Conference connects race, gender, law issues

Erin Schultz

Though the University of Idaho courtroom was full of activity Saturday, it was not the typical courtroom scene. T-shirts with the slogan "Race, Gender and Justice" told the tale of the event sponsored by the Idaho Women Lawyers and the Minority Law Students Association.

Ten speakers from Washington and Idaho talked on topics such as "Native American Legal Issues," and "Being an Idaho Woman Lawyer." A steady audience of about 50 students and faculty attended the various sessions.

IWL President Elisa Masseth, who did most of the organization for the day's events, said this was the first time a conference like this has been attempted.

"We wanted to raise consciousness in the school and community regarding these issues, and encourage dialogue, hoping that it will continue," Masseth said.

One of the more well-known guests was former Idaho Sen. Mary Lou Reed, who addressed reproductive rights of women. Reed revisited the abortion debate from the angle of one concerned about protecting the legal rights of women to choose.

"I feel very strongly that equality of opportunity for women is not possible unless we have equality of reproductive choice," Reed said during her session entitled "How Do We Prevent the Right From Doing Wrong to Roe?" She ended by proposing ways to work against unintended pregnancies.

Michelle Finch, a lawyer from Boise, shared her experiences of starting a firm in Boise and issues she has faced as a practicing female attorney. Growing up, as well as throughout her career, Finch said she never runs into gender-based conflicts.

"I never felt different or that professors treated me different-\-ly. When I started practicing law, I was pretty shocked. I was surprised."

Finch identified a lack of mentors and stereotypes as big obstacles for female lawyers. "It's very stereotypical that you'll be a wife at some point because you're a woman," Finch said, adding that she does not enjoy family law cases at all.

Kane Siegel, vice president and treasurer for IWL, hopes to organize something like this again next year, on a larger scale. "It is nice, as a woman in law school; it is nice to have other women come in and say, 'you can do this,'" Siegel said.

Students face early registration purge

Michelle Kalbelitzer

Beginning this fall, students who do not return their signed billing statements before Aug. 8 can expect to be purged from the University of Idaho registration system.

"We're trying to move away from the Dome and have things taken care of beforehand," said Jane Button, Accounts Receivable manager for Business and Accounting Services.

The early purge is intended to help minimize long lines of students picking up their bills and financial aid checks at the Kibbie Dome each semester.

In addition, "the early purge opens up sections for students," Button said. Each year hundreds of pre-registered students never show up. This ties up any open spots in classes for other students who plan on attending UI.

Business and Accounting Services staff plan to send the billing statements out to students in July. Button said all a student has to do is sign and return the statement before Aug. 8. "That serves as their confirmation that they are pre-registered and they will be returning," she said.

This also applies to students receiving financial aid for the academic year. By signing the bill and returning it, they can avoid being purged from the registration system. "This way, all you have to do is go pick up your residual check (at the Dome)," Button said.

To reduce further hassles, direct deposit is also available to students receiving financial aid, eliminating any need to go to the Dome. The deposit slips are sent along with the billing statement, and must be returned by Aug. 1.

"IWL students who can't make the payment before Aug. 8 should return the signed billing statement by Aug. 8," Button said. They can contact IWL students and Accounting Services to explain the circumstances.

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Pesticides found in water supply

Robert Hall

Pesticides and other contaminants have been found in drinking water supplies and aquatic ecosystems in much of western Washington and western Idaho, according to a U.S. Geological Survey report.

The study is part of the USGS National Water-Quality Assessment Program designed to evaluate water quality throughout the nation.

The study released four fact sheets stating that the concentrations in drinking water were not usually at toxic levels, but were higher in areas of concern, but in streams, streams, watersheds, and fish, some contaminants were at levels that may be harmful to aquatic organisms and wildlife.

Sarah Pyke, a geographer and lead author of the fact sheets, said, "We looked for pesticides used in agriculture primarily" and "pesticides in public supply wells in seven counties in eastern Washington, and found them more often in shallow wells that also had elevated concentrations of nitrate."

"The primary source of nitrate in ground water is fertilizer. Nitrate is often used with agricultural pesticides.

The survey detected pesticides in 49 percent of the public water supply wells in seven counties in eastern Washington. None of these concentrations were above enforceable drinking water standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency."

"In 97 percent of the samples taken from the Palouse region and western Idaho wells were found. Four pesticides were at concentrations that could be harmful to aquatic organisms."

Lenna Roberts, a hydrologist and lead author of one of the fact sheets, said "ground water samples had a lower rate of detection of contaminants (25 percent), with concentrations below drinking water standards. These contaminants also included volatile organic compounds, which are sometimes used as inert ingredients in pesticides and as fungicides."

"According to the survey, "concentrations of several compounds exceed guidelines for the protection of aquatic life and fish eating wildlife."

Steve Creger, another biologist on the survey team, said, "the control of erosion in agricultural areas will help prevent these pesticides from getting into streams and the aquatic food chain."

For additional information, contact Alex Williamson, project chief, Central Columbia Plateau (NAWQA), at (208) 582-6530 ext. 235.

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President Dalton encourages student recruitment

Corinne Flowers
Editor in Chief

Jamie Waggoner, GEM of the Mountain in chief, spoke to the senate Wednesday about her recent trip to Dallas, where she met with representatives from Taylor Publishing and chose a cover for the upcoming year’s GEM. The 1997 yearbook will feature 224 pages, 16 of which are full color and 12 which will feature a single color in addition to black.

