Vandals give Jazz Festival center stage

Students volunteer in exchange for tickets; alumni return for the music

Andrea Lucero
Assistant News Editor

Once again the rhythm of the vibes has the Vandals dancing to a different tune.

For one week, the "Eight Song" will be replaced by "Route 66" at University of Idaho students and alumni volunteer and travel long hours to be part of the 1997 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

"I have a lot of fun meeting all of the people involved with the Jazz Festival and the competitive aspect of it is great," said Jennifer Hudson, a UI music student who has volunteered for the Festival for the past 10 years.

Each year, UI students are given the chance to volunteer throughout the Festival. Students sign up at the Lionel Hampton School of Music about a week prior to the Festival. Students are then assigned positions working on one of the Festival sites or driving musicians to various destinations.

"I've been a site manager for the last few years and I thought it would be interesting to try driving this year," said Todd Goranson, a member of the UI jazz band and a Festival volunteer.

"I will pick musicians up at the Spokane airport and later will transport them to the different sites and workshops. It's a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with some talented people."

Students who volunteer for at least eight hours during one or more of the Festival days receive a free ticket for that night's concert. Also, student volunteers are sometimes the first opportunity to talk with performers backstage.

"Personally, I like volunteering because I get to talk to and play with some of the best jazz musicians in the world," said Goranson, who plays the tenor saxophone.

Hudson said, "The free tickets are nice, but working with the musicians is such a learning experience. They are all very friendly. They know we're students and are always willing to give us some of their time."

Students aren't the only Vandals who get involved in Festival activities. The Jazz Festival is an opportunity for an audience to experience a wide variety of jazz performances while they re-live old memories and create new ones.

"I graduated from the UI in 1969 and have been back for the entire week of the Jazz Festival every year since then," said Marla Mayor of Nampa. "UI should really be proud, they help put on a wonderful show."

Marilyn Toews, a 1945 graduate who travels from Florida for the concert each year said, "The Festival is definitely worth the $500 plane ticket. I always meet three of my old college roommates, enjoy all of the music I can and see how the school has changed."

Robert McCurdy, jazz band director said, "I think a lot of the alumni interest comes from the variety of performers, the feel of the old-time jam sessions, and that artists who don't usually play together do play together for the Festival."

Tonight's Pepsi International World Jazz Concert will feature Lionel Hampton, Herb Ellis, Claudio Roditi and Kitty Margolis among others. The concert beings at 7 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

Other concerts include: The Northwest Airlines Special guest concert Thursday at 7 p.m.; the Vocal Winners Concert at 4:45 p.m. and the All-Star Concert at 8 p.m. on Friday; and the Washington Water Power Instrumental Winners Concert at 4:45 p.m. and the GTE Giants of Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday.
GPA rule change to begin fall ‘98

Michelle Kalbelitzer
Staff

The Faculty Council last week faced setting an effective date for the recently amended grade-replacement regulation. The council voted that a student will be able to repeat a class to replace a grade of D or F once without penalty. Repeats after that will be calculated into the student's grade point average.

An additional change states, "the number of credits that may be repeated to replace a grade is limited to 20 credits during a student's undergraduate career at UI.

The motion put forth by council members Don Crowley and Tom Miller targeted fall '97 as the starting date for the "one free shot" at failing a class.

However, this motion was defeated by members who were concerned that permitting the changes this fall would cause confusion among uninformed faculty and students, especially since the '97-'98 University of Idaho Catalog was sent to the printer before the proper revisions could be made.

The option for setting the starting date for fall '97 still could have been a reality, because the catalog's information is subject to change and therefore is not binding.

Some of the council members believed the discrepancies between the catalog and the actual UI regulation would be misleading to students and faculty.

"The catalog is a moral contract," said council member Larry Casson. "It should evoke the trust from the students and the institution.

Another council member, Dennis Geist motioned for fall '98 to begin enforcing the amended replacing grade regulation. His motion was supported by the majority and consequently passed.

As a result, every student begins in the fall of '98 with a clean record. "Every course is as if it was the first time in fall '98," said Associate Provost Dennis Thomas.

For example, if a student had repeatedly failed a course before fall '98, they would still have one more chance to receive a D or F in a course without it counting into the GPA. Council member Jon Reich cleared up any confusion about the changes when he said, "Clean slate is '98."

Even though an effective date has been set, the amended regulations still need approval from UI President Bob Hoover and the Idaho Board of Education.

Weather
Today—Chance of snow showers and wind with gusts up to 40 mph. Highs 35 to 40.

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Staff

One of the greatest musicians this world has to offer is in Moscow this week.

The event is, of course, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and that great talent is, of course, 88-year-old Lionel Hampton.

Along with him are some of the greatest talents of the jazz community, as well as students from all over the country.

Despite the fire last month that engulfed his apartment and destroyed most of his possessions (manuscripts, recordings, photographs, his piano and vibes), this exuberant man said, "I'm the luckiest man I know. I love my life. Music, art, travel, friends, food and the wonderful fulfillment of helping young music students further their talents brings me great joy.

Tell me, what more could I ever ask?"

He is an acclaimed genius of jazz and the undisputed King of the Vibraphone.

Hampton was born in Birmingham, Ala., but moved with his family to Kenosha, Wis., where he spent most of his formative years.

His first musical experiences were guided by the very strict Dominican Sisters at the Holy Rosary Academy. His idol was the great vibraphonist Jimmy Bertrand, and so it was Hampton's first instrument.

Louis Armstrong also had a major influence on young Hampton. They met in 1930 when Armstrong hired Hampton to play in a back-up band during a Los Angeles nightclub gig. Armstrong was so impressed that he hired Hampton for his rhythm section for a recording session.

During the recording session, Armstrong suggested that Hampton try the vibraphone in the back of the studio. He did, and the rest is history. Their first hit was called "Memories of You," written by Eddie Blake and it is still considered a classic.

In 1936, Benny Goodman was so impressed that he hired Hampton on the spot at the Paradise Club in Los Angeles.

Goodman had a trio that quickly had become a quartet.

"Next thing you know," recalls Hampton, "I was on stage jamming with these great musicians. That's one session I'll never forget."

The Goodman quartet made immediate history, not only because of the incredible music, but because they were the first racially mixed group of jazz musicians ever. This group held great social significance as they ushered in the era of swing with such hits as "Moonlight," "Disz" and "Vibraphone Blues."

Hampton was at the top of the charts in 1942 with "Sunny Side of the Street," "Central Avenue Breakdown," "Flying Home" and "Ham's Boogie Woogie."

Quincy Jones, Dinah Washington, Joe Williams, Betty Carter and the now legendary Artha Franklin are only a few of the musicians who have been fitted from Hampton.

In 1943, he included the immortal Nat "King" Cole on the jazz piano. In the same year made a recording with another American legend, Bing Crosby. Hampton has received numerous awards over the years.

