Police searching for assault suspect

By The Argonaut Staff

A 18-year-old Wendy was allegedly attacked Monday at 9:30 a.m. The woman in Wallace Complex was allegedly threatened by an unidentified male with a knife. She was treated at St. Joseph Hospital for cuts on her arm and a contusion on her right eye and later released.

Dan Bruce, campus liaison officer from the Moscow Police Department, said the attack was "apparently sexually motivated" and is being classified as aggravated assault.

Fliers detailing the incident were posted throughout the residence halls.

Some students, however, said they were not made aware of the fliers. Crystal Booth, a student from Chosen Hall, said the fliers in her hall were in "a place you wouldn't look." According to Carol Grupp, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, the fliers were posted to insure that everyone living in the (Wallace) Complex had as much information as the police had given the newspapers.

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White said it takes more than 300 man-hours to clear streets and sidewalks of an average snowfall and another six man-hours to gravel campus streets.

The university is responsible for all street maintenance and repair on campus, noted Physical Plant Director Ken Hall. This fiscal year there is no money budgeted for street repairs.

When students were questioned about this new policy one student commented, "I think that's cheap. They should remove snow whenever it falls. It would be safer that way."

Another student expressed her feelings on the subject with, "What snow removal?"

Many students were not impressed with last year's efforts, and a cut in the

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Loggers speak on environment

By SHARON WETON

There is a very thin line between environmental sensitivity and environmental insanity and we've crossed it. We have too many bears that line several times in the United States," said the guest speaker for the University of Idaho's Forest Products Club. "Logging as a viable alternative was the topic of discussion at the lecture held Wednesday night, with guest speaker Bruce Vincent. Vincent is a logger from Libby, Montana, who is concerned about the government's involvement in the timber industry and public land use.

Vincent said he felt he had to become involved when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started their grizzly bear management plan around Libby. Although the residents were in favor of increasing the grizzly bear population, they didn't approve of the manner in which the Fish and Wildlife Service was going about it. Vincent said that the agency "was merely there to inform us of what they were going to do. They didn't care about public opinion."

Another incident that led Vincent to speak out against the government was the appeal plan set up in 1988. Vincent said that the manual distributed to preservationists told workers to be "exhaustive and imaginative" and "all forest activities will be made to conform if we don't like them." Almost all of the grazing permits, hiking trails, and other requests for public land use were appealed.

"That kind of stuff is insane," said Vincent.

Vincent stressed that the problem is not just isolated to the Northwest or to timber producers. In Indiana, there are more than 50,000 timber workers, more than in the state of Idaho. In Illinois, 40
Financial aid forms ready

By KALIYA BARCLAY
Asst. News Editor

It’s that time again. Along with finals, stress and late nights, it’s time to fill out your financial aid forms.

Forms for all types of financial aid are available in the Financial Aid Office. Federal financial aid includes Pell Grants, Stafford Guaranteed Student Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants and State Student Incentive Grants. Uf financial aid includes work study and all other campus-based aid.

Students interested in applying for federal financial aid or University of Idaho scholarships and financial aid need to pick up and fill out the forms included in the financial aid packet.

“Students are encouraged to come in and pick up their financial aid packets before they go home for Christmas break,” said Dan Davenport, director of the Financial Aid Office. “That way they can get information from their parents to help them complete their FAFs.”

By filling out the forms included in the packet students will be eligible for federal and campus aid. All students interested in any type of financial aid must fill out the Federal Financial Aid Form (FAF) and the Scholarship and Financial Aid Application Form.

The FAF must be completed and received by the College Scholarship Service by February 14, 1992. In order to meet this deadline, students should mail their application no sooner than January 1, 1992 since the CSS will not accept applications before that date.

The Scholarship and Financial Aid Application Form must be turned into the Financial Aid Office by February 28, 1992 by 5 p.m. in order to be on time and for priority consideration. The sooner these forms are turned in, the better.

Students interested in being considered for UI scholarships need to complete the Financial Aid Application Form and the Activity List For Scholarship Consideration. Both of these forms must also be turned into the the Financial Aid Office by February 28, 1992 at 5 p.m.

