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Student Health offers cure for Seasonal Affective Disorder

CANDICE LONG

This is the season to have Seasonal Affective Disorder, and many students, staff and faculty at the University of Idaho who suffer from SAD should not settle for a long winter's nap or hibernate until spring.

SAD is a disorder that is caused by shorter days of winter when people receive less light throughout the course of the day. A form of depression occurs when the brain chemistry changes due to lack of light and causes an increase in the production of melatonin, a hormone secreted by the pineal gland in the brain.

Until four years ago, SAD sufferers on the UI campus had no way to help cure the disorder, but treatment is available for anyone feeling depressed during the winter months. Student Health Services and the Student Counselling Center both offer phototherapy or light therapy sessions recommended in half-hour intervals for five days a week.

Many people who suffer from SAD are people living in areas far from the equator, because the days are shorter in the northern latitudes, SAD is more severe in the far north.

Those most affected by SAD are women, people 20-40 years of age, and those with a parent or close relative suffering from SAD or other mood disorders, according to the book "Seasonal Affective Disorder" by author Angela Smith. "I have seen a mixture of both men and women SAD sufferers come into the Health Center," Chin said. "But I definitely see more women. I think more females tend to find a way to fix or help the way they are feeling. I think females are also more health seekers and more willing to care about it."

SAD is an expression of mood in all cases and it brings about a change or imbalance in the body's normal way of functioning. These changes can consist of anything from low ambition with no desire to carry out everyday activities to overeating and oversleeping. Chin said minor cases of SAD need to throw the sleep cycle off for just about everyone.

For more information on Seasonal Affective Disorder and the phototherapy offered on campus, contact Student Health Services at 885-6631 or the Student Counselling Center at 885-6716. If you are interested in receiving phototherapy, no appointment is needed at the Student Health Center.

Today

UI students, faculty and staff are invited to contribute coats and winter clothing in wearable condition to benefit Latah County families in need. Drop-off bins are located at the SUB, the Education Building lobby, Family Housing, Wallace Bassenschmied, Theophilus Tower lobby, Alpha Kappa Lambda porch, and the Gamma Phi Beta porch. The coats and winter clothing will be distributed to area families by the Community Action Agency.

The UI chapter of Phi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, is sponsoring a food drive this week. Donations can be dropped off in the Political Science offices in Admin. 205. For more information, contact Eric Bennett at 885-6528.

Friday

The Campus Christian Center welcomes UI students to come sing Christmas Carols, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Center.

Opportunities

- Design the logo for the Division of Statistics at UI to be used on their homepage and win a $100 cash prize. The competition is open to UI students and former graduates of the division. Design must be submitted to Rink Hall Room 415A by 3 p.m. Jan. 8. The winner will be notified Jan. 19. Be sure to include your name, student phone number and phone number.
- Ever wanted to rent like a true philosopher? ORG, the UI undergraduate philosophy organization, is taking submission for their annual journal The Homelock Papers. Submissions are due Jan. 1. to the ORG e the philosophy department, Morrill Hall Room 408.
- The Trueman Scholarship program is inviting inquiries from juniors who wish to pursue a career in public service. Fellowships include a $3,000 scholarship for senior year and $27,000 for two- to three-year graduate programs. For information, contact Tim Bittler at 885-6426 or by e-mail at bittert@uidaho.edu.

Services

- Need a quiet place to study? The Campus Christian Center will be open from 9 a.m. until midnight all finals week. There are couches, chairs, and small kitchen open for use, plus all the apple cider you can drink.
- The UI will provide low-cost bus service to Campus Days during the Christmas holiday. The bus will leave Dec. 17, Dec. 18 evening, and return Jan. 11. Reservations can be made through the Office of Student Advisory Services in Room 241 of UCC. For more information, call 885-6765.
- Student Support Services is offering a $100 scholarship for the spring semester. For more information, call 885-6746 or go to CEIB 106.
- Donate a vehicle to the American Lung Association by December 31, 2004 for a tax deduction. For information, call 888-350-LUNG(3686).

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Fall semester in review

Jennifer Karinen

The semester started with missing textbooks due to the UPS strike. There was Cassini and El Nino. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones came and went. The University of Idaho got a little further away from the rest of the world when flights to Boise were canceled. Much has happened in four months. Some events will have perplexing implications for years to come.

