Declining elk herds prompt new hunting regulations

Speaker to give insight on China's human rights

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Vandal men capture their third straight Big West Conference win

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Staff
The Idaho Fish and Game is re-warding the state asking hunters for final input on new big game hunting regulations to go into effect in 1998. The new regulations for elk hunts offer two options to hunters. The first option is a controlled hunt which would limit hunter numbers to 70 or 75 percent of current numbers. Hunters would not be guaranteed a hunt every year, but few restrictions would be placed on the types of bulls taken. The second option divides the state into 28 zones, or management units. Hunters pick a zone to hunt in for that year, and then choose either an "A tag" or "B tag." The "A tag" only offers season spike-only hunts and archery season any elk, while the "B tag" offers season any bull and archery season spike-only and yearling.

Regional Wildlife Manager Jay Crenshaw said the changes are important to stop the declining bull-cow ratios and to have what they consider a healthy elk population. Crenshaw said they asked hunters to comment on other options last fall and the two they are considering now are the result of that input.

"The next step is to get input from the public to match with those options and come up with a plan," said Crenshaw.

Travis House, a wildlife major and hunter, prefers the second elk hunting option because it offers a choice on the kind of bull a hunter can take. He agrees with what the Fish and Game is doing. "We definitely have to do something about the elk population. There's not nearly enough mature bulls in any areas," House said.

He said the Clearwater National Forest has one of the highest elk populations, but one of the lowest bull-cow ratios. "I hate to see the regulations, but with as many people as are hunting them (elk), they have to do something," said House. The Fish and Game is also taking input on three deer hunting options for 1998. They are considering mule or white-tailed deer tags, north or south deer tags, or same as existing management with unlimited controlled hunts in units 14, 15 and 18.

The last Fish and Game public hearing will be held today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Orofino National Guard Armory.

Robert Hall
Staff
Imagine what it would be like traveling from Kenya to study at the University of Idaho. Imagine coming from India, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Turkey, Hungary or Brazil. Imagine the journey, and the courage it must take to make it alone. You have no friends, no cultural similarities, no one speaks your language and no one seems to care. Imagine what it must be like.

Anjum Sadig traveled from Kashmir, India, in 1993 to help her husband study computer science. She has a son who attends Westpark Elementary, where about 20 international families have children attending school.

"Nothing prepares you for how small Moscow is. Initially, I hated it. But it has grown on us. I love the safety factor. It is warm and friendly, and inviting, and very welcoming. We love it. We will hate to leave."

Because of Sadig's experience, she has seen a need to help other foreign students adjust to the tremendous change in culture. Together with Gianaie Wray, who is the associate director for International Programs, she has started "Dining for Scholars."

For three years, international students, faculty, scholars and interested members of the community have donated their cooking talents to sell international gourmet dishes to benefit the UI International Student Scholarship Endowment.

The 1997 drive has begun, and the gourmet dinners and desserts are now available.

The goal is to provide for the international students involved. It helps with scholarships, support, contacts and friendships.

Wray said, "These students aren't usually eligible for any financial aid. It's very hard to be able to help. Three years ago, we started with nothing. Now we have $21,000. Thanks to a gift from a Tom Cooper, whose estate gave the program $10,000, we now feel that we have a solid base from which to build."

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Chinese New Year, the most celebrated holiday in China, begins Feb. 7. The date varies in the solar calendar, and it is the first day of the lunar calendar. It is a time for family reunions, feasts and fun.

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association will be celebrating the new year of China Night on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, in cooperation with the Future Symposium committee. Some of the attractions include Chinese cuisine, entertainment and cultural exhibits.

All the food served will be home-cooked by Chinese UI students. The menu includes Kungpao chicken, egg rolls, beef and vegetables, fried noodles and much more. Sponsors recommend eating a light lunch that day.

The entertainment boasts China’s glamorous culture and tradition. The audience will be treated to a cultural performance by the gifted actors and actresses from the Chinese community. Volunteers will also be welcome to contribute to the show.

Cultural exhibits will include a collection of Chinese arts and crafts items such as unique paper cutting, musical instruments, painting and calligraphy and traditional brush writing stationery. Slide shows and video clips will introduce some of the picturesque landscape and historical sites in China.

China Night promises to be a fun-filled event for all involved.

Tickets to the event are available at Ticket Express. Cost is $6 for adults, $4 for seniors, students and their spouses, and $2 for youth over five.

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Make contacts
A Cooperative Education orientation will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Ed 103. Call 885-5822 for more information.

Tomorrow:
Find a job
"Introduction to UI Career Services" will be held in Brink Hall at 3:30 p.m. To pre-register for the free workshop call 885-6121.

Go to camp
Hidden Valley Camp will be holding on-campus interviews for counselors, maintenance positions, cooks, nurse, secretary and storekeepers. Contact Career Services at 885-6121.

Thursday:
Anyone for tennis
Tennis and tennis entry deadline is Feb. 6. Call Campus Recreation at 885-6381.

Friday:
Mine the easy way
Barrett Gold Strike Mining will hold interviews for a staff accountant. Contact Career Services for more information at 885-6121.

