T-shirts, marchers help break the silence

Candice Long

The third annual March for Safety and Break the Silence Rally was anything but silent last Thursday, when students marched through campus in the Clothestline Project, a display of colorful T-shirts on the Administration Lawn.

Each T-shirt was designed in honor of or by a survivor of sexual assault, rape or incest.

Christina Crawford, daughter of actress Joan Crawford and author of Mommie Dearest, spoke on what it takes to be a survivor, rather than just a victim. Crawford recently published the 30th anniversary edition of the 42-week New York Times' bestseller that chronicles the abuse from her mother she had endured as a child.

Crawford was abused from the time she was 3 years old and was raped at age 11. She also watched her brother being abused and believes that love and violence can sometimes be intertwined.

"One of my favorite T-shirts out here tonight is the one that says 'Being pushed down the stairs is the same as being raped.'" Crawford said. "It's culturally conformed violence and disrespect is the foundation for lethal violence. This is something that goes on all over the world all the time and people are given permission to behave in violent ways."

The Clothestline Project began in 1990 when members of the Cape Cod Women's Agenda hung a clothesline across the village green in Hyannis, Mass. Women viewing the clothesline came forward to create shirts of their own. Today, there are over 300 Clothestline Projects nationally and internationally with an estimated 35,000 T-shirts hanging worldwide.

The purpose of the project is to bear witness to the survivors and their experiences, help with the healing process, give survivors and those who have lost a loved one to violence and educate, document and raise awareness of the problem of violence against women.

Crawford defined a survivor of sexual assault as someone who has a physical or emotional ability to overcome what has happened to them, and a victim is someone who has not.

Crawford also said that victims who have come from a background of alcohol or violence will not make healthy choices when trying to overcome the healing process, but being with other people who are making healthy choices and surrounding themselves with friends and family will help them heal.

"It robs us of our mental development, learning and growth," Crawford said. "But one of the things that was important when a person starts to work through this is recognizing that all of your energy, all of your focus, all of your mental capacity is used in overcoming it."

"It's extremely important to forgive yourself... and the employee will begin to fill up," Crawford said.

Crawford concluded her speech by thanking all of the people who came out to support the Clothestline Project. She stressed that it was those people who will continue to use their voices and energy to protect, defend and nurture those in need.

Styrofoam cups raise questions

Manufacturer says eco-friendly, recycling center says shameful

Adam E. Wilson

What is cheaper for Marriott may be more expensive for the environment, and that has led to a controversy over what you hold your tasty beverage in at the SUB Food Court.

The Food Court, operated by the Marriott corporation, has switched from paper to Styrofoam cups this semester. Students worry that the change is a poor environmental choice.

"It's a kind of nasty word to say around a recycling center: Styrofoam," said Heather Cates, manager at the Moscow Recycling Center.

Styrofoam is not biodegradable. That means it never goes away, never decays, no matter how long it sits. The paper cups that were used previously do.

For Marriott, the decision to use foam cups was one of finances.

"They were simply cheaper," said Berke Alfred, director of Residential Life. The corporation has been urging its university locations to buy the same product and thereby reduce the price.

Drink prices have not gone down since the foam cups have been used. Marriott, however, says the foam is no worse than paper. The cups in question are made by the Swesten Cup Company, Inc., who say the new type of Styrofoam used in the cups is eco-friendly.

The issue now is before the Student Union Board, which is expected to return a recommendation to Marriott this week.

No CFCA, which destroys the ozone layer, are used in the manufacture of modern polystyrene, the plastic that is Styrofoam. It is made to compact easily in landfills, Sweetheart says, and because it doesn't breakdown, it doesn't create air or water pollution once it is in the landfill.

"The landfill is definitely where these cups are going," said Heidemarie Maul, coordinator for the Styrofoam Recycling Program.

Once it's trash, it's beyond redemption," says UI Recycling Coordinator Jerry Marten. He said that if something has been thrown away, there are no facilities to sort out the reclaimable goods, and there are health risks in doing so.

"Basically, Styrofoam is a one-way show," he said.

"We should avoid using landfills altogether," said Cates.

"Reduction should come first," said Styrofoam cannot be recycled in the normal sense anywhere in the country, and locally, cannot be recycled at all. The packaging, however, can be reused. Some big cities, like Chicago and Philadelphia, recycle the foam into building insulation and packing material, but it can't be reshaped into more cups.

"For hot beverages, there's an argument for it," continued Cates. The Styrofoam is an excellent insulator of heat. But for any other use, she says, paper is the better. She points out that most fast-food chains, including McDonald's, have banned using foam.

"More people using their own reusable and recyclable cup or mug, that would be my No. 1 priority," said Cates.