Taylor, which publishes a majority of the college yearbooks in the country, is impressed with the GEM staff for making its deadlines. Every other college that they print for misses their deadlines consistently, Waggoner said.

The GEM, however, has come in on or a few days of its timelines this year. It helps to reduce costs for both the publisher and the GEM.

Waggoner said the reason for the GEM’s success is “because I have such a committed and dedicated staff and because we understand the importance of the reputation of the GEM.”

The GEM is also considering changing its funding source to be part of student fees, which would allow for a better product at a significantly reduced price.

Washington State University students Joe Wagar and Marilyn Bayona spoke to the senators and audience about the AIDS quilt, which will be on display in Pullman’s Beasley Coliseum. They displayed a portion of the quilt, which included a square dedicated to Ryan White. The quilt that will be on display will fill the entire floor of the stadium and extend up the walls.

“We’re looking for community support including letters to the editor and donations,” Bayona said. They also requested financial, volunteer and promotional help from the ASUI and the Moscow/Pullman community.

The quilt will be on display April 7 through 9 and admission is free. For more information or to volunteer, call 335-6722.

President Jim Dalton reported on the budget process issues as well as tuition at Idaho’s universities, all of which are slated for increase next semester. UI is planning a 7 to 9.9 percent increase, while Boise State University is projecting 10-plus percent and Idaho State University 14.5 percent.

Dalton also encouraged everyone to get involved with recruitment and said “if every UI student goes out on spring break and focuses on recruiting one person, we could double our enrollment.”

He added that a significant increase in the student population would result from all of the budget difficulties UI is now experiencing.

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vending their immediate payment. Students following these guidelines will not be purged from the system.

Students who are purged from the system can regain access shortly after and re-register.

“I think that eliminating ‘Dome Day’ is a great idea, because it is a hassle for the university and students combined,” UI junior Aimee Kenoyer said. “But I think the purging should be later, like the first day of classes.”

Button said the Dome will still be used for a few more years.

“We’ll always need to be discharging checks somewhere.” Nevertheless, she hopes to see a decrease in lines corresponding with an increase in efficiency.

Open ASUI Position

Senate - 1 position

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Grievance Committee for Student Employees - 3 positions

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Where?

Academic Affairs Building
Student Union Office
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Graduation Announcements may also be purchased at this time.

Questions?

Call the Alumni Office at 885-6154

Get oriented

A Cooperative Education orientation will be held today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Education 103/104. Call 885-5822 to learn more.

Tomorrow:

Market yourself

"Marketing Yourself With a Resume and Cover Letter" is the topic of a free workshop at 3:30 p.m. in Britz Hall. Call Career Services at 885-6123 for more information or to register.

Thursday:

Meet Career Services

An introduction to UI Career Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday in Britz Hall. Call 885-6121 for more information.

Find an internship

A internship seminar and workshop will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pend Oreille Room. This is the final one this year. Call 885-5822 for more information.

Learn management

Internationally-renowned organizational development consultant Ron McMullen will be giving a seminar on time management at 3 p.m. Thursday, and a seminar on influencing others at 7 p.m. in the UI College of Law. Courthouse.

Don’t wear a tie!

Friday:

Take in some art

Allegories and Object Lessons is the title of an art exhibit by UI Professor of Fine Arts, Margaret Bayona, March 7 at the Fortini Knight Gallery in Spalding Hall.

Swap your stuff

The ‘97 Swap will be held March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Main Lounge. Tables are $5. For more information, call 885-4684.

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Margaret Donadison
Staff

A group of University of Idaho students spend their Saturdays at the Eastside Marketplace voluntary putting out other people's tax problems. Some call them crazy, but they call themselves Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

VITA is a cooperative program between the IRS and college students around the country. Accounting students volunteer their skills to help people who are tired of pulling their hair out over taxes. The students work 15 hours during tax season and receive one credit of work study.

The UI accounting students have volunteered two Saturdays so far and they will continue every Sunday until tax due April 15. VITA volunteers tackle the most confusing problems, and even do entire returns, depending on what a person wants.

"Some people just give them to you, and some want to work through it with you," said Chris Salove, VITA volunteer.

Kim Morgan of Moscow normally does her taxes on her own, but this year she was stumped and needed help. "This 401-K plan and earned income credit are over my head," Morgan said. She said she's grateful for the VITA service.

"Otherwise it would be $52 at H&R Block," said John Utzman, professor of accounting and VITA adviser advised. "I think it's a win-win situation." He said it's good for the students because they get experience, school credit and something to put on their resume while the community receives a valuable service.

The IRS used to provide the public with tax return assistance, but cutbacks in the 70's meant they could not continue. VITA was organized to help the IRS meet its commitment to help people with returns.

Utzman said the system was originally set up for the elderly and low-income citizens, but it was expanded to the general public.

The VITA volunteers admit running into questions that confuse them now and then. If they can't answer a question right away, the volunteers will research it or ask their professor and have an answer by the following Saturday.

Salove said, "Some people are worried because we are not professional." However, he said that all VITA-prepared tax forms go through a screening service before they are sent to Ogden, Utah, where the IRS center for Idaho is located.

VITA volunteers work every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main entrance of the Eastside Marketplace.

VITA does not supply tax forms, but they are available on the Internet at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov, or by phone at 1-800-Tax-Form.

Crisis Line offers service directory

Candice Long
Staff

The 1997 People Helper is now available at the University of Idaho. It is the Palouse's most comprehensive listing of human services and community resources. The People Helper has been published every year and a half since the early 1980s by the Palouse Regional Crisis Line, a non-profit organization.