Among them are the title "Official American Jazz Ambassador," given to him by President Eisenhower and Nixon, the Papal Medal from Pope Paul II, 17 honorary doctorates, and the Gold Medal of Paris, France's highest cultural award.

In 1992 he received the highly coveted Kennedy Center Honors Award. This January he was honored with the National Medal of the Arts presented by President Clinton at the White House.

The School of Music here at the University of Nevada was named after Hampton in 1987. The Festival is celebrating its 13th year as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, but has been here for 30 years.

About 13,000 students gather to compete and learn from some of the greatest jazz musicians the world has to offer.

Carol Padgham Albrecht, assistant professor in the music school, said the Festival is valuable in educating musicians.

"While allowing young people to develop as artists, the Festival also provides a place where this art can be passed on. While a lot of jazz is written down, much of the art is passed on orally. A lot of what jazz is, is not on paper. It is a passed-on art form," she said.

"The clinics that are given to the students are artistically stimulating clinics. They allow the students to be around these musicians, to listen to them, to play with them, to learn the art improvisation," Albrecht said. She added that the Festival "helps to dispel the myth that Idaho is backwards artistically."

Every year, young musicians compete for various prizes including scholarships, instruments and the opportunity to appear with Hampton and his band on stage.

Carolee Webb, the program adviser for the Festival, is also excited this year.

"Lionel is in town. He drove from Spokane after his flight and discussed the Festival with Festival Director Dr. Skinner for three hours ... that gives you an idea of the kind of stamina this man has," Webb said.

"He is a very religious man. He thanks the Lord for all he has and considers himself lucky to be well after the fire that destroyed his belongings. For a man who is in his 80s, he definitely is doing very well and is an inspiration to all of us. We are all very proud to have him here," she said.
UI date rape survey to target education

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

The campus acquaintance rape survey sponsored by the Women's Center and the Health and Safety Department will be conducted next month, said Alison Noise, who is working on the project as a directed study.

To complete the study, Noise said organizers needed about $2,800.

The ASUU Senate approved appropriating $1,000 for the project last week. Dean of Students Bruce Fitman agreed to match that amount. Survey planners also have $200 available from an Idaho Health and Welfare grant, leaving Noise $600 short. Noise said she's not worried about finding the remaining funds.

The survey will be distributed to a random sample of classes, pending teacher approval. Organizers will survey a sample of 1,000 students, which Noise predicts will leave them with at least 700 usable surveys. The survey they will use is has already been written. Washington State University conducted a date rape survey on their campus a couple of years ago and they are letting Noise use the same survey here.

There are two versions of the survey, one for men and one for women.

Speculation about the purpose of the survey has caused people to question if it is needed or if it will give the campus a bad image by pointing out date rape cases.

"To be concerned about the campus' image when you're talking about something as serious as rape... it's just writing off the problem," said senior Sara Focht, who said the survey is a good idea.

Kelley Stewart, senior, said, "I'd like to know how the survey turns out, but I think there are ways they could spend the money on more preventive measures. Education is important, but I don't know if you need a survey to do that."

Noise said the survey will help them find out who they need to target with education on date rape. WSU found a large number of ethic students on their campus do not report date rape cases.

"With date rape, a lot of it's mis-conception," Noise said. "We can clear up the gray area by teaching men how not to be accused and teaching women how to speak up."

Mike Wood, senior, said, "It could be a good study, but I think it should be done by someone other than the Women's Center because they have a predetermined bias."

Noise is working on the survey as a directed study through the Health and Safety Center, so they have additional backing from sources other than the Women's Center.

"I don't want people to get the wrong idea about what we're doing," she said. "There are no hidden agendas here. We are not trying to point out what's wrong with men in our society."

The university offers an acquaintance rape class, which includes having the students present information to living groups about acquaintance rape. Noise said the survey will give them a stronger base to start from for expanding the education already available on campus.

"This is the foundation right here," she said. "We can use this to help the university's benefit for years to come."

UI considers cutting 57 more jobs

Associated Press

MOSCOW — After eliminating 57 positions last year, the University of Idaho is holding 57 more vacant for mass engineering room as Gov. Phil Bredesen's 2.5 percent holdback becomes permanent.

"We are not saying we would automatically eliminate all of those, but at least it gives us some options to consider," said Jerry Wallace, vice president for finance and administration.

Legislative and administration budget analysts have previously said the university was absorbing much of the holdback's impact through an accounting maneuver that move a substantial amount of money into this budget year from the 1997-1998 year.

That one-time maneuver cannot be used again to cope with any future financial problems. The state used a similar tactic several years ago to get through a relatively minor budget crisis.

A summary of UI's vacant positions was requested by Sen. Dean Cameron, vice chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The Rupert Republican asked what the university was doing with state money not being used for salaries.

In a response to the Idaho Board of Education, UI President Robert Hoover said uncertainty over the holdback and internal restructuring made it necessary to hold the additional positions open.

Of those 57 at issue, 16 do not involve general tax money or student fees, which the Legislature appropriates and which are at the center of the state's money concerns. The other 41 — 33 in teaching areas — are funded from the state's general fund. The school is essentially looking to fill just 13 of them.

According to Hoover's memo, typically 70 to 80 percent of the salary money saved because of vacancies is given back to the academic department to fill vacancies with short-term replacements. Up to 15 percent is set aside to advertise vacancies, conduct searches and pay moving costs.

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Do the seasons have you SAD?

Health Center offers photo-therapy

Erin Schultz

Like food and air, light is an important ingredient to our survival. But for some people, the light generated in winter months isn’t enough to keep them going.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, commonly referred to as SAD, occurs during winter or fall months in people whose health is affected by shorter days and lack of sunlight. The problem tends to be associated with the Northwest, especially Alaska, where seasons can be more drastic.

People with this disorder suffer from more than just cabin fever or the winter blues. Certain chemicals in the brain called melatonin and serotonin are actually involved, meaning that specific treatment becomes necessary.

Why do some people suffer from this while others don’t?

“It is related to the brain — all humans are built differently,” said Dr. Donald Chin, director of Student Health Services.

Dr. Charles Morrison, licensed psychologist for the Counseling Center, said he sees at least 20 to 30 students a year who are significantly affected by the winter months.

“There are several things I hear from them which makes me think of [SAD],” Morrison said. “There’s the seasonality of it. It seems to be synchronized with seasons — other types of depression come and go. There is a real decrease in energy. People get lethargic and want to sleep more. A lot of people’s eating, habits change. They tend to crave more carbohydrates.”

To help those who battle SAD each winter, several manufacturers sell specialized lights. The lights are different than an everyday household light because they simulate the sun’s ultraviolet rays.

“When students fit the criteria for having SAD, the first thing I suggest is that they try the lights, called photo-therapy. For some people, all they need is light,” Morrison said.

These specialized lights are set up in Student Health Services, and students come in every morning to use them for 20 minute sessions. Since the light must hit the retina of the eye, patients sit in front of the lamp and are able to read or study to pass the time.

