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UI water causing headaches

By AUDRA MILLER

When the University of Idaho campus was surrounded by boil warnings in the Resident Halls, Wallace Cafeteria, and most other campus buildings last week, many students asked the question, "Why?"

According to Ken White of the Moscow physical plant, it seems the age of the campus has caused the build-up of mineral deposits on the inside of the water piping. This allows bacteria to form and then enter into the water system causing its contamination. It has also been a problem controlling the contaminants due to the fluctuation in the water level control.

For years, the level of chlorine in the campus water has been at a low of 0.2 parts per million. This low level allows bacteria to remain in the water and collect there until a boiling order must be issued.

White stated after the first reading of water pollutants was taken, it was decided to raise the chlorination up to 2 parts per million commencing on Friday, August 23. This action continued through the weekend and was then lowered down to 1 part per million on Monday, August 26. This level of chlorination is very low, but is still five times higher than the original amount.

In finding the water solution, other problems may arise with the experiments of lab researchers but those will be taken care of in time.

Other actions are being started to clear up the water problem. The ITAC rezervicer project is relaying the piping has begun. This project should be completed by the last week in September. Another unnamed funded project is being debated and brought up before the Department of Public Works to possibly add to the water solution.

“We hope that the water problems will be solved on a permanent basis, but its like playing a guessing game,” said White.

New ID’s as double as credit cards

By KARMA METZLER

Staff Writer

You've heard of credit cards, cash cards, and playing cards, now you have the Vandal Card. Last week, at registration, every student got their picture taken for a Vandal Card. The card not only gives access to games and the library like the old I.D cards, it also allows students to open a debit account with the University.

According to Christian Stokes, UI’s business manager for Auxiliary Services, students can use a debit account to pay for almost every on-campus purchase. Stokes said the cards are good at Ticket Express, Student Health and the UI Bookstore. Purchases made at any university dining service location will get a five percent discount.

"We’re here to serve," Stokes said. "This is a good service to provide to students, it will make their life easier.”

New pictures for the cards were taken after fees were paid at registration. The new cards will be ready for students later this week. Beginning September 5, the old I.D. cards will be unusable.

Tim Taylor, manager of the Vandals Card office said similar cards used on other campuses have made campus purchases much quicker.

Taylor pointed to Vanderbilt University where more than 90 percent of the total sales at the bookstore are made with the debit card. He also believes the debit accounts will benefit parents.

"All the purchases possible are on campus and are relevant to school," Taylor said. "(the cards) will make it easier for parents whose students have a little trouble managing their money." "The University will pay $500,000 dollars to upgrade the current system. He said about $50,000 comes from student fees, the rest comes from commissions on dining sales and from money already budgeted for the old I.D. cards.

Taylor said students can open their debit account in the Vandals Card office on the second floor of the Wallace Complex, Accounts can also be opened at the College’s office, but Taylor points

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"I am pleased that the situation was handled in such a way that we have the facts," Zimmer said. "We are an educational institution and the best way to overcome ignorance is to educate. We would like to offer our services to educate these individuals in any way that can be accomplished."
Student firefighters earn credit, valuable experience

By KARMA METZLER  
Staff Writer

Some students don't have the luxury of relaxing. 
Take John Schenk and Kelly Cross for example. Yes, they can go home and put their feet up for a while...but the shrill scream of the fire whistle can change it all. Schenk and Cross are firefighters at Moscow's Volunteer Fire Department. They, and 14 other students get free room and board in exchange for fighting the city's fires.

When the fire whistle blows, they go to work...and earn their keep. "There's no relaxing. If the bell rings, you have to go," said Schenk. "But it's not a bother, we all love to do it."

Schenk and Cross live with ten other student firefighters in Station One downtown. Four students live at Station Two near Safeway.

The rooms are arranged like dorm rooms, with a set of bunk beds, desks, shelves and closet space.

Right now only men live at the station, although women have in the past. Both Schenk and Cross say they've formed tight bonds with the people they live with. "It takes a special person to live here," said Schenk. "You have to take what we dish out."

But Cross says the camaraderie helps on the job. "I had some apprehension about going into a burning building at first. You can't see or hear. You have to rely on yourself, your buddy and your hose," he said. "Now that I've gotten to know the people I work with, it's easier." 

