Wallace Complex break-ins spur security criticisms

by Jason Wiebe

A series of break-ins at Houston Hall has caused a new wave of criticism to be leveled at the Wallace Complex security system.

According to a third floor resident advisor, two "very, very drunk" men from North Idaho College entered the hall about 4 a.m. Sunday and left it in shambles.

The R.A. said the men—reportedly possible U. of I. athletic recruits—forced their way into several residents' rooms by pretending to be acquaintances of residents. In one instance, the men tore towel racks from the wall and threw them out the window.

One woman resident "got the shock of her life" when she stepped out of bed into a soaking wet carpet. The two men had flooded an entire suite and the adjoining room with a hose from the student clean-up area.

"The place was a mess," one resident said. "The carpet was ruined."

The havoc continued on fourth floor, where the men crashed a "quiet" private party.

"Of course, we can't prove it was them," said the R.A., "but someone ripped out our telephone about the same time they were running around."

The R.A. said she notified the campus police as soon as the damage was discovered. Assistant Housing Director Ron Ball notified the police two days later, she said.

Residents of Houston Hall approved a proposal to go to a main security lockup, similar to the move adopted by Oleson Hall last month.

The vote turned out to be merely an academic question. "Housing told us they couldn't get the keys to us for 4-6 weeks," said the Houston R.A. "So I guess we're out of luck until the end of the year."

The R.A. said an alternative to the lockup would be an escort system, where everyone entering the hall would have to be escorted by a resident of the hall.

"There's a lot of disention about changing the 24-hour open system," said the R.A. "It's been in use for six or seven years now, and people are reluctant to give up that freedom."

The R.A. said the hall asked for a security system similar to the one in use at Theophilus Tower, in which security personnel patrol the floors on Friday and Saturday nights. Ball told them there was no money available to finance such a system.

Chainlocks have been installed on the inside of the doors in Oleson Hall, and residents of the hall have elected to go to a main security lock-up.

These incidents in Houston Hall follow an earlier series of break-ins in another women's hall. As reported in the Feb. 19 issue of the Argonaut, two locked rooms in Oleson Hall were jimmed open and entered. The incident put the residents of the Hall in what Resident Advisor Francis Trujillo termed a "paranoia" state.
Suicide: second leading cause of college deaths

by Kim Anderson

The state of Idaho falls into ninth place in national suicide rates with 16.6 suicides per each 100,000 block of population, according to Mark Miller, director of the San Diego-based Center for Information on Suicide. Latah County leads the state with the highest number of suicides annually, he continued.

Miller said suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students nationally.

Approximately 30,000 suicides are reported annually, he said, but approximately 20,000 are not reported for a variety of reasons. A social stigma is attached to suicide, he said, and often families will fail to report self-inflicted death as suicide out of fear of the social consequences. In addition, modern insurance policies effect the reporting of suicides. Policies will often pay double or triple indemnity (multiples of the face value of the insurance policy) in the event of an accidental death, but pay only face value for suicide. Miller said family physicians often feel justified under these circumstances in reporting the cause of death as accidental.

Suicide nationally is at a 37-year peak, but the rates are fairly stable, Miller said, with little change in the last 50 years. The number of suicides annually does increase in periods of recession and economic depression, with the all-time high occurring in 1932 at the peak of the nation’s worst depression. Miller said the current perception of an economic recession or slow-down has contributed to the recent high rates.

Suicidal people generally don’t want to die, Miller said, adding the term covers a broad range of human behavior, from the adolescent girl marking her wrists with a razor blade to the person in jail who hangs himself from the rafters of his cell.

95 to 98 percent of the people who attempt or actually commit suicide are trying to escape, Miller said. The suicidal person is not thinking logically, he said, and has, through intense emotional turmoil, lost the ability to perceive alternatives.

“Emotionally, the suicidal person is bleeding,” Miller said. “They’re looking for a permanent solution to what is probably a very temporary problem—using a sledge hammer to kill a fly,” the result of their emotionally distorted perceptions.

There are four indicators, or “clues,” of potential suicides, Miller said. The “situational clue” is usually a negative change in the person’s environment that might be expected to produce suicidal feelings, such as loss of one’s family or job.

The “syndromal clue” represents a situation in which suicide is one of a “clustering of symptoms” around depression. On the average, 30 percent of those who commit suicide could have been diagnosed as depressed, Miller said.

The verbal clue is the most obvious. Potential suicides often tell others of their intent to kill themselves, Miller said, but for a variety of reasons are often ignored by family or friends. “The idea that people who talk about it don’t do it is pure myth,” Miller said, adding that suicide victims characteristically give hints of their intentions.

The behavioral clue is the most obvious, according to Miller, and usually involves out-of-character behavior. The person who hates guns yet suddenly buys one, and the teenager who gives away a valued possession, such as a stereo, are examples.

Personnel trained in suicide prevention are “extremely effective,” but suicide has been neglected by most health professionals. The person considering suicide is usually looking for help, for someone to tell him what to do, Miller said. A person with the appropriate training can act as “an officer directing emotional traffic.”

With training, the average person can act as a paramedic to the suicide,” providing first aid on the scene, applying a tourniquet to stop the bleeding right there, before you take him to the hospital,” Miller said.

Frequently, he said, people are simply scared of the person threatening suicide because they don’t know what to do and fear making the situation worse.

Miller will be in Idaho during September to conduct workshops for suicide prevention sponsored by the U of I Office of Continuing Education. The workshops will be held in Lewiston, Pocatello, Boise and Spokane. Informational materials are available from the CIS, and persons desiring a catalog may contact the organization at Suite 53, 6667 Goldcrest Drive, San Diego, California.

U of I students take own life

John Thomas Frew, 21, died early Friday morning at the U of I golf course. Friends discovered his body hanging from a tree in what police say was an apparent suicide.

Frew, a native of Rexburg, was a sophomore in agricultural mechanization at the U of I but was not enrolled this semester. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and living off campus.

He was born Feb. 15, 1959 to Robert and Norma Jean Thomas Frew. He grew up in Rexburg, graduating from Madison High School in 1977. He was an active member of St. Augustine’s Catholic Church in Moscow, and participated in the U of I’s Distributive Education program.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, six sisters and a grandmother.

A memorial service for Frew was held Monday evening at St. Augustine’s. The body has been sent to Idaho Falls, where the Buck Sullivan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. today at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Idaho Falls. The Rev. Thomas Loucks will officiate. Burial will follow at Rosehill cemetery.

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Pot

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) will sponsor a demonstration march Thursday to protest legislation now before the Idaho House which would impose a three-year minimum sentence on anyone arrested with three ounces or more of marijuana.

Beginning at noon in front of the U of I Library, the group will march to the Moscow Federal Building along the same route as the Students Against the Draft demonstration two weeks ago, according to Tim Gibbons, president of the Moscow NORML chapter.

Speakers will address the marchers at the beginning and end of the demonstration. Gibbons would not name them, however.