Throughout the year, the staff contacts hundreds of community service providers, inserts the new programs available and deletes the old programs. The information is then sent to the board of directors for approval and allows the staff to update the publishing.

"Other than being updated, the People Helper is as good as it's been in years prior," said Larry Clott, director of the Palouse Regional Crisis Line. It benefits all members of the community.

The indexed booklet includes services addressing everything from medical emergencies, counseling center and financial assistance to transportation and child care.

Each year, UI students and faculty purchase a large number of the service guides. "Many students use them in the education, psychology and sociology departments, especially," Clott said. "They want to know what is available for research, and they use it as a format to make one for their community.

"Low-income people of the community use it for the available financial and medical services, as well as social workers who need access to the services," Clott said.

If a specific service is not offered, Crisis Line workers have extensive training to provide information over the phone. The 1997 People Helper is available from the Palouse Regional Crisis Line at (509) 335-1505 or (208) 682-4466, or send $15 to P.O. Box 8934, Moscow, ID 83843.
Boise internships open
Job developer says students should apply ASAP
Janet Spencer
News Editor
It’s not too late to get a summer internship in the Boise area, job developer Diana Gibney said.
"Some employers are just now in the process of determining what their summer needs are," she said.
Gibney was in Moscow last week conducting a workshop on internships in southern Idaho. It drew over 60 students, which is a record for recent intern workshops, said Alice Babjut, director of Cooperative Education.
Gibney also met with students and employers at career fairs on campus during the week.
"There were so many employers there who really wanted to hire summer interns," she said.
Gibney helped place 80 University of Idaho students in the Boise area last year.
Brian Sielaff, a UI grad student, spent last summer working as an intern at CSHGA Architects. He said the experience confirmed his decision to go into the field.
"I got a feel for what the job will entail, and for what I’ll be doing the rest of my life. I made the right decision," Sielaff said.
UI student Linda Choo, a fresh summer worker with Micron. She said the internship was "really beneficial" because she "got an idea of how people interact with people at work, and how to operate the machines."
Some companies with internship openings are In-Systems Design, ZOA Architects and Micron Electronics. Each company sets its own application deadline, and the latest deadlines are around May 1.
Gibney said students interested in an internship should contact the Cooperative Education office at 885-5822.
"I’d advise students if they want an internship, they need to start working yesterday," she said.
Gibney recommends that interested students spend part of their spring break researching "job positions, making contacts and setting up interviews. She also stressed the value of the experience.
"An internship is one of the most important job search tools you can have," Gibney said. "The employers will place students with internship experience at the top of their list of job candidates."

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Democrats wish to ensure future by examining Clinton's past

Like rats from a sinking ship, a source at The Wall Street Journal on Feb. 28 brought that old line quickly to mind. In this case the rats are prominent and former Democratic Congressional leaders such as James Waxman (D. Cali.) and ex-Sen. Bill Bradley. The source said that the ships — the U.S.S. Dole Duck — is handled effortlessly by the troubled regime of our own President, Bill Clinton.

The newspaper's report had the president expressing anger at these Democratic bigwigs lined up for the chance to perform public belly-flops schemes to save Clinton's clipper last week. They did so by issuing calls for an independent panel to look into the questionable fund-raising activities carried out by Clinton's lieutenants. "There are several possible theories as to why this financial break has occurred in the ranks of Clinton's former allies. If, like most Americans, you've equipped yourself with a healthy cynicism towards political motives, figuring out the most plausible explanation shouldn't be so difficult."

The explanation is in the future — as in who has one. Politically, at least, Clinton doesn't, and there Demo big chiefs hope they don't. There's no time to "live in the now" in D.C. political hardball. For some ambitious Democrats such as Bradley and possibly Waxman who have one eye on the White House, it's probably the year 2000. For others such as Waxman who wish their living by facing voters every two years, it's now, Day 1995, all over the map in their minds. When these characters look at President Bill, they do so in the rear view mirrors.

And with daily front page stories on dirty money, possibly illegal foreign money and the '96 Clinton campaign's obvious last but for both, they're increasingly terrified by the image they see.

It's "not what you have done for me lately." Indeed, without Clinton's energetic fund-raising, many Democrats are now happily skipping through the halls of Congress and would be back home trying to eke out a living on those grants and pensions they voted for themselves. No, in this game it's..."

— Tim Lohrmann

Opinion Gap

JAZZ IT UP

I

succeeded in finding an island of jazz and swing, but not blues or R&B, and whites of country which buffet the local airwaves when inspiration struck. Lisa Rawe was right, I thought as I stood in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is one of the best-kept secrets in the music world. As an article published in a recent issue of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, combined with two other festivals at this year's festival, prompted a solution to not only the problem of curiosity for the Pullman, but also other cities' need for such activations. In that article, Festival. host of music, was quoted as saying Festival attendees filled every hotel room in Moscow, Pullman, Lewiston-Clark County and even some in Cœur d'Alene and Spokane. He also said the 17,000 attendence at this year's Festival broke all-time attendance records. Due to this record attendance, Skinner said, with regret, that many students — university and otherwise — assumed that they were turned away because there simply weren't enough resources for the crowds.

As a result, the attendance was more than expected. Skinner replied simply, "It was hard to get into the hotel."