The Food Court does sell coffee mugs that can be refilled for 89 cents.

Sweetheart, however, says disposable cups are more sanitary and save water because they needn't be washed.

Marten said there are no serious health concerns with refillable cups.

The SUB, as a whole, has been trying to clean up its environmental act. Various recycling bins are located next to trash cans throughout the building and offices have been focusing on reducing waste. The building is due to be reviewed by the North Idaho Green Star program, which recognizes achievements in environmental awareness and is likely to receive the Green Star.

Help needed to return creek to paradise

Charlotte West

Assistant News Editor

Volunteers are needed this Saturday for the eighth annual Paradise Creek Cleanup, sponsored by the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute.

"The areas that flow through neighborhoods are in pretty good shape. As far as Mountain View and east, it's pretty trashy," said Adam Thorneburg, Watershed Restoration Program coordinator.

He said they have found everything from cars to GI Joe dolls.

The event is an extension of the PCEI Adopt-A-Swim Project. Thorneburg said different groups adopted various sections of the Paradise Creek, and they will be invited to participate. Volunteers not affiliated with a group should come to the Student Union Building at 9 a.m. on Saturday to be taken to the areas that need the most work.

"What we're trying to do with the cleanup is raise awareness about how trashed our urban stream is. They get a feel for the condition the stream is in," he said.

Thorneburg expects around 150 volunteers. He said the majority of volunteers are university students. "We couldn't do it without them," he said.

Some cleanup was done last weekend for the Saturday of Service. Over 15 tons of concrete and asphalt were pulled out of the stream near Saylor. Thorneburg said that is one of the most impressive things he has heard about cleanup.
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Out & About.
Kennedy discusses environmental destiny at symposium

Kate Lombardi  Staff

In a one-hour-plus speech on Thursday, Robert Kennedy, Jr. fervently attacked the issues and politics that cloud the environment. Kennedy, the son of the late Robert and nephew of the late president, has found his own niche of political fame as an advocate for the Hudson River and other polluted waterways around the country.

An attorney and professor at Pace University, Kennedy is the counsel for River Keepers and works hand-in-hand with the fishermen of the Hudson River to get jobs, compensation, and clean water back from the corporations that ruined the ecosystem with their waste.

Yet, Kennedy maintains that Congress and politics are to blame for the current decrease in effective environmental legislation. "The 104th and 105th Congress are the most environmentally conservative in our history," Kennedy said.

Kennedy mentioned that Congress operates under the guise that economics and environment cannot peacefully co-exist. "Environmental policy and economic policy are 100 percent identical," Kennedy said. "And Capitol Hill treats global economy like it's business and liquidation. Environmental policy is deficit spending."

Kennedy also stressed that the final solution lies with the people. As a nation, he said, "we share values and share land. When we treat land with contempt, it is not a community; it is real estate."

Kennedy's arguments were backed with statistics that would shock even the most staunch anti-environmentalist. "There are 9,000 miles of Western streams that are contaminated and there are 11,000 toxic waste sites in Montana alone," Kennedy said.

However, the pollution doesn't just exist in the rural areas of Montana. Kennedy pointed out that it was the nation's poor who are having to deal with the effects of pollutants, since 4 out of 5 toxic waste dumps are in lower-class neighborhoods and communities. Members of the packed crowd were enthusiastic about the speech. "I respect his ability to shed a new light and attitude towards the idea behind being an environmentalist and caring about the world around you," said sophomore James Tucker.

Currently, Kennedy works for the Hudson Riverkeeper and is also the counsel for the Natural Resources Defense Council. The Riverkeeper began with the first "Keeper," John Cronin, for the Hudson River. The group was formed with the support of the local fishermen of the area. From there, the Riverkeepers have navigated their way to other endangered waterways throughout the country and Kennedy has become key with his congressional lobbying.

Kennedy stressed again in a question and answer period after the lecture that although he and others can lobby the politicians in Washington as much as possible, the thing that will make the most difference is activism from individual citizens.

"Join as environmental group," he said; "...in order for them to listen, the politicians need to be told what is important. Make them listen."

Kennedy came to the university as part of the Planetary Stewardship Conference that took place last week. The lecture was sponsored by the Boro Committee. Kennedy also has a book entitled The Riverkeepers.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. speaks on "Our Environmental Destiny" at the Planetary Stewardship Conference in the SUB Ballroom Thursday.

C Liz Thompson  Staff

CLEANUP from pD 1 efforts. "There's plenty more out there," he said.

He said they have probably pulled out more than 40 tons of garbage over the last eight years.