Horizon Airlines canceled flights to Boise from the Moscow/Pullman airport in October. Servicing the Palouse was no longer profitable. The decision came at a bad time for the UI, attempting to combat the perception of being remote. This perception was based in a survey concerning the UI's image. Students wishing to fly now must travel to Lewiston.

The survey showed people perceived UI to be a party school. This didn't change with introducing tailgate parties at football games in an attempt to raise student attendance at the games. The university got around city zoning laws by designating general parking lot private property during games.

Later in the semester administrators decided to move football games to Martin Stadium in 1999. An attempt to gain a A-I status, the move put the communities of Moscow and Pullman in an uproar. Students and faculty wondered how UI would fill Martin Stadium when it can't fill the smaller Kibbie Dome. They asked who would pay to lease the stadium. Many wondered how important it is to UI to gain A-I status in the first place.

Questions are still unanswered. Administrators will be working on details next semester.

Students voted yes in a referendum to create a student recreation center. The state Board of Education later approved the plan. It was the largest turnout for any college referendum in the nation with 79 percent of voters approving. The student body casting their vote. Sixty-six percent of circulators voted yes. Many students were angry when the final bond measure passed for the referendum and the architectural planning of the rec center after it passed. A final vote would be taken in 1995 to 1996. It was raised.

Kris McBrine examined the rec center display prior to the student vote in November.

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Administrators pumped money into brochures, statewide newspapers and national magazines, TV commercials and $5.7 million in scholarships. The decrease in enrollment was created a glut of extra student housing. The vacancy rate was at its highest point in more than a decade.

Fewer students meant less money, money that was expected to be there.

Fen Pham and roofers were the dangerous drugs of the semester. Fen Pham was taken off the market in September. Dieters used the pill to suppress appetite. It was the drug that put the hole in the heart. Many students took the drug to an effort to lose weight.

Roxifor, aka Rohypnol and the date rape drug, was used to rob and rape unsuspecting victims. Often slipped into alcoholic drinks, roofies when ingested cause dizziness, confusion, temporary paralysis and amnesia. UI narcotics and Residence Halls were targeted in an information campaign by the Women's Center to educate women about the drug.

Along with the usual parade of minor in possession citations, one student was arrested for indecent exposure. Another student was charged with first degree murder of his three-month-old baby. David Pettit, a 24-year-old student faces trial this spring.

Four years after an alcohol-related accident that left a freshman plucked paralyzed below the waist, a suit against Alpha Phi was dropped. Plaintiffs were unable to show Rejena Coghlan's accident was the result of some dangerous condition at the house. After a night of heavy drinking Coghlan fell from the roof of the Alpha Phi house.

A big student concern was parking on campus. Many spaces were lost when several yellow curbs were extended for pedestrian safety. The UI purchased the Sweet Avenue site on the southeast side of campus. Part of it will be used to create a 350 space parking lot.

The sewer backed up into Boise Hall in the Wallace Complex in October causing around $10,000 in damage.

It was the last semester of life for the Communications Building, the Women's Center building, and the UI-Store, housing the drama department and Collette Theater. Then and others will be bulldozed next semester to make way for a new student commons.

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For those of you struggling with finals, Ed Abbey has some advice:

"When the situation is desperate, it is too late to be serious. Be playful." 

I've been on the verge of being playful. Just a couple more days until exams of sorts, a fall semester for the campus community. I'm excited about going to Iowa, where I grew up, for the holidays. I haven't been there at this time of year since 1990. Iowa itself is quite a bit exciting, but seeing friends and family is.

I can't wait to see the people I love, but Christmas doesn't interest me much. Of course I loved it as a kid, and I don't intend to spoil it for anyone. Yet I know we could come up with a better winter celebration than the freized capitalist ritual we have become accustomed to.

We would be better off celebrating the winter solstices. Reaching the shortest day of the year means that each day will be a little bit longer for the next six months. That is cause for celebration! Besides, getting in touch with natural processes is something our society needs more than anything.

Some people probably still recognize that Christmas was originally intended to be a birthday celebration for the monkey Jesus. But most folks are vaguely aware that this annual worshiping of commerce has religious connections. I support neither Christian nor capitalism, so either rationale for Christmas fails to convince me it is right.