Two concerts were held outside of Moscow this year — one in Lewiston for a Nez Perce school group, and another at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. Both were well-attended, appreciated and allowed for groups who would otherwise probably never keep out of Moscow's concerts due to lack of space the chance to hear some great jazz. So why not expand that idea a little further? Skinner is looking to keep the Jazz Festival as the No. 1 jazz event in the nation. So why not look for some exposure and publicity among fellow jazz artists in relation to the Festival. Local students are looking for a chance to participate in an event that they can't have otherwise been left out of due to lack of space and high-ticket prices. If Jazz Festival attendees are filling hotels in Pullman, why not have a concert at the Beauty Columns, which is already being used by many Moscow and Pullman students and jazz enthusiasts would quickly fill? There's got to be a good spot for a concert in Cœur d'Alene. Spokane's got to make space for a concert right on the river. If Snider and Rawe want a bigger, better festival which will make up the sparsity of the jazz world in regards to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, they've got to make some moves outside of Moscow's city limits. This is not after, all the University of Idaho or Moscow Jazz Festival — it's meant more to celebrate jazz than anything else, isn't it? This is not meant to disparage Moscow for the University of Idaho in the least. Facts are there are limited hotel accommodations and contest seats available in this city and at this university. Adding a few more concerts outside of Moscow and extending the Festival a few more days would certainly do much to accomplish the goals Snider and Rawe hold so dear.

As expanding Festival wouldn't necessarily mean higher prices, either. Spokane and Cœur d'Alene have their fair share of public and private deep pockets who — with a little prodding — would finally decide having a few of the Festival in their towns wouldn't be a bad idea.

Expand the Festival's offerings outside of Moscow will need some extended distances — ones of by events in town, to be sure — and you'll see attendance numbers which will make this year's 12,000 look like a convention of Everyone in the World Named Farley Q. Pumpernickles.

More people hearing more jazz will bring more jazz artists and certainly go a long way in increasing the already institutional and nationwide appeal of a festival which suddenly isn't enough to stay in a little Idaho town only otherwise known as the biggest Moscow outside of Russia. In short, jazz it up.

— Brian Davidson
Letters to the Editor

Higher education is much more than a grocery store

Upon seeing Peter Griffiths’ letter (April 15) I could not resist. He is critical of Corinne Finn’s editorial “Time-effort-money-studying-F.” I could not agree more with what he has to say, and I suspect that there are many faculty and students who would agree.

But what worries me is the naivety and distorted sense of academics and learning that your editorial conveys to the students. Are you saying that just because one has expended so much “time, effort, money and studying,” therefore, learning has happened? Yes, higher education is like a grocery store! It is that kind of attitude, often coming from some students and others, that has led to the massive “dumbing down” of higher education in the last few decades. Let me add that it is not just my observation — at least six or seven national commissions since the early 1980s have concluded just that.

And then there was the editorial not long ago about the “Totalitarian professorial!” It was tempting to react, but then it seemed the worst kind of politics that it was (if I do not see any reaction from the other hand, there was a rather muttering, anti-poor-voking opinion ("UI: Higher Learning or Edu-K-Mark." Feb. 7) by Tim Lohrmann, which had the dustbowl image of the “dumbing down” messages otherwise seen all around. And last May 7, Dennis Page said some similarly encouraging things in an editorial on student evaluation that is worth reading by some of the current Argonaut writers.

—S.M. Ghazanfar chair, department of economics

Decision raises red flags on student fees

Recently a Federal District Court has held that mandatory student fees at the University of Wisconsin violated the First Amendment right of students, because the fees were used to support student organizations that advocated positions ideologically repugnant to the student plaintiffs. This ruling was relevant to many groups on that campus, and could be very significant for college campuses across the country. I wouldn’t mind being able to pick which organizations I wanted to contribute to. Think about this — it could affect our student organizations in the future.

This information comes from the newsletter Fraternal Law, January 1997.

—Matt Stahl

Article needs more information to fit the given headline

I am writing this article to supplement the editorial that was published on Feb. 25, called “Malaysia an example to the west.”

First of all, I am dissatisfied with the editorial work done by the editor who changed the title of the original. “A Land Called Malaysia” to “Malaysia an example to the west,” but leaving out the supporting facts after editing. Along with the title change, the new title contains a technical writing mistake in which the first letter of “west” should be capitalized.

I believe that in order for the readers to have a more complete picture about the subject of this article, the important facts about Malaysia’s achievement should be included to explain why Malaysia is an example to the West. These facts include low governmental income taxes, low social welfare spending (part of it due to no homeless to feed) and high tax incentives for foreign investments that have boosted the Malaysian economy and keep it rolling. As a result, the country’s growth rate has sustained at least 8 percent per year for the past three years, and this growth rate is anticipated to continue for years to come. The success is also attributable to the government’s program to transform the economic focus from labor-intensive and investment-driven schemes to productivity-driven industries. The government understands that solely relying on cheap labor will not enable the country to be competitive on the international market. Besides that, Malaysia also focuses on research and development programs to train young Malaysian to be productive, innovative and competitive. At the same time, the government encourages overseas investment of the Malaysian companies. On top of the government programs, the public favors societal orientation and solidarity over individualism and materialism of the West.

This letter was submitted by the editor and resulted in misspelling about Malaysia being an example. Otherwise, the article would be more fair, interesting and informative.

With these few sentences added to the published article, I believe that the new title would make more sense and be supported by the context. Definitely, the Argonaut has done quite a good job in a student newspaper, but even a good work still has room for improvement. No struggle, no progress and no pain, no gain. Hopefully, this little comment could be of help to the editor for further improvement.

—Wei Lien Liang

FUTURE

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...losing even the possibility of influencing decisions that affect them? If all that matters politically is money, where do those who have little or no money go? "Order of precedences of grievances" that the First Amendment has promised? Tough questions to answer, made a few of our national politicians are trying to at least feign interest in them.