There is a difference in the condition of the stream since the cleanup started eight years ago. "Things are definitely improving. We're starting to see a lot more wildlife activity. In the areas where we are actually planting, we have seen a significant difference in preventing erosion," Thornbrough said.

In areas where large amounts of concrete and asphalt have been removed, vegetation is starting to regrow as well. "With some sections it takes a long time," he said.

Thornbrough hopes the stream will actually get to a condition where the event will focus on planting rather than cleanup.

He said there are also numerous restoration projects that happen throughout the summer. Groups of 10-30 people work on planting and bank erosion control.

PCEI will also be holding an annual celebration on Earth Day tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the Louisiana Purchase building at 111 N. Washington to discuss various issues and celebrate PCEI's accomplishments over the last year. For more information about the celebration or the stream cleanup, call PCEI at 882-2925.

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Some people just don’t know how to argue anymore

Scott J. Maharin

There was a time when words meant things, when premises necessarily led to conclusions, and main calling was not allowed in any sort of rational discourse. Calling someone a jerk used to mean you officially but the argument were read about it, and not that you won because you were more emotional. However, I conclude that this is a thing of the past by reading many of the recent letters to our esteemed newspaper. These days we argue like professional wrestlers, complete with name-calling and pretzel effects. This is sad and it is the symptom of a larger problem. We simply don’t know how to think.

As thinking college students, we should be able to tell a bad argument from a good one. We should have our thinking caps on all times. However, just because you made the Dean’s List doesn’t mean you can think rationally.

Arguments are made up of premises and conclusions. For an argument to be sound, the truth of the premises must follow into the conclusion. If this does not happen, then the argument is not sound. Just to clarify, statements like: “Scott is an a-hole,” are not arguments. They are propositions.

Propositions are not arguments. And they should not be treated as such. So, the next time you’re reading the letters to the editor and you find someone calling one of our writers a name, don’t slap a high five with your buddy exclaiming, “Sure, they sure told him!” Calling someone a jerk because you don’t like their argument is sound evidence that you don’t understand anything. The Latin word for this form of argumentation is “ad hominem,” literally meaning “to the man.” Let’s not discuss things in this way. It is only a waste of time. Save it for the wrestling ring.

In previous columns I have used the word “inconsistent” to describe a worldview. What I mean by inconsistent is this. If I say that “God is nature and nature is God,” this is a proposition. Now, if I test this proposition by stating that “by killing a tree, I am killing God,” this is consistent. However, if I begin by saying that God is nature and nature is God, but then claim that killing a tree does not kill God, I am being inconsistent. Do you see the difference?

That is why inconsistent discourse needs to be addressed. There is inconsistency everywhere. We say that anything goes in sexual morality, but then we object to child molesting. Those of us who are scientifically calling someone a jerk because you don’t like their argument is sound evidence that you don’t understand anything.

This is tuned in might claim that all thought is a complex chemical reaction and we are the product of evolution, but then we love our friends as though love were a real thing and not simply random neuron firings. Also, we might believe in the theory of random mutations and survival of the fittest, but all the while believing in equality for all races and genders. Can you spot the inconsistency? According to this theory, there is nothing wrong with the mistreatment of women, or racism. Our gender dominates another, and so does one race. So what? Given evolution, what is the difference?

Now, I understand how this might make some people upset. Seeing the end of the logical road upon which you travel can be a tad frightening. My point is that we will not bite the bullet on these things (racism, misogyny) because we have an intrinsic moral stance. Racism and misogyny are woven in every culture. We might start out saying “survival of the fitter,” but we’ll sign up to cloths that aid those who have been victims of domestic violence. And we should. However, if you do so as an evolutionist, you betray your original premises and reveal your moral stance that is not given to you by a mutation but by God.

It is my hope that this column has helped those of you who like to respond arguments emotionally and not rationally. Plenty of good materials are available to begin the process of sound argumentation. I have a long way to go as well, but we can be civil and rational in our discourse, can’t we? Can you really dismiss me as an idiot fundamentalist? Can you really dismiss Wade as a crazed eco-warrior? None calling doesn’t cut it. Adults think and argue rationally. Save the mudslinging for Hank Hogan.

Letters to the Editor

Switching to treeless paper is a viable alternative

I read the informative front page article on the Student Environmental Action Coalition’s drive to replace the UI computer lab paper with tree-less kenaf paper (Argusent, April 14) with interest. Adam E-H Wilson did an excellent job with the piece. In my view there is one point that needs some clarification however. That is the fact that using printing costs are primarily due to the paper usage.

As the article states, printing costs have escalated rapidly in the past couple of years. But I would imagine that as the print availability on LARUSER accounts is taken away the paper usage will go down significantly. I have witnessed many students printing hundreds of Sheets, for example, on LARUSER. Other universities take it out of print/article off the web.

