in the world.

Plunging into the water from a boat with either a "jump back roll" entry or the "giant stride" method and feeling the surge of the waves rocking you awakens a sort of resistance we all share. While waiting for either your buddy — buddy in scuba diving — or the rest of the group, to get into the water you can't help but peer down into the depths below. With a tap of the head, meaning everything is OK, you descend to the predetermined depth.

Before the onset of computers, you and your buddy needed to consult dive tables and conduct difficult math problems to calculate how long you could stay at certain depths and depths for your dive. For instance if there was a shipwreck you wanted to check out at 80 feet under and there had been a tour dive one hour earlier at 30 feet, you may only stay at the shipwreck for approximately 25 minutes without suffering any ramifications, or running out of air. Now practically every depth and air-pressure gauge on the market has a computer built in to do the math.

Once under the water, a whole other world emerges. This netherworld contains some of the oldest living organisms in the world, in fact several species remain unchanged from the time of dinosaurs. On sunny days you can see the rays of light filtered through the blue water causing everything to glow with an ethereal quality. Perhaps it is the water, but colors are simply defined yet the shapes they paint are gauzy and fluid. It is as if nature's underwater ballroom had its own big band and gowned ball, for the colors are spectacular.

The flora and fauna are not what we are used to land crawling creatures. Under water, everything has a specific purpose. From the jellyfish, which looks like a clock, and transparent body allow it to flow with the current, to man on plant life along the way, to the long-spined sea urchin, whose thorns nature's very own saying, "Do not touch." Anything seems possible in this dreamland.

For anyone who has been transfixed by the Discovery Channel tuning any of their shows severally exists in the depths of the water bodies beneath our feet. There are many different kinds of divers. I prefer the snorkel shore dive primarily because a wet suit is seldom needed and hauling myself back into the water with some odd pounds of gear is not necessary. Believe me, trying to hoist yourself up while timing the surge of the waves becomes a spectator sport after a while. Plus, I get to see much more of the area upon a beneath the surface from the black lagoon. Hawaii is splendid for this very illusion.

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A general love and ease in the water is another advantage. Those who can think through situations and stay level-headed will usually enjoy the dives much more. The sea (or any body of water) remains a part of nature and therefore lightly unpredictable. You never know when a friendly shark might buzz you just to see what's up. Keeping your head in this situation is a good thing, remember you are in his territory and he'll usually swim away without incident.

Being comfortable while diving allows you to see the wonderfully diverse life around you. I love hanging, suspended by my faithful BCD (buoyancy control device), by a chorale of octopuses and just watching the "muffin." Schools of brightley marked fish swim by effortlessly and switch directions simultaneously, in a manner any drill sergeant would be proud, displaying their stripes in a different light.

Periodically, the odd moray eel will pop its head out and stretch its jaws. Eels are omniare at first. Heck, I saw The Deep where the pea pod lived in the hole and never got a back again, but the rule of thumb is to let them go about their business and they won't hurt you. In fact, most sea creatures will attack out of fear rather than malice.

Just as The Deep made me wary of eels, many other movies have done a disservice to our aqueous companions. Films like Jaws, Flipper, Free Willy, a few sea movies and any time someone rides a turtle, have given humans the wrong idea regarding the supposed personalities of the sea animals.

Very few sharks go into a feeding frenzy over humans for they are too big and often come in a complicated wrapper (including oxygen tanks. Some recorded attacks in Australia occurred when the humpback whale with diving seals. Sharks have very poor eyesight and to them appears to get mail and a seal looks about the same, especially when the humpback can't see far enough to get out of the way. Meanwhile, if you are even beginning to think the humpback is eating them, your mind is in the hole, literally, but into a hole not do they superman, so to speak, for once you have few really set out to help humans. When knowing this, is it any surprise those who have a reputation for? Killer whales don't take up residence in the fishing village and make a "thunder" bubble? I know it's not what you learned from watching Finding Nemo, but they do. Again do we believe the Terminator really exists? Very few, if any, gun is involved spending over half the day underwater where you could not even see them dive practically as long as you have at thought about becoming the underwater Mickey Mouse of O'Gentian, but the walking like a miles long.