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(Clockwise from bottom left) Volunteer firefighters Matt Ottenger, Cade Greenup, Curt Johnson, Kelly Cross, John Schenk, John Huntington and Matthew Storms share duties, responsibilities and living quarters at the Moscow Fire Department. (Ann Doren PHOTO)
President Zinller calls for better communication

Editor:
As President of the University of Idaho, I wish to comment on the effect of the Idaho abortion referendum this weekend. This University campus is a territory of tolerance for diversity. An abortion is an inversion of that tolerance. The University is a place for learning through the free and open exchange of ideas and values. This effigy was an anonymous monologue, and the message is unclear as to meaning and intent. Regardless of the circumstances or the intent, there can be no misrepresenting the perception of this image, an image which harkens back to similar effigies of 1969. Any act that can be received as racial or religious hostility, regardless of intent, is repugnant, inhumane, and uncivilized. And it has the potential to incite personal harm. Such acts are not tolerable, as they do not further the aims of freedom, learning, and truth. Rather, they intimidate and stifle communication.

We are dealing with moral principles and educational issues here. As a university community, we care about human beings and our relationships. As educators, we care about replacing ignorance with enlightenment—whether immature ignorance about the effects of a childish prank or "learned" ignorance in the form of hatred and intolerance.

I ask that we focus on open dialogue about the moral and educational issues involved.

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Abortion activists should compromise

Abortion may be one of the biggest issues of our time, but it is almost comical the way the two sides, Pro-life and Pro-choice, have been staking at each other the last few years. Is either side more credible than the other? Judging by the ridiculous "Pro-choice" bumper stickers and the recent Pro-life demonstrations in Wichita, Kansas in which federal marshals have had to be called in to prevent violence, I think the answer is a resounding no. I'm going to try and come from a different angle which I choose to call personal choice.

Personal choice would involve each individual woman making a personal decision regarding abortion. Thus, if a woman had a religious or conscience objection to abortion, she could simply have the child, and likewise, if the woman didn't have any problems with abortion, then that woman could terminate the pregnancy with an abortion.

In this personal choice view, taking an avoidant stance on a tough issue like abortion? It is much better than a woman having to jump up and down on a soapbox proclaiming her views on abortion. Abortion is a very personal issue and both Pro-life and Pro-choice activists have made little progress with either side when you consider that the child's rights or the ensuing bowed that it results in balanced, well-rounded individuals. It is to a, Catholic, what making lives next door to an atheist bearable. It is what keeps politically diverse roommates alive. Surviving in a house with 70 other people would be impossible without it. Tolerance is the key to life knowledge. By tolerating others' opinions and attitudes, we learn from them. We learn that there are two sides to every issue, and that our side is not always right.

Once you have begun your search for knowledge and self-discovery, once you have mastered the skill of being tolerant and have become an open-minded person, use these skills and apply your opinions to become active! Leave your apathetic attitude behind and become involved—speak your mind, volunteer your time, and vote. Have a good year, and study hard.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are writing in response to your article "Abortion activists should compromise," which appeared in the university newspaper, the Argonaut, on August 27, 1991. We are concerned with the portrayal of our beliefs and the way they are presented in the article. We feel that the article is not an accurate representation of our views.

The article suggests that abortion is a personal choice issue, and that individuals should be allowed to make their own decisions regarding abortion. However, we believe that abortion is a complex issue that involves more than just personal choice. It is a moral, ethical, and social issue that requires careful consideration and thoughtful debate.

As argued in our letter, abortion is not simply a matter of personal choice. It involves complex ethical and moral considerations, and it has serious implications for individual and societal well-being. The potential for physical and emotional harm must be taken into account when making decisions about abortion.

We believe that the article fails to adequately address these important issues. It is important to recognize that abortion is not just a personal choice issue, but rather a complex and multifaceted issue that requires careful consideration and thoughtful debate.

We hope that the Argonaut will provide a forum for a more balanced and comprehensive discussion of abortion and other important issues.

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UI gets serious about recycling

BY SHARI IRETON
Staff Writer

Did you know recycling one aluminum can could save enough energy to operate a TV set for three hours? And recycling a three- and a half-foot stack of newspapers can save one 20 foot tall pine tree? Thanks to the University of Idaho Recycling, it’s possible for all of us to take part in the big “recycling revolution.”

In 1990, the University of Idaho began a small-scale recycling program with help from the UI Recycling Committee and Larry Kirkland, emeritus engineer at the Physical Plant. By the end of the spring semester, up to one and a half tons of paper per week were being recycled.

