Parking Committee provides top 10 for tickets

Igno ron of rules no excuse for fine

ADAM E. WILSON

To aid students in avoiding unpleasant tickets, the Parking Committee has released a top 10 list of reasons for receiving them. Number one on the list warns that saying "Everyone else parked that way" or "I didn't know the parking rules," will not remove a fine.

"Don't trust what your RA says, don't trust what your house members say," said Pamela Alsterlund, manager of Parking Services. "Go to the source. Call the Parking office."

Parking Services issues about 30,000 tickets a year, Alsterlund said. Those fines amount to an income of roughly $3,000,000, more than is made from the sale of permits.

"I donate often, usually once or twice a semester," said Jason Bennett, a junior in accounting. "But that's just an easy way for me to get parking at a meter and not putting in enough money."

One of the most common mis understandings is that permits are valid at a meter space, said Mark DeSantis, a three year member of the Parking Committee. "This is never the case," he said.

He did, however, understand. "For a lot of people it seems to be logical." High on the list were reminders that regulations apply during breaks, holidays and weekends and that you must be parked at a concrete bumper in gravel lots. Loading zones are 15 minutes parking and are ticketed 24 hours a day. The list also states that you may not park illegally "to drop off a passenger" or "have a meeting with a professor," even if for just two or three minutes.

The Parking Committee is an appointed panel whose main function is to hear appeals of tickets.

The committee has three spots for students, all of which were vacant last semester. DeSantis expects as many as 75 appeals in the next meeting.

About 10 percent of all tickets are appealed, Alsterlund said.

DeSantis told 10 percent of those are dismissed or diminished.

The ticket is usually dismissed "if somebody can demonstrate they had an emergency," DeSantis said, "especially if they weren't causing another crisis while parking."

Parking Services enforces the parking regulations. There are usually three or four personnel patrolling campus during the day and two at night. The revenues from tickets, permit sales and special event parking are used to pay for Parking Services staff, equipment and to pay for the newer lots.

The Motor Assistant program is also controlled by Parking Services. Any permit holder locked out of their car, needing a jump start or a tire inflated may call for help at 885-2624 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. The assistance is free of charge.

Both DeSantis and Alsterlund welcome students to contact Parking Services with concerns or suggestions.

"I really do think it makes a difference," said DeSantis.

The list is printed in full in the Jan. 9 edition of the Idaho Register, the UI employee newsletter.

Say yes to more money

Act fast to meet federal deadlines

MICHELLE KALBEITZER

February 15 is the day university students need to remember.

"It's that time of year," Dan Davenport, director of admissions and Student Financial Aid Services, said.

This month students should receive a renewal application for 1998-99 financial aid in the mail. The renewal application is a more convenient way to apply for financial aid. It replaces the more complicated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application process. The renewal application already contains information from last year's FAFSA — it only requires corrections and updated income figures.

Applicants who complete and return the forms no later than Feb. 15 will be considered for all types of financial aid. Those students who miss the deadline, however, risk losing work-study opportunities and some federal grants. Late applicants can still receive Pell Grants and Direct Loans if they qualify.

Davenport stressed the importance of being on time. It "has to be received at the processor by Feb. 15, so we say mail it at the end of January," he said.

Another important note for students is to mark "yes" in Section H of the renewal application. Marking "yes" sends the results of the renewal application to the University of Idaho. Failing to mark "yes" could cause another delay in the application process.

Since the renewal application is sent to the last permanent address known to the processor, some students may be missed by the mailing. In these cases students should pick up an original FAFSA from Student Financial Aid Services. The federal processor needs either the renewal application or the FAFSA, but not both of them.

Service group succeeds with Giving Tree

Three families, 14 children have merrier Christmas

LISA LANDIS

When the call went out for donations of food, clothing and gifts for families this past holiday season, University of Idaho students, faculty and staff answered in abundance.

All of the $7,200 on the Giving Tree located in the Student Union lobby in December were taken up by passers-by, said Kris Day, coordinator of Student Activities and a coordinator of the project, with a yet-un-named UI service group.

Day [the group] were so surprised at how well it went, Day said.