If the photo therapy works, people will notice a difference within three to five days. Energy levels increase, there is less need to sleep all the time, and carbohydrate cravings go down. If the problem is less clear cut, or more severe, patients may need medication in conjunction with the lights.

Since SAD is related to the seasons and brain responses, people with general fatigue or stress probably won’t be helped by the lights, Morrison said. But there is some study into using the lights for jet lag, because they can help get people’s circadian rhythms functioning normally again.

Morrison recommends a book called Winter Blues, by Norman Rosenthal, M.D., for those interested in further reading on SAD.

Margaret Foxberg, R.N., beats the blues with ultraviolet photo therapy lights.
Bonners Ferry looks at school uniforms

BOONERS FERRY - Boundary County Junior High School teachers Earl Nye and Jan Studer hope theirs will become the first public school in Idaho to require school uniforms.

They see uniform dress as a way to foster school pride despite a dramatically inadequate campus at the school. They want to reduce peer pressure and let children know school is a place to get down to business - not make a fashion statement.

"A lot of people from the president on down think it's a good idea," Nye said.

Those people do not include some local students.

"It would take away my personal rights. Our clothes are how we express ourselves," seventh-grader Jason Wasinger said.

"It will take our personality away," classmate Sarah Noetioso said.

School officials are surveying residents to get their opinions. If most people like the idea, Principal Terry Sherven will recommend uniforms to the school board this spring.

Sherven got a telephone call from a mother whose son would never admit to his friends that he liked the idea of uniforms. But the boy wanted the principal to know he would be relieved not to have to feel pressure over the way he dresses.

Based on clothing company estimates, the principal said two winter and two summer uniforms would cost about $100. A logo jacket would be $25 to $45, depending on the weight.

Sherven said supportive parents are talking about a uniform exchange, and help for people who could not afford the initial investment.

Justice opposes opening juvenile felony records

BOISE - New Idaho Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout said the opponents opening juvenile records for felony arrests, contending it would not deter crime.

In fact, Trout said politicizing felony arrests for juveniles 14-year-olds and older would make them targets for ridicule.

"I haven't seen any statistics that show opening records for juvenile cases reduces the amount of crime," she said Friday.

While she acknowledged juvenile crime has increased sharply, Trout said the open records would mark the youths as criminals and hinder their chances of rehabilitation.

"There's just no anonymity in a small town because of the small numbers," she said. "I think it would have a much more devastating impact on a juvenile in that situation than it would in Boise or Ada County."

Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower supports legislation to open records now being considered in the Idaho Senate. The bill would not open arrest records for all youths 14 and older on charges that would be felonies for adults.

Bower said youths committing serious crimes should be held accountable and the public should be allowed to see how the system deals with youth offenders.

"If it's a small town, they know about it anyway," Bower said.

Budget writers tackle education funding

BOISE - The moment of truth has come for the 1997 Idaho Legislature.

The Legislature's budget committee is putting up public school funding, always the biggest and toughest spending plan to get approved.

It won't be easy this year because Gov. Phil Batt prescribed what he called a "bare bones" budget and lawmakers have shown little inclination to add to it. In fact, they might approve even less money than Batt proposed.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee was scheduled to get into the public school budget this week and follow with debate on the budget for higher education. Between them, the two budgets get more than 60 percent of the $1.4 billion general fund state budget.

Batt's school aid proposal was just $15.5 million more than this year's original general tax support package, and $19 million less than the Board of Education requested.

At the end of last week, the GOP majority was talking about whether there would be enough money even to fund that request. Already, the Republicans have voted to cut out about $8 million earmarked for a 2 percent state employee raise.

Kootenai County confirms 12 pertussis cases

COEUR D'ALENE - The Panhandle Health District has reported 12 confirmed cases of pertussis in Kootenai County in the last few months.

Seven of the cases were confirmed in the last two weeks. The Panhandle Health District is searching for a connection between those diagnosed with the illness.

Marie Rus, public health nursing supervisor, said pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, is highly contagious and can be fatal for non-immunized children.

In 1996, there were less than 10 cases reported in the Panhandle Health District. In 1994, this number jumped to more than 120. It dropped to about 70 in 1995, and then increased to about 100 in 1996.

Rus said possible reasons for the increased numbers could be inadequate immunization rates. The immunization is not effective in people over 7 years old, and has a 10 to 20 percent chance of being ineffective on those who receive it.

Wendy's has an explosive opening

Tragedy struck sophomore Jennifer Olson Thursday evening in the Wendy's Restaurant parking lot when fire gutted her car.
MOSCOW, Russia — Russia has not executed any death row prisoners during the past six months, keeping its promise of a moratorium on capital punishment, the head of the president's clemency commission said Monday.

Russia executed 62 people last year — after it signed a pledge in January 1996 with Europe's leading human rights organization, the Council of Europe.

However, Anatoly Pristavkin was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that Russia stopped putting people to death in August. Pristavkin said about 200 death sentences have been commuted to life in prison in the past two years. But the conditions are so bad, he said, that some inmates have "asked to be executed instead of serving their sentence."

Pristavkin called for legislation to codify an end to the death penalty in Russia.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Add this to America's arsenal.

An Iraqi government newspaper has declared the Internet "the ends of civilization, cultures, interests and ethos."

The deputy network "is one of the American means to enter every house in the world," Al-Jumhuriya said in an editorial Monday. "They want to become the only source for controlling human beings in the new electronic village."

Iraqi newspapers often blame Washington for the country's suffering under a U.N. embargo, which was imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait, prompting the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

There is no access to the Internet in Iraq.

Spanish policeman killed by bomb

MADRID, Spain — A Spanish policeman was killed by a bomb that exploded under his car in the Basque city of Bilbao Monday, with suspicion falling immediately on Basque separatists.

The bomb went off moments after national police officer Modesto Rico drove out of a garage on his way to work, police said.

Police said the attack bore a resemblance to others by ETA, a Basque separatist group believed responsible for five other killings this year and nearly 800 deaths since it took up arms to win Basque independence in 1968.

Bilbao, the Basque region's largest city, has been the site of frequent confrontations between police and ETA supporters.

Iraq declares Internet evil

JERUSALEM — An Israeli woman took motherly devotion to extremes when she sneaked into her daughter's army base to keep a watchful eye on her during basic training.

The woman, who was not identified, went unnoticed for four days. She finally was discovered crouching behind a tree at the training base in central Israel, photographing her daughter, the Maariv daily reported Monday.

The army responded by canceling, for new, parental visits to army bases during basic training. Israelis are drafted at age 18. Women serve for 21 months, and men three years.

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Opinion Special: Sen. Kempthorne

US Senator, Ul alum speaks on endangered species, Idaho politics, education

Tim Lohmann
Act. Opinion Editor

Looking genuinely pleased to be back at his old alma mater, Ul alum, former ASUI president and Republican of Sen. Dirk Kempthorne visited the Argonaut offices Feb. 15.