Unfortunately, the program still has far to go. There is a lack of money in the UI solid waste budget to support the large recycling demand. The program has only one truck (that breaks down often) to pick up materials from the entire campus and must work with the materials in a small garage. “We usually work outside for noon, since the weather’s so nice,” says Larry Kirkland “but I don’t know what will happen when it gets colder.” Kirkland stated the program needs more time to develop to see greater results.

Kirkland also said the program is trying to refine the recycling process called “cubing.” The recyclers take mixed paper waste and density it into easy-to-store briquettes. These briquettes are usually burned later in the UI wood-fuel boiler that produces 96% of the University’s power and heat.

The UI Recycling Program currently processes five types of waste materials: ledger paper, computer paper, cardboard, aluminum and glass. Collection stations will soon be found all over campus near main building entrances, vending areas. Argonaut drop-off areas are residence halls and main offices.

Why recycle? According to the UI Recycling Program, the United States produces approximately 160 million tons of waste paper. If some of this waste can be recycled, it can greatly reduce the size of our already over-full landfills. Even though recycling has very little monetary reward, the environmental impact is great. Recycling can help preserve wildlife habitats by reducing the amount of bar-room timber to produce pulp products.

Here are some tips offered by a UI Recycling Program pamphlet for students to reduce waste:

- Bring your own bags to the store when you do your shopping. Some stores in Moscow will even subtract a nickel from your bill.

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Pizza, Pepsi popular with new students

By KALISTA BARCLAY
Asst. News Editor

University of Idaho students were welcomed to campus with 500 free shirts, 1,300 slices of free pizza and give-aways galore Saturday night at the old Arboretum.

The first annual New Students Traditions Night, sponsored by the Student Alumni Relations Board, Pepsi, Pizza Hut and KZFN 106, introduced about 300 new students to Vandal spirit and the U of I campus. The event was designed as a pop rally to get students interested and excited about the university, according to Mike Davis, associate director of Alumni Relations.

"We want to welcome the students, make them feel at home, share traditions and show them how Idaho is special," said Davis.

Several speakers, including Coach John L. Smith, Terry Armstrong and Rip Kleffner, representing various facets of the university, extended a welcome to the students.

"I thought John L. Smith was wonderful," said Jennifer Ovings, a freshman from Kalispell, MT. "We got bored at one point and we were going to leave, but then the cheerleaders and the band came, so we stayed."

According to Tami Cann, coordinator for the event, the night was a chance for the freshmen to see what the composition of their class is going to be like and to build loyalty to the university in the new students. "We wanted to show the students how great we are and let them carry the torch from there," Cann said. "We wanted to try to make Vandal out of them right away."

"I thought it was so much fun, it was great," Ovings said. "I think they should do it again next year."

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Dunn and company dominate defense

By CHRISTOPHER GATEWOOD
Sports Editor

Is the University of Idaho Vandals defense as good as most optimists made it out to be this season? It's hard to say, but it sure seems possible. The Vandals defense is among the nation's best in several categories, including total defense, rushing defense, and pass defense. The Vandals defense has allowed only 15 points per game this season, and they have held opponents to less than 100 yards rushing in four of their six games.

The Vandals defense has been led by senior linebacker Kasey Dunn, who has 10.5 sacks and 16 tackles for loss this season. Dunn is one of the most dominant defenders in the nation, and he has helped the Vandals achieve their goal of becoming a powerful defensive team.

The Vandals defense has also been helped by the ability of senior safety Jeff Jordan to make plays. Jordan has intercepted three passes and forced five fumbles this season, and he has been a key factor in the Vandals' success.

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Multi-purpose gets a new look

By DOUG BAUER
Staff Writer

It will be a long, but worthwhile wait for the students who enjoyed the benefits of the multi-purpose room in the basement of memorial gym. The room has been temporarily taken over by the Early Childhood Learning Center, and will not be open for student use until spring semester.

The Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC), a child care center for children of faculty and students, had to vacate its previous location, the Sweet Avenue complex, in order to house the overflow for the Panhellenic council.

"We had no place to put these kids, and the multi-purpose room is big enough and safe enough," Division Director of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (HPERD), Cal Lathen said.

The ECLC plans to inhabit the multi-purpose room no later than Oct. 15, then it will move into a new triple wide module, which will be constructed at the corner of Deakin and Taylor streets.