The group sponsored three families with 14 children in all. The tags on the tree asked for gifts only for the children, but Day said many people wanted to give gifts for the parents as well. Some would take one tag, and return with several gifts for the whole family.

"People were very generous," Day said.

The group also sponsored a food drive, with collections going to the Sojourners Alliance Trust Food Bank. "They were so excited to see all this food," Day said.

The time of Christmas generosity may be over, but the group wants to prove that service is important year-round. "It think there's a real interest in doing more long-term, hands-on projects," Day said.

Day, who came to UI in August, said she worked with other service organizations before and wanted to start a group here. A flyer circulated campus asking interested students to join, and Day said the 15 students who replied have remained active.

They're hoping to make it an annual tradition, especially since it went so well.

— Kris Day,
Student Activities Coordinator

The Giving Tree was the new group's first project. "They're hoping to make it an annual tradition, especially since it went so well," Day said.

In the future, the group hopes to do more projects such as an "Alternative Spring Break," where students travel to do service projects rather than spending their vacation on the beach. They also hope to do more food drives this year and participate in National Volunteer Week this spring.

One of the first things they'll be doing this semester, Day said, is finding themselves a name.
Local News

School of Mines officer headed to UI

MOSCOW — The director of external affairs at the Colorado School of Mines is the new vice president for advancement at the University of Idaho.

Joanne Carr — who oversees development, alumni relations, communications and marketing — is expected to assume her new responsibilities next month, university President Bob Hoover said.

She was selected through a nationwide search process in which more than 60 applicants were screened.

"Joanne has the skills and experience to provide top-quality leadership in the University of Idaho’s advancement efforts," Hoover said.

Carr has held her current position for eight years. She took part in two capital campaigns at the Golden, Colo., school which raised $60 million in contributions in 1985 and another which brought in more than $70 million by 1994.

Attorney for deputies says sheriff acted as judge and jury

MOSCOW — Two Latah County sheriff’s deputies are suing the county in an effort to restore what they call “tarnished” records and recoup wages lost after they were suspended in separate instances.

Deputy Christopher A. Mickelsen’s attorney, Mark S. Moore, said his client was treated unfairly by Latah County Sheriff Jeff Crouch, who is named in the lawsuit.

"In my opinion the act against Mickelsen is just absolutely egregious," Moor said Monday.

Mickelsen’s complaint, which was filed in Second District Court last week, alleges he was off duty on Oct. 18 when he and friends spent the day riding four-wheelers and enjoying a campfire on Moscow Mountain.

When the vehicle was driving home he picked up two men walking along Moscow Mountain Road. After determining the two had been in an accident, Mickelsen dropped them off at the University of Idaho Sigma Alpha Epsilon house. The two refused to go to the hospital, according to the complaint. Mickelson then reported the incident to the sheriff’s office as a witness.

He later received a memo from Crouch saying he was under investigation for interfering with the accident investigation. He was eventually suspended for two days and later $934.14 in wages.

Moorer said Crouch investigated the violation and did not file a so-called due process because Crouch alleged misconduct, determined whether an internal investigation upheld his allegation and then acted as final judge.

"We’ve got a God phenomenon here," Moor said.

He also is representing Sgt. Mike Connolly, who is suing the county based on allegations against former Boss Butte. Connolly was charged with criminal trespass.

Although those charges were eventually dismissed, Connolly was suspended from work for four days without pay, Moor said. We’ve got people here who are being arbitrarily dealt with," Moor said.

State Board proposes tuition savings accounts

MOSCOW — The state Board of Education is asking the Legislature to provide tax incentives for residents who save for college long before enrolling.

For years, the cost of a college education has grown faster than the rate of inflation. The average graduate of an Idaho university or college leaves school more than $15,000 in debt, legislative analysts wrote.

Board staffer Mike Killworth said the regions decided last fall that providing some incentive to save money for school could help increase enrollment.

The proposed measure would allow for postsecondary education savings accounts. Taxpayers could deposit up to $5,000 per year, and the money would not be included as taxable income.

"A number of other states are doing similar things," Killworth said, although some allow prepaid tuition to the schools, rather than savings accounts and tax deductions.