In a wide-ranging conversation, Sen. Kempthorne stressed his belief in states' rights—a decentralized, more local decision-making process and a desire to reform the Endangered Species Act. Other topics included transportation and infrastructure reconstruction, education policy, Idaho politics and even—yes for president in the year 2000. (No, Sen. Kempthorne didn't announce or even express interest, much to the interviewer's chagrin.)

Arg: To get started, are there some particular areas you'd like to touch on or think our readers need to be aware of?
DK: I'm introducing legislation that would deal with the Endangered Species Act. It's a very, very common law that has primarily put the emphasis on recovery.

Currently, of the endangered species that have been listed across the country, half of those do not have a recovery plan that has ever been written. That is wrong. Recovery is forever, so the Solicitor General will put the emphasis on a recovery plan, so that if a species is listed on it then immediately triggers that a recovery plan must be written and with measurable milestones so that you know if you're achieving it.

It is a pro species, but it's also pro jobs. It will have incentive for landowners that may have an endangered species on their land—will find that it is advantageous to become part of the process. If, for example, they offer a conservation easement they may receive a deferral on their inheritance tax so they can pass the property on to their children without the taxes that are so onerous.

Another key provision is states' rights, so that the people who live around the area that may have the habitat will have key consideration as to what the solution will be.

Arg: I've editorialized that one of the prime endangered species in Idaho is the Democrat. Any comments?
DK: (Chin, but doesn't take the bait.)
Arg: Toochy subject?
DK: Toughy year.
Arg: Any other personal goals and focuses for this session that need to be covered?
DK: You know, that's a pretty big list. I'm on the House Appropriations Committee, the leader of Representatives, the largest committee ever was 66 members. The committee dealing with this single issue—transportation— bookmarked the House, so I'm on the House Appropriations Committee. I'm a big supporter of a two-term limit for the Senate, so I'm in the subcommittee.

Arg: You are the last state Warner (R-Va.), the chairman, created a great stir when he announced that he was going to have one hearing outside of Washington, D.C. Because of the work, he was doing there with the Western States and it will be in Idaho. He asked me where I'd like to have it. I said I'd like to have it in North Idaho, so we'll have it in Coeur d'Alene. Of course, there were about nine senators who quickly wanted to have one in Minnesota, and New York, and Alabama, etc.

Arg: Of course. One thing I was curious about is that with all that has been made of Speaker Gingrich's troubles, do you feel that as a Republican senator there's more pressure on you to provide leadership for the GOP agenda? Because of these problems on the House side?
DK: Well, I tell you, I think it goes with the job, regardless. If people have put their trust in you, then you need to perform. That is true as a U.S. senator and now as a former ASUI president.

Arg: With the economic changes your country is undergoing, we're seeing renewed emphasis on education and transportation, what do you see as the proper role of government in facilitating access to education and re-training?
DK: I'm a real advocate of states' rights, and I believe that so many of the decisions should be made within the state—rather than by bureaucrats who are 2,000 miles from here.

We just had a meeting, though, between the president and vice-president and the leadership of both House and Senate on Capitol Hill, and one of the things that they agreed on is there will be strong emphasis on education—bipartisan agreement.

I've always been a strong advocate for education, and last year the GOP in fact increased education in a number of areas— Pell grants, student loans, etc. etc.

Arg: It's a matter of getting credit in the press. What do you think?
DK: Exactly.
Arg: In the area of political involvement and getting one's views across, when you look at communication of a group of constituents or an individual constituent, what do you see as the most genuine?
DK: What I see as most important in this area is No, 1, staying in touch. That's why for the next eight or nine days I'll be visiting constituents. I just came back from St. Mary's—we visited the dikes because of the flooding situation there. We're now in Moscow, of course, and we'll head to South Idaho tomorrow. It's so they know that they have somebody who cares. If you are in fact with the federal government they know that there is an office that is going to be their champion in dealing with the bureaucracy and that we'll do all we possibly can. We do case work for citizens, and I think that's how you know your career.

Arg: I'm a philosopher and I'm always curious—real philosophers don't want to be too overconfident, but do you see the trend continuing of Idaho becoming more and more of a one-party, GOP stronghold?
DK: I know you'll be teasing the political waters before too long again. How do you see this?
DK: Well, I tell you, I think it just demonstrates that the Republicans are carrying forward the message of a majority of the people. That is that we understand there's a role for government, but government shouldn't do everything for everybody. We also believe in individual responsibility and initiative, and we'd like to keep more dollars in our own pockets instead of sending it to the federal government. But the moment we take it for granted, the moment the majority ...

Council acted for the good of the system

The University of Idaho Interfraternity Council deserves a collective pat on the back—and a warning.

Having voted unanimously on Feb. 11 to accept an alcohol policy more restrictive than mandated by the state, the IF system now has the onerous and unevenable chore of making sure the new rules are followed.

This is not meant to disparage Greeks or the Greek system as a whole, as it is a basic element of human society—but not exclusively Greek—nature to break rules which seem overly restrictive or to rationalize that one is an exception to such rules.

Those critical of the council's decision would do well to realize that this alcohol policy—which restricts consumption of alcoholic beverages to those of and over the legal age and then only in private rooms—demonstrates the Greek System's affirmation that Greeks are not above the law.

UI and the Panhellenic system have walked a fine line concerning alcohol policies since 1993 when an intoxicated underage sorority pledge became paralyzed after a fall from a third-story balcony at a UI sorority. While the university itself escaped litigation, the Greek System came under intense fire from local and national authorities, all calling for a reduction of complaints and compliance with state law.

The council's new policy adequately addresses the problem of underage drinking while preserving civil liberties of those of age.

Now the rules must be followed lest other instances of underage drinking once again bring the university under the boom of potentially expensive and damaging legal actions.

While it is state law that no one under 21 years of age may consume alcohol, the university and all organizations with ties thereto must adopt a no tolerance policy toward underage drinking and abandon the wish-winkers and blenders of the past. Those hired by the university for purposes of law enforcement are doubly charged to make sure they do not make light of the law when speaking to student groups.

Underage students should realize that while the drinking of alcohol is a stereotypical rite of passage of any college-bound individual, those who drink in Idaho while underage are breaking the law and will be punished when caught.

Those who provide alcohol to those not of age are also breaking the law, and will be punished when caught.

Where negligence or blatant disrespect for the law can be proved, the result can be and often is heavy financial penalty and the withdrawal of privileges. Fraternity and sorority members—and indeed any UI student—who respects his or her house or the university they attend should be well aware that their actions can reflect upon the reputation of the institutions they hold dear, for both good and bad. The UI Interfraternity Council has acted for the good of the fraternity system.

—Brian Davidson

Idaho Sen. Dirk Kempthorne.