"We're looking forward to having the module so all of the centers are together, and we want to thank the university and the parents for helping us in locating the multi-purpose room as an interim daycare facility," ECLC Director Kathleen Pullmann said.

After the ECLC moves out, construction will begin to build storage space and a ventilation system in the multi-purpose room. The room was built without an adequate ventilation system because of an oversight on the project and virtually no storage space.

"Without a ventilation system in the multi-purpose room, it gets unbearably hot and a person can't imagine what it would be like to have an aerobic dance class in there," Lathen said.

The concept of the construction this semester, according to Lathen, is the construction will be done by spring semester.

"I will be able to accommodate the kids and get the construction done and out of the way in one semester," Lathen said.

purchase more exercise bicycles and relocate them to the multi-purpose room, in order to make more space in the weight room. "One of the benefits of the weight room because lack of space," Lathen said. "If everything goes as planned, it should make it nice for the people that come to the weight room to work out and bikes. Because it is right around the corner from the weight room. It's nice for the people that just use the bike, because they won't have to go into the crowded weight room."

Beginning spring semester, the multi-purpose room will be used for club sports, conference and enrichment classes, as well as elementary physical education, activity classes and high and low impact aerobic dance classes.

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Outdoor Program has a new face
Tangen-Foster takes over in Beiser’s absence

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CAMP STRONGER THAN EVER

I tried to design the camp this year so we did conditioning after practices so the girls weren't as tired during practice. Last year, "They were a lot happier. They got to know each other a team better this year and had a good time."

"We did something that was different with those girls' personalities and it worked," Hillbert said. "I got their feedback about this year and made the necessary changes. We did it last year and it helped make this year's camp successful."

Hillbert had an easier time dealing with his players because of the better condition they came in at the beginning of camp. "It was easier this year because we all came in in better shape than last year," Senior setter Christie Roes said. "We are so much ahead of last year's team. It has helped out a lot."

Idaho had several nagging injuries during camp, but Hillbert knew his players enough to keep them productive in practice. "We had a lot of injuries and Tom was really good about giving us breaks and we needed them bad," Roes said.

"The injured people did a good job of not taking advantage of it," sophomore Dee Porter said. "They got right back in and worked hard."

Roes and her teammates will find if their hard work paid off this weekend as they host the Idaho State Softball Classic at Memorial Gym starting Friday.

"We have a scrimmage this week against some other players."

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— Bob Curtis
Verses 1957-1981

Calling games hasn't been Curtis' bread-and-butter, but rather more of a hobby. Curtis owns a ranch outside of Garden City, Wash., and soon will retire to it completely.

"It's just a year-for-year," Curtis said of retirement. "It's getting awfully close."

In fact, Curtis said, if the Vandals win a national championship, or coach John L. Smith leaves, it will probably be time.

When that happens, Morris will get the job and the end of an era will have come.

"The whole world will feel it," Morris said. "The guy's a legend, he does a good job. I was two years old when he broke into the Vandals game and I probably would have been browning it if I had grown up in Idaho."
By TIMOTHY COOK  
Staff Writer

What better way to spend $55 from my budget than to send it off to the ARGONAUT for some T.T.O.M. records in Olympia, Washington and the International Pop Underground Convention that they organized for last week. The convention was designed to celebrate and showcase independent music, music that lacks major record company promotion and support and needs something like this every now and then: a collective celebration of an appreciated talent of various shapes and sizes. It was really kinds funny trying to persuade the folks at the controller’s office about the legitimacy of this event—a lot of blank Larres, but in retrospect, they were nice. I suppose.  
Olympia, the capital of Washington proved a marvelous host to the convention, nice parks where a fellow like me could go and get a cheap beer in between acts that were either dull or clubs that were overly hot. There was also a majestic park outside the convention building for frisbee, the only really enjoyable leisure sport besides croquet, but who has room for a croquet set in the car in the midst of a weekend road trip?

The week started with a hill referred to as the All-Girl Love Rock Explosion, and featured girl groups sporing cute new wave haircuts and funny wire-rimmed spectacles singing cute/new songs about being driven crazy. This show ran like a talent show, charming staff made no wish I had at least 48 lives so I could marry each one of these girls at least once and, of course, eat pancakes with each one every morning, especially the band Bratmobile, native Olympians who were just the best. I couldn’t spare up enough nerve to weld this group home wonderful! I thought they were, but there’ll be other opportunities to see Bratmobile. At least I hope there will.