Correction:
The Jan. 31 issue stated the Faculty Council voted against the 20 credit limitation on repeating courses to replace a grade. The council did not vote against it and the regulation will be sent to the February faculty meeting for approval.

Work with grain
Cargill Grain Division will hold interviews for county elevator management, plant operations management and fertilizer plan management. Call 885-6121 for more information.

Ongoing:
Relate to your computer
Throughout the winter, computer classes for beginners and those needing instruction in Windows 95, World Wide Web, e-mail, home page design, etc. will be offered by the UI Enrichment program. Fees and times vary, for more information contact Allison Oinas at 885-6486.

Donate the old, help the new
Sojourner’s Alliance is looking for donations of antiques, appliances and furniture for their first annual fundraising auction to be held March 8. The Alliance provides food, clothing and shelter to the homeless and poor. Call 883-3438 to donate items. Arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

Upcoming:
It’s new years again
China Night will be held Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. It will feature dinner, traditional music, arts and entertainment in celebration of the Lunar New Year.

Tickets, available at Ticket Express, are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors, students and their spouses. Youth tickets cost $2, and children under 5 get in free. For information, call Huang Jianguo at 885-9413.
Pretzelmaker satisfies variety of cravings

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

Joanne and Iain Mackie of Moscow were seen at the Palouse Empire Mall three nights in a row last week, but they don’t work there. They keep going back for the Pretzelmaker pretzels.

Joanne Mackie blames her pregnancy for the cravings which call her back to Pretzelmaker, located in the mall near the Lamonito entrance, between Radio Shack and the Health Exchange. Her husband said Joanne’s cravings don’t bother him.

“I enjoy them (pretzels) too,” said Iain Mackie.

Manager Heidi Armstrong said the Mackies are characteristic of the response they’ve received from customers since opening in December. She said they already have “regulars” and people like the pretzels and the variety of flavors.

“People don’t realize there’s a lot of different types. It doesn’t taste like a traditional pretzel,” Armstrong said.

The Pretzelmaker pretzels are large and soft and range in flavors from blueberry or cinnamon to jalapeno or garlic. Armstrong said the flavors are subtle like a bagel.

Snackers can choose from five or six pretzel flavors plus almost a dozen toppings like jalapeno cheese, peanut butter, or vanilla glaze. All of the pretzels are 100 percent fat-free before the toppings, which makes them a good alternative to traditional fast food.

“Women like them for lunch,” Armstrong said. A pretzel dipped in pizza sauce and cheese is a popular lunch choice. The pretzels are $2 each, but can be bought in value packs of three, six, or 12.

Pretzelmaker is an international chain based out of Denver. The Moscow store, which opened Dec. 18, is the first of four opening around the Northwest.

Armstrong is pleased they had a successful first month during the holiday shopping. Even in a slow month like January, they are still selling a lot of pretzels.

“Weekends are phenomenally busy,” Armstrong said.

Armstrong has worked in fast food before and she likes the pretzel business so far.

“It’s really easy,” Armstrong said. “There’s not the grease, no big mess.”

Pretzelmaker employs 13 part-time workers. Ryan Shumaker, 16, is a Moscow High student who has been working at the pretzel shop since December.

“It’s pretty fun...not like the usual fast food,” Shumaker said.

Pretzelmaker is open during regular mall hours, Sunday noon to 5 p.m., weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They give free pretzel samples to anyone who wants to try a new alternative to burgers, tacos and subs.

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Moscow nursing home gets blue ribbon for idea

Erin Schultz
Staff

Though the majority of University of Idaho students aren't planning on taking up residency at a nursing home any time soon, it's still good to know that there are some Good Samaritans in the business.

The Moscow Good Samaritan Village, a nursing home located near McDonald Elementary School, was recently awarded first place in a statewide competition recognizing outstanding programs in the nursing home industry.

In an effort to encourage partnerships in this often overlooked industry, the Department of Health and Welfare organized a "Best Practices" fair. The department then asked Idaho nursing home facilities to submit current ideas or practices used to be considered for awards. The Good Samaritan Village submitted their "Red Alert" program and, out of 17 other Idaho entries, received first place.

The Red Alert program alerts care teams to changes in patient's conditions that could be warning signs for other health problems. Using a checklist mounted on, of course, red paper, nursing home workers note any behavior patterns not normal for the patient. The notes are then followed through to a department head, who must follow through with check-ups and assessments.

"We've definitely caught things earlier," Sandy Thomas, director of Social Services at Good Samaritan, said. "There is much better follow through."

As an example of how this program has helped, Thomas explained that a change in eating patterns might be noticed by a worker. This change is then noted on the chart and is sent directly to the department head. The nurse then makes a follow-through exam. The exam might reveal tooth pain which the patient wasn't able to verbally communicate.

Thomas said the Village plans on entering the competition again next year.

"This award has been very encouraging to staff. We've heard from family members of patients who are excited to see us in the paper," Thomas said.

In the same competition, a Lewiston nursing home was also recognized for its program for restraint reduction. Restraint belts are often used in nursing homes to keep patients from falling, but lately these belts have been found to do more harm than good.

The Lewiston Rehabilitation and Care Center implemented a program which reduces the level of restraint and focuses more on individual needs.