He said the group will meet at the SUB at 9 p.m. Wednesday to finalize plans and make signs. That meeting and the march are both open to the public. Gibbons said the group would have liked more time to plan, but “since the bill is going through now, we feel it is really urgent.”

“Especially during an election year anything anti-pot or anything legislators think sounds moral gets voted for here,” he said. Legislators haven’t even stopped to consider the cost of imposing that sentence, Gibbons continued, and “we feel it is a real waste of taxpayers’ money.”

“We feel this legislation is really a big step backward. While the rest of the nation is moving forward toward decriminalization, Idaho is moving backward.”

Gibbons said the demonstration also addresses a bill outlawing the sale of any drug-related paraphernalia.

“I don’t see how they can enforce it,” Gibbons said. “It is just another one of those moral, anti-pot laws, and they’re voting for it.”

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An informal kazoo band, composed of members of the men’s track team, has become a familiar sight at U of I women’s basketball games. However, the band’s lack of “official” status may prevent them from performing at the Cal State game Wednesday. Pictured on the right are Mark Blanning, Dennis Weber, Greg Kangas and Lou Free. Photo by Bob Bain.

Last chance band

The unofficial women’s basketball kazoo band may have played at their last U. of I. women’s basketball game.

Under a national AIAW tournament ruling, no additional noise makers besides an official pep band will be allowed to play at games during national tournaments.

Efforts are being made to allow the kazoo band to play but as of press time they will not be allowed to play during the Vandal’s game against Cal St./Los Angeles Wednesday night in the Dome.

“We have to follow the rules set down by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women,” said Kathy Clark, assistant women’s athletic director, “and if we don’t we are jeopardizing the chances of our team by allowing for possible protests to be filed against us by the other team.”

The kazoo band began playing at the women’s games this semester. The band is made up of male distance runners on the U. of I. track team.

According to Tara VanDerveer, women’s basketball coach, the ruling against noise makers was the result of abuse during the early 1970’s. Immaculata College in Pennsylvania was the perennial national power in women’s basketball, winning consecutive titles from 1972-1974.

A father of one of the players owned a hardware store and provided buckets to fans backing Immaculata. “The noise was deafening,” VanDerveer said. “You couldn’t hear the players or the coaches.”

At one national tournament final, Immaculata had over 3,000 bucket beating fans present.

The next year, the AIAW passed the rule disallowing noise makers during national tournaments.

“What the AIAW is trying to do in effect is neutralize the home court advantage,” VanDerveer said. “They’re trying to make it fair.”

“The kazoo’s supporting us all season has been superb,” she said. “Student support at home has been worth 10 points to us every time. ‘I’d love to see them as our official band. If it can be cleared with the AIAW I’m all for it,’” she said.

Members of the ASUI Senate and President Scott Fehrenbacher have already voiced their support in sponsoring the Kazoo band if it will make them the official pep band for the women’s team.

“I think it’s great the women’s team is where they are and we should take advantage of everything to support them,” Fehrenbacher said. “A little thing like the kazoo band can make a lot of difference.”

VanDerveer echoed Fehrenbacher’s comments.

“We have a very emotional team and if we have a lot of support we play well. If we get a lot of support Wednesday I’m sure we’ll make it.”

The women’s game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the ASUI-kiibbe Dome.
Don't shortchange freshmen

If the Faculty Council approves its proposed statement on academic priorities it is simply begging for trouble and will probably get more than it's bargaining for.

The council may adopt as formal policy to be placed in the Faculty Staff handbook that the development of this university follow this priority scale:
1) upper-division undergraduate education; 2) graduate programs; 3) research not related to graduate programs.

If this arrogant attitude were to actually become a part of our modus operandi, what would happen to our lower division courses? More importantly, how successful would our recruiting efforts be if it became widespread fact that the U of I values its seniors and grad students more than its freshmen?

Most potential students with any sense would look elsewhere for an education. Especially if Idaho's other universities used our statement on "academic priorities" as their own recruiting tool.

Too many freshmen become disillusioned with the U of I as it is because of inadequate advising, poor instructors and the overall educational environment.

If the members of Faculty Council are intent on formulating a scale of academic priorities, perhaps they should look closer at the potential impact such a decision could make.

Hegeberg

Give athletes a chance

When President Carter first announced his plans for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics, I was in total support of the idea. I thought a boycott would be an expression of disapproval that the Soviet government would not be able to hide from the Russian people.

But I'm having some second thoughts.

The glories of Eric Heiden and the American hockey team made me and a lot of other Americans very proud. And Sunday, watching the American gymnastics team turn in an incredible performance led by stars Kurt Thomas and Bart Conner, it made me sad to think that they won't have the opportunity to repeat their showings in Moscow this summer.

President Carter is right in trying to punish Russian aggression, and an Olympic boycott might help. But American athletes and fans are going to suffer.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has until the end of May to announce officially if the U.S. team will be sent to Moscow. If the Russians do withdraw from Afghanistan by then, and perhaps even if they don't, President Carter can back down gracefully, and allow the team to go. Any damage to his pride and credibility would be healed by American athletes striking gold in Moscow.

Will Support our best team

Yes, the U of I does have a winning basketball team.

The team doesn't receive substantial financial support. It isn't hyped by the presence of the pep band. It doesn't even rate an official cheering squad, but it's among the best athletic representation the U of I has ever had.

This past weekend, the U of I hosted the Northwest Women's College Sports Association Division II regional basketball championships — and won!, devaluing the league's only undefeated team in seasonal play.

These outstanding women were supported by a small (compared to), but enthusiastic group of students who reinvented a sense of pride that long has been missing from intercollegiate athletics. Their supporters served as a reminder of the encouragement it takes to drive a team to athletic superiority.

The U of I doesn't stand alone in this lack of support for women's sports. Nearly every university in the country is guilty of treating women as secondary athletes. But as demonstrated by last week's victory, women are beginning to equal men in what has been considered for decades "male turf," despite their lack of support.

The U of I women's basketball team has proved the university into the "Decade of Women" in intercollegiate athletics. The 1980s will see the demise of men's domination in athletics, and the rise of women in an area they have long desired and deserved.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome, the Vandals will take on the women's team from Cal State at Los Angeles in national competition. Give them your support for they certainly deserve it.

Sexton

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Letters

Where was Mongo

Editor,

WHO LET THE STUDENTS OF THE U OF I

Were you aware of the fact that last weekend, March 6, 7, 8, the Vandal Women's Basketball team became regional champions right here at our Kibbie Dome? Were you also aware of the fact that this Wednesday the Vandals host the first round of the National Tournament? I DIDN'T THINK SO!

It was almost disgusting (to say the least) to see so few people out supporting the women's team in their quest for a berth in the National Tournament. Though finally on Saturday night the student section rose to approximately half capacity to see the team beat WU for the championship, which was an accomplishment compared to the first two nights of competition.