Many adventures in their mind-20s get involved in scuba operations. There are diving centers crisscrossing throughout the Caribbean. Every coastal resort town has at least a few dive shops, and some guy with a boat willing to take you to the place they know Jacques Coentre was fascinated with the 70's, at least last week.

It's a great break from hanging around on the beach during that spring break to Manhattan or Ocho San Lucas. You can get out of the heat and into the cool, clear waters where there is no sound but that of your breath, and treasures to be seen if you keep your eyes open are beyond your wildest imagination.

The University of Idaho offers beginning open-water certification through the recreation department and Rudraksha Adventure offers many instruction classes. You don't need any equipment to choose from. Please contact the recreation department for more information. So keep that in mind for registration, especially if you plan to get out of the gloom for spring break and into the tropics.

—Steven Villan
Outdoors Editor
Sick of the slopes? Try snowshoes

Kevin Murphy
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It's still winter, finally, and the first thing on everyone's mind must be "skiing." Soon, the hills will be packed tighter than a Peak parks with skiers, snowboarders, and the like. No offense, but it can get a little too crowded, so some have to persevere the other wintertime options. One other snow recreation, one that hasn't yet become as enchanting as skiing, is snowshoeing.

Though it may sound odd, snowshoeing has been around for thousands of years. Back in 4000 B.C. when the Inuits were the heart of Arctic travel, they didn't have to shuffle to everywhere. They used snowshoes. They were made of wood, bone, or hides, and snowshoes were light, durable, and made of clay and nylon staves, which held snow. Take those snowshoes were made of shaped wood and could slide for walking. They were also a bit bigger, with some measuring up to 5 feet in length, whereas today's models often measure lengths barely above 3 1/2 feet.

Today's snowshoes are probably much more efficient than those fashion at the turn of the millennium. With lightweight frames composed of composite alloys, webbing multiple colors, and other fabrics, and other on-deck appliques that "shed" snow rather than allow it to gather up on modern snowshoes make traveling across the snow much easier.

If you're not considering getting a pair of snowshoes, you must ask yourself a handful of questions. One, what kind of snow will we be traveling on? See, different conditions call for different shoes. Powder will call for a larger shoe, because the larger the shoe, the more snow is distributed over your weight is distributed, preventing you from falling into heavy-duty snow. Conversely, wet snow or icy conditions call for a smaller shoe. The right question might be: What kind of terrain will we be snowshoeing on? Again, the answer to this question may determine the size of your shoe, and whether you may need different accessories. A snowshoe calf will call for a smaller shoe, and large cleats, which will allow you to dig into the snow, giving more mobility to your feet. Floor areas will be easier traveled with a larger shoe.

When looking into acquiring a pair of snowshoes, you'll need to take a good look at its components. Check the frame to see if it meets your desires. You'll want a strong, lightweight frame, to not weigh yourself down or tire yourself out. You'll want, good, strong decking, too. The decking is what keeps you from sinking directly into the snow. It may be either solid or webbed to prevent the snow from swallowing you whole. Cleats are the part of the shoe that give you traction, and put a bit more stability in your step. Cleats are also very useful for climbing inclines, and they keep you from sliding down hills. All you have to do is kick your foot into the embankment of snow, and step into it. The final snowshoe necessities are the harness and bindings. They hold your foot to the shoe itself. In choosing a snowshoe, make sure that the bindings are both sturdy and comfortable — a good combination will last the longest.

Here's a quick synopsis of how to snowshoe:
If you can walk, snowshoeing shouldn't prove to be too much of a challenge. There's a technique called edging which is fairly simple to side-step and put a hill in your shoes. Just kick the side of snowshoe into the hill, step down so the downhill, and move your way up. Snowshoe downhill is described as similar to brushing. Just place one foot ahead of the other, and you're off. This is very important. Just be careful of slipping downhill too fast, the snow may take a turn for the worse.

The ATLAS snowshoe company has a snow- changing guide. These snowshoes are the perfect tool for camping accessory and tool. Not only can you use them in many feet of deep snow, but they can be packing down the snow beneath you for a good foothold. These shoes are designed to be extremely lightweight so you can move through the snow with ease. They are ideal for those who want to do some backcountry skiing or those looking to travel through the snow gently. They are made of lightweight materials and are designed to be easy to use. They are also relatively inexpensive compared to other snowshoe options. This makes them a popular choice for outdoor enthusiasts who are looking for a cost-effective way to explore the winter landscape.