I felt that the article left the impression that using kenaf would contribute significantly to printing costs. I believe that costs may ease a bit in the short run as a result of the proposed paper usage switch, but that in the long run, the cost will be negligible. The initial rise is projected at $5-$10 per semester. What’s that, a few cups of pop or beer to most students? The long term benefits are much more substantial though. This is an opportunity for UI, so the article stated, “take the lead in progressive environmental policy.” Using a more environmentally-friendly product is simply the right thing to do. When several large paper users follow the UI’s example, the supply and demand tells us that the price of the kenaf treeless paper will come down.

This also sets an example for the university to enhance its image — by setting an example. As an example that is bound to lead to positive publicity nationwide.

“I am not thrilled about eliminating computing fees, but I believe this is the way to combat this. If the unlimited printing on LARUSER is eliminated, then the students who pay the bills for this extensive usage should see the savings. And again, the cost of the switch to kenaf will most likely be temporary and negligible.”

Thanks to the Argusent for covering this important topic. And most of all, thanks to SEAC for proving this, and other issues they are pressing, that there are still students willing to get off their rumps and stand up for what they believe. I signed the SEAC petition supporting the paper switch at the table set up near the Library. I hope you’ll consider it as well.

—Tim Lehman

Soon the oil supply will run dry

The mainstream media is totally preoccupied with whether or not Bill did it to Monica while Americans are about to be blinded by a global nightmare that will change their lives forever.

Around the year 2005, a unique event will occur: we will enter a new era, a permanent resource scarcity as global oil production "peaks" and begins its inevitable and permanent decline.

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In many ways, the next hundred years will look like a movie played backwards. As oil production begins to decline, societies will "undevelop" with mass REPLACING machinery, and bicycles REPLACING autos. Obviously, American standards of living will go into free fall — permanently.

Although we have the best politicians money can buy, its far too late to begin their education now. There is really nothing we can do to stop the oil crisis before it makes what’s coming at us, and then do our best to survive.

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—Jay Havan
Letters to the Editor

Flat tax would increase gap between rich and poor

In his column on April 14, columnist Lance R. Curtis suggested to the rest of us that a flat tax would end all of the problems with America and lead to a Utopia comparable to the Garden of Eden. Well, Mr. Curtis, I call your bluff. The myth that a progressive tax brasile tax system has been long propagated by those who make enough money to screw the rest of society, and you have fallen into their lair. Now you did have some control, like getting rid of the dead weight in our tax system (a scandal excepting being the charitable tax credit), but the flat tax is not one of them.

If you really want to look at how a progressive tax system works, you would see that each tax rate only applies to that income over the floor of the bracket. For example, if you are in the 15 percent bracket, which is taxed at 15 percent, you would have pay a tax of $2,450 (15 x $160). If your total income was $3,000, your tax would be a tax of $2,450 x 15 = $36,750. So, this is nothing but a big fat tax on the rich, but you would not be sorry. Your tax would actually be $1,687.50, $24,650 x 15 $36,750, which would be far worse in taxes. The current federal bracket is just right.

The second falsehood that you purportedly put forth is that the rich pay more taxes than the poor. This was would be right, if income tax were the only tax placed on the American people. However, the plan is that in for those that make minimum wage and other minimum salaried, their tax burden is in other forms, like Social Security and local taxes. Some sort of a tax that really applies to about the first $20,000 of your salary is 12 percent. For the rich, this is a drop in the bucket, but for the poor, they pay heavily for their crime of poverty. Sales taxes also burden the lower and middle classes to a much higher degree than the wealthy, so a sales tax is not needed to place a higher burden on the poor than on the rich. These are reasons why the rich don’t struggle to get by in our society while welfare mothers drive around in Rolls Royces and live in 10,000 sq. houses. The reason is that they don’t pay for the rich and the rich don’t need any more favors from a society that is crumbling because of the inequities found in every city to grace this land.

I challenge Lance and everyone out there who disagrees with me to give one good reason why increasing the divisibility between the rich and poor benefits society. There are other ways to fix our tax system besides a flat tax, Mr. Curtis. You simply need to take the blinder off and find one that will work.

—Von Isaac Anderson

Argonaut needs to take its head out of the sand

I can’t be the only, be it Jewish, bi- racial, or anything along those lines, but I can’t think of a single time in the Argonaut’s existence (for some reason or other, the Argonaut’s management, for lack of a better word, is just ass backwards) that this material is applicable. If you would check the Argonaut’s archives, there were two HIV/AIDS speakers on campus, one “inocuous” Christian victim, and one homosexual gay subject. This is the way of everything that the Argonaut does. As Jon J. mentioned, there was a much smaller crowd for the homosexual community’s week and two for the Argonaut: Why not? The story was similar. The only one that needs to be removed is the one that needs no removal.