But where were the cheerleaders, Mongo, and the stage band that we all know during the men's season? Who knows, and now, who cares? For they have been replaced! The mighty kazoo band has taken over the contraception!

The cheerleaders are no more, for now we have the Targhee Athletic Supporters. And goodbye Mongo (you and your loud support for the men's team, where the hell were you), you have been replaced by Tara-bille Stan. You had three chances to show yourself and you failed! We have taken over.

Now, let's get out and support our girls! They're great, superb, marvellous, and utterly terrific all in one! They've come a long way, and they deserve to have you there in the stands cheering for them. Jingle out. Wouldn't it be nice to break the dome attendance record at the game Wednesday night, let's try to do it again! Bring your pom-poms and your voices, make some signs, and let's all of us, be in the Dome by 7 p.m. Wednesday. Let's jump in and get rowdy for our girls from IDAHO!

Tara-bille Stan and the Targhee Athletic Supporters

P.S. Give 'em hell girls!

Gut-hungry murders

Editor,

I would like to congratulate Scott Bell on his excellent letter in Friday's Argonaut. It was very refreshing to read his feelings of patriotism and accurately accurate perception of reality in this world.

In spite of our problems and shortcomings, which no one will deny, America is still the most free, most equitable and ruthless place on earth to live. Only through strength will world peace be maintained. If we are strong and vigilant, we will prevent bloodshed, war and destructive relations.

Our naive desires must also argue that war is living HELL, but fail to realize that the Communists have no regard whatsoever for human life and don't really look at war and resulting human massacre as horrifying. The Communists are ruthless, gut-hungry,powerful and have no intention of altering their position or world conquest.

We must deal with the world the way it is, not the way we would like it to be. In America we tend to forget that everywhere in the world is not like our own backyards, and our free way of life can not be taken as though it has always been here and always will be, and as Scott indicated-Love it, believe in it, defend it, or leave it-but don't ever come back.

Greg Conradi

No more cheeks

Editor,

When do we start preparing for war, before another Pearl Harbor or after? Greg Tiffany said in his letter to the Argonaut that the first step to war is the draft. I disagree; the first step to war is a threat to our nation's security. The draft is merely to ensure that everyone equally shares the cost of living in a free society. I consider a threat to be the taking and possession of an American embassy and its personnel by a fanatical and brutal communist aggression. How long will the world allow acts of war and violations of human rights that our own constitution so righteously defends? We are running out of cheeks to turn.

People seem to have forgotten that the communist philosophy of Karl Marx and Lenin is not the format for Russia's structure alone, but are intended to govern the entire world, using Russia only as a breeding ground for communist idealism.

I want to ensure that the great-grandchildren of men our great-grandchildren will have the same freedoms that many of us enjoy today. If that means going to war, now, then so be it.

One of the main arguments of SAD (Students Against the Draft) is that a war, using conventional weapons, would ultimately lead to a nuclear holocaust. What do they propose we do then? Should we wait until nuclear weapons are our only means of maintaining our independence? Do they propose that we ignore communist aggression until it's knocking on both the front and back door.

I am not advocating war, but I am advocating the strength and the willingness of the free world to stop communist oppression now, before it is unstoppable.

Gary Kiss

All-American boy

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mr. Tiffany's "true American" letter of Tuesday last.

To begin with Greg, I would like to know who you got your information from. When I was interviewed this Thursday past not once did I ever come out in favor of war, to be sure I wear no Hoovered war wear. As a matter of fact, I am vehemently opposed to war. Remember—"War is harmful to children and other living things."

(Oh that Carry, sorry.)

It seems to me that you and your cohorts (SAD) are causing an undue promotion over things you shouldn't even be worrying about. There is no draft. The President did not seek to reinstate the draft, he merely asked for a plan of registration. That is a far cry from hauling off our 18-year-olds to the "war" you speak of.

So Mr. Tiffany I accept your apology with the grace and dignity of a "True American" and do my best to create peace on Earth.

Your Red, White and Blue All American Boy,

Cory Firlaff

Pot protest

Editor,

I want to express my disgust with the legislative process in this state. I was outraged at Dan Emery and his answer to the perceived pot problem he feels we have in this state. For those of you who have not been informed, Mr. Emery, in his great ignorance, has decided the best way to handle pot offenders is to send them to jail for a minimum of three years. Not only would this lead to an obvious overcrowding of the prison system and involve a huge cost to the taxpayers to prosecute and support these poor souls for three long years, but more important is the fact he and those of his persuasion are trying to dampen on our rights. I feel I have a right to a little enjoyment now and then just as Mr. Emery is entitled to his martini or whatever it is he gets drunk off on.

Once upon a time, legislators like this know-nothing who gets his facts from the Readers Digest, try to outlaw alcohol. As we all know this didn't work, even though we now know that alcohol is much more harmful than my favorite little green stuff. So Mr. Emery, if you can have your drug why can't I have mine...

This poor misguided drug is already illegal, making criminals of too many otherwise-abiding citizens anyway, so why make it worse. This is the crime and you are the criminal not us "drug pushers," as you are so prominent in your blatant stupidity termed us.

On Thursday March 13, the members of the local chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws plan to stage a protest against this monstrous obstruction of freedom. I would encourage anyone who feels this law should not pass to come march with us during the lunch hour.

We will meet in front of the library at noon. It is important to bring everyone you can because the government in this county doesn't need anything who care enough to speak out. Otherwise they will ignore our rights and continue to legislate their morals whenever they feel like it. Who knows what these fools in Boise will think of next?

Finally, although I suspect Dan Emery knows very little about marijuana (or even good lawmaking) I challenge him to a debate over the proposed law and any other aspect of marijuana he would wish to discuss. I will also provide him with all the information he would like to have from the HEW's National Institute on Drug Abuse and others who are experts on this matter. I feel that good laws can only come from informed legislators. I hope to hear from you soon Dan.

Sincerely,

Tim Gibbons

President Moscow NORML
Baseball team drops three weekend games

The Vandal baseball team started the season off on a sour note, losing three games over the weekend.

The Vandal team fell in defeat twice to Lewis-Clark State College and once to Washington State University for a record of 0-3. All games were played at Lewiston.

The Vandal opened the season Friday against LCSC. The Vandals gave the Warriors all they could handle before LCSC scored eight runs late in the game to win 13-5.

Saturday, Tom Niednt ster tossed a two-hitter to lead undefeated Washington State over the Vandals, 7-0.

On Sunday, the Vandals met LCSC again, and the Warriors scored one run in the 10th inning to defeat the Vandals 8-7.

The Vandals were plagued by injuries in the outfield throughout the games, and Vandal Coach John Smith said that hurt the team.

The Vandal will travel to Provo, Utah this weekend to tangle with Brigham Young University. The two teams will play doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday before the Vandals move on to the Turquoise Tournament in Albuquerque, N.M., where they will play 10 games.

Here's a season preview of the Vandals.