Some historians believe Christmas was a spol-off of the satanic celebration that occurred prior to Christianity. We would do well to return to activities focused upon natural processes, rather than unsustainable consumerism, or a widely misinterpreted book.

Near Elk River, there is a red western cedar that is 18 feet in diameter at breast height. Three adults with arms stretched and hands linked do not extend as far as the tree is wide. I bring this up because this tree puts the Christ story in perspective. The tree is estimated to be 3000 years old. The Christ story is 2000. Maybe we'd be better off having a bonfire in a cedar grove than spending obscene amounts of money on things we don't need.

What problems have people being Christian, so long as they don't find us on others or use their beliefs to justify war as has been so often in the past. However, I don't have a problem with capitalism, commerce, and consumerism as we know it today. It is destroying our planet's life support systems. That is a sad end. I believe that "growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancerous". Recently a group attempted to buy advertising on WIC promoting the day after Thanksgiving as "Buy Nothing Day". NBC refused, saying that the concept was counter to current economic policy in the U.S. I suspect the divergent economic views, on supposedly public surveys, should not be tolerated. That Christmas season is the epitome of capitalist excess is incalculable.

It is important to be with your loved ones. It is good to give gifts. But don't you have to buy them? Often a homemade gift is valued more than one bought in a store. I will be more thankful with something to be loved one put some time and energy into than something from the mall.

We can do our own thing. We can support local businesses and artisians as we buy off big mass or multinational corporations that couldn't give a damn. For the loved one that agrees with Abbey's assertion that "It is not enough to understand the natural world, the point is to defend and preserve some of it," you can get a membership to the Alliance for a Wild Rockies, the Idaho Sierra Club, or a subscription to the Earth First Journal. To the river guide in the family, you can give a membership to Idaho Rivers United. You can order a subscription to Organic Gardening magazine for the green thumb in the family.

Good luck with finals, and have fun during break! Play at least as hard as you have worked, if not harder. A sporadic vacation is in order.

The death of Santa: his last words

The cleanest and greenest person on earth is Santa.

The man of Christmas is a bit of an enigma. Sometimes, he is a generous soul, other times he is a cruel and mean individual. He is known for his generosity and kindness, but also for his stinginess and greed.

Santa is a character that has been around for centuries. He is a symbol of Christmas, and his image is often associated with the holiday season. He is known for his ability to make children happy, and his role in spreading joy and cheer is one that is deeply ingrained in popular culture.

Santa is a symbol of the holiday season, and his image is often associated with the celebration of Christmas. He is a symbol of the joy and happiness that is associated with the holiday, and his image is often used to represent the spirit of giving and generosity that is associated with the season.

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Letters to the editor

GEM has won lots of awards

The role of the GEM of the Mountains is to correctly record and preserve the history of the UI on an annual basis. Thus, it is important that the GEM's history be correctly remembered.

I applaud the efforts of second-year GEM Editor Jamie Wagener and her staff. Placing in the Associated Collegiate Press' Best of Show competition is indeed an honor. And while the GEM struggles with declining sales and increasing costs, the student body should appreciate the efforts of a small number of dedicated student journalists serving on the GEM staff.

A Nov. 7 GEM article "GEM receives honor from Associated Press" however, contained a few factual errors. For history's sake, I'd like to set the record straight.

The university's first Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Crown award and Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker award were presented to the 1983 GEM. The Pacemaker and Gold Crown awards recognize the top one percent of all college yearbooks. Featuring a brown faux leather cover, the 1983 book is often referred to as the Brown Bible. However, this was neither the centennial volume nor was it the yearbook published during the university’s centennial. Nor was it the only GEM to be an award-winner during the 1980’s.

The 1985 GEM received the Silver Crown award from CSP.A.

The 1986 GEM received the CSP.A Gold Crown and ACP Pacemaker awards.

The 1987 GEM also received the Gold Crown and Pacemaker awards.

From 1983-87 the GEM also received more than 100 CSP.A Gold Circle citations for individual achievement in writing, design, concept and photography.

I congratulate the current GEM staff on its recent honor, and encourage the staff to continue producing the highest-quality yearbook possible.

—Jon Erickson, Former GEM Editor, Former Associate Editor

A first — I agree with Wade

I know December was going to be a bad month, as soon as I realized I might have to agree with Wade Gruhl on even one item.