It was just too hot in O-Town this week, so my plans didn’t stop Boise hum Sealette’s Treepople from performing a fanastic set of material from their new record Gilt, Regret and Embarrassment dix out on C.F.Z. records sometime in late September or so. The rest of Wednesday was devoted to music out of the rock genre. Notably the Olympia Chamber Orchestra and their piece called “Mrs. Warhol” written by a local fellow whose name I can’t recall because I just ran out of memory drops for my brain. The twenty or so sized member ensemble was fairly reminiscent of John Adams or some of the work of the Kronos Quartet in its tense and spiky arrangement that formed a tape of an immigrant woman describing the location she fell in separation from her family. Performing under the name of The Steve Fisk Fusion Experience Incorpor- ated, Steve Fisk, Mark Hoshier (of another group called Negativland) and another fellow whose name I can’t remem- ber, improvised music composed of compact disc loops, drum machines, keyboards, home-made instruments and things. Imaginative work and I’d like to hear more from these fellows.

Perhaps the hit of this convention was a group of juvenile delinquents from Washington D.C. called Nattion of Ulysses who took the stage of the immediate coinlaines of the Capitol theatre in three- piece suits with the intent of destroying their instrument in a fit of high energy and low regard for human hearing. The singer also played trom- pet when he wasn’t doing a backflip off the drum set and onto his head. A very striking performance that created a tremendous buzz amongst the twelve hundred or so in attendance. Nation of Ulysses was recently picked by Soxy magazine of all places as the “savviest” group in America, and it took the fabulous Best Happening, the perpetrators of this love-rock extravaganza, to sort of clear off the palette with their unique blend of stripped-down garage rock from heaven. Pick up a copy of their last record called Drummy for a good idea of what’s being talked about, it’s both epic and epic, and at this point I’ll throw in word about the evening’s purpose. The evening was tapped off with a perform- ance by the Scottish indie/phenom types called the Pastels and a blend of noisy buzz-guitars with guest vocalist Jad Fair (who knows for his own independent institution Half Japanese).

Hung over on life, and an early ten a.m. show with Jad Fair solo, I wound up back at the Sub Pop records club bar- beauque at the Evergreen State soccer field and missed lunch, the biggest disappointment of the week, like a diamond in the mout of a corpse, I was able to make a day of it by getting my frisbee quested in. Of course frisbee is the only real recreational sport and I will forever stain at those thudding duderedhead bockey sad dogs. Volleyball is pretty stupid, though I’ve always sorta liked lawn darts. Well, anyway, the highlight of the last show was Fugazi, like Ulysses from D.C., turned in the tightest, most energetic and well-spoken performances of lead rock music I’ve heard. Forget that show’s rather lame uppers: Ut, from Los Angeles who insist on recycling the same old metal riffs Motorhead perforated in 1983 (some idiot cracked his skull ‘dancing’ during this) and Seattle rap High Performance, who I felt their main musical influence was Bobby Brown. Fugazi blew everyone away despite the early remorse.

The convention wound up with a Planet of the Apes film festival (fun trivia quiz: Can you name all five P.O.T.A. films in order?), but no one sat through all showings, I think, but I wouldn’t.

Photo by COOK
Gal with gun gets burned up over ‘Backdraft’

By Cecilia M. Thunes

Staff Writer

Firefighting certainly can’t be a cake-walking job. I assume. One has to be strong, sometimes fearless, and probably just a little bit of a daredevil. After seeing backdraft, I learned you also have to be a MARLBORO MAN. This is no exception for someone without a strong jawline.

Starring Kurt Russell and William Baldwin, with strong support from Robert DeNiro and Scott Glenn, Backdraft comes out on videotape next month. It is the story of firefighting Unit 57 in Chicago. It’s also about two brothers and their tense relationship. And it’s also about a man and his ex-wife.

Oh, yeah, Backdraft also carries a number of storylines involving arson, murder, corrupt politicians, and psychotic firemen. Try putting that into one two-hour movie and you’ll find IT DOESN’T WORK. Something has to give, and in this case, the牺牲 were some sequence, dialogue, and the general flow of the whole movie.