The Vandal finished the 1979 campaign with a 24-28-1 record. The schedule this season features 52 games, including 28 Northern Pacific League contests.

Idaho's top three pitchers in 1979 are back again this season. Doug Brown is a three-year starter, with a career won loss record of 12-11 in 39 games. Last year Brown compiled a 6-6 record.

Sophomore Brent Hathaway and Steve Heckendorf are to carry more pressure this year than their freshman years. Heckendorf appeared in 16 games (four complete) and led the Vandals in earned run average, giving up 3.58 runs per nine innings.

Senior Brian Stokes will add experienced relief, along with four incoming freshman. They are Mark Allen, of Orofino High School, Tom Pennington, of Coeur D'Alene, Scott Ramsey of Herrimston, Ore., who was coached by Larry Bartee, now an assistant Vandal Coach. Pennington was an All-State honorable mention as an outfielder in his junior and senior years. Mark Robinson is the fourth freshman, from West Valley in Spokane. Robinson helped the Eagles win the State AA Championship and was All-State and All-American.

Idaho has two versatile catchers. Dave Alderman can also play in the outfield. Alderman came to Idaho from Blue Mountain Community College where he batted .298.

The Newcomer behind the plate is Rick Brown, a transfer from Yakima Junior College. Brown also plays in the outfield and played defensive back for the Vandal football team.

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First Vandal to qualify

Sharles sixth at nationals

Patsy Sharpley, the first woman in Vandal history to qualify in track for AIAW competition, finished sixth in Saturday's 2,000-meter run at the AIAW national indoor track and field championships at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

The freshman from Fish Hook, South Africa, qualified in Friday's trials and ran a time of six minutes, 10.94 seconds in Saturday's finals for sixth. Debbie Pearson of Texas-El Paso won the race in 6:04.79.

Sharpley also set a U of I record in the race as she clocked a 4:52 mile.

"I ran a very smart race, and I'm very proud of her," said Vandal women's coach Roger Norris. "For a freshman to make the finals at nationals is a great feat, and anything after that is gravy."

Sharpley won the right to compete at nationals with a time of 9:53 in the 3,000-meters in last month's Human Race in the Kibbie Dome. With that time she was qualified for the 1,500, 2,000 and 3,000 but Norris entered her only in the 2,000 "as it would be far better for her to do an outstanding job in one event than a mediocre job in three."

Sharpley, who enrolled at the U of I just this semester, has also broken several school records and set a Dome record. She established the Dome record in the 3,000 meters with her Human Race time, and also won the 1,500 meters.

At the Vandal Indoor, also last month, Sharpley was the only first-place winner from both the Vandal men's and women's teams, when she won the 1,500-meter run in 4:32.5 to set a school record.

"I would say that out of all the athletes I have coached, both men and women, she has the greatest capacity for work and is totally oblivious to the discomfort of very hard work," Norris said of Sharpley last week.

"She is also a tremendous benefit to our distance runners. They see the volume of work necessary for a distance runner."

"I see my role as her coach as showing her how to work intelligently as well as hard. A lot of people have more natural talent and are not near her, due to her work."
Nationals

Women cagers host Cal State-LA Wednesday in AIAW tournament

by Bernie Wilson

The third time turned out to be a charm.
The Vandal women's basketball team found this to be the case Saturday when it upset Western Washington University 68-56 in the Kibbie Dome to win the Northwest College Women's Sports Association championship.
The Vandals also won the right to play host in the first-round of the 24-team Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Division II National Basketball Championship.

The Vandals will tangle with California-Davis at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome, with the winner moving on to play at home against Western. The winner will play in the second round.

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But any and all Western hopes were dashed by a fired-up Vandal team Saturday.

Idaho took a 9-2 lead early in the game, only to have Western come back for a 10-9 lead. That was the last daylight the Vikings saw, as U of I fought back to take a 28-23 halftime edge.

The Vandals had a 15-point lead early in the second half, 40-25, and kept the Vikings at bay by at least 10 points the rest of the way.

"We knew what we had to do and we did it," said Vandal coach Tara VanDerveer. "We really felt we could win and it was no big surprise.

"We've got a ways to go, but the kids really hang together, as evidenced by only one player (guard Willette White) on the All-star team."

White lead the Vandals with 17 points. She also made four spectacular leaping steals and had a game-high seven assists. Donna Regan and De- nise Brose each added 12 points. Karin Sobotta and Cathy Feely had six apiece for the Vandals.

Western, which beat Idaho by margins of 14 and nine points earlier, was led by Tamalyn Nigretto's 18 points.

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advanced to the finals by beating Carroll College 69-44 Saturday, while Western nailed University of Alaska-Fairbanks 82-63. Western failed to apply for one of several At-large tourney berths, and is now finished.

"We learned a lot during the two losses to Western," White said, "and defense was a big key to our win."

"This is the one that counted," VanDerveer added.

Cal State-LA brings a 17-11 record into the tourney. The Diablos finished second in the Southern California Athletic Association, and are a team to be taken lightly," VanDerveer said.

The Diablos are led in scoring by 6-foot-4 sophomore center Ruth Smith who averages 24.9 points per game. Sheryl Pate, a 5-9 senior forward, is also a threat, averaging 20.9 points per game. The Diablos placed second to Cal Poly-Pomona in the regional tournament, and also faced many Division I schools during the season.

AIAW rules will be followed for all national tourney games. Admission is $4 for adults and $2 for students. Also, no posters or banners will be allowed, and no artificial noisemakers will be allowed, only the official bands.

KUOI-FM will broadcast the game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Photos by Bob Bain

Vandal guard Renee Brown (top photo) is caught in the act of fouling Western Washington's Tamalyn Nigretto Saturday night in the championship game of the Northwest College Women's Sports Association regional tournament. U of I center Cathy Feely holds off WWU's Jan Johnston in the game Idaho won 68-56 to claim the regional championship and an AIAW national berth. In the lower photo, Penny Aitchison, Patty O'Connor and Liz Abel explode off the bench as the clock winds down on Western.
Vandal net team eighth

SACRAMENTO — Vandal tennis players Donna Rademacher and Kristi Pfeiffer advanced to the consolation semifinals of a 21-team tournament here Sunday and helped their team finish eighth place overall. Rademacher, No. 3 singles player, lost to Dawn Portland of Santa Clara 6-1, 6-1, and Pfeiffer, No. 4, was beaten by Jennifer Brock of Chico State 6-2, 6-4.

The University of California-Fullerton won the three-day tourney. "I was really pleased with our showing," Vandal coach Amanda Burk said. "We played some strong schools that have been competing for several months, and many are Division I competitors."

The U of I players received first-round byes. On Friday, Rademacher lost to Sharylyn Irving of Northridge, 6-3, 6-1, and then beat Angie Gonzales of Sonoma State, 6-2, 6-3. Saturday Rademacher beat Sherill Carter of Hayward, 6-4, 6-2, to move into the consolation semis.