The Argonaut was founded about 1925, when the world was in the grip of World War I, and the United States was just entering the conflict. The Argonaut was founded as a place for students to express their views on the war, and to shape public opinion. Since then, the Argonaut has been a forum for students to express their views on a wide range of issues, from politics to sports to campus life. The Argonaut is an independent, student-run newspaper that is owned and operated by the students of the University of Idaho.

—Nicole Zimmerman

National Day Without Violence is hardly pointless

Matt, your stance on the “Free Tibet” issue is founded in uncertain ground. First, your attitude regarding a conquered nation in history and thought will be perplexing as these only maintain the status quo of mediocrity. You stated, “Tibet lost its war to China and that’s the way it is.” I seem to remember from my grade school history lessons that our own country was once a possession of a much more powerful nation. How well off would we be now if the United States’ founding fathers had your attitude, Matt? They would just have sat around saying that “the way it is” is the face of oppression instead of fighting and establishing what you call the “best form of government ever invented.” History tells us that the strong are the ones who stand up for what they feel is right. Well Matt, that’s what these protesters are doing. You are missing the whole point if you think the only goal of the protesters was to free Tibet. They obviously succeeded in their goal to bring this subject to the attention of people who were not previously aware of the situation. Were you going to write this article before you were the victim of the flyers about the National Day Without Violence?

Tibet was an island of peace for thousands of years while war and conflict ravaged Asia. The communist government invaded Tibet in 1959 and began reforms. The attitude that religion is “the opiate of the masses” drove the Dalai Lama out of Tibet and restored a nation spiritually impotent. Your point that “other countries do other things” is right, but, let’s examine that statement in more detail. If we acknowledge that other cultures have different value systems and that we cannot judge other cultures by our own culture’s standards, then the only way of determining whether a situation is right or wrong in another culture is to observe and determine if the situation is serving the needs of the people. China’s oppression of religion in Tibet is a crime and if Tibet’s plight is brought to the attention of the world by people like Martin Scorsese and those who organized the National Day Without Violence, China will continue to rape and exploit Tibet’s real natural resources, its people.

—Eric Woodfill

Clinton’s morality is a concern

This letter is a response to Justin Hopper’s letter which addressed Scott Malnick’s article on the Clinton scandal.

In his response to Scott Malnick’s article on the morality of our president, Justin Hopper puts forth that everyone “should be allowed their own opinions” regarding the public’s business as conducted by its leaders.

While it is true in any situation that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, I would argue that the assertion that “a president can do whatever he wants” is morally absolute. The term “leader” implies much more than just sign-off and hairstyling. People look to the president as a representative, as a figure of the nation. If a man cannot keep his sexuality private, how can we trust any other dimension of (Terry) “PACT” then how can we expect him to serve us honestly? It is like saying a child’s writing skills have nothing to do with his ability to write. Morality affects every significant decision a person makes, including whether to work for a nation, to work inductively, or to have an affair. If one does conclude that the president’s morality is none of our business, then it does follow that we shouldn’t complain if he participates in bestiality, homosexuality, or rape. Hey, it wouldn’t affect his ability to pass foreign policy, so we can’t. We should.

—Jerry Owen

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**Slide show to introduce great guide book**

by Mark Deming

A new outdoor guidebook is destined for immortal status in the Inland Northwest and its authors Landers and Dan Hansen will be at the UI Bookstore next week to share it with outdoor lovers in multi-media form.

The just-published volume Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest: 50 Flatwater and Whitewater Trips for Canoe and Kayak fills a long-neglected void in guidebook shelves around the region. Before the release of this latest edition in the Mountainpress guide series, the paddling guidebook needs of the Inland Northwest were dominated by publications targeted towards the Mountaineers Club.

Flying on less hostile class 1 and class 2 waters, Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest provides invaluable access and route information for classic trips throughout the region in a way that is accommodating to the greatest novices, yet applicable for the most seasoned explorers.

Landers and Hansen "...with an intimate knowledge of their subject matter that could only be achieved by being highly experienced -- in this case, through years of intense on-the-water research. They spent much of the past two years carrying pens, pads, and cameras along with their paddles while gathering information for the book.

"It took me years to figure out what to put in this guidebook...you can have the fruits of that in one evening of reading," says Landers.

Landers is the Outdoors Editor for the Spokane-Review, where Hansen also works as a reporter. Both men have long histories of outdoorsmanship in the area to draw from for the benefit of readers.