Eighteen states have approved savings account programs, according to statistics from the College Savings Plans Network, sponsored by the National Association of State Treasuries.

Killworth conceded creating an account system is a "very cumbersome and tricky thing to do." But, he said, if the bill is similar to a medical savings account, as proposed by the Legislature, the state board’s measure has a good chance.

"We pretty well modeled the college savings accounts on the medical savings accounts," he said.

Any person could establish an education account in the name of a spouse, child, grandchild or sibling.

A husband and wife could create separate accounts and take two deductions on their taxes.

Killworth said the $5,000 figure is an arbitrary one selected by the board and could be changed by lawmakers.

Similar legislation was pushed in 1995 when student lobbyists promoted a plan to give parents a tax break by setting up an account for their children.

During the same session, state Treasurer Judy Justice Edwards proposed a bill that would have allowed parents to pay into an account which would be apliced toward a child’s tuition at an in-state university or college.

Under the new proposal, funds would be withdrawn for say "eligible postsecondary educational expense," including fees, books, equipment, or room and board. If funds are withdrawn for any other purpose, the account holder would pay a penalty of 10 percent of the amount of the withdrawal.

"That money would go toward tuition," Killworth said.

A study by legislative analysts indicates the state would lose some revenue if it passes. Assuming the average annual dividend to the account was $2,900, and the account holder was in a state income tax bracket of 8 percent, the annual revenue lost per individual would be about $160.

Nearly 18 percent of Idaho high school students graduate from the states, or about 3,750 per year. If 25 percent of high school students decided to take advantage of the accounts, the state revenue would be cut by 900,000.

If approved in the upcoming session, the legislation goes into effect next January.

In the tax legislation signed by President Clinton last August, the so-called Hope scholarship tax credit allows parents to pay tuition at public colleges. Two years of college expenses is a maximum $1,000 credit for the first two years of college, effective for tuition paid after Dec. 31, 1997.

For the second two years, the so-called Lifetime Learning tax credit, effective for tuition paid after June 30, 1998, is a maximum credit starting at $1,000 and, after 2002, increases to $2,000. Credit claimed to pay up to $15,000 for individuals earning $50,000 and couples making $80,000.

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Horizon, UI cut deal for special fares

CANDICE LONG
STAFF

The University of Idaho and Horizon Airlines negotiated a special fare agreement designed to reduce costs and provide greater flexibility for travel to Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello on official university business.

The fares also apply to UI sports, except the football team, which has its own charter agreement.

Horizon Air now offers three daily round-trip flights between Lewiston and Boise. The special fare agreement designates "Y" booking class with one-way fares as follows: Lewiston-Boise, $99; Lewiston-Idaho Falls or Pocatello $139. These are one-way fares and do not include passenger facility charges or segment fees.

The Y designation is for unrestricted, full-coach class. The ticket holder can cancel or change flights without penalty. The X designation ticket would normally cost $357.68 one way. A seven-day advance purchase would cost $198.80.

"I think this agreement all grew out of the fact that we use Horizon quite frequently and make use of a lot of their flights. It was recognition on both our parts," said Mike Allred, UI director of Business and Accounting. "I don't think there was a big outcry for it, but it came about when Horizon Air pulled out of Pullman-Moscow airport, so the timing was perfect."

Service from the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport to Boise ceased in October. This special fare will be available through November of 1998 and Allred said UI and Horizon Air may try to negotiate a continuation of the agreement.

To obtain the special fare, ticketing must occur at one of the following authorized travel agencies: Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Departures Travel, Fly Away Travel, Nicly's Travel, or Wheatland Travel. The form of payment necessary for the special fare is the UI American Express Corporate Card or UI Departmental Purchase order.

Looking for a flight out of Moscow? Although UI and Horizon have negotiated a fare agreement, you still won't be able to fly out of Pullman-Moscow Airport.