With the right gear and the right mindset, you can enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape and have a great time exploring it. Whether you are looking for a new outdoor activity or just want to stay active during the winter, snowshoeing is a great option. So, the next time you find yourself on the slopes, remember to take a break and try something different. You might just find a new love for snowshoeing and the great outdoors!
**Announcements**

Outdoor Program offers activities
- The UI Outdoor Program announces its fall 1996 schedule. Events scheduled are: backpacking, kayaking & rafting, and other trips and activities. For information call 885-6810.

Pullman Concert Band meets
- The Pullman Concert Band will meet Tuesdays 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Pullman High School in the band room. They are searching for new members. For further information contact: Mary Ullrich, 332-7927; Wally Fiel 332-8248; Becky Bolden 882-8389; Heidi Jarvis 334-9252.

Photo exhibit opens this month
- William Short and Wills Steidengen's photo exhibits, A Matter of Conscience and Memories of the American War, will be showing at the Fine Arts Center on the WSU Campus. Today, Nov. 15, will be the last day the exhibition will be showing.

Architecture exhibit up and running
- The UI Piched Art Gallery is hosting the photo exhibit A Century of Idaho Architecture: Touristliste & Hummel and Their Successors till Nov. 23.

Talent show opens national competition
- Musician's Best Unsigned Band competition is taking entries. For further information contact them at 1-800-BLUB-2WIN. The judges include: Tori Amos, Joe Satriani, Bob Mould, Vince Gill and Buddy Guy.

Weaver's guild holds show
- The Palouse Hills Weavers Guild will be holding their 23rd annual show and sale on Nov. 16 - 17. It will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 16 and from noon to 5 p.m. on Nov. 17. The event will be held at A Fine Line, 143 N. Grand Ave., Pullman.

Arts and crafts show opens
- Winterfest Arts and Crafts Show will be held on Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Kibble Dome.

Campus recreation holds indoor climbing competition
- UI Campus Recreation is sponsoring the third annual Palouse Pump on Dec. 7. It is an indoor climbing competition for beginning, intermediate and advanced climbers. There is a $5 entry fee, $16 with a t-shirt. One dollar from every entry will be donated to the Access Fund. For further information: 885-6381.

Totally Board 5 shows in SUB Borah Theatre
- Totally Board 5 (TBS) will be showing at the SUB Borah Theatre Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2.
The passing of the torch

Mark Vanderwall

More wins, more excellence and Moore talent. Since her arrival to the University of Idaho campus, Jessica Moore has been a key reason for these additions to the Vandals volleyball program.

Capturing Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year honors last season, Moore narrowed her choices to either playing for in-state school Montana or cashing in Idaho. The choices came down to a couple of things, but academics made the final decision for Moore.

"I wasn't a very good student in high school," said Moore. "Tom (Tomly) stressed the academic help that I could get here, and told me that I could be a good student and play at the same time."

Academics were stressed, and Moore has held her own in the classroom, but the knowledge she has gained can't be solely attributed to the classroom, but the acquisition of court knowledge as well.

"I learned a lot from BrittanyVan Havebeek on both techniques and blocking schemes," said Moore. "She also taught me to become a better hitter and to know when to try and hit through or around an opposing block.

Moore has received her freshman season behind the likes of Misty Rice and Van Havebeek. Moore has more than come into her own as the next hitting cornerstone for a volleyball-rich heritage. Hitting, however, is not the only positive aspect Moore lends to the Vandal squad. Moore faces up her own face before every game, as she is worthy becoming a defensive threat as well.

"I played against a lot of good guys last summer," said Moore. "Playing against guys makes you become a better defensive player, and I think that has transferred into the court for me this season."

"I was not the only transition for Moore, as she was also adjusting to tougher competition and a different conference in the process. Moving into the Big West Conference was also a driving force to enhancing an arsenal of skills that was already very solid before this season."

"I am really excited for the future of this program in the Big West," said Moore. "Personally I love to play against a tougher caliber of teams, and that is exactly what the Vandal's allowed me as an individual and as a team to do.

"Defensive obstacles have driven Moore throughout her lifetime.