Bruce Twitchell

know you'll be teasing the political waters before too long again. How do you see this?
DK: Well, I tell you, I think it just demonstrates that the Republicans are carrying forward the message of a majority of the people. That is that we understand there's a role for government, but government shouldn't do everything for everybody. We also believe in individual responsibility and initiative, and we'd like to keep more dollars in our own pockets instead of sending it to the federal government. But the moment we take it for granted, the moment the majority ...
You walk? Get outta town!

I can’t be the fault of the Cold War that Americans have forgotten they have legs.

No, it’s too clear a picture. Sen. Joe McCarthy certainly would have jumped on the dreaded Leg Une Gape. “Commies have legs just like everybody else,” he’d say, “and they’re sure as hell not afraid to use them against us.”

So why are we afraid? I say, we got ‘em, we use ‘em first.

For walking.

Remember walking? It’s what we did when we were little babies to get our parents all excited. We’d stand up on our little pigeon-toed feet and waddle off in a random direction until we tripped over a footstool or the carpet just to hear our parents squeal, “Oh look! Little Jeffrey’s taking his first steps!” Right into the cat litter box, of course.

Me, I walk a lot. Oh, I have a car: a nice Oldmobile with a swell tape deck and these nifty little drawers you can stick spare tapes in so they don’t get mucked up. That car’s gotten me back and forth from Idaho Flats via Montana several times. It’s been to Pullman, Walla Walla, and Portland. And Troy, though I forget exactly why I went there.

And when I’m at school it sits parked on the side of the road like a good little car. I use it once a week, and that’s mainly to make sure the thing still works and that nobody’s stuck Ores to the windshield.

The rest of the time, I walk.

We Americans, when we’re not hating them, marvel at the French. How it is, we wonder, in a nation that consumes more wine, smokes more cigarettes and eats more fatty foods than modern Americans teenagers consume baggy trousers and that plastic food they serve at Taco Bell can the French maintain better overall health? We saved their butts in World War II and we’re the ones dying of cholesterol buildup and heart attacks. That’s gratitude for you.

Secret is, the French walk a lot. They see nothing wrong with walking kilometers out of their way for a loaf of bread because, well, they really need that bread. (Anyone who has visited France will understand.) A lot of them walk to school, to work, to the store, to and from gall bladder surgery and spend three or more consecutive days walking through the Louvre in Paris to look at really old furniture and pictures of naked ladies eating fruit.

Now I suppose if there were more naked ladies eating fruit on permanent display in America, we’d do more walking than we do, but that’s doubtful. We’re talking about a society here who practically have to drive to the bathroom. Ask an American to walk a mile and you’d better be Monty Hall ready to give them a dinner set and a check for $487.23 when they’re done.

Some of us, though, we’re obsessed with exercise. We pump iron. We run around wearing cute little jogging outfits. We play racquetball or ride bicycles or join the ROTC and get paid a monthly stipend to run until we vomit while supervised by an Army officer with his decorations pinned directly to his bare chest.

But you know what? We drive our cars to get to the place where our exercise takes place. We can bench press a thousand pounds but walking the three blocks to the weight room would absolutely kill us.

The idea of pleasure through exercise via the purchase or rental and use of expensive clothing and equipment — including the ugly little vehicles to which we give eardropping names, like “Betsy” — is right out of Aldous Huxley’s Brave New World, where the purpose of recreation was to keep industry occupied making recreational gadgets, nothing more.

Americans consistently use their butts more than their brains. What good does exercise do us if we have to drive the three blocks to the store, the seven blocks to school or the mile jaunt to Wal-Mart? Parish walkers are futile entities,

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party say, “Well, we are the majority and therefore we will now be in power, and we don’t have to be as sensitive,” that is the day the majority will start heading towards being a minority.

Arg: Well, I didn’t want to keep you too long, but I did want to give you this opportunity: If you are going to be a candidate for president in 2000 to go ahead and let Argonaut readers be the first to know.

DK: Well, I guess we’ll hold off. (Laughter) The thinking of presidents, and this is a nice segue, Dr. (Robert) Hoover was in Washington last week, and most of the UI design as well, in fact. It was a very good meeting. We had the staff involved, and we discussed research areas and we’re going to continue our efforts to find funds that will help with research and some upcoming special projects. The other thing is that UI looks good. I’ve always been proud to be a student of the University of Idaho. It has served me well in all the different tasks and responsibilities I’ve had.

WALK

especially in the American West. They consciously choose the back roads, those winding, lush and lacquer-covered fences as they walk, not out of fear of crime or stampeding antelopes, but because it’s very hard to create a peaceful, contemplative walk. Most drivers take five minutes to park and find threads of their day while other drivers click in headlighting and window washing for their day. Need a ride somewhere? They’ll go that your car broken down back there? “Even heart of Henry Ford!”

“If you only fall off the ramp track or something” Of course, there are these few clowns who will try saying something fun. I heard many of these people are simply trying to be helpful and appreciate that. I think many of these people are simply trying to be helpful and appreciate that. I think it’s very hard to create a peaceful, contemplative walk. Most drivers take five minutes to park and find threads of their day while other drivers click in headlighting and window washing for their day. Need a ride somewhere? They’ll go that your car broken down back there? “Even heart of Henry Ford!”

“You think fall off the ramp track or something”

Letters to the Editor

Off-campus meeting attendance off the mark

I just wanted to get a letter into the Argonaut about off-campus meetings. Last fall I and 12 of my fellow off-campus students really enjoyed this event. Since then, I and others have attended our second meeting for off-campus students on Feb. 1. I am sad to say that I and others only had two university students that attended our meeting. Maybe people did not know about the meeting or maybe people just did not want to attend. Either way, Brian and I have come to the conclusion that our off-campus meetings have been unsuccessful. I believe that it is very important for off-campus students to be informed about our student government. So, the only thing that we can do in order to start an off-campus e-mail list, this way we can keep in touch with other students and they can reach us at any time, and at their convenience.

We hope that this is our solution, and it becomes a success. We will be placing email lists all over campus and there will also be an e-mail list outside of the ASU Senate office located in the Student Union Building. If you receive an email, please take the time to put your e-mail address on one of the list, as we hope these messages can better represent you.

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POT SHOTS

By Brian Davidson

This’ll bring a little hellfire and damnation

We’ve had some complaints recently over the Argonaut’s paid advertising section called “Spread Your Faith,” which appears in every Friday issue...

Dr. Hall of Mason writes: “I find it offensive for you to encourage your readers week after week to ‘spread their faith.’ Sure, tell the readers about the available religious services if you want to, but stop here.”

That’s what we’re doing. No doubt the Argonaut print anything like “here’s the church, here’s the temple, go ye therefore ye faithful people.” We are simply telling our readers about the available religious services, nothing more.

In that particular part of this publication links you, here’s a logical line which should ring a bell with you folks: If you don’t like it, don’t look at it.