I read his column most of the time, because alternative viewpoints are always needed, and I actually appreciate them. I rarely agree with him, but he was right on target when he said the Argonaut and KUIO are valuable assets to the campus (Dec. 2). They let folks know of events, give them opinions of various happenings, and allow students a form of creative outlet. There are a variety of reasons.

However, maybe you ought to figure out what the administration and the students expect from you. Figure out, or ask them, what value your publication adds to the university and the community. Squeeze in more stories, rather than run lots of half-page university ads, or cut down on the number of pages appropriately. Do your best to avoid getting watered down, though.

—Don Tobin

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Skiing: where do you want to go?

T. SCOTT CARPENTER
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With finals week drawing to a close, the thought of rushing down a snowy mountain on a bright, clear day is probably starting to sound pretty good to you. Finding a place to go is definitely not a problem, but choosing the right place is another thing.

For those of you who aren't into driving long distances, you may consider going to Snow Mountain, which is only a few hours away. Silver Mountain is the home of two 6,300-foot mountains, peaks with three bowls, 90 runs, and exciting tree skiing. Crowds are not a problem here, and the locals complain if they have to wait more than a minute or two to jump on a chair. Snowboarders will not want to miss the Northwest Snowboard Demo Series this Dec. 19. It's the perfect chance to try out all your favorite equipment. A full day's ticket is $29 for adults.

Schweitzer Mountain, located in Sandpoint, has some good sized runs. Fifty-five of them to be exact. There is a wide variety of terrain here and you don't have to worry about crowds here either. The mountain consists of 3,400 vertical feet and 2,235 acres which are served by six lifts. Ski Country Magazine has ranked Schweitzer in America's Top 10 for the past six years.

This Dec. 17 is Girls Night Out Ski Day. A full day's ticket here costs $14 for adults, and $7 for students. At Brundage Mountain near McCall you will find one of the more scenic ski areas. The view from the top of Brundage includes the nearby Salmon River Mountains, the beautiful Payette Lakes, Oregon's Eagle Cap Wilderness, and the Seven Devils towering over Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in America.

Brundage is a good place to bring the whole family. The Kid's Center and bright, colorful day care will keep the young ones happy while you enjoy the skiing. For a full day's pass, an adult must fork over $29 here. Brundage also offers incredible Candi trips for backcountry skiers. Let by an experienced guide, you and a group of six to 10 could load a snow-cat and go find miles of untouched slopes to have your way with. A full day costs $18.5 per person (includes skins) and a half day costs $10.5 per person (also includes skins).

Sun Valley, located in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountains, has been voted the #1 ski resort in the U.S.A. It also features two mountains — Baldy, at a whopping 3,400 feet, and Dollar which is a bit smaller. Serious skiers will be more inclined to stick to Baldy, while beginners will cling to Dollar like a teddy bear. The 17 lifts bring visitors to the beginning of 77 possible ski runs on 2,054 skiable acres. Sun Valley is responsible for building the very first chairlift which was adapted in design from a machine that was used to load bananas onto cargo ships. For a full day's pass here, adults must sacrifice $32 to the Captains Club. But perhaps the cheapest place of them all is that hill over by the Hartung Theater. Some most students can't afford ski, or even shoes for that matter, teas from the Wallace Complex cafeteria make superb substitutes snowboards. Wherever you go, have fun out there.
When there’s snow, there’s cross-country

HEATHER FIVE

“Leunglieber leben longer” — “Cross-country skiers live longer.”

Whether the inspiration for this German T-shirt slogan comes shorty from the physical benefits of the sport, or from the spiritual profits of gliding gently through the snow-bounded woods on a crisp afternoon, cross-country skiing is a time honored sport that is as good for the body as it is for the soul.

The roots of cross-country skiing can be traced back over 5,000 years to the tribal peoples of Scandinavia, Russia, and Northern Asia. Wooden skis dating as far back as 4,500 years have been recovered from peat bogs in Scandinavia, some having such modern features as grooved bottoms, sloped tips, and bindings made from animal tendons. Tribal people used skis as a means of moving quickly over the eternal snowy ground in order to hunt more efficiently. While advancements in ski material, bindings, waxes, and technology have made the sport less cumbersome and dangerous, the basic elements of the sport have not changed.