Growing up in a single-parent home, Moore has been on both sides of the fence so to speak. Being raised by her mother most of her life, Moore credits much of the success she has obtained to the opportunities she was allowed through her mum's sacrifices.

"My mum has been through a lot," said Moore. "She was a single mom working to give me a better life. She has worked hard to get in on where she is not to mention putting both the bottom and working her way up. She has definitely been a positive role model to me, and some of the ways of being and acting.

Now the page has turned a full 180 degrees for Moore, as she has jumped into an endless in which she is being viewed as a role model herself. Being part of a team laden with few seniors, Moore has taken it upon herself to be more of a leader this year and off the court.

This role has grown even more within the last few weeks, as senior Louise Kawulok went down with a knee-slowing knee injury.

"I needed to be more of a leader for the team this season," said Moore. "Now that Louise is out, I know it's even more important for me to become a role model.

Taking this to the next level, Moore feels very strongly that she will have to fill the shoes vacated by Lynne Hyland after this season as the team leader. Those shoes also have to be filled with on-court play, something Moore sees as critical for future success in the Vandals program.

"Passing is going to be real critical for us next season," said Moore. "That along with communication and patience in getting a new setter will be key for us. We have a sense of being spoiled by one of the best setters in the nation in Lynne, but we will get through this just like we always have.

"Being more outspoken in her new role as one of the seniors should be a gift to the team and Moore will contest that she has always been outspoken.

"I know every word to every song, and no matter what I have for breakfast, I can sing it out loud.

"We were up at practice, all the time. I could just be listening to my headphones and think of a song and start singing the song, but I can almost guarantee I know the words.

"Not surprisingly, a career in communication is in the future plans for Moore. Being a sophomore in eligibility, Moore has two more years to entertain both fans and teammates alike, whether it be on the court or in a shower solo for MTV.

Despite having Moore for two more years, Idaho will have some adjustments to make next season. Hailing Kawulok to injury and graduation and the services of Hyland come next season will be a great loss that will greatly effect both the team and Moore as well.

"Going back to role models once again, Moore's face grew somber when asked who her other role model is. "I don't really have a little smile and Hyland sitting directly behind her. She has learned across the table, pointed in Hyland's direction, and quietly whispered, "Lynne Hyland." "I've always looked up to her, and I think I even look up to her," said Moore.

Lyman Hyland and Jessica Moore have been Idaho's go-to-gals for the past two seasons.
Damon Barkdull

If Big West teams were ranked according to the toughness of their schedule, then North Texas would be conference champion and have plane reservations to Las Vegas.

This season, the Eagles have losses to Arizona State, Texas A&M, Army and Vandebilt. However, NTU (6-6, 2-2), which entertained the Idaho Vandals this Saturday, has found a home at the bottom of the Big West Conference along with Boise State and New Mexico State.

Although, that's not to say that the Eagles aren't a good team. Against undefeated Army, NTU lost a close 27-10 non-conference game. Likewise, Vanderbilt, who almost pulled off an upset at Florida last weekend, only scored 19 points against the Eagles. In the Big West Conference, Utah State escaped with a 21-13 win.

"I don't think their record tells the story," said Idaho coach Chris Tormey. "You have to look at the conference. They played Nevada tougher than the score shows and they almost beat Utah State."

So, does Idaho (3-4, 2-1) have anything to worry about in their quest for the share of a conference championship? Most likely. After winning their 18th consecutive game in the Kibbie Dome last weekend against NMSU, the Vandals travel to Denton, Texas, to possibly unscramble the road losing trend this season. Idaho is 1-1 away from Moscow.

This is the first meeting between these two schools. Idaho faces yet another good running back today. Idaho linebacker Ryan Phillips is chasing current Denver Broncos' Jeff Robinson, for the all-time Idaho record of tackles for a loss.

Phillips needs just four tackles to break the record (190) set in Robinson's 1989-92 campaign.

This weekend, Phillips tries to make Idaho highlight clips against an Eagle offense which emphasizes the run.

Against Boise State last weekend, sophomore running back Eric Allred paved the way to an NMSU victory with a 199-yard performance. Likewise, in four league games Allred is averaging 330 yards per game and 5.1 yards per carry. He ranks third in the conference in yards per game (78.3).