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In this case, it seems that the document is a letter to the editor discussing the impact of advertising on college newspapers. The author argues that minimizing advertising can lead to better reporting in college newspapers, which can improve the quality of news and attract more readers. The letter also mentions the importance of maintaining a balance between financial sustainability and journalistic integrity in college media.
Letters to the editor

Wade is right on

I very much enjoyed Wade Grish’s opinion column for the closing issue of the Argonaut this past semester and hope he will be writing the coming semester. It is very refreshing to see his kind of viewpoint amidst the usual stuff. I found myself agreeing with everything he had to say. Now if only I can figure out how to make some Christmas presents.

—Kai Middleton

Wade should be sensitive toward Christians

In the Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997 issue of the Argonaut, columnist Wade Grish launched a tirade against the “founded capitalist clown” which has come to be associated with the celebration of Christmas in our society. He states that he supports “snobish Christianity not capitalism,” and he is certainly entitled to his opinions. I do, however, take exception with one comment he made in the midst of his ramifications. He wrote, “Some people probably still recognize that Christmas was intended to be a historically Catholic holiday for the monkey Jesus.”

I confess that I am not sure what point he was trying to make by referring to Jesus as a monkey, but it did not seem to be related to anything else he was trying to say. It was probably an attempt at humor, but this gratuitous reference was, at the very least, insensitive to the beliefs of millions of people as well as being superficial to his argument. Indeed, Jesus would probably be the first to join his in arguing against rampant consumerism. Mr. Grish need not support Christianity, but it seems reasonable to ask that he refrain from desecrating the central focus of those who do.

—Roger C. Lynn
Pastor, The United Church of Moscow

Letters to the Editor should be factual

I would like to commend guest editorweight Leslie Gewartly for her concern regarding censorship of Michelleangelo’s David and other artistic masterpieces at the high school level in her column “NuArt is not pornography.” Dec. 2. I found it troubling, however, when Ms. Gewartly said she was “uninformed of the facts responsible. But the matter of names is not important.” For someone who seems to be dedicated to historical truth, it is ironic that she did not bother to confirm the factual basis of her erroneous article.

Equally troubling was the Argonaut’s response to Ms. Gewartly’s inaccuracies. When asked to print a correction to the guest column’s article, the Argonaut insisted that any correction must come in the form of a letter to the editor since Ms. Gewartly’s article was in fact a letter to the editor. Representing a letter to the editor as a “guest editorial” is misleading. A guest editorial implies some level of authenticity and support on the part of the Argonaut, whereas a letter to the editor is obviously stating the opinion of the writer, correct or not.

In the past eleven years, I can confirm that Moscow High School Library has not censored any of the art works referred to by Ms. Gewartly. Moscow School District policy states, “Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be prescribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disagreement... Books or materials which are only of an offensive nature (my emphasis) or those advocating overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or revolution shall not be part of the collection.”

The school district policy contains nothing that would exclude Michelangelo’s David or other artistic masterpieces from the high school library collection.

Indeed, Moscow High School Library has several art books which contain the exact picture in question. Although the library at Moscow High School is small, we take pride in our representative art collection and in our desire to provide our students with a broad and unencumbered range of materials.

So — to Leslie Gewartly — I applaud your interest and concern, but I suggest you check your facts with the “person’s responsible” before speaking publicly again. And to the Argonaut — I am delighted that students choose to participate in producing a university newspaper, but I would urge you to look carefully into either your policy to represent letters to the editor as guest editorials or your refusal to correct as obvious error adheres to the standards of objectivity and truth to which I am certain you aspire.

—Lynne Murray
Librarian, Moscow High School

Message to students and Senate: grow up

I would like to express my distinguiSHing concern that the behavior of certain people at the recently televised game against Northwest Missouri, Many places I have gone I’ve heard that the University of Idaho has F---ed-up people and many times I have defended my school. What happens on ESPION live? Students throw around an inflatable doll. That was just plain stupid. Not only are potential students and potential Idaho parents watching, but prospective athletes as well. It is hard enough for coaches to recruit athletes because of where the University of Idaho is located.

Many athletes opt for warmer regions or well-known schools. This school is well known for throwing around inflatable dolls and giving young women a bad name.

If the students want to see better performances than obviously they should stop doing crazy things like that. Was Joe Vandell in the thick of things as well? If I had seen something like that before I came to the university then I would not have become a Vandell. If these students (COTT DILKTY) were throwing around a bear (SMSU) then my Vandell Pride would not have been hurt.