John Hathaway, bureau chief for Facility Standards at Idaho, said that all of these ideas have been published in a booklet and distributed to Idaho nursing homes.

"The Moscow home had a very good idea. This is something all facilities can implement. This event is the first time we've ever had any partnerships in [the nursing home industry]," Hathaway said.

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UI cadets go All-Pro

Andrea Lucero
Assistant News Editor

The next time Uncle Sam shops for new additions to our country's security system, his first stop may well be the University of Idaho.

Dr. Deme Thomas, associate provost, was presented Wednesday with the All Pro Plaque in recognition of the UI cadets' outstanding accomplishments at Advanced Camp last summer.

"I am very proud of our ROTC program," Thomas said. "I have a advice number of the students and they are of top quality. The UI is lucky to have a program of such high quality."

Juniors in the ROTC program spent six weeks in Advanced Camp, where they were evaluated in various areas of military competence. Some areas were physical fitness, leadership skills and rifle maneuvers.

"The camp gave everyone a lot of team experience and helped us all get a feeling for a true military atmosphere. I think it gives us a great advantage," said Ryan Lippert, a camp participant.

Members of Advanced Camp were awarded points according to their performance in each area of the camp. At the end of the six weeks the points were added up, divided by the numbers of the students attending the camp and compared to the results of the entire nation. Only 23 programs in the region, out of a total of 300 nation wide, have received the award.

"We are all really proud of the award. It shows that we have been trained above and beyond the Army standard, which will influence our standing upon entering the military after college," Lippert said.

All ROTC contracted cadets are obligated to join the Army after graduation. It's a really good system. We all attend college classes and activities like everyone else, we just have extra training," Lippert said.

Advanced Camp is an annual event beginning after the first week in June. In the past, the camp was conducted in Fort Braght, SC, and in Fort Lewis, Wash. This year, all cadet will attend camp in Washouln. The camp will also be shortened from six weeks to 25 days. Approximately 5,000 cadets from all over the nation participate in the camp.

"The camp gives the cadets a chance to work with the best students from all over the country. It's a great opportunity to let them use their leadership techniques and other skills," said Louis Haynes, assistant professor of military science.

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Groups prepare for Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Candice Long

Although Sexual Assault Awareness Week at the University of Idaho is a couple of months away, the UI Safety Task Force, the Women’s Center and Residence Life Programs have already come together to create awareness of violence against women and men, educate others, and help prevent sexual assault.

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For more information about programs and events during the week, contact the Women’s Center at 885-6616.

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Idaho's official state reptile?

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What better example of democracy in action could one present to a group of elementary school students than to convene a state legislature to introduce a bill the kids thought up? The legislator gets good press, the kids get a good lesson in legislative processes and the whole state gets a catchy announcement of its civic-mindedness in USA Today.

You won't hear this about Idaho any time soon. A band of fourth-graders at Boise's Summerwind Elementary noticed Idaho did not have an official state reptile, and thought the Western Rattlesnake would be just the critter. They lobbied their representative, Boise Republican Max Black, to introduce the bill to the legislature.

Then, as representatives of the class sat and watched the proceedings, they witnessed venom of a power their dear rattlesnake could only dream of.

"Are you aware of the fact," said Rep. Jim Clark, (R) Hayden, as quoted in the Spokesman-Review, "that this snake does not travel north of the Salmon River? We're back again to the division of the state of Idaho, this time by reptiles." Yes. Reptiles in the guise of bullet-headed politicians who know less about tax than Ted Kaczynski knew about what one ought and ought not to send through the mail.

Rep. Black, trying to de-fuse the situation, pointed out the Mountain Bluebird, Idaho's state bird, and the Western White Pine, Idaho's state tree, are only found in North Idaho, and the state fossil, the Hageman horse, is unique to Hageman.

Even with the ludicrous count of state symbols solidly in the pan-handle's favor, Clark was not mollified. "If there is anyone from North Idaho who votes for this," he said, "you're now a liberal pinko."

In other words, the new threat of Communism in: Today, Official State Things; Tomorrow, the World!

Joining the fracas on the side of Clark was Republican Lenore Barrett, as a native of Oklahoma and a representative of the snake-infested (last count 13 rattles) burg of Chaffil, she felt the "only good thing about rattlesnakes is that they taste like chicken."

Makes you wonder what some politicians taste like. Probably chocolate-covered eggs. Whether or not the choosing of assorted whatnots to represent the state is a good use of legislative time is beside the point. All Idahoans got out of this childish exchange of little words is that some of their elected representatives must have missed out on nap-time before the session began and thus came to the session a little cranky.

Representatives Clark and Barrett would be wise to remember that in the eyes of the public, it is not the big mistakes politicians make, but the small ones that voters generally remember. Disappointing a group of elementary kids is on quite opposite ends of the spectrum from kissing babies. But then I guess going around Boise known as the Rattlebox with a side order of notoriety to their hopefully brief legislative careers.

While single incidents of malicious outburst such as these cannot make or break a legislature's career, they can certainly call into question an individual's level of maturity. If there is a division between north and south in this state it is only perpetuated by those who have the persecution complex in the first place. Regionizing what could have been a simple bill to give Idaho an official reptile did nothing more than weaken the already tokenist faith present — and future — voters have or will have in politicians in general.