Allred will hopefully meet the top-ranked running defense in the conference.

"Offensively, they really run the ball well," Tormey said. "They have an excellent running back."

Fien, Griffin, Wilson, Joel Thomas, etc. - keep putting up the big numbers.

The offensive locomotive which has powered and finessed its way through opponents this season continues to choo-choo through the Big West Conference.

Similarly, Idaho quarterback Ryan Fien remains the top leader in total offense in the nation. To date, Fien is averaging 365.1 yards per game.

Fien needs 712 passing yards in the next two conference games to surpass the single-season record of 4,231 set by Seattle Seahawks quarterback John Fien.

The Sew Valley, Calif., native is hoping to do so with a little help from his main targets: receivers David Griffin and Antonio Wilson.

Nationally, Griffin is ranked ninth in receptions per game (6.78) and 21st in yards per game (81.1). Wilson is fourth in the nation in receiving yards per game (124.67) and 13th in receptions per game (6.44).

The running game has also enjoyed recent success. Junior running back Joel Thomas stumbled, bumbled and stumbled to his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game and his fourth on the season. Last weekend against NMSU, Thomas ran for 119 yards on 24 carries.

Thomas and gang will try to light up the scoreboard against an Eagle defense which is expected to blitz frequently.

"They're playing really good defense and they run the ball really well," Tormey said. North Texas is ranked third overall in the Big West in total defense, holding opponents to 32 touchdowns this season.
Davis brings inspiration back to Vandal basketball

Byron Jarnagin
Staff

Past Moby successes under the belt of old and new head coach Kermit Davis, clash with a three- or four-year project in attempt to put the men's basketball team back on the map as a team that can dominate the Big West Conference.

Davis has mounted a great background of coaching experience that he brings to the young Vandals this season. He has seen both the winning and losing sides of Vandal basketball, and has his work cut out for him in this year's 1996-97 campaign.

"We are just at the very starting point of our program, and the late start we got in recruiting and scheduling, not to mention the jump to the more competitive Big West, has given us quite a hill to climb, and we know it is going to take time," Davis said. "The best Big Sky teams can do well in the Big West, and this team, the last couple of years, has only finished ahead of Eastern Washington and Northern Arizona in the Big Sky. So, we have a lot of work ahead of us, but it is an exciting time as moving into the Big West is a new challenge for us."

Davis served as the associate head coach at Utah State for the last two years before taking over his most recent position here at Idaho where Davis is excited to part of a rebuilding of a new Vandal team, and plans to revamp his team from the ground up. One thing on his agenda is to figure out how to attract a motivational crowd to help push the team along. Idaho had a home record of 71-8

Davis led two Idaho teams to Big Sky Conference championships in the late 1980s and in 1990, and became the third basketball coach in Idaho history to receive the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year award. Both of his Big Sky title teams recorded identical 23-6 records. Davis is only second to past Idaho coaching great Don Monson in winning season numbers. In 1989 and 1990, the Vandals chalked two 13-3 records, just one or two conference games shy of Monson.

His teams put together winning records beating Nebraska, Washington State, and Montana. During the 1989-90 campaign, Davis took his team to the first round of the NCAA Tournaments, but fell short of the next round losing to Louisville 78-59.

Building a strong foundation this season for the Vandals is going to be accomplished on and off the court.

"We are working first at getting some discipline back into the program working on how we look when we travel, how we act on the court, and work on things from a sportsmanship standpoint," Davis said. "Once this is part of our program, we can successfully put together an effective game on the court filling all of the elements of offense, defense, and transition."

Davis' program also carries heavy academic weight, and for the Vandals success is measured in the classroom as well as on the court. He keeps a close relationship with his players on and off the court, keeping a high demand of effort by his players around the clock. Going into the Big West, this Idaho Vandals team is going to be under constant pressure to produce.

"Sometimes I am very demanding of my players, but they know it is because the coaching staff cares about player's well being," Davis said.
New coach, new team, new results

Byron Jarnagin and Nate Peterson

Brian Hancock

Assistant coach Brian Hancock joins the Vandal staff from North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, where he was an assistant coach the past five seasons. Hancock is a familiar face for a few of the returning transfer students from North Idaho. Vandal players Eddie Turner, Kevin Byrne, and Troy Thompson, all have played under Hancock.