Dan Hansen is a life-long resident of Washington. He is an avid paddler who contributed to the Guide to Whitewater Jocks. While writing a series of stories about the life and lore of the Columbia River, he once spent a month traveling a 420 mile stretch of it in a 13-foot inflatable boat.

In addition to his duties in the production of the newspaper's award winning Outdoors and Travel section, Landers is the regional editor of Field and Stream magazine and has contributed to several other outdoor publications. He is co-author of the well-received hiking and backpacking guidebook 100 Hikes in the Inland Northwest. A student promoter of conservation, his writing efforts have been honore by the Idaho Conservation League, Washington Environmental Council, and National Audubon Society.

Readers will find that Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest reflects that commitment to conservation, although authors originally feared the consumers who often curse the writers of outdoor guidebooks: guidebooks invariably bring money into pockets; how many weekend warriors will potentially be the feared areas and what problems will they bring with them?

Landers knows that great consequences often result from the influx of people in pristine lands and waters and that guidebooks such as his sometimes contributes to that effect. However, he believes that by writing a ebook that encourages conservation with recreation, readers will come to aid the cause rather than affect it adversely.

The book's introduction informs paddlers of the service they can do for their favorite waters; "Paddlers who develop in intensity with a lake or river become its best friends."

In an interview, Landers commented, "Rivers need friends, not only because of what's going on with dams and pollution, but access is a major issue. Canoists and Kayakers are great activities and paddlers.

The presentation in the Borah Theater will address conservation and the pleasure of paddling the region's waters with the intent of making it an enjoyable evening for anyone who delights in the outdoors. A big screen visual display of the spectacular scenery found along the two routes will be accompanied by the most appropriate soundtrack; the author's own recordings of tapping waters, paddle strokes and such.

"I think people will come out of the slide show wanting to go from there to the water," says Landers.

The event, sponsored by the UI Outdoor Program and the UI Bookstore, is scheduled for April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Renaissance Faire celebrates silver anniversary

by Heather Frye

The vernal equinox nearly always seems to slide past me in a blur. Spring's official marker only serves as some ironic punchline to that same old joke we weather without hefti while desperately trying to get our car started on March 21; "First day of spring, my boots!"

However, budding poplars, pale yellow-green buds on trees, and a sputtering of warm weather has arrived at last. With them comes Moscow's annual celebration, the Moscow Renaissance Faire. This year marks the Faire's silver anniversary. To celebrate, the Faire's coordinators are planning some special events in addition to the usual line up of food, crafts, and music that has made the past 24 years so enjoyable.

The Faire has grown considerably since its humble beginnings a quarter century ago. For a time, performers were forced to utilize the back of a flatbed truck as a stage. Today the Faire boasts around 100 food and craft booths and hosts dozens of performances every year on the Faire's stage in Borah Park.

A parade of the kings and queens from past years will open this year's festivities. The kings and queens are selected from members of the community who have given their time and been instrumental in the betterment of Moscow. They will be honored at this year's celebration along with the new queen and king. Local artist Ruby Valentine (who created the costumes for last year's king and queen, the two trees at the sides of the stage) has donated her skills again, this time by designing the king's capes, which hang in front of the stage. A number of the Faire's members will have worked on the parade floats throughout Moscow, in honor of the event. This year's poster was designed by Rebecca Lawrence. A contest was held among the students of UI design teacher Bill Wolfman's two classes and Lawrence's was chosen by the Renaissance Faire's personal representative to the Faire.

The position of entertainment coordinator and master of ceremonies has been handed down to Mark Leiko, a local forester and 15-year Moscow resident. He has brought together an awesom list of musicians and performers for this year's Faire that is too vast to list. He has done an excellent job of finding good performers, both local and imported, that are so unique, exciting, and meld with the feel of the Faire. Everything from Cajun Zydeco to funk to the unusual, such as psychedelic ceramic flute music, will be represented in the line up. Some notable funk band plus Judy Smoakman, Gunner Underground (who utilize electric violins, African drums, and stand up bass in their sound), and Spoon, which features some of the former members of Moscow jam band The River Project. Local performers such as the legendary Dan Maher, Chedra, Bittie band PotOchute, and Hunters of the Dawn will also be present along with a host of others. Sadly, the Clumsy Lovers will not be per forming this year.

A number of live events are scheduled for the younger set as well. The zip line, with straps courtesy of Adventure Entertainment, will return by popular demand. Theatrical troupe Take 2 will present "Reduced Shakespeare," a condensed and simplified version of the bard's plays for kids. The UI's chemistry department will be doing "Chemical Magic" show and there will be maypole dance instruction led by Scottish dancer Annie Hubbard.