Summerwind Elementary students were philosophical. One student said she chose the rattlesnake because they felt it "represents the courage and bravery of Idaho citizens."

To represent certain Idaho politicians in the list of official state things, we'd have to find a spot for a skunk.

—Brian Davidson,
Opinion Editor

Will vanishing Idaho Democrats find habitat?

It's old news that the Northwest is home to an alarmingly long list of threatened species. But the rapid recent decline of some of these creatures is nothing short of alarming. The dwindling steeplechase runs come quickly to mind, and the pitiful plight of another once proud beast is of concern as well. (At least to those who still see it as a distinct species.)

I'm referring, of course, to the elusive Idaho Democrat. In recent years its noms for office have been cruel jokes. Showing some initial promise, these campaigns have been plagued by a marked inability to maintain any kind of local integrity.

But what's the cause of this Idaho Democrat decimation? Can it be reversed? I thought I should seek expert help before my own dark beliefs on this question surfaced too soon.

My cry for help was answered first by the Democrat-friendly Lewiston Morning Tribune editorialist Bill Hall, a devout church-man. Hall was upbeat about the party he calls home, at least in a limited sense. He's convinced that the strength of the latest crop of Dennis, Dan Williams, is billed with a future. Hall had written that Williams ran a great campaign and should seek a rematch with GOP arch-foe Helen Chenoweth, who just slipped past him in last November's vote. Indeed in that race the men 3 percent of the ballots siphoned off by a Natural Law Party candidate could have easily given Williams a seat in D.C. As Hall put it, "Very few Idaho Democrats make it on the first try."

Truth that is a bit of a stretch when applied to this case, I'm afraid. The grim reality is that the Williams-Chenoweth election shows how far gone the Idaho Democrats really are. First of all, if ever there was a beatable first-term incumbent, it was Helen Chenoweth. I mean, love her or hate her, you've just got to admit Helen made more than her share of mistakes during that first term. A candidate in a true two-party state should have been able to combine public disapproval of Chenoweth's more, um, remarkable statements with strong issues points to sail into office, first try or not.

Sensing Hall the plausibly rosy visions of an optimistic true believer, I decided to seek another opinion. I found some insight in the decidedly more independent lookout of Mark Trahant, editor of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News. In Trahant's view, the Idaho Democratic party will need a "legally enforceable search warrant" in order to find viable candidates next year. But he sees some promise from past election results. Trahant notes that Idaho Democrats can count on 2 of 3 voters. Obviously, not a winning number, but it's not too bad as a base for coalition-building.

There's the problem and the opportunity. This coalition-building requires leadership, and the Idaho Democrats' real quandary is that, well, they just ain't got none.

As I pondered this, my hidden suspicions about Idaho's diminishing donkey party strained out of my subconscious mind. The truth is they're an illusion. They're not really here. Parties have to stand for something to exist. No, Democratic Idahoans, that Republican-like strategy just isn't cutting it any more in the fight for survival. Most folks prefer the genuine article to even an attractive fake. So now's the time to steer the headlong rush to oblivion. The only way to do it is to start taking distinct non-Donkeyhustle stands and preparing some bold plans for our state's future. Maybe it's time to listen to a bit of advice from an outsider, even a Texan. "There's nothing in the middle of the road but yellow stripes and dead armadillos," is how rabble-rousing Texas commentator Jim Hightower addresses a similar situation. Idaho may be overrun with armadillos, but that GOP Limosine is sure going to try to keep up its statewide conservative cruise.

So Democrats, why not learn to stay on one side as an issue or another? That middling moderation is, well, killing you. Just be yourselves, or if that's part of the problem, start shopping around for a new fearless leader or two. The 1998 elections are getting closer all the time, and remember, extinction is forever.
Sensationalism: What the customers want

As an active participant in a minuscule cog in the machinery of American media, it's easy to understand why some people out there would like to throw a wrench into the works.

The speedily, almost instantaneous news that comes to us nowadays, be it live on CNN, freshly Java-ed on the Internet and even via newspaper, (the 20th century's answer to the Jurassics' hierarchy) has changed not only the type of news reported, but also the impor-
tance that the networks and its readers and viewers should attach to the reported news.

The 24-hour cable news net-
works draw increasingly on stories that 20 years ago would have even been mentioned on national news to fill burgeoning time bud-
gets and to keep the viewers tuned in. Competition is fierce, not between news networks but between the news bloc and the entertainment and sports offerings channel surfers are more likely to rest at.

As a result, the edge between news and entertainment is becoming increasingly blurred. News is no longer simply reported, it is now commented upon, expressed on. It has changed not hour on the hour so as to present a new and tantalizing angle to the story to keep the masses watching while sitting on the edge of their seats.

Two recent examples of such journalistic agenda setting: reporting of the shooting death of Emmis Cosby, son of entertainer Bill Cosby, and the death of JohnBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old Colorado beauty queen. Nippickers may argue that both Cosby and Ramsey, as being public figures in a sort, are open to media reportage. They would be correct. The media's general overinvolvement in both stories, however, should come under tighter scrutiny.