This year a list of instructions and helpful hints have been included in the financial aid packets. These deals with commonly misunderstood questions and areas that students often have problems with when completing the FAF. According to the list, the FAF is scanned by machine and then processed by a computer, so there are some peculiarities about the way the form needs to be filled out compared to other types of forms.

For example, only a No. 2 pencil can be used, no blanks can be left on the form, all boxes should be marked with an “X” and there should be no marks outside the boxes and spaces provided for answers.

If students have any questions or doubts about anything on the FAF, they should call the Financial Aid Office and ask one of the staff.
By LANE GRACIANO  
Staff Writer

At a paper-stacked desk in the Student Union Building basement, sharing space with the lecture-notes office, JoAnn Trail works diligently at bridging cross-cultural gaps on the University of Idaho campus and around Moscow.

Trail heads the International Friendship Association (IFA), a newly established offspring of the International Programs Office and the Associated Students of the University of Idaho.

In fact, the IFA is virtually a one-person organization, with Trail running most of the show from office to field.

"What we do is try to bring the international segment of the population to the mainstream," said Trail in an interview Thursday, "and get them to relate more to the U.S. students and the community."

Originally from Virginia, Trail lived in Sweden for five months as a member of the 4-H Club after graduating from university in 1956.

In 1958, Trail met her husband Tom at a costume party in Minnesota. Now the western region director of USAID in Washington State University, he was dressed in a traditional Nepalese costume when he caught her eye.

"I found out later," laughed Trail, "that he was from Moscow, Idaho."

The Trails, who have been married 32 years and have three grown-up children, have spent 15 years overseas. They lived in South America for seven years and have visited countries all over the world from Guam to the Philippines to New Zealand. As a Peace Corps volunteer, Trail has worked in the Latin American countries of Ecuador, Chile and Colombia.

In Malawi, East Africa, she taught home economics in an elementary-junior high school attended by students from 40 countries.

Of her active interest in international awareness and understanding, Trail said she acquired it at home.

"I grew up in a farm in Virginia," she explained, "and we were always helping other people—it was a family attitude. I learned to judge people by their own merits, not by color of complexion or race.

"Each culture can be different even within sections of a country—like Virginia is different from Idaho. It doesn't mean that one point of view is right or wrong, there is always more than one."

This attitude is the principle on which the IFA works. Since August, Trail has been responsible for pairing international students with their American peers and volunteer friendship families in the community. Working with the College of Forestry, she is presently trying to put together an academic peer-monitoring program for international students.

"This project is close to my heart," said Trail. "The cross-cultural atmosphere is still not ideal, but it's the first time the UI and the ASUI have created this program, of course there is a lot more to be done."

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JoAnn Trail, coordinator of the International Friendship Association, helps students from other countries come together with students and families here. (Jim Webster PHOTO)
UI Library construction under budget

By CHRISTIAN THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Low bid packages for the library addition-renovation were opened and accepted recently. Some of the bids came in $700,000 below the cost estimates of the Morrison Knudsen Corporation, which is a project manager.

Morrison Knudsen Corporation and Physical Plant Director Kenneth Hall agree, however, that the savings on the opened bids does not mean the entire library project will come in under budget. "I want to emphasize that while we're under budget on this one part of the project, we still have other needs to complete the entire addition," Hall said.

Hall noted any money saved on the library project could not be applied to other building projects on campus, such as the Renfrew Hall remodeling.

The first two bid packages for the library project, the excavation and foundation, have been completed. Molloy & Molloy Construction of Pullman, Washington, did the excavation for a total of $259,360. Garco Construction of Spokane completed the foundation work for $340,730.

The next round of work to be done on the addition includes structural, doors, glazing and windows, mechanical systems, plumbing and heating, electrical, elevators, interior walls, painting, ceilings, flooring and roofing.

According to Construction Manager Butch Fullerton, the bids Hall received for all of this work "are just the base bids."

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Evergreens sprayed

By KELLY TYSON
Staff Writer

Searching for a tree to grace your living room? Don't look for one on campus or you may get more than you bargained for.

University Physical Plant workers sprayed evergreen trees throughout campus with a concentrated skunk scent that isn't noticeable when the trees are outside. However, the skunk scent permeates the air when the tree is moved inside where it is warm.