Is it that this was the first time a lot of students have appeared on national TV live? If it is then maybe a handbook should be written on what not to do to hinder development of your school in front of the cameras.

On another issue, the ASUI Senate got their wish of having VIP seating. You would think that being the ASUI Senate they would be the ones to represent the students. What a true senate would do is sit in the crowd and show true devolution to the school and the students and cheer. I have seen what nationally televised events do. It was a selfish thing to do.

Besides, what was the point of having VIP seating anyway? I do not think the students of UI voted to have their senate sit in VIP seating. If we are all ambassadors of UI why don’t we all have VIP seating?

Believe me, I am an ambassador of the university but I do not cry for VIP seating. Instead I sit in the crowd and cheer like a true representative.

—Tawanda Chivo

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Werewolves wreak havoc in Paris

A movie review by Amy Sanderson

It’s furry, bow-wows, like a rare steak and for the money, it’s expensive at $12.8 million budget. Expecting an equal to the horror film classic An American Werewolf in London, remember the film role of the wise; sequels don’t deliver. The plot of this film directed by Anthony Waller is simple. Three buddies head to Paris and the other column tail around Europe. The threesome cracks that boy jokes about condoms and who will score. They even come equipped to bounce jump off of the Eiffel Tower. The troupe’s trip gets hairier when they rescue a depressed beauty from suicide and become entangled in a werewolf cult.

Despite the specific and gross duality of beautiful Julie Delpy playing a werewolf, the acting is pretty bland. Delpy, who achieved academic for her performances in White, can act, but the film merely exploits her French babe accent and situations only weak dialogue. Tom Everett Scott, the Tom Hanks look-alike From That Thing You Do, plays Andy, a goofy and overexposed American tourist who literally falls for Delpy and turns into a rather puppyish werewolf.

Unlike the 1981 original, the wolves in An American Werewolf in Paris were created with (big surprise) computer graphics. Unfortunately, the modernized beasts lack a bit of the punch present in the original cult classic where werewolves transformed with bubbling skin and sprouting hair, thanks to some of the best animatronic and morphing special effects in film making. The werewolves in Paris take about as long as superman to change their skin.

The film’s sound effects do make up for some of the less inspirational elements in the film. Bearly grows cause the viewer’s nerves to get a jump start and the sound of bones and muscle stretching into doggy limbs is surprisingly realistic. Like a horror flick, the film combines humor with its bloodier moments. The ugly American is the butt of much of the film’s jokes. With their monstrous T-shirts, bad French, poor taste and Euro-Disney, Americans are a favorite on the menus of the phony parties and clubs the elusive werewolf clan provides. The leader and biggest bad wolf of them all is Claude, played by Pierre Cassel, who greets the three friends with “Americans? I love Americans!” referring to how they eat his palate, not their personal charms. As in the original, the story has some werewolf myths thrown in the mix for a little more interest. “Eat your dog” in werewolf lingo means to dice on the organ of the wolf who gave you the curse in order to be human again. As in the original, victims of werewolves are left undead until the werewolf that did them in buys the farm. The undead victims in the latest version offer some comic relief — one undead victim pops her eyelids out trying to whistle.

Terrorists in Paris’ ghoulies alter a large part in this sequel’s appeal. Many Paris landmarks were recreated, including the Pere-Lachaise Cemetery where Jim Morrison is buried.

Supposedly filmmakers had a hard time finding a real church to house one particular religious icon-filled scene. Priests in Paris and Luxembourg told the werewolf story very seriously, but gave Beelzebub exists in werewolves, thought he could very well slip into even a fictitious one. Even though the sometimes obviously theatrical sets are laughable, the footage of ancient catacombs and many of the shots of the Eiffel Tower were the real McCoy and make for some exciting visuals. The film does include an exquisitely cheesy ending, but all-in-rolling viewers will get what they came for. An American Werewolf in Paris contains the basic essentials of any good horror flick: lots of gore and those moments that make you flinch in your seat. When werewolves leap out of dark corridors in the Paris underground and Delpy makes a bloody milkshake from hearts of a few unfortunate souls, gore and thrill lovers will feel satisfied.