The death of Emmis Cosby itself was treated with respect. The media's blinding of Bill and Camille Cosby — and the "tinely" reportage a week after Emmis' death of an affair Bill Cosby had in the 1970s — suffled the already tarnished reputation the media has in covering such events. Their shots of a depon-
dant family, their deaths and often unanswered questions, they argue, are aimed at showing the public that such public figures are human in their vulnerability to the hazards of life. Their empty pontifications and voice-tainted solemnity display the media's inhumanity.

Why report on the Cosby affair at this time, when the family is already suffering? The Cosbys were rec-
ounced over the whole matter years ago; yet the media's reportage of the affair smacks nothing more of tiring one "related" story in with one which demon-
strates timelines.

The death of JohnBenet Ramsey, on the other hand, has been treated with all the alicracy and subtlety of commercials advertising the Barum and Bailey Circus. Newspapers and news networks, looking to fill the "exciting crime niche" which had been stretching dwindling reports from the C.J. Simpson trail, latched on to the Ramsey story as one that would grab the attention of readers and viewers nationwide, espe-
cially since the precious victim already had a profes-
tional portfolio of mug shots cute enough to melt

even the heart of Charles Montgomery Burn.

When the sheriff of Boulder, Colo., — where the crime took place — closed the case to the media in order to conduct a proper investigation into the crime, the media went into a spelt of speculation and pub-
lished half-assed reports coming from just about any-
one who knew the Ramsey family wherein they accused nearly everyone in Colorado and Atlanta, Ga., of committing the murder.

Consequently, they put investigative features into the scummy world of kiddey beady pages and revealed to the nation the shocking truth that these pancakes do indeed take place and that some kids win and some kids lose.

The media would be wise to learn from its mistakes. Reporting real cost ABC $5.5 million in a libel case filed on behalf of Food Lion, a southeastern grocery chain. Richard Jewell has just filed suit against an Atlanta, Ga., newspaper and NBC for their gross mis-
treatment of him during investigation into the Atlanta Olympics bombing. And while the Spokesman-
Review is covering — with unprecedented, welcome balance — a possible connection between three local bombings and the bomb in Atlanta, they would be wise to put integrity on a higher shelf than pulleunt sensa-
tionalism.

While we, the media, are to blame for such report-
ing tactics, it is the flaw of the viewing and reading public that such methods proliferate. Increased sensa-
tionalism represents less of a new wave in journalism than an even newer wave in attracting consumers. The media is simply giving the audience what they're pretty sure the audience wants.

—Michelle Doty

Information specialist,

Idaho Assistive Technology Project
Return of the Jedi, Return of the hype

The Minneapolis Daily
(U. of Minnesota)

Reaction to George Lucas' space opera has always been fervent and divisive.

Responses ranged from "I've seen it 20 times and could easily see it 20 more," to "it's damned infantile and brings out the worst and gushiest sentimentality."

Whether touted for its groundbreaking special effects and audacious adventure or lambasted for its simple story and one-dimensional characters, the Star Wars debate has scarcely subsided in the last two decades.

Critics call it the film that raised American cinema. Before Luke Skywalker, the argument goes, smaller and smarter movies from the likes of Martin Scorsese, Arthur Penn or John Cassavetes had a chance.

Afterward, Hollywood simply pumped millions upon millions into mindless, derivative action flicks. But supporters, most notably scholar Joseph Campbell, saw Star Wars as a rich parable which provided a generation with legendary heroes engaged in a classic struggle between good and evil. "Star Wars is not a simple morality play," said Campbell, "it has to do with the powers of life as they are either fulfilled or broken and suppressed through the actions of man."

There's also the juggernaut of merchandising to consider. Star Wars was the first film in history to earn more from action figures and product tie-ins than box office receipts. Even a re-release of the original titles echoes from Madison Avenue: "Ch-ch-ch-Chapolin! Pepsi has already paid $2 million for advertising rights for the propels."

Meanwhile, Darth Vader dons the Energizer Bunny and Bofo Fett action figure for $100,000 a dollar on the black market. Even the most devout fans admit some of the magic is dispelled. But don't overestimate the power of the market-they're mind tricks won't work on us.

We won't buy our tickets because we saw a Pepsi ad.

Nor will we quibble over the cultural or philosophical ramifications of Star Wars when the curtain goes up. We'll stand in line just to see an old favorite on the big screen again, or perhaps even for the first time. Whether critics and scholars read too much or too little into Star Wars, they seem to forget that the fundamental appeal of the film is its unparalleled power to capture the imagination. We're transported to a galaxy far, far away, peopled by strange creatures, imbued with detail and nuance. Equal parts western, fairy tale and old sci-fi, with WWll-style dogfights and Samurai swordplay, its vast adventure suggests a greater scope. Star Wars endures because its swashbuckling escapade is simply the most fun we've ever had at the movies.

The re-release of Star Wars premiered last Friday and at the movie premiers said, "It's a chance for a whole new generation of fans to experience the magic."

That's my magic and they can't have it.

Don't get me wrong, I love Star Wars. The first movie I have a recollection of seeing was Empire Strikes Back when I was 4 years old. When Return of the Jedi came out I was shelling in my zip.