Pfeiffer lost her first match to Sandra Saldenha of San Francisco State 3-6, 6-3 on Friday and then beat Paula Jones of Oregon 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to advance into the semis.

Also on Friday, Leslie Potts, U of I’s No. 2 singles player, beat Helen Perales of San Francisco State 6-2, 6-3. Potts was defeated Saturday by Becky Glasscock of Northridge, 6-4, 6-3.

In No. 1 doubles, Potts and Kellee Friddle won their first match, but were beaten in their second. In No. 2 doubles, Rademacher and Pfeiffer won their first match, but fell in the second. Ellen Cantrell and Lesly Miller also won their first No. 3 doubles match for the Vandals, but were beaten in their second.

The Vandals were coming off a 9-0 rout of Central Washington University last Monday in the Ribble Dome. Newcomers Potts, Rademacher and Miller won their singles matches, as did returnees Friddle, Pfeiffer and Cantrell. Central won only two singles games and the Vandal players each won in two sets. The doubles teams also won in two sets, with Central winning only two doubles games.

Baseball

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At second base is Tom Rose, the 1979 Northern Pacific batting champion with a .457 average. He was named to the first All-League team at second base. He also had a 12-game hitting streak for the Vandals last season.

Gene Ulmer is the Vandal shortstop. Ulmer is from Great Falls, Mont. He played junior college baseball at College of Southern Idaho and finished with a seven-game hitting streak last year for the Vandals.

Paul Gale, a senior, and Al Thol, a sophomore, started parttime for the Vandals last season. Idaho has added two freshmen, Boi Mallory and Dain Hathaway, to the infield.

Gymnastics meet Thursday

The Vandal women’s gymnastics team will hold an intrasquad meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in the large gym at the Women’s Health Education Building. This will be the last home appearance for the Vandals before next week’s NCWSA regionals at Spokane.

Don Newman picked MVP

Don Newman’s list of honors was lengthened this week when he was named Big Sky Conference’s regular season Most Valuable Player by the league’s eight basketball coaches. In the voting, coaches could not vote for their own players.

Newman, a senior guard from New Orleans, edged Weber State’s Bruce Collins for the award. Collins was the Big Sky playoff MVP. Newman led the Vandals to a 17-10 overall season and a 9-5 Big Sky finish which qualified Idaho for its first-ever playoff appearance.

The Vandals’ other starting guard, freshman Brian Kellerman, was edged by Nevada-Reno’s Gene Ransom as the league’s Outstanding Newcomer. Ransom received five votes to Kellerman’s three.

In MVP voting, Newman received four votes to Collins’ three. Boise State center Dave Richardson received one vote.
Amount of handicapped access funds not known

by Roger Rowe

The amount of money the U of I will receive from the $600,000 set aside by a legislative committee for life safety code and handicapped access improvements hasn’t been determined yet.

Clint Hoopes, chairman of the State Board of Education, said a request of $245,000 was made by the U of I, but how much the university will actually receive has not been determined.

Hoopes said the money will be disbursed where it is needed most around the state. Projects with the most urgent need will receive top consideration, he said.

The decision of how much the university will receive will be made by Public Administration and will be announced sometime in the near future.

According to Diane Milhollin, coordinator of handicapped student programs at the U of I, the university needs the money badly because it is the least accessible to handicapped persons of the four universities in the state.

In 1973 a federal law was passed requiring programs and facilities be made accessible to the handicapped by June 3, 1980. This law affects all the state institutions, and the U of I is no exception.

"There is no way of the U of I can be in complete compliance with the law by the deadline," said Milhollin.

The law requires a transition plan for the U of I to identify the university’s obstacles and limitations and then to implement a yearly plan to remedy the obstacles.

The obstacles have been identified, and the first steps towards complying have been taken. Last year $30,000 was spent on improving handicapped access with most of the money going towards curb cuts.

Milhollin said there are still not enough curb cuts, but the university has enough to get by.

Another problem facing the handicapped is the fact there is not one building on campus that is totally accessible to a person confined to a wheelchair, although the education and forestry buildings come close, she said.

Also, only the Hartung Theater, Art and Architecture South and Shoup Hall have accessible bathrooms for the handicapped, she said.

The problem with the bathrooms can be corrected by widening the stall doors and making the stall doors swing outward, but it is "silly" to make the bathrooms accessible if the buildings they are located in are not, Milhollin stressed.

Buildings can be made accessible by making ramps leading into the buildings. Also, freight elevators need to be modified to allow handicapped access to the upper floors of many of the buildings, she said. If freight elevators can’t be modified, passenger elevators need to be built.

The controller has rescheduled many classes held on upper floors of inaccessible buildings so handicapped students can get to class. Rescheduling is less expensive than making the buildings accessible, Milhollin said.

Handicapped parking spaces need to be widened in some places around the campus, but in most parking lots around the campus handicapped parking is available.

Because the U of I has shown "good faith" efforts to comply with the federal regulation they don’t face the possibility of withdrawal of federal funding, which is the penalty for not complying with the 1973 law.

"If the federal government felt the U of I wasn’t trying to comply with the law they could withdraw all the HEW (Health, Education, and Welfare) money they supply for research grants at the U of I," said Milhollin.

If the federal government took away that money, it would hurt the U of I, but right now it is not a serious threat, said Milhollin.

The major concern of Milhollin is making the core of the campus accessible to the 61 handicapped students that attend the U of I.

"I would hope that the core of the campus is in compliance within six years but it will probably be more like 20 years," Milhollin said.

Ground school offered here

The theory of flying, airplane parts and how they work, navigation aviation weather, dead reckoning and many other subjects will be covered in a U of I pilot ground school March 25 - May 5.

Termed "good information for anyone interested in aviation" by Mel Hirschi, the instructor, the class is sponsored by University Continuing Education and will meet from 7 - 10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 - May 5, in room 109 of the UCC. There is a $50 registration fee.

Hirschi said those who successfully complete the course should be well prepared to pass the written portion of the Federal Aviation Administration private pilot certification test.

"The exam is comprehensive and detailed and many have not gone into aviation because of the difficulty of passing it," Hirschi said. Those who pass the exam have two years to fulfill the flight requirements for licensing. Hirschi has taught similar classes for several years.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the University Continuing Education, U of I, Moscow, ID 83843, telephone (208) 885-6486.
American Gigolo is a lewd hustle

by Linda Welford

The popularity of American Gigolo became apparent to me as I entered the movie theater. Most in the audience were women. It became more evident as Richard Gere appeared on the screen and the resonant murmurs of oohs and aahs permeated the air. There’s no doubt that this relatively new face in movies is extremely attractive — and sexy. These physical attributes were ideal for a man playing the role of Julian Kay — a highly successful and expensive male prostitute in the jet-set sections of Los Angeles.

Julian lives in a plush apartment, drives an elegant Mercedes, and is adored by the aging, wealthy clients he escorts to fancy restaurants, night clubs and country clubs. There is no pleasure in his work, only the grinding and desperate push-push of sex as commercialism.