There’s a Clinton news story from last week we haven’t covered, though. The one that allows Clinton with a 60 percent approval rating in the polls. How to explain it? Well, I heard an old semi-nagga song the other day that might help. The chorus went something like this: “The harder they come, the harder they fall and all.” Makes sense to me.
Idaho headed to Big West tourney

With a loss to New Mexico State on Saturday, the Vandals grabbed the second seed in the Eastern Division of the Big West and will face Pacific in the opening round of the tournament.

Damon Barkdoll
Sports Editor

If the Idaho-Pacific game on Jan. 18 gives any indication of how these teams will play in the opening round of the Big West Conference Tournament on Wednesday, Vandal fans like Alli Nieman might consider wearing a helmet and elbow pads.

Nieman, who chipped in 15 points in the 64-54 loss to the Tigers, went to the free-throw line just eight times; although, Pacific played a less aggressive physical tough than Nieman picked herself off the court several times.

The mid-January loss at home dropped Idaho to 6-2 in conference and 5-9 overall.

Since then, Idaho has gone through a basketball metamorphosis.

Although losing on Saturday to New Mexico State on the road and giving up the Eastern Division first seed to Nevada, Idaho maintained a 6-6, 13-13 record and looks inspired of late clinching the second seed.

On Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (PST) the Tigers (8-7, 9-17), third seed in the Western Division, will tackle a talented Idaho squad in the 1997 Pizza Hut Big West Tournament at Lawlor Events Center in Reno, Nev.

"I think our team is ready for the tournament," University of Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "I think we'd like to have come in as the No. 1 seed but I think our team accomplished a lot. We were picked to finish last in the conference and finished second."

Likewise, Holt is excited about a rematch with Pacific.

"We're excited about having an opportunity to match up with Pacific," Holt said. "They did a great job against us up here. Anytime you play teams for the first time, University of Pacific, UC-Santa Barbara, Long Beach, a lot of the teams from the Western Division we hadn't seen — we're excited about the opportunity to play some of those teams again."

This season, the Vandals haven't fared well against the other division, going 2-4. However, Holt and Pacific coach Mattison take agree that earlier season games have little meaning in the post-season. I think both teams have changed considerably," Taketa said. "I know we've changed our roster a couple times since Idaho. It's a just a different season — it's March."

The Tigers bring some experience to this year's tournament, having been in the conference in the last two tournaments.

Kate McAllister/Nieman matchup could prove interesting

The Kate McAllister-Alli Nieman matchup could be the Big West women's version of the Tyra/Adrian battle. McAllister, Pacific's 6-foot-1 all-conference center, leads the Tigers with 16.2 points and 6.8 rebounds a game. Nieman, on the other hand is averaging 18.3 points a game and 9.4 rebounds.

Pacific's senior is fifth and fourth in the Big West scoring and rebounding category while Idaho's sensation is third in both categories.

Not bad for a first round matchup.

"I really can't say enough positive things about her (McAllister) to be honest," Holt really think she's great."

"Obviously, she's someone we've got to contend with."

In their last meeting, the experienced McAllister just performed her younger counterpart with 19 points and nine boards. Although, Nieman wasn't far behind with 15 points, nine rebounds and a block.

"Obviously Kate's a bit more experienced than Alli," Taketa said. "I don't know that it's the key matchup. I don't know that. It's just that those two are expected to go out and play their game and do the best they can. It might come down to other kids. If Alli and Kate play well against each other — it's a pretty close game."

Nieman has scored in double figures in 17 games straight games while recording her double-double in 19 points and 12 rebounds against North Texas. Skorpiik, Johnson and Gussett help spark the Vandals.

Although Nieman might be Idaho's most notable player, the Vandals also receive some support from several other players. Art Skorpiik, a senior guard, also sank 8-11 for 20 points in addition to 12 rebounds.

Kathryn Gussett

Pacific beat Idaho 64-54 in Memorial Gym in a Jan. 18 meeting.

- Idaho enters the game ranked third in the Big West in both scoring offense (68.1) and scoring defense (65.6).
- The Vandals have an 8-4 conference record after starting the season 5-9.
- Pacific's seniors are fifth and fourth in the Big West scoring and rebounding category.
- Idaho is just 2-4 against teams from the Western Division this season.
- UF freshman Alli Nieman enters the tournament having scored in double figures 17 straight games.

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Vandal men lose to BSU in final game

Staff and wire reports

On Sunday, the University of Idaho men's basketball team had a bit of irritating dirt and infection added to their already open wound — compliments of archrival Boise State.

In the Vandals' final game of the season, emotions ran high as usual against the Broncos as did the margin of victory, with the Broncos thumping Idaho 73-53 in front of 8,702 in the Pavilion in Boise.

The loss drops Idaho's record to 5-11 in the conference and 13-17 overall and sums up a bleak inaugural season in the Big West Conference.

Meanwhile, Boise State (9-7, 14-12) marches on to the Big West Tournament in Reno, Nev., with a fourth seed in the Eastern Division and will play Western Division champion Pacific in the first round.

UI coach Kermitt Davis, who was cited two technicals and was eventually ejected, felt that

Vandal guard Robert Scott was singled out in a pushing match with BSU's Mike Tulman.

"I thought the official came after my player," Davis said.

"I was not disputing any calls, I was just protecting my player," Idaho shot 44 percent from the field and even outrebounded the Broncos 30-25. However, the Vandals had just one player in double-digits, with senior guard Eddie Turner leading the way with 19 points and six rebounds.

