ESPN deems Corner Club best in the west

By Adam E.H. Wilson
Senior Reporter for the UI Argonaut

The Corner Club in Moscow is one of the nation's best sports bars, according to ESPN Magazine.

The magazine asked sports writers across the country to name the best home-team bars, and the club came in third runner-up. It was one of only three named west of the Mississippi.

"It wasn't anything that had to do with me, it's the tradition and the people of the Corner Club," said the club's proprietor and bartender, Mike Curtis. Indeed, the small club doesn't have any pool tables or a house band, but it does have a loyal and diverse clientele.

"It's kinda a family gathering place," said Curtis. He said ESPN Magazine's Scott Austin was looking for bars that had tradition, that were around before sports bars were as popular as they are now.

As luck would have it, the Corner Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this weekend. The three days of festivities reach a climax Saturday at midnight when Curtis and his wife burn their mortgage on the club.

During those 50 years, the club has developed a tradition of support for University of Idaho athletics. In the magazine article, they receive mention for the free bus service they provide to and from UI games. For every home football game, the Mark IV and the Corner Club pay for a school bus to ship fans to the Kibbie Dome.

"We have a lot of pride and our customers have a lot of pride that makes it happen," said Curtis of the club's support of the Vandals. The club's walls are covered in Vandals memorabilia old and new, some donated, some purchased. Patrons include coaches, players, fans, retirees and UI students.

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Topless on the town: End discrimination now!

By Dirk DeWitt, Jr.
Reporter for the UI Argonaut

On Tuesday, July 14, at 1:30 p.m., three females were arrested by Moscow City Police for going topless in a public place.

It was one of the hottest July days, when Lori Graves, Natalie Shapiro and Stacy Taylor, walking near the Washington with their backs to traffic, removed their tops. According to Graves, it was less than a minute before police arrived on the scene and insisted the three put their tops back on.

When they repeatedly refused to comply, and with a crowd of spectators gathering, the police saw no option but to arrest them.

Now this was not simply three women's attempts to escape the midsummer's heat. This was a somewhat spontaneous, yet rather calculated effort to begin changing what is seen as a vague and sexist law, according to Graves.

Captain Melanie even acknowledged, "this is the way laws are changing in society." As to the indecent exposure law, it states, anyone who willfully exposes their private parts in any place where there are other persons likely to be offended or annoyed, is subject to prosecution.

This does seem rather vague in its wording, in that it leaves much up to personal interpretation of the officer.

The use of the term "private parts" does not clearly define whether such as to what those parts may be, is the heart of the problem. Wheniggles and Russian are studying the law books, to determine what constitutes a "private part," it's found to be left up to individual interpretations.

In many states, such as North Carolina, Washington, and Oregon, this vague terminology, or "private parts," has been determined, not to refer to the breasts, but rather, only the procreative organs. Unable to locate, in Idaho law, where the term "private parts" was defined, leaves this issue wide open to different interpretation in the enforcement of this law.

The question this incident brings up is: Is it sexual discrimination of the breasts, male or female, is more suitable for public view than another? As Webster's Dictionary defines the word, there is no difference between them beyond a subtle slight. But as is mark to law, there is a large difference. In many states, such as those in New York and California, it has been determined to be sexual discrimination to deem the female breast as any different than the male breast.

A pre-trial conference with the prosecuting attorney for this case has been tentatively set for Tuesday, July 28. Also, the defendants in this case can find an appropriate attorney.

Beware of GHB on campus

By Charlotte West
Reporter for the UI Argonaut

University of Idaho administrators and staff are attempting to make students aware of alcohol awareness this fall.

Dean Bruce Piman said UI is a very safe campus, and he'd like to keep it that way. A recent survey of graduate students said UI is a 98 percent satisfied with personal safety.

A former student leader said it is important to provide students with safety messages during the first few weeks of school. "Our emphasis is to personalize it to the living groups," he said.

Piman and others are following up on that goal. Valerie Russo, sexual assault education specialist, said the Women's Center is planning several programs for freshman orientation.

"There's quite a bit going on," she said.