I had the figures, the sheets, the Yoda puppet and an alarm clock which C3PO said, "Wake up, this little rebel is going to be late."

Then R2D2 did his usual blips and shits and C3PO came back with, "Don't forget to set the clock so we can wake you again tomorrow."

Now, 11 years since Return of the Jedi, Star Wars is back with a whole new legion of young fans with Maitel right in the thick of it producing more realistic and lifelike figures, sheets, Yoda puppets and alarm clocks. Leave our shit alone, you've got your Mighty Monkey Power Rangers to play with!

Star Wars and everything that went along with it is a sacred piece of the new college-aged generation.

Before you realize it these kids will be wearing striped tube socks and pack around ghetto-blasters on their shoulders. They'll be lifelong geeks and scholars to school and break-dancing to Herbie Hancock.

Next Halloween half the kids in America will be Darth Vader and the other half Princess Leia.

On birthdays Luke and Darth will battle it out on the frostling and little Billy will be bawling because he didn't get the Boba Fett Underoos (they better not even go there) he wanted.

We didn't parade around like the Lone Ranger and Woody and they should never know what happened a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

I have one more question in my campaign for preserving the heritage of the children of the '80s. How in the hell can Elmo punk come in and start bending around such veterans as Cookie Monster and Grover?

These guys have been running the block since this chump shows up and starts barking orders. Big Bird needs to reclaim his throne by taking the little red devil over his knee and tickling him till he pukes.
Vandals put the boot to young Anteaters

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

Capitalism, in essence, is a process by which the strong and rich dominate while the weak and poor just try and stay alive, hoping they don’t fall to the wayside.

On Saturday night, UI coach Kermit Scott gave a hand-on lesson in capitalism, though, his Vandals never saw the losing end of a call.

And in a Big West Conference showdown, not even the American Welfare System could save the UC-Irvine Anteaters as the Vandals rolled to a 57-40 victory in front of 4,085 fans in the Kibbie Dome.

In the 10-11 (3-5) win in sixth straight conference game while UC-Irvine (1-6-1, 1-7) continued to flounder at the bottom of the Western Division of the Big West Conference.

The Vandals are fifth in the Eastern Division, trailing fourth-place Boise State by two games.

The Vandals are on the road again at UC-San Barbara and Cal Poly SLO on Thursday and Saturday in a pair of Big West Conference games.

"Winning three straight games in any conference is pretty difficult to do," Davis said. "I can tell the difference in the same way I have to really get after them. I see them coming out and responding more. I think they understand that in close games they have a great opportunity to win.

The Vandals have had some opportunities in the past when they didn’t have close games — although, this game was far from the coming down to a last second shot.

"Obviously it’s the same old story," said Anteater coach Bob Baker, who has just one victory this year after winning Big West Coach of the Year last season.

"We need a few days to rest and play every night."

The Vandals exploited the youth and Anteater ball club. UC-Irvine started three freshmen and a sophomore against an Idaho squad starring for a home win.

However, the Vandals got help from some youth and inexperience on the Anteaters.

Idaho wide receiver Robert Scott, who is usually known for justplain start, dominated the Vandals football team, sparked Idaho’s basketball team in a unique way — by playing glove-like defense, dazzling out a team high three assists and nine quality minutes (19 minutes, 7 points and a steal).

Not bad for a guy who is usually playing intramural basketball this time of year.

"I got tired — it was a fun tired," Scott said. "I have to learn fast. I think I’ll have a lot of time on my own. I have to learn in the heat of the battle."

Scott’s brilliant play in the first half inspired the coaches to start the sophomore tonight in the second half — even without the knowledge of the system completely.

"I wouldn’t know if it either, they saw it was in his head."

Vandals’ fans could have been proud of their team after the first half as the Vandals took 29 of 34 (23 percent) while the Anteaters went 8 of 16 (50 percent) from the field.

Idaho held the 24-20 lead at halftime after a Jason Jackson jumper with 02 left.

The Vandals then came out firing in the second half, going on a 9-3 run before the Anteaters called a timeout at the 15:27 mark.

With 7:36 in the game, Idaho threatened to blow out UC-Irvine as the Vandals led 43-31 and

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Vandal News and Notes

Idaho men’s tennis team fails to the Buffaloes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — After losing its No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches, the University of Colorado came back to defeat the University of Idaho 4-3 in men’s tennis action Sunday.

With the win, Colorado improved to 2-4 on the spring season while Idaho falls to 0-3.

Vandals’ coach against Boise State in Memorial Gym has changed from 2 p.m. on Saturday to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The change has been made to accommodate a television broadcast.

**Intramural deadlines**

For those interested in playing volleyball or table tennis, here are the last deadlines for each sport:

- Volleyball: Fall, Monday, Nov. 16
- Table Tennis: Fall, Monday, Nov. 16
- Volleyball: Winter, Thursday, Nov. 18
- Table Tennis: Winter, Thursday, Nov. 18
- Referee Club: Winter, Thursday, Nov. 18
- Any other club: Winter, Thursday, Nov. 18

**Vandal players including Reggie Rose, Jason Jackson, Kris Baumann and Eddie Turner.**

Joe’s return to Moscow memorable

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

In a high school, college and professional sports, frontmen exist everywhere.