Senior center Jason Jackman, who is usually Idaho's go-to man, scored only eight points on 3 of 10 shooting from the field.

The Broncos led 39-18 at halftime and never looked back.

"Boise State just beat us in every area," Davis said. "It wasn't even close."

The Vandals were led by Roberto Bergens and Joe Wyard who each had 15 points.

In Friday's edition of the Argonaut a headline read "Vandals upset Gauchos." It's true, but since I'm not a sports editor, the basketball team and the UI VP for Public Relations thought this terrible error. This occurrence is rare and should never happen.

The Vandals host the Idaho Invitational in Moscow from March 7-10 which features Boise State, Yale, New Mexico State and Montana State among others.


In the midst of a 67-66 win over Boise State on Feb. 25, it was announced over the loud speakers that Holt had a bouncing baby boy.

Holt is back with the Vandals after resting and sitting out during Idaho's road swing through North Texas and New Mexico State and is ready to coach her Vandals in the Big West Tournament.

In Holt's absence, assistant coach Kate Rue took over for Holt and led the team to a split on the road.

Holt is proud of the way her team played under the circumstances.

"Actually, I feel pretty good," Holt said. "Without the head coach there, I think the assistant coaches did a good job. I'm proud of what our team accomplished."
Three UI tracksters travel to Indiananapolis

Idaho’s Tawanda Chiwira, Niels Kruller and Chris Kwaramba will be packing their bags for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis.

This coming Friday and Saturday these three individuals will be taking on the elite competition from around the nation the RCA Dome.

Sophomore Tawanda Chiwira tops the list for the Vandals in the 400 meters where he’s ranked third in the nation and is the only athlete of the three who is an NCAA automatic qualifier. Chiwira ran his fastest 400 at Idaho’s Big West Conference meet in Reno recording a mark of 46.55. Chiwira is making his second appearance at the Championships.

“I would say that Tawanda could win the thing,” Keller said. “He has as good a chance as anybody to win it, and it just goes back to the fact that he has been doing what he does and what does to get the meet to win every time.”

Chiwira, who made strides last season as a freshman, hopes to come out on top.

“If things go my way, I’m not saying I’m going to win the NCAA’s,” I believe that I am capable of running a faster time and right now I know that my 46.55 will place it but it isn’t going to win it,” Chiwira said. “Over all, I am happy to be running at the NCAA’s because it is a chance for me to run against all of the big guys on the conference level.”

Turning to the field events, senior Niels Kruller takes the honors in the long jump and Chris Kwaramba will be representing UI in the triple jump. Kruller comes in ranked second in the nation in the long jump with a distance of 23-09 1/2. Kwaramba is ranked 11th in the nation in the triple jump with a mark of 52-07 1/2.

“I think Kruller is going to have to jump well over 25 feet to place and Kwaramba’s best right now is probably not going to come to do so he will have to probably go 53 feet to place,” Keller said.

UI is ranked 16th in the nation based on how many points the NCAA assumes that these three athletes will score at the NCAA meet. The individual rankings awarded to these three UI athletes are tentative and could change based on meet around the nation over the weekend. This meet will be a combination of the best athletes from Division I and II.

“For us, this is a great opportunity to score some points being there as a team, but it is really a not a team meet like the one we just came out of at the Big West Conference Championships in Reno,” Keller said. “It is nice to be able to claim a top 10 ranking; however, when it comes to this meet you have to look at how many people you think to get you there. Two guys scoring a win and gathering 10 points a person that claim a position of five or six in the nation.”

“The right we are ranked 16th, but if all of our guys were to place in the top fifth or sixth of their individual events we would move up a few more notches,” Keller said.

Looking back to previous seasons, UI has sent at least one or two athletes every year to the NCAA Championships.

“It really gives a small school like ours an opportunity to compete against the big boys and right now those who are left on those ten days are the ones who are going to score some points for our team,” Keller said.

While Chiwira, Kruller and Kwaramba have the NCAA Championships on their mind, the rest of the Vandals tracksters are gearing up for the outdoor track and field season right around the corner. UI will have its Big West outdoor debut on May 15 at Berkeley, Calif. Besides the California Golden Bears, the UCLA Bruins will be making an appearance at the meet.

Soon to follow the Berkeley meet, UI will gear up to Stanford, Calif. for the NCAA West and then on to the NCAA Championships. The Vandals will send out a team of nine and a half, April 29 at 71st Annual West Coast Invitational March 22 and 23.

The first outdoor season meet track on the Palouse will be the Oregon State Cougar Invitational March 29.
A day of sunshine and solitude

Shawn Vidmar

Outdoor Editor

Venturing to Utah’s snow country is akin to paradise. After a long, cloudy, coldly days of Moscow behind to behold the majesty of the sunny, deep, snow-covered Wasatch Range is like plugging into a battery recharge.

It is here, under the bright blue sky, blinding sunlight and spraying conditions that I managed to do several things.

First, I forgot about bills not getting paid, that ex who was with someone else doing God knows what, the flooding of my basement, school work, work-work and familial obligations.

The fresh air and friendliness of the natives allowed me to find that illusionary smile I had traded in for a concerned look of discontent about Jan. 13.

Solitude ski resort is a locals secret. We had heard that one Saturdays all the pigs were crowd-

ing up the hill, Park City — but that many overlooked the quiet little gem called Solitude.