Sorority rushes will be presented “through the Eyes of a Predator” during rush week, Russo said it is a sexual assault awareness program with a theater piece in the middle that illustrates the stages a rape goes through during an attack. “It’s pretty extensive,” she said.

She said the program can help women be informed about how to deal with a rapist and possibly escape by fabricating how to react. She said one rape victim was able to talk her attacker into leaving after he raped her because she understood a rape was not rape.

Russo said men would also benefit from the program. "It’s important to involve men in responsibility," she said.

Piman said they will also be discussing safety issues at the residence halls.

The resident directors and resident assistants are also planning safety programs.

Corporal Tery Haldemanof the Moscow police department said one of the biggest concerns for campus safety is the increasing stranger rape rate and date rape rate. "One of the difficulties with acquaintance and date rape is that there’s a willingness of the victim to report it," he said.

"The problems we are behind the closed doors," Russo said. "This leads to other things such as education and prevention and education.

Haldeman and other police officers will be visiting various living groups to hold safety discussions. He said one of the major issues he will talk about is gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a drug that has been reported in the Moscow area.

He said the recipe for GHB can be found on the Internet and can be manufactured at home. Haldeman said it is an extremely volatile, unbalanced substance that can cause serious physical effects. He said the drug hightens tactile responses and severely reduces inhibition. He said it can cause people who would normally say "no" to sexual contact to say "yes."

"Our fear on campus is that it is moving out of the recreational phase into the date rape stage," he said.

"This is a clear liquid that could be easily slipped into a drink. It can be done very quickly," Haldeman said. He warned that if people go to parties, they should never leave drinks unattended.

"GHB and alcohol are not to be mixed," he said.

By Zach Boyle
Reporter for the UI Argonaut

Doug Cameron, lead vocalist and guitarist for the band, is walking around Joe's Alley with an insomniac smile on his face. "It feels good to be back home," he said.

Doug Cameron, who band for left both bands, and was discovered by the rock band, Groove Overlode, Boulder, Colorado, two months ago.

"It's extremely humbling," Cameron said of the former band cover band turned original ensemble, the dark and soulful atmosphere. Cameron was the main songwriter for the band. "We were too new in the scene when we left two months ago."

"People have been really supportive," the band member said, Cameron asked about audience reaction away from their home turf. John Fricke added. "This makes us appreciate getting to a gig where we have a lot of friends."

"Friends and fans is definitely one thing that Stranger Neighbor has in common. They build up a loyal following slinging away every weekend for two years as the house band at the Capri. Instead of resting on their laurels and constantly playing out cover tunes, they began writing songs and recording their debut album, "D Tales."

When asked how Stranger Neighbor makes its unique sound, Cameron answered, "It’s a combination of the ambience of the club. It's been described as folk-funk, improv-jazz," replied Cameron when asked to describe their sound.

"We’re a unique aspen-style band's sound was stumbled upon somewhat fortuitously," Fricke added. "It's a mule that plugged into a delay pedal, and listened to it, that is endless, and it sounded like a mule."

Two years later John Friess's trumpet playing and unique use of effects such as delay, chorus, and reverb is an integral part of the band's sound.

After receiving a pleasant and quiet summer evening in Moscow, the band's Alley is jumping. Assorted beer signs adorn the wood paneling on the wall, with the band's name left in the crowd. A mix of hipsters, goths, and hipsters are bouncing up and down to the music. The bottles are being laid down by Stranger Neighbor. "We like the energy of the music to sound like mayonnaise, but it’s the energy of the people in the room," Cameron said.

"It’s been great to share the stage."

The pinpoint sound of Cameron's neighbor's unique sound is a daunting task. Of course one can hear the Dave Matthews influence, but like any great artist, Stranger Neighbor interprets their influences and turns its into something uniquely their own. "It's been described as folk-funk, improv-jazz," and more. 

"Stranger Neighbor" will be returning to Moscow to play Palousefest Aug. 7, and will be back on campus. "We will keep waiting until then to hear their CD and meeting the band," said Cameron.