Those frontmen may include the Jimmy versus Jerry saga in Dallas or a fired college basketball coach returning to his former place of employment with a different team. On Saturday night, a bit of irony made a blowout win appear slightly more interesting.

The love-hate relationship between the Idaho Vandals fans and former UI coach Joe Cravens was heightened in Saturday night’s match-up against UC-Irvine in the Kibbie Dome.

Cravens, who was forced to resign last season after a three-year stint with the Vandals, returned to Moscow as an assistant coach with the Anteaters.

So how did the former Vandals coach feel about the crowd mixture of boos and cheers in the pre-game introductions?

"The boos, was I worried," Cravens said. "If I didn’t hear them I guess they didn’t bother me. I enjoyed the cheers from the ones who cheered."

After a 57-40 whipping, Cravens mingled with fans, former players and UI supporters — he also responded to several questions regarding his old team, his new team and the emotional return to a town which shunned him.

"I saw a lot of friends — people that meant a lot to me," Cravens said. "It felt it was really positive."

These friends included UI players.

While at Idaho, Cravens recruited and coached four current Vandals: Reggie Rose, Kris Baumann and Eddie Turner.

Joe’s return to Moscow memorable

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Idaho women's four-game win streak comes to end

Kindra Meyer
Assistant Sports Editor
The Vandals women's four-game winning streak was put to rest Sunday as UC-Irvine proclaimed a 65-62 victory.

Idaho jumped out early in the first half with a burst of energy fed by freshman Alii Nieman. All though they led by as many as 8 points, they could not maintain momentum and the Anteater stanza continued to wear on the Vandals through the final minutes.

The lack of Idaho spark may be greatly due to an illness factor. Starting guard Ari Skorpik, Jill Onter, Jennifer Stone and Nieman were plagued by illness. In fact, Nieman had to leave the game at one point due to her sickness. She returned as though nothing could stop her, recording her third straight double-double with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"We did have both our starting point guards down with sickness and a couple of posts, although Alii did a great job," Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "But the real difference in the game was poor defense, which is very unlike our team normally. We just didn't play good enough defense to win."

Junior Michelle Greenwood continued to play solid, backing up Nieman with 11 points. Melissa McDaniel also hit for 11 points in only 10 minutes of court time.

Idaho, which is usually hot outside the arc, was frigid on the night, hitting only 3 of 14. Rebounding was another weak link to the Vandals attack as UC-Irvine grabbed 15 more boards (44-29).

"It's pretty straightforward," Holt said. "We just got killed on the boards and you can't do that and expect to win."

The Anteaters were led by Leticia Oegegers with 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks. Shannon Anders and Megan Stafford recorded 12 and 11 points respectively. Stafford also led the game with four assists.

Idaho is now 9-10 overall, 4-3 in the Big West. (DAVID BOYER)

Guerter 2-3 1-4, Nieman 10-16 5-20, Greenwood 4-2 2-11, Johnson 2-4 1-5, Skorpik 1-2 3-4, Oseguera 12-18 5-20, McDaniel 4-7 2-11, Nieman 10-20 1-16-22.

UC/Irvine 65
Roherson 1-3 5-2 6-8, Ciarle 2-4 0-8, Oegegers 8-15 5-10, Anders 5-11 0-12, Stafford 3-10 4-11, Harder 3-14 4-6, Pyrosos 0-0 0-0, Cappel 2-4 1-4, Markov 3-7 4-4, Team 29-37 18-45.

Halftime — Idaho 33 UC-Irvine 16. 3 point guards — Idaho 3-10 (Greenwood 3-3, McDaniel 1-3, Johnson 1-5, Nieman 1-5), Guerter 0-2, UC-Irvine 0-3 (Greenwood 2-2, Stafford 2-2, Pyrosos, Johnson 0-1). Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Idaho 29 (Nieman 12), UC-Irvine 44 (Oegegers 12), Anders — Idaho 9 (Oseguera 5), UC-Irvine 20 (Stafford 4), Team Total — Idaho 94, UC-Irvine 96. Attendance — 311.

Last Thursday night the Vandals women chalked up a Big West win on the road, defeating Cal State Fullerton 63-59.

That victory peaked their four-game winning streak, the best in three years.

It wasn't easy bringing down the Titans however. Cal State controlled the entire first half, never giving their team's winning streak a chance.

The Vandals had a number of tricks up their sleeves and answered with some star power in addition to a few secret weapons.

Never giving up hope or letting down their guards, the silver and gold battled to the bitter end. It was in the final seconds where they found salvation, their first lead of the night with 0:09 left in the game and stole the home crowd's victory.

"We have three minutes to go in the game we took a time out," Holt said. The score was 46 to 50 and we told our team that we needed to hold them to 60 points — which meant for the next three minutes they couldn't score more than 3 points. It really came down to us doing a great job defensively and converting at the other end," Coach Holt and staff have delivered one convincing pep talk as the Vandals hit the court on a rampage, yielding a 73-68 win.

Alii Nieman led Idaho with 15 points and 10 boards but it was perhaps the depth of the bench that pulled the Husky's over the top.