True it isn’t as glitzy and glamorous as the others. It has fewer lifts — less than total — and less terrain — 1,200 acres in all — but what it does have is efficient and for all levels. It is a family place and no one is in that concerned with the latest fashions or equipment. The children giggle as the crows down the slopes with their brightly painted helmets and various “Wahoo!” can be heard in apprecia-

tion from the lift if you’re having a particularly good run on the ground.

Second, I remembered how much I love to ski. While that high performance side out Rossignol 10.4 demos, I reviled in their quickness and agility. I didn’t even need to think about turning, for once in the groove, they did their own thing. Just point them downhill and away you go.

Although there haven’t been many recent dumps in the area, merely 6 inches here and there, the snow was holding up remarkably well. We were cognizant of the face of the slope — morning snow on those with an eastern exposure was usually softer than those facing west. We followed the difficult terrain and sun throughout the day in order to find those pockets of supreme films.

Because of its size, Solitude allowed me to repeat runs if I desired. This may sound boring to some, but I loved the idea that I could see progress on the same slope. I could set goals, such as the whole pitch without stopping, and I could challenge the fall line more aggressively on known terrain.

The most interesting innovation in area technology is at Solitude. Your ticket is a piece of sandpaper on a stretchy string or for those frequenting often there is a retracting device much like the junior’s key ring. This ticket, made in

Who says there’s no such thing as a free lunch?

The University of Idaho Bookstore picked three students to receive their textbooks on UI.

Todd Richardson, Connie Grant and Mary Schadler all got lucky, so to speak, by winning the Bookstore’s “Textbook Scholarship” held during the Holiday Celebration promotion last December.

Todd Richardson, a law school student, won first prize and received $527 worth of free spring 1997 textbooks.

Connie Grant won second prize for free textbooks for any two of her classes. And for third prize, Mary Schadler won books for one class.

Keep an eye out for the con-

test forms next year during their Holiday Celebration.

Through the eyes of a stranger

Alyssa Muth

Costume Writer

As I stepped off the airplane in the San Jose airport, I wondered what had just gotten myself into. I did not know a single soul; furthermore, my Spanish vocabulary was limited to what I had learned on Sesame Street so many years ago. But somehow or another I’d made the crazy decision to study in Costa Rica for the year.

There I was, in a new world — a world full of smiling faces. I am still not sure what my host family said to me at the airport, but I soon arrived safely at my new home.

My new family and I became good at hand gestures, and I quickly began learning Spanish. I am taking 14 credits of intensive Spanish that has helped the communication process tenfold. I am also taking a Latin-American dance class and conservation biology.

The program that I am participating in also offers other classes such as literature, economics and history. My classes are not only teaching me a new language, but a whole new way of life.

Many classes have been spent at the market tasting new fruits and vegetables as well as learning how to bargain for a lower price. I have also become a pro at breaking pinatas and cooking traditional Costa Rican desserts, such as tamales. Field trips to butterfly gardens and serpent museums are also common. Class is always an adventure and very little time is spent behind a desk.

Perhaps even more enjoyable is the food here. I have never seen so many different fruits and vegetables in my life. There are avocados the size of basketballs, grapes the size of small plums and bananas of many different sizes. Small stands full of fresh produce dot the streets. The other day I tasted my first coffee bean straight off the plant. Each morning I drink freshly squeezed juice as well as a rich cup of coffee. Rice and beans are the staple here and they are a part of almost every meal.

Costa Rica is a true ecologist’s paradise. There are more species of plants and animals here in say one square kilometer than any other place in the world. So many, in fact, that it is impossible to keep them out of the house.

On many occasions I have had to chase off

birds that entered the pantry for a taste of our bananas; however, the bird-sized spiders usually end up scaring me away.

Lizards and geckos are common as well, and I try to let them have their space. There is also an incredible number of things to see outside of the house to say the least.

I pinched myself a couple of different times as I watched red lava tumble down one of the world’s most active volcanos. I was able to hike up to the base of it where only molten lava was present. I also had the chance to swim in a lagoon filled with primitive fish at the base of the mountain.

"Wahoo!" can be heard in appreciation from the lift if you’re having a particularly good run on the ground.

The rainforests here are unarguably amazing as well. I felt a bit like Tarzan as I climbed through vines, ducked under tree branches and crowded up broken trees to arrive at a waterfall. I took a breather from the trek to watch a family of white-faced monkeys playing in the trees overhead. Less than two minutes later, a toucan straight off of a coconut box landed in a nearby tree. I was so busy looking at all its different colors that I almost stepped on an orange snake in the trail. Fortunately, it was preoccupied with chasing a foot-long grasshopper.

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Spring Bike Repairs

Sarah Horn
Staff

Bringing your bike out of storage after a long winter can be a scary experience. All the things that were falling off or plastered onto the frame are now covered with a layer of cobwebs and dust. How do you go about fixing all of those things that were going wrong last fall before you put the bike on its hooks? Well, this article will help you some hints to get your bike back on the road with as little time and money as possible.

This article will not cover bearings, suspension, or wheel trueing, because there are books which cover each of these in depth, however, the minor procedures which a byperson can accomplish are here. First of all, take a look at your bike. Observe it closely for anything that appears a little worn or tattered. If you make a quick assessment of the things you need to fix then you can save even more time by not bothering with areas of your bike that don’t need any attention.

Here are the steps, so roll up your sleeves and grab your tools. We’ll start with cables. Inspect all your cables for rusting or fraying. Make sure that all housing is free of cracks, too. Replace any damaged cables after loosening the cable anchor bolts at the brake caliper or derailleur.