Cold Mountain delivers new twist on Homer’s Odyssey

A book review by Heather Frye

With all of the literature that awaits will be forced to view over the coming weeks it is pleasant to have a non-conscripted novel sitting on the bedside table to escape from the grind of academia.

Unfortunately, for many of us one book in all the pleasure reading our busy schedules are going to allow and, with all the fine volumes topping the bestseller list, it is going to be tough to choose. Cold Mountain, a new novel by first-time author Charles Frazier, is an excellent choice for those looking for an intriguing new read. It took Frazier nearly seven years to complete the novel and the time, patience, and attention to detail he invested in the piece is apparent in every chapter. Frazier has already snagged second place on the New York Times bestseller list and notched a number one debut, an impressive first effort, edging out veteran writers such as Danielle Steel and John Grisham.

Cold Mountain is set in North Carolina at the tail end of the Civil War. In alternating chapters the reader follows the lives of Inman, a young deserter of the Confederate Army and the object of his desire, Ada, a former Charleston debutante who lives in Inman’s hometown at the base of Cold Mountain. Inman escapes from an Army hospital where he is recovering from a severe neck wound and begins his long and hazardous journey back to his home. Along the way he runs into all manner of peril. Extreme weather, starvation, wild creatures, and unscrupulous folks plague him in nearly every chapter.

Meanwhile, Ada, left with her father’s expansive property after his death and estranged from her husband, makes her way to South Carolina. At her core, the story is a new twist on Homer’s Odyssey, in which a battle scarred veteran attempts to make his way home and peace. Unlike other Civil War novels written by southern authors, the novel has a strong anti-war theme to it. Frazier took much of his inspiration from his grandfather’s letters, written while he was an infantryman in the Confederate Army. Frazier wanted to capture the disillusionment the weary soldiers left behind after they had witnessed so many bloody and frenzied battles while porous generals looked on from their safe posts. The pace of the novel is at times a bit slow and tends to drag on unnecessarily, but the intimacy of the story and Frazier’s stunning and at times beautifully written use of language more than make up for the novel’s shortcomings. The alternating chapters make it a page turner. It is truly hard to put down.

Cold Mountain is available in hardcover only at this time, and $24.95 is the steep price. But it is a highly collectible first edition of a best seller and an excellent read.
Head butting trees does not make you "cool"

In the last Argonaut of 1997, this section was completely devoted to the sport of skiing. Aspects such as where to go, how much certain ski areas charge, and other various topics were focused on exclusively.

Due to recent events, however, it has become apparent to me that a most ominous danger of skiing was historically disregarded. Of course, I am speaking of the occasional run in with our friends, the trees.

The head butting of trees while speeding down a snowy slope has become somewhat of an extreme sport unto itself. Perhaps following in the footsteps of automobile surfing, this is a trendy yet dangerous sport that is causing the slopes to run red with blood. Felix eager to feel the rush acquired by slamming their skull into a tree at high speeds tend to be rather careless while preparing for this event.

Step One: Preparing for an evening of tree head butting is simple. Pave your skin immediately during your next moment of sanity. There are no steps until step one is ignored, in which case step two is in order.

Step Two: Aim for a small tree — a sapling, preferably. You most likely caught word of the recent skiing tragedies involving Michael Kennedy and 70's heart throb Sonny Bono.

Both pursue this dangerous sport recreationally and both met their untimely demise.

Kennedy, of the American Kennedys, was struck down by a blue spruce.

Bono, who you may remember from his guest appearance in that one episode of Scooby-Doo in which he and his wife Cher hop into the Mystery Machine in search of pesky ghosts, was killed by a fit. Both trees were unavailable for comment.

I cannot help but feel somewhat responsible for these tragedies. Perhaps if the last insured a warning about the danger of head butting large trees, our country would not have had to suffer these unbelievable losses. I take full responsibility for the deaths of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bono and apologize to the weeping families for my lack of journalistic responsibility.