The popularity of alpine skiing forced cross country into the back seat for a long time but it came back into vogue when many skiers became frustrated with the high prices of equipment and long lines at the chair lifts. Unfortunately, cross-country was marketed as the sport that could be mastered by anyone with a decent command of walking.

“It was evergreen and undervalued,” said University of Idaho Outdoor Recreation Program Coordinator Mike Beiler. Many ski companies lured customers by touting cross-country as a simple and economical sport but forgot to mention such details as waistless skis only work well in dry powder and that it does actually take some skill to gain any enjoyment from the sport. Hence, many a pair of cross-country skis hangs abandoned and dusty in America’s attics.

But now might be just the time to pull out those shunted skis and broken bindings and give this sport a try again. A list of groomed and backcountry routes is available through the Outdoor Program office in the basement of the SUB. Skiing is possible even without routes. Cross country skiing can be done anywhere that there is snow.

Even if you do not have skis of your own, the ASUI Outdoor Rental Center has inexpensive daily, weekly, and weekend rates. They will be running special snow package deals over the break (December 19 to January 12). The cross-country ski package is a mere $29 for boots, bindings, skis and poles. While no cross-country instruction classes through the University will run over the break, the Outdoor Program will be holding cross-country and other snow sport courses starting next semester. For more information on equipment price and availability call the Outdoor Rental Center at 885-6750. For information on Spring ski classes and ski trailheads call the Outdoor Program at 885-6810.

Ski the World Wide Web

AMY SANDERSON

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A multitude of sites on skiing and snowboarding exist on the Web. Unfortunately, wading through the several equivocal homepages boasting personal "watch me do cool tricks" photos can be a painful experience. However, there are also some very informative pages out there. The following sites include links to many of these hot spots in Alberta, Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec.

GoSki — http://www.goski.com This is the site to find the latest stats on resorts throughout the United States and the world. There are over 2,000 resorts reviewed here from over 30 countries including Chile, Italy and Korea. Several nearly obscure ski resorts are tracked here including the currently non-operational North South Ski Bowl. Reviews include information on vertical drop, number of lifts, where to drink, etc. Opinions from those who have visited the resorts are included and readers are encouraged to add their own experiences here.

Ski Canada Homepage —

http://www.nwcnews.com

Here is another database for finding snow and weather reports on the web. The site offers the option to chat with other skiers and boarders to swap equipment or learn about someone’s worst accident. Users can fill out a form on the site for no cost and become eligible to win prizes such as trips and lift tickets.

NW Board Connection —

http://www.oz.net/~imuxx/wwndb.html

An snowboarding is quickly becoming the dominant activity on the slopes, many sites devoted to the sport are now popping up all over the web. This site, dedicated to the Pacific Northwest, gives the lowdown on local resorts. Snow reports and weather conditions are updated daily and the site includes an online message board for those looking for a buddy to board with. Despite a less than fancy page design, this is a helpful site for finding info and links concerning the snowboarding scene.

Dave's Equipment Guide —

http://www.msoonmouth.com/~dchute/eqiup.htm

Dave shares his knowledge on snowboarding equipment including boards, bindings and clothing. As anyone who has ever tried to purchase boardng equipment discovers, there are over 100 different brands of equipment on the market each with different models. Fear no more that trendy snow board shop! By visiting Dave’s site, beginners can pick up boardng equipment lingo, learn to discern between alpine and freestyle boards, and gain insight on how to pick the right length and type of board. Stating at this site before spending large amounts of money on equipment just might keep you from getting frustrated and tired of continually landing on your butt in the snow.

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Sun looks to Nagano, prays for funding

TONYA SIVYER
SPORTS EDITOR

Four years ago, he carried the Trinidad and Tobago team flag at the XVII Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway — a first ever for his country. After breaking ground as his country's first winter games athlete, Gregory Sun is once again back on the icy bobsled tracks, looking to Nagano, Japan, his Visa card in his right hand.

"I'm still paying for all of it out of my pocket. Nothing like my good old Visa card!" Sun said.

Sun, the founder, president and everything in between for the Trinidad and Tobago Bobsleigh Federation, is still paying for the team's expenses with his credit card and praying for some government support for the next four years, support he's very unsure about receiving.