It started out well. Chicago 1997. A boy watches as his firefighting father heroically saves a little girl’s life. Sicknessly sweet, but I can handle it. Seconds later, the same boy sees his father heroically save another fireman’s life and then normally suffer for the consequences. A “Life” magazine photographer documents the boy’s anguish and later wins a Pulitzer prize for the picture.

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Twenty years later. This same boy (William Baldwin) has just graduated from the fireman’s academy and sets to work in his elder brother’s (Kurt Russell) unit. So far, so good. Then the gruesome sensationalism started to settle in. We were subject to numerous shots of charred corpses that seemed more like an emotional shock to the audience rather than realism.

With all the storylines and subplots, I could really figure out which plot was the main story. From the beginning, many characters were introduced and then not seen again until you forgot their significance. One such casualty was Rebecca DeMornay, who did a surprisingly fantastic and convincing representation of Kurt Russell’s ex-wife. But we just didn’t see enough of her. This happened throughout Backdraft. After awhile I got tired of waiting for a return to any of the number of stories going on. Not that they wouldn’t catch up eventually—it just took too long. The dialogue went through a lot of suffering. Cheesy lines like, “I’m not gonna quit, Steven, ya hear me? I’m not gonna quit!” and “Look at him. That’s my brother. Goddamn.” made me cringe inside and laugh out loud. The writing sounded like a combination of an old John Wayne movie and Rodger’s Digest’s “Drama in Real Life.” Yuck.

Director Ron Howard had no obvious direction for this flick, but it reminded me way too much of Die Hard, Star Wars, and the Summer Olympics. After an hour, I thought that if I saw one more damn fire, I would scream.

If you’re into new-age sensibility, perhaps you ought to hold off from this movie. However, if you, or someone you love, is looking for lessons in “how to be macho,” run, don’t walk, to your nearest video store and catch this one among the masses stud fest. Don’t forget your Marlboros.
Movies receive new life on video

Leonard Part VI, and Howard the Duck did wonderful business despite the fact that everyone became nauseated by watching. What's That Girl? also made big bucks on video—not too bad considering that one critic actually blamed the film for his sudden burst with bed-wetting and night sweats.

Yes, most of what appears on tape is nothing near the best of the motion picture industry—and on the whole, it is much better. Recently, such television networks as TNT, HBO and USA have begun releasing their exclusive movies and productions onto the video market, and have garnered quite a bit of success. I'm Dangerous Tonight, a USA film by Tobe Hooper of Texas Chainsaw Massacre fame, has been released since its original release. Among the Vietnam war films, one of the most popular and well regarded is the film full of human super-hot women, with a band of bright young men fighting for their country and their lives. There are few things that can make one feel better than to see these films again, and see the stars of the film in their glory.
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Knorr because I wasn't there. If they have one of those things y'all oughta get on the ball and get out there. Makes life worthwhile sometimes, but I don't want to think about it anymore because I'm really tired and my ears are still buzzing. Excuse me, I have to go to the bathroom.

Please see SOLUTION page 19
having left the Pacific Coast Conference (now the Pac-10) after 1958, and joining the Big Sky in 1963. BSU joined the Big Sky in 1970, but remained a Division II school.

Then, in the early '70s, a new conference was being formed, called the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (later to become the Big West). Idaho, a Division II school in the Division II Big Sky, wanted to join. But, on October 20, 1972, the State Board of Education denied Idaho permission to leave the Big Sky, preferring all three state universities compete in the same league.

When the NCAA created Division I-AA in 1978, Idaho had little choice but to drop down a notch. The rest of the Big Sky moved up. Now, in 1991, Keiser said BSU has become too much for the Big Sky.

"Ok, John. No doubt Boise has a solid population base to support a Division I football program. BSU's attendance would rank right at the top of the Big West.

But that's because it's the Big West, arguably the weakest Division I football conference. If BSU is too much for the Big Sky, why haven't the Broncos won a football championship since 1960? Why haven't they lost nine straight games to the Vandals? Sure, the Broncos might beat up on some Big West weaklings, because there are a lot, but solid Pac-10 or WAC teams would crash them.

Maybe, just maybe, if BSU began to dominate the Big Sky in year one, and year two, in basketball as well as football, and they won a Division I-AA national title a couple of times, people would want them to move up. As it is, though, there is still too much emotion over BSU's greed to get everything for themselves.

For the time being, BSU will stay in the Big Sky and at Division I-AA. So John, relax on moving up in football so fast, and concentrate on academics a little more like a university president is supposed to do.

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