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Bring in the Idaho fans
Kindra Meyer
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Idaho Athletic Department is determined to boost attendance.

Over the years there has been a steady decrease in the number of fans at Vandal games. At the verge of frustration, Vandal promoters are not only getting the word out but enticing the public with tangible rewards.

There is a number of possibilities as to why the stream of support is now only a trickle. Carl Zimmerman, assistant director of Marketing and Promotions, believes it may be a matter of recognition.

"With the exception of Boise State, the Big West teams are all brand new to the fans. Although there are some very good teams in the new league, fans aren't familiar with them," Zimmerman said.

What ever the reason for the lack of support, Zimmerman and staff will continue to tackle the problem until they have won the battle and the stands are once again brimming with enthusiasm.

On Feb. 7 the Vandals women host first place Big West opponent UC-Santa Barbara and will try to break the all-time Memorial Gym attendance record of 2,400. It will be elementary school night, where all local elementary kids get in for free and their parents at half price. UI staff and their families are all admitted free of charge with a flash of their Vandall Card. Santa Barbara's team carries two play-

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TEAM THROUGH MELISSA MCDONELL HIT FOR 12 POINTS WHILE GRABBING SEVEN REBOUNDS, SIX OF WHICH WERE OFFENSIVE.

In addition to her eye-catching performance were two youngsters, Jennifer Stone and Amy Lemm. Stone had a strong game, knocking down recording 8 points and seven boards in only nine minutes on the floor. Freshman guard Lemm racked up 6 points and two rebounds in 13 minutes off the floor.

Kathy Gussert may not have been the leading scorer but she made some strategic plays in her minutes. She left the team with four assists and five steals while also nabbing seven rebounds.

The Titans were led by Bredson and Thieme, a pair of sophomores with much potential. Center Bredson may not have gone home with a win but she walked away with 21 points, 17 rebounds, two assists, two blocks and four steals. Thieme's evening ended in 16 points, 21 rebounds, 12 assists, two blocks and two steals. The Titans are lead by either with 20 points, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

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Athletes today: It's all about money

Byron Jarnagin

The biggest motivational factor these days for young athletes to be successful is the earning potential at the professional level of sports. The mighty dollar seems to have taken off the fan out of sports and keeps athletes searching for their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

With all of the hype around sports today and the world-wide television coverage, athletes are more like actors on a stage than ball players on the court, turf or field. Athletes are making outrageous amounts of money for playing a game that Johnny or Suzy liked to play with dad on the weekend as youngsters — and as each season progresses, somewhere around the league somebody is always wanting more, more, more. From aside that fact that everyone and their dog would like to make $120 million dollars, i.e. Shaq, sports are no longer about what many of them were founded upon. It is a business that sees the richest teams buying the best players.

The two most prominent sports in the money world today are basketball and football. Some college athletes who have the talent to be a pro today can earn millions of dollars within their grasp. Not that every athlete does this but the tendency for college level athletes to drop an education and move on to make millions is not a very uncommon thing.

Turning to football, back in the packin' days of the season preceding the first Super Bowl, flashy multi-million dollar contracts were not as prevalent as they are today and more often is the field of football to play a game, they enjoy — motivated by the desire to win collectively, though, it was all about the game. The flashy players in today's league represent everything those football pioneers were not. It's not a game any more. Most athletes these days are concerned with ways to improve their contract or where they could be traded to get paid more for their services. The commercialization of athletes has taken the "game" out of sports — it isn't uncommon for fans to recognize their favorite players by the amount of money the players pocket every five years.

Heck, the salary cap messed up the game plan for teams who wanted to buy up all the top talent but here again the concern for money is more important than the game itself.

The whole unmarried structure the team have culminated around the mighty dollar. It even goes to the point that fans were sick of everything and the sport was ever boy-cotted by groups of fans who just wanted the game to continue. It's not like these guys are leading the tough life, they just need more money.

The bottom line is that sporting events are no longer a game but a business. Athletes are merely token within the big league sports game. With this going on behind the scenes, players will hold out for as much money as they can, squeezing every nickel out of a franchise.

Remnants of this are individuals who are more worried about a contract than their team, teammates or the "near" game. Some players will even aid out a couple of games because they are still negotiating items on their contracts.

Everything is about a contract and an amount these days. Money is the name of the game and different levels of athletic talent carry a price.

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I'm not."

"Well, could you maybe write me a letter?"

"Ah, but don't take this criticism well."

"Mom! Billy's biting the electric toothbrush again!!"

"The kind with the super-high settings."

"You can't hurt that kind of toothbrush..."

"It you play the guitar down there, they're gonna find it for you at the next convention."

"You can't ruin that kind of toothbrush..."

"Let's just hope we find it for you at the next convention.

"You don't ruin that kind of toothbrush..."

"I can't hurt that kind of toothbrush..."

"If you play the guitar down there, they're gonna find it for you at the next convention."

"What are you doing, standing behind that?"

"You know the man I'm talking about, Mr. Computer, I mean."

"I've been hanging around the tree..."

"Can't help it, honey; I'm the only one who wears underwear.

"Why is the tree wearing underwear?"

"I don't know why the tree is wearing underwear."

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