In his five years at NIC, the Cardinals posted a combined record of 114-43, an average of nearly 23 wins per season.

Born and raised in Coeur d'Alene, Hancock graduated from Coeur d'Alene high school in 1986. Following high school Hancock attended North Idaho, graduating from there in 1988. Hancock then graduated from the University of Idaho in 1991. Hancock

Dave Farrar

Associate head coach Dave Farrar comes to Idaho from Middle Tennessee State University.

In five seasons as head coach, Farrar led the Blue Raiders to a record of 61-73. His '92 team finished second in the Ohio Valley Conference. In '95, his team upset SEC power Vanderbilt.

Farrar's ties with Davis go back to Kermit's days at Mississippi State. While Davis was a graduate assistant, Farrar was a full-time assistant for the Bulldogs in 1982. His coaching and expertise come from several years of experience. As head coach for Hutchinson Junior College of Kansas, Farrar led his team to the national NJCAA title in 1988.

Farrar also served as a head coach and athletic director at Lindsey Wilson College, Ky., from 1974-1977. In 1991, Farrar coached the USA Select Team on a trip to China.

"From a coaching and integrity standpoint, I think Dave is as well thought of as any guy in the country," said Davis. "He brings a tremendous amount of success and experience to our basketball program."

Kevin Byrne

After two seasons at Northern Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Kevin Byrne comes to the University of Idaho as a junior transfer. As part of the Scenic West Conference, Byrne has finished 50th in blocked shots with 20.5, recording an average of one blocked shot per game.

He played in 29 of 31 games for NIC shooting 66 for 109 scoring almost 61 percent from the field, and chalking 62 of 89 free throws for a total of 70 percent. Byrne averaged 5.5 rebounds per game.

Kevin was the Pacific Coast League MVP in high school, and grabbed the honors of an all-diocese team pick and second team all-county pick. During conference play he shot nearly 57 percent from the floor averaging 5.6 points per game and 4.6 rebounds per game.

"Kevin is a good, strong athlete, but he hasn't played a whole lot of basketball," Davis said. "However, he has been working really hard, and in the last couple of weeks has shown some great progress."

Derrick Elliot

Junior transfer Derrick Elliot comes to Idaho from Utah Valley College where he played point guard averaging 15.7 points per game, 5.9 assists per game, and 37.5 percent from 3-point land.

With these numbers he led Utah Valley to a regional title and a birth in the National Junior College Tournament. Elliot was voted the MVP of the regional tournament.

He is a former teammate of Vandals Eddie Turner, Kevin Byrne, and Troy Thompson and a freshman at NIC. At NIC Elliot averaged 9.3 points per game and four assists per game. His best game at NIC, he scored 23 points against Dixie Junior College, and the following season Elliot recorded 21 points and nine assists in a game against Utah Valley whom he would eventually play for.

"Derrick is a very competitive player who shows determination every day, and has been shooting the ball well in practice," Davis said. "We have been working with him to better understand the play by play during the flow of a game, but he has shown great maturity on the court."

Marcus Wallace

The Idaho "Player of the Year" in 1994, Wallace has transferred from Southern Idaho College in Twin Falls.

The junior forward from Mountain Home, averaged 19.6 points per game and shot 39.7 percent from the field. He was a first team all-region and all-regional tournament pick as a sophomore at CSI.

Wallace was fourth in the Scenic West Conference in scoring and third in field goal percentage. An explosive athlete, Wallace possesses the ability to run the floor and finish.

The son of Walter and Sheila Wallace, Marcus, was originally born in Philadelphia. His father, Walter, is in the Air Force.

He is related to former North Carolina All-America player and current Portland Trailblazer Rashed Wallace.

"Marcus is a physically strong player," said Davis. "He is definitely been a surprise the past week. He is a great scorer and he will definitely make contributions for us."
**BASKETBALL**

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The Vandals have added 9 new faces in the off-season

**Kirk Hessing**

The UI basketball team will feature a freshman walk-on this season. Kirk Hessing comes to the Idaho basketball program from Lewiston where he played ball last year. He originally comes from Boise where he played on the 1994 Borah High School state championship team.

Hessing has a long line of Idaho basketball in his blood dating as far back as 1968. His father Keith, in 1968, and his uncle Bill, in 1977, played basketball for the Vandals.