"I'm in the middle of a proposal to the prime minister. Hopefully I can put in enough information so it sounds like a good idea for them to get involved in it, since we see the only winter sports we have is bobsled," Sun said.

After the 1994 Olympics, Sun and partner Curtis Harry searched for a corporate sponsor to help with the daunting financial task of purchasing for a new sled and paying track fees, food and lodging and the other major expenses associated with the sport. Competing in the bobsled World Cup runs at around $120,000 a year in American dollars. Figures in the exchange rate at six Trinidad and Tobago dollars for one U.S. dollar and the costs seem tremendous.

In an attempt to find a sponsor, Sun has looked high and low, even seeking his favorite money lover for some help.

"I went to Visa and they wouldn't even give me a sponsorship!" Sun laughed.

With a new sled going at $29,000, the T and T team is still making due with renting their sled at every competition. This causes some trouble for the team. While most of the bigger powers in the sport are out funding the fast lines in the track during training runs, Sun, the driver, is adjusting his style to the feel of his new sled, battered and minused as they may be.

The team still plans on renting their sled this February as they head to the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Not only will their rental sled me unfamiliar to Sun and Harry, but the course will be as well.

"I haven't seen it — I don't even know what it looks like," Sun said. "That's kind of a drawback because of no funding. We have four training days in Japan which could help, but I have to really pick up the first couple of days what the track is doing and what I need to do.

So far this year, the team has performed, for the most part, up to Sun's expectations. In their first competition of the year, the World Cup race in Calgary, the T and T team finished 36 out of 39 and 11 out of 18 in the America's Cup, the same course just a week or two later.

Things didn't go as well as Sun would have hoped in their last race in Park City, Utah, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. For the first time in four years, the T and T sled crashed, all in an effort to push for speed, crashing in corner four.

The team is one course away from qualifying for the Nagano games in February and plans to meet that requirement in January. To qualify for the Olympics, a team must compete in at least five races at three different tracks and score a minimum of 45 points over a two-year period. Sun and Harry have competed in eight races and have 49 points to their total. Their race this January will seal the Olympic deal for them.

Preparation for 1998 Olympics has been tougher on Sun than his first in 1992. He went into his first Olympic games not knowing what to expect, but now he's been there and knows what it takes. Between now and the games in February, Sun plans on letting his body recuperate and then build it back up to peak for the Olympics. Sun has undergone three knee operations in the past and says his are still holding out.

"They're hanging in there," said Sun. "There's nothing a little buprenophine can't fix."

The qualifying roles have changed and are more demanding on the team. There are only 12 such bobsled tracks in the world, the closest in Park City, Utah.

Sun and Harry, despite being partners, don't practice together. The reason — geography. While Sun is up here working out at the Khnie Dome track, Harry is in Denver, Colo., making practice impossible. In fact, the only times the two are on the ice with each other, or at all for that matter, is during competitions.

That's why government of sponsored funding is so crucial to the T and T bobsled federation. With more money comes the World Cup circuit where the team would get much needed practice — practice against some of the biggest names in bobsledding.

Despite all of Sun's efforts, the bobsled team has generated relatively little interest back home.

"Because we are so far away and it's a tropical island country, they don't have the concept of exactly what's going on. They all know about the movie Cool Runnings so they all have an idea what it's all about. The movie is just fiction based on a story so it doesn't give them a lot of information."

If government financial support comes through in the next few years, Sun hopes to return to T and T with some footage and expose the people of his country to the sport of bobsled and hopefully recruit a few more guys, maybe enough to start a much desired four-man team. Sun, a graduate student in Sports Science, hopes to one day have a four-man team representing his country, but that won't happen without sponsorship.

"It's more exciting. People like to see the four-man," Sun said. "There's a greater chance of success because of the number of athletes involved. That's my goal. I would love to compete in the four-man."

Sun plans to be around and competing in this sport for quite a while despite the financial and physical strain.

"I always feel that I can beat the track and that's kind of what keeps me going. The day I feel I can't beat the track is the day I'll stop," Sun said.

Sun and Harry will compete in the Olympic games Feb. 14-15.
The season that could have been

By Barry Graham

As the 1997 fall semester comes to an end, let us take a look back in retrospective at some of the highlights and defining moments of this season’s Idaho football team.