But Julian is good at his work, and he’s in constant demand. He gives, gives and gives; and except for sizable amounts of money and presents, he asks nothing in return. And this turns out to be Julian’s tragic secret — that he’s incapable of receiving the one thing that money can’t buy — love.

As the plot develops, Julian’s salvation is the willowy blond beauty, Lauren Hutton (the famous Revlon model), who plays the unhappily married wife of a Kennedy-type senator. With Hutton, Julian finds he doesn’t have to “work” at sex. It’s both natural and meaningful — something he’s never known before. The two begin to fall in love, despite the interventions of Hutton’s worried senator-husband.

As Julian is discovering the Meaningful Relationship, he is framed for a macabre sex-murder. At this point, the film keeps us guessing: did he commit the murder, and if not, who did? Is he being framed? A dash of suspense adds life to a potentially sluggish film.

American Gigolo is an interesting and well-made film. If you’re expecting entertainment reflective of the simplicity and cuteness of The Goodbye Girl, then don’t see this movie. If you like violence and a vivid view of "life in the fast lane," then I would recommend it. It tells a tale of L.A. sleaze in the streets of affluence. The City of Angels isn’t all sunshine and Disneyland — it’s luscious, restless and depraved.

American Gigolo is playing at the Kenworthy Theatre at 7 and 9 p.m.

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Here is a listing of the March programs:


March 20: “Women and Country Music, Part II.” This program presents the history of country music, with notes from Nashville in 1950 to the present.

“Who is a Violent Woman?” Questions the concept of violence against women, this program explores the effects of women’s hospitalization and incarceration for violent behavior. What is violence? Who decides? Should he focus on the woman or society?

Admirable play, Hamlet presented at WSU

An original musical score and a freshman in the title role are two features of the Washington State University Theatre production of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, scheduled March 13-15 and 20-22.

Dr. William E. Brandt of the WSU music department has written the score especially for this production; it is being recorded by members of Musica Viva and the brass ensemble of WSU. Dr. David Seaman of the electrical engineering department is electronic consultant.

Shawn Riley of Puyallup, first-year student, plays the role of Prince Hamlet. He learns from the ghost of his recently deceased father that his own brother, Claudius, is the murderer. The ghost calls on Hamlet to avenge the murder but without bringing harm upon Gertrude. Hamlet’s mother, who is now Claudius’ wife, Hamlet’s delays in gaining revenge have given rise to countless theories throughout the years.

Director Don Adams has based his acting version loosely on the award-winning screen play that featured Laurence Olivier. It is a streamlined version of about two and a half hours; uncut, it exceeds four hours in length.

For ticket information, call 335-7236. Box office hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and performance evenings.

Correction

The play, For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf, will be performed at the Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. on March 29, and the Borah Theatre on March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Concert offers variety of choral music

A variety of sacred and secular choral music will be presented by the Washington Idaho Symphony Chorus and Chamber Singers in a special choral concert tonight at Simpson United Methodist Church in Pullman. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. The 45-member group is composed of vocal talent from the Quad-Cities and surrounding area.

The choral concert will be in with the 24-member Chamber Singers presenting numbers including “Come, Jesus Come,” a motet for double chorus by J.S. Bach. The group will divide into two 12-voice choirs and perform the piece in an antiphonal setting much like it would have been in Bach’s time.

Mass by Normal Dello Joio will be presented by the Chorus as the main featured work. The contemporary mass includes organ and brass ensemble accompaniment.

Single tickets will be available at the door, and admission is $2.50 for adults, and $1 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, contact the symphony office at 982-6555.

Mixed Messages

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

The play, Noah’s Flood will be presented by St. Mary’s School and the U of I School of Music on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Church, 521 E. A Street.

There will be a National Organization for Women (NOW) program meeting at the SUB at 7:30 p.m. Paul Owens, Director of Whitman County Mental Health will speak on Sexism and Older Women. The public is invited to attend.

Pat Matthews, a clinical social worker from the Mental Health Center in Moscow, will discuss divorce and its effects on the family. The meeting will be at 11 a.m. in the Women’s Center.

The Baptist Student Ministries will hold a music fellowship at 5 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center. Everyone is invited to this weekly meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

The Soil Conservation Society of America will meet at 8 p.m. in the Ede-de-ho Room of the SUB. Guest speaker will be Steve Peterson, who will discuss the effects of plowed in wildflower habitat.

The Lutheran Student Movement will be going on a trip to Pullman, followed by potluck dinner at Kruse House in Pullman. The trip to Pullman will be from the Campus Christian Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold prayer, song and fellowship at 7 p.m. in the Campus Christian Center. Guest speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. F. John Gunningham, missionaries from the coast of Africa.

There will be a Bible study sponsored by the Baptist Student Ministries, for any interested, at 6:15 p.m. in the SUB. For more information, contact Rich at 882-8571.

Betty Bask. Barbara Bash will talk about holy exposition and share ways to get in touch with this central part of our bodies, at noon in the Women’s Center.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

The Friends of the Environment will meet at noon in Room 108 of the Life Science Building to discuss current problems developing with land management and land quality.

There will be a seminar on food service management by the School of Home Economics at 4 p.m. in Room 105 of the Home Ec Building.

The Student Veterans’ Council will meet to discuss problems with the V.A. school and the possibility of starting an organization at 7 p.m. in the SUB Appanoose Room.

There will be nursing home visitation to the Latah County Nursing Home, which will leave from the Campus Christian Center at 3:10 p.m. For more information, call 822-2356.

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In the program, A Secretary is not a Joy, the “girls” at the office talk about low job security, job discrimination, and lack of respect for them as skilled professionals, at noon at the U of I Women’s Center.

MARCH 9 THRU 23

Our once-a-year gala Jubilee Sale in all departments with the newest fashion merchandise reduced for 2 weeks only. Prices return to regular March 24th.

Research grants total a million dollars a month

By Suzanne Carr

The U of I typically receives more than $1 million a month in research grants and contracts. In 1978-79, 281 proposals were accepted on a competitive basis, for a total of $1,084,000 to be used by researchers.

One of the biggest strengths of the grant program and the people here at the U of I ranks well in national competition for funding for special projects even in comparison with institutions several times larger.

A report from the National Science Foundation which reviewed 593 colleges and universities shows that the U of I ranks 84 among 593, or in the top 15 percent. The total includes funding, $14.6 million, from both public and private sources.

Specifically, the report said the U of I ranked 36, or in the top 7 percent in funding for social sciences research and development.

About 70 percent of the research and development funds went into life sciences research, with agricultural sciences accounting for about two-thirds of the life sciences funding. Here the U of I ranks 80 or in the top 15 percent nationally.

According to Terry Armstrong, executive assistant to the president, "All the grants are competitive. When a department wants to apply for a grant, a proposal must be submitted, which involves compiling evidence to prove to the organization offering the funds that it will be a wise investment. The grants vary greatly in the amounts received as well as which departments apply for them.