Although the trees involved in these particular events were mere victims, not all trees can be considered innocent. There have been reports of some trees actually attacking people on the slopes, clawing at their faces with sharp twigs. And it is commonly known that the occasional rogue tree will find its way down to flat ground. The area known as the Amazon Rainforest is infamous for its killer foliage. Trees have been witnessed invoking into sleeping villages and stealing the first born child of unsuspecting families.

The children are then carried into the dense forest and fed to spider monkeys.

It is because of this fact that the Amazon Rainforest is being so quickly wiped out. Since all trees look alike, we cannot detect the dangerous few and exterminate them. They must all be destroyed since the evil ones will not come forth. It is the same tactic used in may grade school classrooms now days.

"All right! Who knocked out my glass eye with a splinter!" screams a second grade teacher, obviously perturbed. The classroom is silent and many a child moves. "Since the one responsible will not come forward then I'll be forced to feed the entire class to spider monkeys!"

The Argonaut, like any paper based publication, is an avid supporter of the fight to save the Amazon and the first born children of those Brazilian villagers.

Do your part and subscribe to multiple copies of the Argonaut today! The more you have, the more often you can read it! Perhaps if we all did our part, Mr. Bono and Mr. Kennedy would still be around today.
Idaho athletics face biggest day in history

TOWNI SMIHERE
SPORTS EDITOR

Idaho head coach Chris Tormey doesn’t place the same importance on the waiver as is being suggested.
"It’s not a make or break situation. It’s not as critical as people are making it out to be," Tormey said.
Jaynes hopes his plan is taken under serious consideration by the nine ECAC directors who will vote at the NCAA convention today.
"This is not a final straw. This is just a place we can go," Jaynes said.
But Idaho and the Vandals may not be set to enough to keep Jaynes from going elsewhere. Expressing much frustration, he was offered an athletic director position at I-AA University of Texas-Chattanooga on Christmas Eve and paid a visit to the campus over the holidays on his own time.
UCC has been without a head to its athletic department for over a year. The position at UCC would also put him closer to his parents and his grandson, but Jaynes isn’t quite ready to give up his Vandals attire yet.
He has a very important job to finish—getting his Vandals playing a big A.
"I’m more concerned about the damn waiver than anything else,” Jaynes said.
Yet there are some much bigger concerns in the athletic department than dealing with A or I-A status.
For instance, the department’s financial means.
The university cannot afford to pay the daunting I-A bills for scholarships and coaches without receiving the financial benefits of the I-A division.
The UI is the world’s only I-AA program competing in a I-A league, which means the university is having to make up all the money from scholarship money and coaches’ pay.
But where is that money coming from?
In a Faculty Council meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 2, it was announced that the state Board of Education approved the transfer of up to $115,000 in the current fiscal year from the general education fund to athletics.
"This financial move is to help UI move toward compliance with the Title IX requirements for gender equity. Gender equity is estimated to cost the university $90,000.
Professor Anderson stated the athletic department’s reserves have been shrinking in the past two years. This transfer of money goes against the promises of President Zirner in September of 1994, that is, making the move from the Big Sky to the Big West Conference and from I-AA to I-A status, the administration would not use general education money to support Idaho athletics.

Who is really number one? Michigan or Nebraska?

BARRY GRAHAM
STAFF

The Michigan Wolverines beat the number seven-
ranked Wisconsin State Cougars by five points in the Rose Bowl, but the Orange Bowl, where Michigan and Nebraska Cornhuskers tussled the Tennessee Volunteers 42-17 in the Orange Bowl, was far from over.
But the two teams have more in common than you might think.
Nebraska, which was not content with getting to the extra period, continued to fight and was able to win the game.
In the Orange Bowl, the Cornhuskers exploded in every facet of the game. Offensively, they opened monstrous holes for quarterback Scott Frost and running back Ahman Green. Defensively, they limited Peyton Manning’s completions to minimal yardage, forcing him to at least hit the field goal and add even more points for Michigan.
Nebraska, on the other hand, had impressive victories throughout the season except in two contests. Against Missouri, the Cornhuskers had to rely on the running and passing of quarterback Brook Berringer to pull out a 27-24 win over the Tigers.
At closing moments, the Michigan-Nebraska teams were almost identical. Both teams had a 5-1 record as of press time. But the Cornhuskers were able to pull off the win by playing the Nebraska team’s strengths.
They are one of only two teams that defeated the Cornhuskers, the other being Ohio State.
"Until we have a "consensus" matchup between number one and two, there is always going to be controversy."