When replacing cable make sure to use a cable cutter to trim the cables. The cables also need to be the same length as the originals. After you cut the cables inspect the ends of the housing sections for snags and trim them with diagonal cutters.

When replacing housing be sure to also replace ferrules (metal end pieces). When installation is finished, put on cable caps to prevent fraying.

To lube cables open quick brake release to create a cable slack and lift the housing out of the frame stays. Slide housing to expose cables and lubricate them with oil. After you have finished reinstall the housing, making sure to have enough slack.

The chain is the next section we’ll focus on. If your chain measures 1/2 inches between links then don’t worry about it. If your chain is 1/2 inches or more replace it with a new one. Although there are ways to fix individual links it is time consuming and takes some practice and special tools. The easiest option is to change the whole chain.

However, replacing the chain does sometimes lead to new drivetrain parts, such as the rear cog and front chain rings. Cleaning the chain is all that usually needs to be done. Apply oil while back pedaling and wipe off excess with a rag.

Good breaks are a nice thing to have on any bike — especially when you are headed straight for a huge for tree — so that is what we will look at next.

Brake pads have groves in them. If your don’t have groves, get new ones. Adjust the pads so the front edge hits the rim first to prevent squeal. (Be careful not to allow the pads to go through the gap in the wheel.)

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SOLITUDE  FROM PAGE 10

Austria and therefore indicative of the European technology, is then inserted into a slot at the head of the lift-line and allows passage through a small tunnel. I am not sure I like it much because I got stuck behind a young person who got through the gate but did not get one of her lifts through, therefore she was stuck and held up the line for a good couple of minutes. Granted it is an efficient way to keep the employees from locking the other way if someone is without a ticket and/or digging your ticket out of the many layers you are wearing, it is also a bit difficult to get used to and tedious for every lift ride.

Finally, I found joy. Yes, that may be a strange concept to some. Are any of us really happy in this rat-race we call life? Does the bigger car, TV, house, clothes, walk-in closet, etc., honestly make us happy? Some would respond with a "hallelujah! Me, I'd rather be challenging myself outside.

I've said it before (and so has Ferris Bueller) "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." For me, the wonders of nature help ground my soul. With information zipping me by at a whirlwind pace, it is nice to reduce the day's tasks to "how many runs can I get in?" or "should I break for lunch or just eat on the lift."

Overall I was pleasantly surprised by Solitude. I had set my sights on the bigger resorts, but we never had to wait in line for more than five minutes, and the terrain had great coverage. The people were nice and the employees cheerful. We could feel the local attitude — much like my favorite resort in Colorado, Arapahoe Basin — the prices were reasonable ($34 for a day ticket and $1.50 for a supreme hot chocolate) and you could ski to your car at the end of the day instead of taking a shuttle to BPE.

If you have the chance to get on down to Utah to make some turns, don't overlook Solitude, especially on a busy Saturday.

COSTA RICA  FROM PAGE 10

and grass huts border the water. I almost felt like I was in flight when I was able to ride the waves on a surfboard. Surfing has given me one of the most natural highs in my life. But underneath the waves is the real action is. The Caribbean coast contains some of the world's most beautiful and primitive coral reefs. Observing blue, red, yellow and orange fish dart in and out of the reefs under water was like watching a 3-D version of the Discovery channel.

Whether it is the Caribbean, the Pacific, a rainforest or a volcano, there is always plenty to see. And if you can successfully dodge all the potholes in the road, you can get anywhere in the country in less than five hours. Buses will take you virtually anywhere, although you may have to help push when it gets stuck in the mud. Fortunately, the prices are very cheap. You can go just about anywhere for less than $5 and traveling is always enjoyable, as the people here are friendly and helpful. Most of the people I have met have been very eager to share their country and they are very proud of it. Drivers have made every effort to show us the best riding. Several people I have met on the bus have offered to help with my Spanish, or have invited me to the beach. Time does not seem to be a big issue here. Such expressions such as "tranquila" and "ciao" are often used.

Now that I have been here for almost three months, I can honestly say that this was one of the best decisions that I have made in my life. Not only am I learning about a whole new culture, but I am also realizing things about my own that I had not previously considered.

As I swing in my hammock and feel the warm Caribbean breeze brush across my face while sipping a pins colada, I must admit that I may never be ready to return to the University of Idaho!

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**A market in San Jose**
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sidewall of your tire if adjusted wrong, thus rendering them ineffective and your tire ruined).

Hook up new brake cables by holding the pads against the rim, hoisting the anchor bolt, pulling the slack out of the cable, and tightening the bolt.

A simple way to adjust brakes is to turn the lever or caliper cable adjustment barrel left or right until you get the lever tension just right. I last, spray lube on the brake pivot points but never the brake pads.

Last on the list are grips and tape. If your grips are worn out with a utility knife. Pour a little alcohol in the new grips and slide them on. Wait for them to dry before riding.

Remove any worn tape and replace with new tape. Place a small amount of tape on the hand between each brake. Start wrapping the tape at the end of the bar and work up. Make sure there are no wrinkles by stretching the tape. Cover the ends with the black electrical tape.

Hopefully these tips were enough to get you on your way, but if your bike needs a little more attention than was offered here check out the January 1997 issue of Women’s Cycling, magazine for suspension and wheel tuning tips. For step by step bearing tips look at the February issue of Bicycling. If those tips don’t help, break down and take your bike to a shop and have it fixed professionally. You could even consider buying the bullet and buying a new bike; however, depending on your passion — road, mountain or touring — new suspension bikes range from $1,000 to the Mercedes model for $17,500.

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