Hickory dickory gloch

Any computer geeks out there besides me notice that since campus has gone to Hickory that glitches seem to be the order of the day? I can’t even play a relaxing round of Free Cell without something going wrong.

I understand with the change one must expect the occasional glitch, but I hope computer personnel are on their way to making them few and far between.

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**New Mexico State pounds Idaho men**

Aggie Denmark Reid hits five 3-pointers in a New Mexico State romp over the Vandals in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday

Damon Barkdull

Sports Editor

Where do flying saucers come from? Possibly the other side of the universe.

At the University of Idaho, flying saucers apparently come from either side of the Kibbie Dome.

In pre-game warmups on Saturday afternoon New Mexico State guard Denmark Reid was hit by a disco from a truck parked on a hill above the court and Reid fell to the ground and was nursed by Aggie trainer Mike O’Donnell and trainers from the track meet.

Although the errant toss was unintentional, Reid’s reaction was not — the judge.

Reid had his best shooting performance of the season going 5-of-7 from the 3-point arc and shooting in 19 points in a 95-55 trouncing of the Idaho Vandals in front of a 3,832 in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday night.

“It was pretty painful,” Reid said.” I didn’t see his thing coming. I turned around and hit him in the chest.”

The rubber missile left Reid with a bruised sternum.

“I think it made him mad,” said NMSU coach Neil McCarthy. “That’s pretty dangerous.”

Indeed, although NMSU’s Saturday night shooting clinic could arguably be as dangerous as a flying disk. The Aggies shot a whopping 48 percent from the field in the first half compared to Idaho’s 23 percent.

Thus, at halftime Idaho had no real solution to the Aggie formula.

NMSU grabbed a commanding 39-18 lead in first half and never looked back in the Big West Conference Tournament.

For Idaho, Saturday night’s mat- ri- mony may have seemed like a terrible re- run.

The Vandals were beaten haplessly (71-47) by the Aggies in a earlier season clash in Las Cruces, N.M. Similarly, Idaho had just come off a loss and were hungry for a victory. On Saturday night the Aggies fell 83- 71 against Boise State.

“You got to give those guys (NMSU) credit, they really responded,” said UI coach Kermit Davis. “They played harder than we did for 40 minutes. We really had no chance.”

The loss virtually eliminates Idaho (12-14, 4-8) from the Big West Conference Tournament.

The top four teams from the Eastern and Western Division are selected to compete in the March get together.

“This was the most talented Idaho team I’ve seen in my tenure at U of M,” coach Kermit Davis said.

Idaho then shrank NMSU’s lead to 16 with 7:34 in the half after a pair of Jason Jackman free throws.

However, the Aggies again spread their margin and grabbed a 39-13 lead just before going into halftime.

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**Vandals whip Pack 92-57**

Freshman Ali Nieman scores a career high 36 points

Kendra Meyer

Assistant Sports Editor

Memorial Gym was the site of some serious paybacks Sunday afternoon. The University of Idaho women’s team avenged a loss to Nevada earlier in the season by sending tuck opponents whimpering home by a score of 92-57.

In their last meeting the Wolf Pack held leading scorer Alli Nieman to merely 10 points in a 75-64 victory leaving the Vandals to nurse some serious wounds.

But it was the Vandals who had the last word as Nieman assisted the court — ball between legs.

The Nieman factor was in full effect this time. Freshman forward Nieman toppled her career high 28 points by scoring 36 as also hit 14-of-20, including 2 of 3 three-point attempts.

Nieman also led on the boards with seven.

“Last game they beat us by 11, so this time we were pumped up for the game. Everything just went our way, people were hitting their shots especially their threes. It’s a really big confidence booster because now we’re second behind Boise State,” Nieman said.

Although Nieman’s performance was altogether spectacular, Idaho’s success can only be attributed to a team effort. Every player played an integral role, especially the other four starters.

Senior Michelle Greenwood took it in the hoop for 17 points, sinking 3-of-4 three-pointers in addition to her work down low.

Kelli Johnson scored eight points and led the Vandals with six steals and five assists. Point guard Ari Skepik added 12 points and four assists and Kathryn Gunsett contributed 10 points and three assists.

“It was a great team win and I’m really proud of the players — they all followed the game plan,” Idaho coach Julie Holt said. “I think Alii did a great job and played really well but I also think that along with that she had other people who helped take a lot of the pressure off her. That makes a big difference when they can’t double team.”

Ut vigilantly tore into Nevada’s ball handling and through constant work and tenacity flustered their opponents into making a whopping 32 turnovers.

Another asset for the Vandals was the speed of their guards.

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UI track looking to Reno championships

Men, women's basketball on the road this week

Byron Jarnagin

On Friday and Saturday at the University of Idaho men's and women's track squads put together some outstanding performances.

Friday the Kibbie Dome played host to the Vandal Indoor Invitational and Saturday UI hosted the McDonald's II Open Meet.

"This last week at the Vandal Indoor as well as the McDonald's II Open Track Meet the next week they thought their performances were good overall," said UI track coach Mike Keller. "This prepares us for the championships that we will run into this coming Friday and Saturday down in Reno (Nev.). We will be competing against most of the PAC-10 schools and some schools from the Big West. Idaho had some good finishes at the Vandal Indoor on Friday as a few school records were broken and a couple of athletes provisionally qualified in their respective events."

A Kibbie Dome record was set in the 35-pound weight throw by local Moscow resident Scott McCarty. McCarty beat the previous record, set in 1995 by Craig Palm from Montana State, with a throw of 63-1 1/4.

Idaho's Frank Bruder broke an Idaho school record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:13.22, finishing second to Washington State's Bernard Laga's NCAA qualifying mark of 8:05.43.

Moving on to the women's 400-meter dash, Vandal deadline former successor Annie Korin set a UI record with a time of 56.62. The women's track day 1 relay team also set a school record Friday coming in with a mark of 43.74.

A couple of Idaho sprinters receiving NCAA provisional qualifying marks in the men's 400 were sprinters Tawanda Chiwira and Felix Kamangirira. These two athletes also helped the men's 4x400 relay team take first place with a time of 3:11.76. On Saturday the 4x400 men's team took first at the McDonald's II Open Meet with a mark of 3:13.35.

Running at a slower pace, Chiwira (47.22) and Kamangirira (48.50) took the top two positions on Saturday in the 400-meter dash. In other scores from Saturday's track meet, Vandal Nielsen Kruller (6.38) and Jason St. Hill (6.61) took the top two positions in the 100-meter.

Kruller took top honors in the long jump as well with a distance of 24-7/10. In the men's triple jump, Idaho's Chris Kowanski fell a couple feet short of an NCAA qualifying mark with a first place jump of 50-4 1/2 on Saturday. Vandal Geoff Judd leaped just over 6-10 to take first in the high jump.

For the Vandal women Jill Wimer out did herself in the shot put, grabbing first with a throw of 45-3/4.

Idaho women's 4x400 relay raced to first Friday, but fell a bit short on Saturday coming in second in the WSU women.