A grant of $1,531 was given to the Department of Vocational Education from the State Board for Vocational Education for a project entitled "Development of a Safety Handbook for Vocational Agriculture." This grant began Jan. 5 and is extended until June 30, 1980.

Last year an extension grant of $98,300 was given to the chemistry department from the Electric Power Research Institute for a grant entitled, "Determine the Nature and Magnitude of Atmospheric Emissions of Sulfur" during the period of July, 1979, to Sept. 1, 1980.

Other examples of grants include projects to increase undergraduate participation in the geologic department, another to monitor the effects of different logging practices was given to the Department of Entomology, and the Student Union received a grant for a project entitled "To Develop a More Aesthetic Golf Course and Provide a More Useable Playing Facility by Adding Trees."

"The diversity of the projects and the fact that the majority of them are applied research in that they seek answers to pressing problems, demonstrates several of the strengths of our research program," said Armstrong.

"As far as the direct benefits," he continued, "it keeps excitement up in teaching, as well as enabling teachers to continue their studies. Overall, the reputation of the university is enhanced."

Endowment allows library to resume normal hours

by Brian Faulks

Due to a recent increase of endowment funds allocated to the U of I, library hours will be lengthened after spring break.

Library hours were reduced at the beginning of the fall term this year because of a shortage of funds, but that problem appears to be solved for the remainder of the term.

Effective March 28, library hours will be from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

"The library received $25,000 in endowments this semester," said Associate Director of Libraries Richard J. Beck.

Of the $25,000 allocated to the library, $24,000 will be spent for books, while only $1,000 will go to payroll. Other allocations from the U of I endowment fund include $146,000 for utilities, $56,000 for departmental equipment and $20,000 for campus safety.

"We plan to use most of the money to buy books, but some of it will be spent in the payroll office for irregular help so that we can keep the building open longer for the students," Beck said. "There's a lot of student interest in the library, and we are aware of the number of people who use our facility, and I hope they will take advantage of the increase in hours."

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Robert R. Furgason, the endowment funds were "generated from timber sales and grazing permits to ranchers on state land.

The money was appropriated to the U of I through the Land Grant College System, which was developed to further higher education."

Furgason said the State Board of Education-Board of Regents appropriated nearly $300,000 to the U of I because revenues from timber and grazing were greater than anticipated.

"Obviously, this is only a one-time affair because of the under-estimation of revenue at the state level, so this money won't be coming our way again next year. I'm sure the state budget will be constructed to include this revenue for 1981," Furgason aid. "I don't know whether we'll be able to keep the same library hours this coming fall or not. I certainly hope so."

Wednesday last day for payments

Since March 19 is during spring break, students who still have not made their payments should do so before they leave for vacation.

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SAD hopes to hold pro/con draft debate

Despite lagging attendance at their meetings, members of Students Against the Draft are continuing to work in opposition of registration and the draft. "Our effort has kind of died out," lamented SAD member Ben Bruce.

The group's next major publicity drive is the organization of a ASUI Senate-sponsored debate between SAD and proponents of the draft.

ASUI President Scott Feihrenbacher has been approached with the idea and will examine the possibility of con-

ducting the debate through the ASUI issues and Forum Committee. "The debate might be able to rebuild some interest," said SAD member Keith West.

SAD hopes to hold the debate soon after spring break.

Some members of SAD are also planning to attend the Northwest Student Conference Against the Draft, to be held April 12-13 on the Reed College campus in Portland, Ore. SAD members Tom Miller and Keith West are among those planning to attend.

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Porn letter published by UW Daily

SEATTLE (CPS)—A "pornographic" letter written by a University of Washington student and printed in the U of W Daily by a departing editor was "kicking up his heels," has sparked a flurry of outrage from U of W faculty, students and Daily staffers.

The letter, which included charges of sexual harassment and explicit details of the anonymous author's alleged sexual adventures with two unnamed professors, ran with an editor's note explaining that the author's name had been "withheld by request."

Daily editor Chris Villiers printed the letter on his last day on the job. Clark Humphrey, his successor, decried the publication as "pure porn" in an editorial in the following edition.

"The new editor is not responsible for the selection of material in any issue prior to this one... similar material will not appear in the future," he resolved.

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In a protest against the letter, the Associated Students of the University of Washington withheld its regular advertising for one issue.

Barbara Krohn, publisher of the Daily and faculty advisor to the paper, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer she had been ill and absent from her office during the time Villiers was producing his last paper.

"I would have tried to encourage them not to run it," Krohn said, pointing out that the Daily is not subject to administrative censorship.

So while the U of W Board of Publications has announced its intentions to discuss the Daily editorial policy and the letter, Humphrey says, "everybody is going to say that it shouldn't have happened and it won't happen again, and that will be the end of it." None of the parties involved have been able to contact Villiers since the letter appeared.

Gay conference starts Friday

The gay people's organizations of Pullman, Wash., and Moscow, Idaho, will co-sponsor the Northwest Gay Conference March 14, 15 and 16 on the Washington State University and the U of I campuses. Sessions will begin Friday evening with a workshop on self-realization and the development of a positive self-image. A variety of presentations will occupy Saturday. Workshop subjects include: non-urban gays; a lesbian perspective on lesbian politics in the feminist and lesbian-gay movements; gay child custody; gay re-orientations to the right wing; the socialist-feminist perspective; monogamy and other models of personal relationships for lesbians and gay men; law from a gay perspective; Christian gays—an affirmation of self and faith; and other topics of concern for gays in the coming decade.

A banquet, concert and dance will be held in the evening March 15. Sunday morning's programs will include more presentations and the closing keynote address.

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Barbara Krohn, publisher of the Daily and faculty advisor to the paper, told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer she had been ill and absent from her office during the time Villiers was producing his last paper.

"I would have tried to encourage them not to run it," Krohn said, pointing out that the Daily is not subject to administrative censorship.

So while the U of W Board of Publications has announced its intentions to discuss the Daily editorial policy and the letter, Humphrey says, "everybody is going to say that it shouldn't have happened and it won't happen again, and that will be the end of it." None of the parties involved have been able to contact Villiers since the letter appeared.

Gay conference starts Friday

The gay people's organizations of Pullman, Wash., and Moscow, Idaho, will co-sponsor the Northwest Gay Conference March 14, 15 and 16 on the Washington State University and the U of I campuses. Sessions will begin Friday evening with a workshop on self-realization and the development of a positive self-image. A variety of presentations will occupy Saturday. Workshop subjects include: non-urban gays; a lesbian perspective on lesbian politics in the feminist and lesbian-gay movements; gay child custody; lesbian re-orientations to the right wing; the socialist-feminist perspective; monogamy and other models of personal relationships for lesbians and gay men; law from a gay perspective; Christian gays—an affirmation of self and faith; and other topics of concern for gays in the coming decade.