Physical Plant Forestry Manager David Rauk said someone recently cut down a 13-foot blue spruce from the landscape strip in front of the Palouse Empire Mall, which is maintained by the Physical Plant. Rauk estimated the value of replacing the tree at about $4,625.

According to Rauk, it costs the university about $500 to buy, plant, and maintain an eight-foot tree. "Historically, we've lost two, three, four, five trees a year to Christmas tree thieves," Rauk said. "Last year, I decided to take action."

Signs are posted on campus where large groups of evergreens are located, warning potential thieves of the skunk scent.
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INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Cordially extends an invitation to International Students, Wives, Faculty, and Staff Wives, American Students, and Moscow Women to attend a Christmas Tea at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Peterson on Saturday, December 14 at 1:30pm

This program will feature Christmas Traditions From Around the World. For further information, please call 885-7841.

Those needing rides please meet at the Campus Christian Center Parking Lot at 1:20pm.

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"Why don't they keep us informed of these things?" asked Booth.

"It happened Monday and we haven't heard anything yet," asked Nancy Shaffer, a resident of Carter Hall. "I'm going to bitch out Housing. It makes me really upset that they haven't informed us. It's just like last year. We have the right to know when it's where we live."

Shaffer was referring to the incident in which a man was seen masturbating in the halls of the Wallace Complex last spring. The university also posted flyers about that incident.

"Obviously, it takes a while to get everybody notified," said Jim Bauer, director of Housing and Residence Life. "We wanted to make sure people were alerted."

Bauer added that people may not read the flyers or may pass them by, not realizing their importance.

The Wallace Complex has increased security measures because of the alleged attack. More Nightwatch staff has been hired, said Bauer, to monitor the "nooks and crannies places."

As far as present security, Booth complained, "We have Nightwatch, but it's never been enough."

Representatives of Nightwatch had no comment since the investigation is still underway.

Police are asking that anyone who saw a man fleeing Wallace Complex at the time of the incident or any clues to the man's identity, please contact the Moscow Police Department at 882-5555.

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percent of all the farm land is now considered wetland by the government.

"It's a private property rights issue, not just a timber issue," he said.

Vincent said that he is an environmentalist because he is a logger and he doesn't plan on making his living from it. He became involved in environmental issues in the 1960s. Vincent said the leadership of groups such as the Sierra Club took a "big left turn" in the 1970s.

"We're a pretty small land mass on a pretty small planet, and we only get one of these," he said.

"Preserve or destroy. Wilderness or destruction. That's all America is offering," said Vincent. He mentioned that there are currently 92 million acres of wilderness in the U.S. Vincent's main concern is the government's intent on shutting down logging companies and purchasing their timber from third world countries. Buying from Third World countries, whose main concern is putting food on the table, not preserving the environment, will be completely energy inefficient, he said. Loggers are in a bad position, as they have been stereotyped as the clear-cutting, "so hell with the environment" forest users. Vincent hopes that loggers and timber users will increase their communication with government agencies and the public. He ended his lecture with these "final truths."

"Democracy works, only if you're involved...the world is run by those who show up...When leaders lead, people follow."

Kelley Mitchell, who is the water quality coordinator for the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute and on the board of directors for Citizens for Environmental Quality, disagrees.

"I think those two options that he (Vincent) offered are not really clear," said Mitchell. "They can log land in a way that it's light on the land." She said that if loggers worked with the U.S. Forest Service, land users could treat the land gently.

Mitchell also said that the loggers who believe in clear-cutting are becoming a rare breed.

"It's the logger that thinks the only thing he/she can do is run chainsaw...that is putting themselves out of business," she said.

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Fall semester full of memories...bad and good

Yes. Here it is, the last issue of the Argonaut for the fall semester. And amazingly enough, 32 issues later, it is all over. My term as editor is completely finished, never to return.

But, it hasn't been all that bad. Actually, to be completely honest, it has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

As I think back on another semester in my quest to become a college graduate, this is one that I will never forget.

It started back in August, as I had a meeting with the most prominent figure on campus. As I walked into President's Zinner's office, I saw that the door was open, and I quickly ran through the door, as I felt the power of her presence.

After talking with President Zinner, I realized that she deserves more credit as a person than several students give her. For someone with that kind of stature, she is more personable than half the student body on this campus.