The Faire is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 2 at 10:15 a.m. and will run until 9:30 p.m. Sunday's events will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m.
Banff Film Festival to visit Pullman

by Amy Sanderson

It's not extreme ice climbing or messages about the environment, the 22nd annual Banff Mountain Film Festival makes its way to the WSU campus this week to showcase work by independent filmmakers with a passion for the outdoors.

This year's films include pieces on everything from kayaking, rock climbing, and snowboarding to dog sledding. The films to be shown at WSU explore mountain environments and cultures bringing a taste of the peaks and high altitudes to those who can't experience it themselves.

"Some of the films are extreme and some are more environmental or about the ecosystems of areas," said the Pullman showing's organizer, Kelly Desy.

One of several films this year will show a free fall from an airplane with skydivers who draw their parachute strings at the last minute while plunging into a crevasse. In another less extreme film from Africa, an filmmaker shows the effects of a volcano on the animals and plant life around it. A life spent rock climbing is the subject of a piece entitled Rock Queen, a documentary about a woman who has spent her childhood and mature adulthood scaling peaks.

The festival held each year in the glacier ridden peaks of Banff, Alberta, draws filmmakers, photographers and outdoor enthusiasts from all over the world. A film from France about a kayak pro braving waterfalls is just one of several international films debuting on the tour. "The event is really world renown. Climbers and a lot of extreme sports people know about it and have been coming into the office looking for it," said Desy.

This year, the best of 120 film entries were chosen by a jury and a 6,000 member audience. The best of those films ranging from eight minutes to 45 minutes are what makes up the tour. Independent filmmakers often work on the films for as long as 2 years and are able to do so with the help of sponsors. Often athletes themselves, the filmmakers trek along with climbers of snowy peaks or as in one film this year, follow a subject climbing up a frozen waterfall.

"You would need to be somewhat conditioned to make these films," said Desy. Outdoor photographs make up another part of the festival in Banff and can be seen on the festival's website at <www.banffcentre.ab.ca/Festival/Film.htm>

Following the stop in Pullman, the festival will travel to far off realms such as Japan, Singapore, New Zealand and South Africa. The showing takes place April 23 at the WSU Outdoor Recreation Center at the Campus Union Building from 7-10 p.m., and is free. For more information contact ASWSU Outdoor Recreation Center at 335-2651.
The coach was also pleased with the effort of several of his receivers including Ryan Priestlomicko who hauled in three catches for 63 yards and a score.

"Ryan Priestlomicko had a good scrimmage," said Tormey, "Jeffrey Townsley had a tremendous catch and Ethan Jones had a couple of key receptions.

Tormey intends for his Vandals team to be sold on special teams as well. Florida native Jerid Keefer made one of two field goals hitting from 37 yards. Michael O'Neal punted five times and averaged 45 yards with a long of 67 yards for Idaho.

"We weren't dominant on either side of the ball," said Tormey. "However, there were positives on offense and defense for us."

The coach expects a tougher, more physical Idaho team in 1998. With new offensive coordinator Phil Earley, who had been the quarterback coach last season, the Vandals should possess a balanced attack with talent at quarterback, wide receiver and running back.

Tormey says that Idaho may have one senior starter on offense and plenty of youth, especially on the offensive line where some sophomores may start. Defensively, the Vandals will have more experience with seniors Nick Alexander playing at defensive end, Skinner at linebacker and strong safety.

The coach expects the Vandals to make many improvements by the time the first regular season game takes place on September 5 here against Western Washington.

"Every individual here has an area that needs improvement," said Tormey. "Everyone needs fundamental improvement. As we get better individually, we will get better as a team."

The Vandals will hold their second spring scrimmage this Saturday at 11 a.m. either on the practice field in front of the Kiddie Dome or in the Dome if the weather is inclement. Coach Tormey says that Idaho fans are welcome and encouraged to attend the scrimmage.
Vandal
News and Notes

Track and Field

Members of the UI track and field team competed at the Bob Gibb Classic this weekend. Schools such as Utah State, Boise State, Idaho State, and Washington among others, competed in this three-day meet.

Junior Anni races in a 100 meter dash with a personal best of 58.18 while Jamie Stone set her personal best with a 5th place finish in the 1500 meters. Shanita Bell, Summer Clymer and Allie Nye qualified in their respective events while Melina Kostoulycky took first in the pole vault with a height of 9'-1/2.

The lone top-five finisher for the men was John Kaye, who took second place in the long jump (21'-9.34)

Men's Tennis

The Idaho men's tennis team won its ninth successive match, beating Utah 4-2 Friday.

The Vandals, 11-12 on the season, dominated the singles matches, winning each except for the No. 5 position. The Vikes won the doubles point by claiming victories at No. 1 and No. 3. "This was the best match we've played all year," fourth-year head coach Greg South said. "It was a huge win."