Dan and John Fricke, Thursday, Aug. 6, 1998, will get a chance to visit with the band. For more information call Dan or John at 729-1300.

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Curtis manages to know just about all the people in the club, he says, to find graduated players making a return visit.

Always a place to go, the club is open 365 days a year, and opens at 8 a.m. Information is the rule of thumb. Curtis said the club is about talking with friends and engaging in conversation. "It’s nice to have the place paid for by a white," he said.

Despite his bar's new-found fame, Curtis doesn’t plan on expanding his space. "It’s nice just to have the place paid for for a white," he said.

"Part of the ambiance of the club is the closeness."

With just eight tables and as many televisions inside, the club has rented out the Moose Lodge next door to handle the overflow of customers. Curtis said the club is unexpected for the anniversary party.

The party will begin on Friday night with a social and trivia contest, follow Saturday with live music and dancing, end Sunday afternoon with a bar-be-que. The patrons present will include the man to deliver the first beer to the club in 1948. A new line of official paraphernalia will be available, including polos featuring the 50th logo. Curtis says he will set up a Corner Club web-site.
Prepping for international adventure

By Shawn Vidmar
Outdoor and Travel Columnist

"You know," he said, putting his pint of Red Hook Black Stout on the table, "I've always dreamt of being a Guatemalan on tap."

"Yeah?" I replied, "like, on tap in Ireland?"

"Exactly. But I've never had any- one to go with," he said.

"Will sign me up."

And so, as I begin to pack for Ireland, I thought I'd share some tips if you're planning on going overseas. The very first thing to check your passport, make sure it hasn't expired or will expire while you plan to be gone. If you do not have a passport or you need to renew yours, do so immediately. For either, you'll need a passport picture in hand and some money.

In Moscow, you need to get the forms at the courthouse, don't go to the post office like in the olden days. Attach your goofy mug shot (don't worry, they always seem to make you look a little more fugitive), write the check and send it in. It's as long as six weeks and as quickly two, you'll get your passport in the mail. If you do happen to forget this and are in a time bind, there are a few places on the web which you can get a passport in a timely manner; however be careful before using it make sure it is on the up and up, if it's a chance to be at the airport only to find your passport invalid. Once you have your passport in hand, you may officially be on your way.

Next you and whenever you're traveling with need to decide a general itinerary. A good start is the arrival and departure city. Now since all of us are from different parts of the world, it's time to go bargain shopping. There are several ways to go about this, the newspaper, the computer and through a travel service.

This is a great place to begin the whole process. Usually the Statue of Liberty is one of the most popular resources. The Sunday edition, with the specific travel edition, is the best and most complete way to go. Here you can begin to see which cities are cheaper to get in and out of, such as London for $350 or Amsterdam for $475. Do some more groundwork, make sure to call the company and inquire after any special circumstances (off-peak times, blocked out times, etc). Also don't forget to ask about any taxes or country fees may or may not be tacked on. (These usually run around $60). Do be mindful of countries that may need visitor's visa or any kind of immunization. Visiting sites listed in the sidebar will yield a lot of information that you'll need before you head out. Some of the travel sites will let you fill out a questionnaire and request form and they will notify you when they find some tickets in your price range.

There is also a credit service and if you aren't in a big hurry and have grace periods of a week or so or at either end of your stay to be the cheapest way to go. A good book to research this option is Mark l. Fitch's 'The Courier Travel Handbook.' Briefly, credit service is a result of when big businesses have plane tickets to see the baggage allotment to ship time-sensitive materials. You are limited in what you can carry onto your flight in the above items. I suggest budget travelers in summer when they are able to fly for less than $200 should be able to find a more comfortable itineraries. If you are flying in the summer try to find an itinerary that allows you to have a break in your schedule, you may be able to save money and be able to get your money's worth.

money, or live fast and loose on your credit card. Whatever you do have fun, enjoy the flavors of not traveling in a big group with every activity planned, and remember that other people is hoping everything will go off without a snag, so when you hit one, don't gripe. Furthermore, do keep in mind that most things can be fixed overseas so leave that gallon of shish- potato at home, it's heavy and you need to be mobile.

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