Obviously, the Vandals finished below the 2000 line with a record of 5-6, the most disappointing loss coming to Boise State in the final game of the year, here at the ASU Kibbie Dome. The loss to Boise State was felt by all here at the university for several reasons. First, Boise State did not hand a stellar win in its own right. BSU finished the season in the middle of the pack in the Big West Conference.

Second, it wasn’t like one team or the other was supposed to dominate. In fact, both teams were on equal grounds going into the contest. Nevada and Utah State had put an end to the respective winning streaks of both teams before the Vandals and Broncos took the field on that forgettable night here in Moscow.

Of course, no one likes to lose to your biggest rival.

In fact, if the rivalry is truly intense, there is an element of hate involved in the game itself.

Not that I am saying the player across the line from you as a person but as a competitor that will not keep you from doing the things needed to help your team win. And, just so happens that the Broncos had a little more in prevailing in overtime.

Of course, last season down in Boise, the Vandals had the better team from the first snap to the last and the Broncos never had a chance in getting threatened by 50 points or so. Well, this year, they were revenge on their minds and never gave up even after Idaho made some big plays that appeared to seal the deal.

However, even before the contest against Boise State, the Vandals had a couple of big games that would help decide their fate for the season. The most important against Big West opponents Nevada and Utah State. Against Nevada, the Vandals ran into a player that was looking to break out of his early season shell and explode.

Well, it just happened that John Dowton, quarterback for the Wolfpack, picked the experienced secondary of Idaho to exploit. Dowton had missed several games this season due to injury but came back with a vengeance against Idaho. The quarterback looked like a surgeon as he picked apart the Vandals defense with short and long passes.

The Vandals could do little in falling behind early and not being able to make up the deficit late. Idaho had opportunities but just could not capitalize. In the end, Nevada was just too tough.

Idaho came right back the next week and faced the best team in the conference, Utah State. The Aggies had a balance on offense that no other team could match in the Big West. And that offense came to play at the Kibbie Dome on Oct. 25.

The Aggies totaled 662 yards of offense in a 43-17 Idaho loss. Gone was the Idaho 21-game home winning streak and gone was the Vandals chance for the Big West title and a berth in the inaugural Humanitarian Bowl in Boise.

Aggie running back Melvin Blue exploded for 229 yards and three of the team’s seven touchdowns. It was a disappointing loss for the Vandals but Idaho still had to regroup again to face Eastern Washington a week later.

Eastern Washington, which had a season to remember in achieving its most successful season in the history of the university and reaching the Division I-AA semifinals before losing to Youngstown State in a tough battle, earned one of its 12 wins holding down Idaho 24-21.

The Vandals and coach Chris Tormey were hampered by injury and had to play five freshmen. Idaho quarterback Brian Bresnich was suffering from a sprained ankle and was unable to play. So it was up to Ed Dean to take the reign and lead the squad.

Dean played steadily and led the team to a 21-17 lead with just over a minute remaining on the game clock. Dean had found Dean Price for 40-yard touchdowns that gave the Vandals the lead.

But back came Eastern with pin-point passing from Hurley Leows and the game-winning touchdown run from Rex Prescott that enabled the Eagles to hand Idaho its third-consecutive loss.

Idaho did come back on Nov. 15 to dominate New Mexico State. The Vandals offense ran and passed their way to a 38-19 win.

The ending portion of the Idaho schedule was difficult to handle. But Idaho did have some success earlier in the season. The Vandals did not allow a point in two-straight games crossing past Portland State and Idaho State by the combined score of 89-0. In the two games, the Vandals combined for over 900 yards of offense while holding their opponents to 203 yards.

The Vandals also had success against their first opponent in the Big West, North Texas, on Oct. 4. The Vandals used their defense to control North Texas and used big plays in the second half of the contest to win 30-17.

All in all, 5-6 is not the type of record that should be envisioned at the start of the season. But the Vandals have one tremendous advantage. And that is youth. The Vandals do lose some big-play competitors on the offensive side of the ball, including Brentman and his favorite target, receiver Antonio Wilson.

But the Vandals have a young and aggressive defense that should be better in 1998. Also, Dean returns and will give Idaho an added dimension with his mobility inside and outside of the pocket. The Vandals will have an experienced running game that should be effective. Idaho, will grow from this season and will be back in 1998 to contend for the Big West title.
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