This weekend the Vandal Track team will pack their bags and head for the track and field championships in Reno, Nev.

"I think we have a chance to come into this particular meet in Reno and really put up some numbers. We have two or three NCAA qualifying marks," Keller said.

With such an oversized track in the Kibbie Dome, Keller said his runners can get some really skewed times.

"We will be running on a 200-meter track down there in Reno which will give us some real true time. We will shave this in different and that will make a difference," Keller said. "Hopefully we will qualify some people and finish in the top three of about 15 teams this weekend."

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Newman's move to Moscow rough

As an African American female athlete, Lauren Newman finds it tough adjusting to a town without diversity and so far away from home.

Kindra Moyer
Assoc. Sports Editor

Lauren Newman may be out of her element but she is definitely not out of her league.

One of the many new additions to the University of Idaho women's basketball team this year, Newman, a junior transfer from Oxnard, Calif., has received somewhat of a culture shock.

Culture shock...in Moscow? It may seem strange to some but adjusting to this "small town" has taken Newman a while.

Just how different is Moscow from Newman's home state? It's like night and day she says.

"Where I'm from is very diverse so when someone different comes in they're accepted, but out here people haven't experienced much diversity so there's a lot of mixing and other things that go on," Newman said. "It's just the little things like people talk I call "black," but that's how everybody talks where I'm from or if you're dressed nice, people ask where you're going."

Although Newman never really

Lauren Newman had preconceived notions about Idaho and its environment — she was taken aback at first.

"When I came out here I had a good time on my recruiting trip and I'm not sure they did it on purpose but all I saw were black people. I never really thought about it until I got here and found out there are only 13 black females on campus. It's hard because I have to really try to relate to," Newman said.

The loss of close female friends who identify with her has been tough, but she is slowly becoming accepted to her surroundings.

"When you're outside looking in you don't really see it as anything but when you're in the situation it's a big deal," Newman said. "It's a new experience."

Newman has lived in California the past 12 years of her life, although not always in one spot due to her father's work in the coast guard. Family is one of the most important aspects of her life and the distance between them has been rough this past semester.

With a family of six, often Newman found herself the glue that stuck them all together and she worries about them now that she is gone. The distance has been especially stringent due to her father's recent stroke.

"It's the hardest thing, especially now, because they don't want me to worry but I feel like I need to be home where I can help out," Newman said. "I'm a dominant person and a main factor in my household and I regulate a lot within my family."

Although basketball was important in high school, her main priority was her grades. She always planned on attending a junior college and then following through to a four year institute. Following her career at Oxnard JC, Idaho showed interest and Newman jumped on the opportunity.

Not did the cultural adjustments challenge her but starting over again as a junior in a new program was just as difficult.

"I'm still having to prove myself, but then the transition in basket ball is harder because you're either going to produce or not produce. It's hard because you're not really know where you stand," Newman said.

Newman's constant contributor, Newman's potential shined brightly in last year's Big West Championship game against Cal Poly-SLO where she was an animal on the boards. In only 15 minutes court time she ripped down a team high 12 rebounds and helped spark her team toward a 70-59 victory.

"I know my role is rebounding and defense because that's what I'm good at. But even if you're doing that it doesn't mean you're going to get the playing time. All you can do is play the best you can every day," Newman said.

Grades have always been extremely important to Newman and she was disappointed in her self discipline first semester. Newman was overwhelmed by the difficult transition and considered not returning for her second semester — but now she is determined to make the best of her situation.

"I don't want to have any regrets in life. I'd hate to look back wondering what if I would have followed through with this," Newman said.

Looking back at last season, although her grade point average was not up to par, Newman wouldn't go back and change any of it. She believes time has helped her grow as a person and it's all one big learning experience.

Newman admits that although she gives her all to the team she plays to make herself happy. When she wasn't satisfied with her game at the beginning of the year everything else started to slip as well. Now she believes what she has to offer is quality in the time she's out on the court.

"Even if I play two minutes of the game — if I play hard those two minutes and know I gave my all is what matters," Newman said.

With a solid record and a healthy team, Newman can see the Vandals capturing the Big West Conference Championship ring, in order to make that final step, she believes team unity and unselfish attitudes must be established.

"When you look at the bench depth, they should be concerned with if getting in but whether we're winning. Even if you do get pulled, you need to come back and keep up the faith," Newman said. "I know when I'm in the game I go out to produce and when I'm not I'm going to root for the rest of the team. Together we'll make as much as we can.

With a major in Sports Science and a minor in Psychology she already has a job lined up after graduation. She is hoping to alter her major to incorporate working with inner city youth giving them some direction through activities such as parks and recreation.

"I've had good relationships with the kids and they learn to me. I know what they're coming from and I want to pursue that aspect before I'm too old and out of touch with them," Newman said. "Sports Psychology will always be there, but if I'm going to make a difference in the long run."

Bruce Twitichick

Newman (24) often looks to pass first trying to score.

Utah State did have guard Damon Rogers in a knee injury into practice but that the injury is more to be a force inside, out challenging big West opponents by 11.9 a game.

Idaho's low consistent score is center Jason Bookman who in those 17.6 ppg. keeps the Vandals in the hunt.

"He really prepares himself to play," Davis said. "He prepares with games from a physical and mental standpoint."

A woman takes on Long Beach State.

Idaho women's basketball coach Jim Dickson is nearing the end of his pregnancy as the Vandals prepare to fend up the rest of their conference schedule and march into the Big West Championship.

Today the Vandals (11-11, 6-4) look to Long Beach State (6-4, 4-6) in challenges the 49ers in a Big West Conference showdown. Dickson has been a part of some of their games, they're going to go to the table and make a win.

The Vandals are led by freshman All Newman, whose career high 30 points against the Big West Player of the Week honors. Newman is second in the Big West in scoring (19.4 ppg) and rebounds (10.5). While Idaho leads the 49ers with 152 points and 8.2 rebounds per game. In Sunday Idaho volleyball conference and state rival Boise State.

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Sports 15
Get with the act, Shaq

Nate Peterson

I n losing a tight contest to the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday, the Los Angeles Lakers were without franchise player Shaquille O'Neal who couldn't be found on the court or the bench. Shaq's absence from the court is explainable, considering the 24-year-old all-star center suffered a serious knee injury last Wednesday in a game versus Minnesota. What remains unexplainable is his absence from the Laker 'back.

Is Shaq's injury so serious that sitting on a bench and supporting his team complicates his recovery? Does he feel that maybe he wants to spend some time out of the big L.A. spotlight?

Well we've all seen players with serious injuries sitting on the bench and supporting their team and we know that the ego-centric Shaq can't stand seeing someone else in the camera's eye. So what is this superstar's problem?

Shaq stated that he would rather stay in the locker room during games because the thought of being seen wearing a cast was too humiliating for him to handle.