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Kelli Johnson — a true hometown hero

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STAFF

Few people can ever look back on their basketball playing days and say they won a high school and college championship. If the season goes as planned, Kelli Johnson will be able to commend herself on doing both in the same city.

At Moscow High School, Kelli Johnson led the Bears to the Idaho State Championships three years in a row, winning the final place trophy since she started as a sophomore. She was named to the all-state team twice, winning the MVP honors in the state tournament both in 1993 and 1995.

Although college ball has a different look that high school, it’s not obvious in Johnson’s play. She has emerged as one of the best outside shooters in school history.

Before the 1997 season even began, she was the Vandals career three-point goal leader with 146. She also holds the single game record with seven 3-pointers. If she keeps the same pace she has this early in the season, she may put herself out of reach in the Vandals record book.

Shooting 35 percent from behind the arc, Johnson already has 16 three-point goals this season. After averaging 9.3 points in her first three seasons as a starter, “KJ” has stepped up her game even further this season with an average of just over 12 points a game.

“This year there’s a lot more pressure being a leader and being a consistent player, always keeping our team going hard and leading by example,” Johnson said. “There may be a lot more pressure on Johnson, but the senior point guard has taken her leadership role to another dimension.

“I think she is a natural. She has been doing it [being a leader] since day one, since the first day she began competing,” coach Julie Holt said. “It’s a natural role for her.”

Along with the extra pressure of being just one of four seniors, Johnson feels some added pressure playing in front of the home Moscow crowd.

“It is great to have the support, but it’s a lot of added pressures,” Johnson said. “It is great to walk around town and know the people.

In transition from her days as a Moscow Bear, Johnson, who spent her days on a very successful team, found it very hard to concentrate and play a complete game as she started her career here at Idaho. She also was lacking some necessary defensive skills if she was to compete as a division I athlete.

“Probably my weakness was the defense — not understanding the fundamentals of defense and how hard you have to work to play good defense,” Johnson said.

But in her last two seasons she has had 46 steals and 76 rebounds. She is leading the team with 17 steals so far this season.

“She has improved her all-around game, pulling up the open shot and looking to score when she was open,” Holt said. “When she first came here I did not think she was a good defensive player, but she has really developed her all-around offensive skills and her defense is amazing.”

With the style of play that Johnson is putting into the Vandals along with her leadership and disciplined attitude, she will leave her mark in Vandals history.

But will the last Vandals team she plays for be recognized as possibly the best team in Idaho women’s history?

“It [the team] is only going to get better. We have a lot of talent, and a lot of new people. We are only going to get better,” Johnson said, looking toward conference play. “We will be a very tough team in the Big West with a very good shot of winning the whole thing.”

Whether or not the Vandals do claim the Big West Conference, giving “KJ” two championships on two different teams may be an experience Johnson will always be an icon of women’s athletics in the eyes of Moscow and the students of the university.

“I am just proud of what she has accomplished. She has worked very hard on every aspect of her game,” Holt said.

Nieman leads Idaho to first Big West win

Alli Nieman scored 25 points and pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds to lead Idaho to its first Big West victory Sunday afternoon, downing Cal Poly 92-76 at Mutt Gym.

Nieman went 6-10 from the field and 13-15 from the free-throw line. She has now scored in double figures in six straight games. Defensively, Nieman had two steals, two blocked shots and collected 15 defensive rebounds. Her 18 rebounds broke her previous career-high of 17 on two different occasions last year.

“That was huge,” Idaho head coach Julie Holt said of Nieman’s rebounding. “That was a big difference in the game.”

Coaching guard Kelli Johnson also came up big for the Vandals. She poured in 23 points — two short of her career-best mark — on 9-of-16 shooting. The senior from Moscow, Idaho hit all three of her three-point shots in the first half and finished the game going 3-7 from long range.

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