A banquet, concert and dance will be held in the evening March 15. Sunday morning's programs will include more presentations and the closing keynote address.
Physics professor Larry Johnston proudly demonstrates the U of I's laser apparatus for an interested student. Photo by Jim Johnson.

Do-it-yourself laser serves UI research needs
by Jason Wiebe

Professor Johnston pulls a critical switch, adding methane to the nitrogen environment in the tube. The very, orange glow grudgingly gives way to a delighted violet laser beam. Dials click, needles move, and a mechanical pen traces the heartbeat of a molecule onto an endless graph.

No, we're not trapped in some second-rate science fiction thriller from the 50's—we're in room 131 of the Physical Science Building, watching physics professor Larry Johnston attempting to trace the frequencies of a molecule with a "homebuilt" laser.

The laser itself looks like a do-it-yourselfer's dream. A slurry tube from a cheese factory is the most visible component.

"We're trying to get federal funds," said Johnston. "But funding of basic research isn't what it used to be." Johnston's research is funded through the physics department—meaning he has to run on less than a shoestring budget.

The slurry makes it easy: everything fits. Everything does fit. Miraculously so. Garden hoses, lead bricks clipper-plumbing fixtures and a sparkplug. We had a horrible time trying to design something to fit our needs," Johnston said, "until we found that we were just trying to re-design a spark plug. So I went downtown and bought one for 77 cents.

Johnston spends 20 hours a week in his lab, not counting the hours he spends teaching physics. He has produced some remarkable results with his homebrewed laser—most notably charting the frequency of a methyl alcohol molecule, something which has never before been done with a laser of such low frequency. Johnston says it's easy to analyze the spectrums of molecules with "fancy" lasers like the ones larger colleges have. Analyzing such molecules with a one-frequency laser such as this one is considerably trickier.

"We had to invent some trick ways of changing the molecules resonance," he said, "It's like laying in bed listening to KRPL and instead of simply changing channels on your radio, you call KRPL up and tell them to change their frequency..."

Results of Professor Johnston's work have been published in The Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy, and have attracted spectroscopy experts from all over the country. He's reluctant to accept full credit for his work, however. He points out that many students have done work on the laser, and credits U of I machine Earl Brooks with much of the construction of the laser's integral parts.

"We're always down in the machine shop," said Johnston, "and trying to learn something about plumbing in a hurry." Johnston said his research is laying the foundation for future theories.

"We do a kind of research that's painstaking and difficult," Johnston said, "but inexpensive, low-budget, and with valuable results.

"We've had a heck of a lot of fun putting this thing together," he said fingering a homemade plastic lens. "We work hard and contribute that way."

Focus series to feature changing family

The Tuesday Noon Focus series in March and April at the U of I Women's Center will feature four programs on "The Family in Transition," examining the strengths, problems and joys of the changing family.

Tuesday, March 15, Pat Matthews, a clinical social worker from the Mental Health Center in Moscow, will give a talk entitled, "Are You Really Getting Divorced?" She will discuss divorce, its effects on family members—particularly children—and share her insights into a circumstance which has become a reality for half of American marriages.

Tuesday, March 25, Karolyne Rogers, a prevention education specialist of the Idaho Bureau of Substance Abuse, will discuss ways that alcohol and other chemical dependencies affect family life, even from one generation to another. Her talk is entitled, "The Family Trap: No One Escapes the Chemically Dependent Family."

Starting Over: Single Parent Families and Merger Families," is the topic for Tuesday, April 1, Marilyn Thinger-Tallman, assistant professor of sociology at Washington State University, will discuss the increasingly familiar, frustrating and joyful experience of single-parenting and step-parenting.

A look at the ways children learn sex roles and sex-role stereotypes will be discussed.

The annual meeting for members of the U of I federal credit union will be this evening at 7 in the SUB's Chiefs' Room. The agenda includes the election of new directors to the governing board. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. All members and guests are invited.

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Pulp waste is new source for plastic

From waste products of the pulp and paper industry, U of I researchers are developing a new source of plastic materials. They intend to find practical methods for making use of lignin, one of the major chemical compounds in wood.

A research team led by Dr. Don Crawford, College of Agriculture microbiologist, is studying the action of a specialized group of soil bacteria which are capable of breaking the complex chemical lignin into smaller molecules.

Lignin and cellulose are the basic materials of all woody plants. Pulp and paper waste liquids contain large amounts of lignin.

He and his team have been studying the complex chemical reactions which take place when the lignin is broken down to determine exactly what materials are present at each stage. "The chemistry is pretty complicated," he said, "and I would estimate we are about 70 percent finished on this aspect of the program."

The research effort has been funded by the National Science Foundation for the past four years. An application to fund two more years of study has been submitted.

Crawford said aspects of the program which indicate the possibilities of lessened dependence on petro-chemicals for plastic manufacture have led him to apply to the Department of Energy for additional support under a new program which funds basic energy science projects over a longer period, for determining practical applications.

Crawford said he is convinced that if the idea does become feasible it should not be looked at as another demand on wood as a raw material. "We have barely enough timber now for the lumber and paper industries. Waste lignin-containing materials are present in large enough amounts to supply the needs for processes such as ours during the foreseeable future and that is the way we hope eventually using it will look at it."

He said lignin is one of the most readily available compounds on earth. Large amounts of it are found in wood and most plants. Crops might be raised specifically for their lignin content if the process becomes feasible. Some grasses or shrubby plants might be found to have suitable forms of lignin and—since they grow rapidly—could be used if lignin that is presently burned or otherwise considered a waste product falls short of the amount needed.

It will be a long time before all of the answers are known, but someday the lignin that was left behind when a grocery bag was made may be used to make adhesives, foams or plastic materials that are now manufactured from the non-renewable petro-chemicals of crude oil.

Crime Check

Keith Kinzer of Lambda Chi Alpha, reported Wednesday a leather type couch was stolen from the front room. The couch was taken between March 1 and March 2. The couch was described as a leather square laminated wood arms and legs, with brown, tan, white and black plaid cloth covering. Value is approximately $150.

Dave McNeil, Delta Chi, reported his wallet containing $46 was removed from his room at the Delta Chi house while he was taking a shower. The wallet was taken between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. on March 2, and is described as brown with tooled in initials "DRM" with design surroundings. The wallet was believed to be on the floor of McDowell's room at the time the theft occurred. Brad Allison, McDowell's roommate, reported $30 was taken sometime between March 3 and March 4.

Bill Becker reported last Monday, a motorcycle belonging to Mark Walker, 709 N. Lincoln, was thrown over the second floor railing of the UCC on the night last Tuesday. Damage to the '70 Honda mini bike was approximately $200.

Jack Gilbert reported last Wednesday a motorcycle left parked at the UCC overnight last Tuesday, was pushed to the west end of the Forestry Building. The owner is Alan Bruns, 213 S. Jackson. The bike is a '70 Yamaha 360, which appeared to have been tipped over several times, creating $225 in damages.