Some advice Shaq. I don't know about the rest of the world but you have to grow up and stop living in a fantasy world.

Sure, you're the biggest thing since Michael Jordan, Pepsi, Reebok and various other companies have gotten down on their hands and knees hoping you would endorse their product. Furthermore, you are the poster professional athlete who has broken into professional basketball by setting and rapping.

The fact of the matter is, you have a $120 million contract and that means you own your services to the Los Angeles Lakers. It doesn't matter if you're scoring 30 points or leading the cheers on the sideline, you get to be there for your team at all times.

If wearing a cast is a humiliating experience for you, I can only imagine what you would do if you sustained an eye injury and you had to wear an eye patch. You'd probably leave society and move to an isolated island so that no one could ever see your handsome face.

Then again, I could only hope for that scenario since it is doubtful that you will ever poke out your eye. I do, however, look forward to the day in which you free society while a mob of angry fans chase you with rocks and sticks.

It's time that you show respect to someone other than yourself. Wasn't it fun to see you at the All Star Game in Houston at halftime of the game.

I guess being seen wearing a cast is too much for you too handle — but sometimes you just have to allow your pride and for this proves to be a difficult task.

It is time for you to realize your values straight. There is a reason you are as rich and successful. It's because of the 30 guys ahead of you who worked to shape and revolutionize the game of basketball. Through free agency and contract endorsements you are what you are today. It's because of the players of yesterday.

There might not even be a game called basketball if it wasn't for those who graced its courts 50 years ago. What if so one listened when they saw and basketball had become extinct? What would you do then — play football?

That's highly doubtful because football players get injured and we all know how tough it is for you to handle an injury.

Without basketball there wouldn't be a $120 million contract — no Reebok, no Pepsi. If you think you would make it setting or rapping, you've got another thing coming.

Well with your size and acting ability, maybe you could become a professional wrestler. I also hear that it's fake, so you won't get hurt and have to wear a cast in front of anybody. You already have a couple of nicknames and you could do your own theme music.

Realistically, we do have basketball with a lot of good players. Sure you're special but you need to realize the game involves more self-respect and pride. There are other players worthy of your respect.

Maybe you should choose tofollow your dream team out for their next game. It might not be as bad as you think and they are worth every one is going to laugh at.

Also, next time you are among an elite class of athletes honored for their accomplishments — show up and act accordingly.

Like many people, I'm in awe of your talent and your awesome potential. One day you might be proclaimed the greatest player ever. Until that day and for every day onward, act like you are at least an average player and display some class.

Zonic did manage to deliver some punishing blows, leading the game with five blocks and nine rebounds.

Nevada relied heavily on the play of their bench throughout the game. In fact not one of their top three scorers were starters. Jesica Donadelle and Amy Branch both scored 10 and grabbed a total of 12 boards, while Jasymn Huntington chipped in nine points.

Surprisingly, it was the Wolf Pack who distanced rebounding 44-31. It is rare to see such a point spread in favor of a team who is being beat on the boards. "Sometimes we weren't screening out but a lot of times Jelena would just stand there and grab it. There's just not anything to do about that, I felt like a monkey," Nierman said.

Idaho now advances in Big West standings to second in the Eastern Division with a 4-6, 11-1 overall record. Nevada slips down to third at 6-5, 10-2. Next the Vandals face Long Beach State, fourth in the Western Division.
Don't just stand there's let's get to it, strike a pose there's nothing to it —
vogue.
Oh and by the way Mr. Barkdull, would you sign my Polonaise as well? I know you've
got a busy schedule and you only see your family twice a year but
can't interrupt a quiet family dinner with a fan's request?

I could only imagine.
So much criticism and so little understanding is my assessment.
Fans never get enough. And it doesn't help when the media and others are quick to point fingers at athletes who refuse autographs and phone opportunities. At first it isn't a problem he/she will sign their first few autographs and eventually John Hancock several hundred pieces of sports memorabilia a day.
However, the fanaticism then goes a bit further.

As soon as a rookie signs that first big money endorsement and
enters into the ESPN cameras — fans are breathing please and can you do this for me down the rock-
ies neck.
"I'm your number one fan," they might say. We all know what that
means (refer to the movie Mistery by Steven King).
Pretty soon the athlete has a bunch of goof balls tailing him in
mails, on the street and at dinner.
And then the media boards start to
run.
Being one with the dark side, I
know what kind of ridiculous ques-
tions are asked.
"Did the dog biting incident
with you and your image old affect
the terrible shooting slump you had
in your sophomore year of college
and if so, how do you think the new
coaching staff will respond to your
adolescent trauma?"

Glimme a break — sure, it makes for
a great scoop in a story or fea-
ture but it also adds too much
cheesy, slinky Limburger to be
exact.
Before long, the athlete or coach is
asked the same question daily.
In a recent chat session on ESPN.
NET on the Internet, Seattle Sonics
coach George Karl said the hardest
part about his job was talking in
excess about his team.
True, those in the eye of the
media camera must give
statements to help further and enliven a story
but sometimes I think the fans, writers, reporters and photogra-
phers have gone too far.

Instead of vogue-ing for a cam-
era, Dennis Rodman did a Bruce
Lee kick to the groin of a photogra-
pher. Similarly, I think you'll see
this type of things become a natural
occurrence as the media and sports fans slide closer into an athletics
space.

They may be getting paid a tril-
nion bucks but they're still human when
it comes down to it.
And the next time the loud mouth in
the local sports bars says he could
deal with being a celebrity or an
athlete, follow him around for a
while and ask a bunch of stupid
questions — then ask him to sign a
stack of photos and give him a golf
trip if he defects.

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AGGIES
Several times during the first half guard Kris Baumann tried
sparking the Vandals with some three-point attempts but missed
on all seven and finished the game 11 of 11 from the arch.
"Fatigue had nothing to do with it," Baumann said.
"I'm really embarrassed
right now as a play-
er."
Idaho did receive some first half relief
from Jackman
with nine
points, but
lacked
help on
the boards
losing
25-11
in the
rebounds
category in
the half.
In the sec-
ond half, 1 a h o
improved
on its first half
deficit with
45 percent
shooting from the field
but couldn't catch the Aggies.
With 4:02 remaining Charles
tossed the final dagger, hit-
ing a three-pointer which put
the Aggies up 81-50.
"New Mexico State will keep
playing. the
same way,"
Davis said.
"Their inten-
sity stays the
same for 48 minutes. Our
team had to
come from
behind."

While the Aggies had four
players in double digits, Idaho's
lose-to-go was Jackman
who led the
Vandals with 22
points and seven
rebounds.

Ut guard Reggie
Rose, who has
given Idaho an emotional
spark in the last two
games, was benched early
in the first half because
davis says he showed poor
attitude when he came out of the
game.

The Aggies were led by Reid's
19 points. Freshman Louis
Richardson poured in 18 points
and grabbed six rebounds for the
NMSU case.
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