"He will be sitting out this year since he transferred from LCSC where he played basketball, but he typifies the great walk-on with a great attitude and he plays darn hard in practice," Davis said. "I think he is going to be a nice part of what we are trying to do."

**Chris Popoola**

From Palisades High School down in California comes true freshman Chris Popoola. In high school as a senior Popoola averaged seven points per game and eight rebounds per game. Popoola will be a rebounder for the Vandals this season.

"Chris has made some progress during practices, and like a lot of freshmen around the country not knowing exactly how much work he has to put in balancing academics and athletics, and adjusting as a freshman. Plus, discovering how hard he is going to have to play every day," Davis said. "He is a very good athlete who will definitely have something to contribute to the team within the next few years."

**Avery Curry**

Avery Curry, unfortunately will be sitting out this season after transferring from Florida State University.

Curry is the only transfer coming from a four year school. As a transfer from Florida State in Tallahassee, Curry played two seasons for the Seminoles.

Curry came off the bench for the Seminoles in '94-95 and saw time as a starter in the first 18 games of the '95-96 season at the off-guard position.

Last season Curry averaged 6.4 points, 3.3 rebounds, 1.3 assists, and 1.2 steals per game. He scored in double figures nine times as a sophomore including a 16-point effort against North Carolina and Clemson.

Curry was a first team all-state pick in 1993 after leading Tallahassee Rickards High school to the class 5A state championship. "Avery is a big talent," said Davis. "He can shoot the ball and is really competitive."

**Get into the game**

You may have already caught a sneak preview of the talents of Troy Thompson.

Averaging 18 points, 6.9 rebounds, and just under one block per game, Thompson was a first team all-region pick last year in the Scenic West Conference.

Ranking fifth in scoring, 12th in rebounding and eighth in blocked shots, the junior forward from San Jose displayed as all around game making him a top recruit from the conference.

Thompson possess long range shooting ability as well as an inside game, shooting 32 percent from the field, 47 percent from the field, 47 percent from the three point land and 47 percent from the field.

Always active on both ends of the floor, Thompson collected 109 defensive rebounds and nearly as many offensive rebounds with a 109.

As a prep star at Gunderson High School, Thompson was named conference player of the year his senior year.

He is the son of Gracence Thompson and LaDonna Chapman. His father Gracence, played college football at San Jose State. Thompson, is majoring in visual communications.

"Troy he really done well," said Davis. "He's a good rebounder, really athletic, and always athletic defensively."

**Jarrett Wendt**

Jarrett Wendt will make his introduction to Idaho fans this year after two years of prep at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, Calif. A pure shooter, Wendt averaged 17.1 points per game, while shooting 83 percent from the free-throw line, and 36 percent from the three point line.

Wendt was a solid rebounder averaging 4.9 rebounds per game and also dished out 46 assists.

Wendt's performance earned him first team All-Western State Conference as a sophomore and an honorable mention pick as a freshman.

As senior Wendt led Cuesta to a school record and a No. 15 ranking in the state of California.

The 6-5 junior forward is originally from Santa Monica, Calif.

"Jarrett is our best perimeter shooter," said Davis. "He is a good passer, but needs to get tougher on the rebounds, which I think he'll do."

Jon Harris

True freshman Jon Harris joins the Vandals organization after being named the Idaho "Player of the Year" his last two seasons at Centennial High School. His senior season at Centennial, Harris led his team to a 20-0 record for the season averaging 23 points, 11 rebounds, and 4.5 blocked shots per game which gave his team a shot at a title, making it to the A-1 state tournament. His team went to the state tournament his junior year as well. Harris averaged 16.7 points per game as a junior.

Ultimately, Harris finished out his high school career as the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at Centennial recording 1,398 points and 590 rebounds. He also claimed the MVP award twice for the Southern Idaho Conference. Harris had a 62 percent shooting average from the field and 78 percent from the free-throw line.

In 1996 he received honors as the Greater Player of the Year, was a Street and Smith's honorable mention All-American pick, and participated in the 1996 Addias All-American game.

"Jon is a really solid player, and will probably start some games for us," Davis said. "He is giving a great effort in practice, and shows he has a good grip on the game of basketball."
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