Idaho sophomore Brian Connell from his eighth-straight match at the No. 3 slot, defeating Phil Rodriguez 6-2, 6-4. Meanwhile, Cali Bell, falling in to the injured John Honan, won in straight sets 6-1, 6-4 at No. 6 singles.

The Vandals next travel to Guelph, Calif. for the Big West championships April 22-26.

Men's Basketball

University of Idaho head coach Dave Farrar continues to build on his solid basketball program with the signing of Jon Scott and Michael Jackson.

Scott, a gifted shooter from Paradise, Calif., is the Idaho County record holder for 3-point goals in a game and against Garden City and was honored by being named a pre-season junior college All-American and the OVC of the All-American Team. He also was named to the All-Big 10 West first team and the Region first team.

During Harston County's 29-4 season, which included a top-10 national ranking, Scott averaged 22 points per game while shooting 48 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free throw line. He connected on 44 percent of his 3-point goals, which led to 103 3-pointers during the 1997-98 season.

That scoring ability is what Farrar was seeking. "As much as I enjoyed our team last year, there were times when I had to factor," Farrar said. "The signing of Jackson may immediately alter that offensive situation.

Jackson, a 215-pound power forward from Harston County Community College, has solid Bragg-Street scoring ability, but has a 46-inch vertical leap to make him an efficient rebounder. Last season, Jackson averaged 12 points and nine rebounds per game.

Mike has a great feel with an inside-outside mentality who has unbelievable athletic skills," Farrar said. "He is one of the few great jumpers who has a fundamental base to his game."

Jackson also has the intangibles, which increase his value in the Vandals.

"Mike has the ability, both from a leadership and a talent standpoint, to be an impact player for us," Farrar said.

Women's Basketball

Assistant women's basketball coach Jennifer Britton has accepted the top assistant coaching position at the University of Pittsburgh.

Britton, 25, will work under Pitt head coach Tracy Waddles. The Panthers of the Big East Conference went 6-21 last season.

"My experience at the University of Idaho has been one of a lifetime," Britton said. "I wish coach Hilary Reckard and the rest of the Idaho team luck, and I'm excited about the future at the University of Pittsburgh."

Britton played at Idaho from 1985 to 1989 and spent one season with the Vandals as former head coach Julie Holt's special assistant. Before coming to Idaho, Britton served as an assistant coach at Long Beach State. She was also the Director of Academic Operations for Women's Basketball (1993-94) and the Director of Operations for Women's Basketball (1992-93).

Youth Baseball and Softball

Moscow Parks and Recreation is accepting registration for Youth Baseball and Softball April 6 through April 24 for boys aged 6-10 and girls 6-15. The season will run from early June through the end of July. Early registration is encouraged. Parks and Recreation is also recruiting volunteer coaches and paid officials. For further information call Moscow Parks and Recreation at 883-7065.

Idaho Special Olympics

The 1998 Idaho Special Olympics needs volunteers for the northern Idaho Spring Games. The games will be held for April 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Idaho. For more information, call 883-2628.

Beginning Golf

Moscow Parks and Recreation is taking registration for beginning golf. This adult class will cover basic techniques of putting, chipping, short, middle-long iron and woods. Grip, stance, club selection and strategies will also be covered. Instruction will be provided by qualified UI staff. Equipment will be provided.

Participation is limited to a minimum of 18 years of age. The class begins May 26 and runs through June 13 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the UI golf course. For more information, please call 883-7065.

Move to Martin Stadium

The Idaho Sports Law Association is sponsoring a presentation by Mike John, Idaho's Athletic Director and Mike Marlow, Assistant Athletic Director, on Monday, April 27. The presentation will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Idaho Collegiate Law Courthouse. It will be the move to the Big West conference and the move to Martin Stadium for the 1999 football season. A question and answer session will follow.

Fourth Annual Chris Tormey Golf Tournament

May 1-2 sees the Silver and Gold intra-squad spring game, the 1998 Big Sky championship men's tennis, and the fourth annual Chris Tormey golf tournament. Entry fees for the tournament are $50, which includes shirts, lunch, dinner and prizes. For more information, please call (208) 883-4020.
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The greatest news is a fabulous selection of quick meals and hearty snacks! Food includes pizza, nachos, Quesadilla, salads and other treats. There’s a mid-week Food and Brew special from 5:00-9:00 pm. If fine wines are your preference, the garden lounge provides a wine list worth your consideration.

Manager Nick Brown has been with the garden lounge for seven years. He encourages you to come in any day for Happy Hour from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Don’t pass up your free birthday drink. Pinball and pool are available downstairs.

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