The UI was still in a clamor over the suicide of Aaron Ashkavan, an event that shook both the university and the entire Moscow community. It still amazes me how this university handled such a difficult situation and they gained a great deal of respect from this particular student.

The next event that seemed to have touched this campus with a tremendous amount of shock was the apartment fire near campus. Fortunately, no students were killed thanks to a great effort by Moscow's Volunteer Fire Department. To see fellow students helping fellow students in a moment of need was truly gratifying and I am still proud to have witnessed such an emotional outpouring of kindness.

The most memorable event of the semester for me was covering the induction of the first traditionally black fraternity on campus. Working with the members of Phi Beta Sigma and watching them overcome the doubts and prejudices they faced in becoming a fraternity on this campus really proved that life isn't so bad after all. These seven men should be honored for what they have accomplished because it is much larger than people make it out to be.

Things weren't always on an cheerful note throughout the semester, though. I was three fellow students die in less than a month. I only knew one of the students personally, but to see the anguish and heartache throughout the campus was a trying experience. They are gone, but they will never be forgotten by those people that were close to them.

On the football field the Vandals struggled to a 6-5 record, but one of those victories seemed to save face for the Vandals as they defeated Boise State for the 10th straight time. Oh, how sweet it feels to have bragging rights in Bronco-Land for yet another year.

These are all nothing more than memories now, and the semester is quickly coming to a close. I could write forever if I wanted. To thank everyone that made this semester so successful for me, but I won't bore the average reader with that. I do, however, want to thank you, the readers, because without you, this job really wouldn't be worth it. You didn't always agree with my decisions and what I had to say, but you expressed your opinions and that is what mattered most. But most of all, I would like to thank my hard working staff. They made my life a lot easier and their efforts behind the scenes really made me look better than maybe I should have. So to Cabbage, Gate, Mo, Big Larry, Volfs, and the rest of the crew it is time to say thanks and good luck. It was great and I will eventually forget the bad times, but I'll never forget the good times.

— Matt Lawson

Argonaut making space for more advertising

If you've attended the University of Idaho for any amount of time, there's a 97 percent probability that you've spent some time with the Argonaut. Our veteran readers can tell you about the days of the eight-pagers that had little to them. But if you have taken notice, the Argonaut has thickened and may even be able to hold its own in a strong Moscow winds.

As much as the editorial staff would like to take credit for the increase in size of the paper, it's really just the advertising department that has taken the aggressive commitment to growth. The reason for the growth, believe it or not, is actually you. More and more local businesses are realizing just how much of their business comes from the UI students, faculty and staff. In fact, Argonaut readers amount to an amazing $10 million to local area businesses annually.

The advertising department has taken an educational approach in their sales in the past, retailers have viewed the UI as a secondary market to what they considered a wealthier local market. Now, with 62 percent of Moscow's population working or going to school at the UI, it has only been a matter of finding the local, regional and even national businesses aware of the somewhat surprising statistics.

Local pizza businesses like Pizza Perfection, Domino's and newcomer Pizza Pipeline, have enjoyed so much success by advertising in the Argonaut that they dedicate most of their annual promotional budget to this campus.

Argonaut readers can expect to see even larger papers in the future. The advertising staff will be targeting the larger corporate accounts to attract them to you, the Argonaut reader.

Phi Kappa Tau would like to announce our new Laurel Queen Heather Madden of Delta Gamma Congratulations
Elaine Meyer will be missed

COMMENTARY
by Pete Hammar

'Tis the holiday season, the few precious weeks every year when promises prove congenial to one another. Good cheer is to be found, albeit in varying amounts, in every laboratory, library and classroom at the university. Everyone is busy, but most people find the time to help friends and strangers alike.

A great anticipation builds as we look forward to spending the holidays among people we hold dear.

By mid-January, though, most of this seasonal cheer will be dissipated by the onset of post-holiday blues. We will all go back to being our petty little selves, losing patience with the driver in front of us who dares to pause too long at the stop sign, or sliding our cars off those damned unplowed country roads with reckless abandon.

However, there are some people who manage to keep the holiday spirit all year long. There are some people who go out of their way to make strangers feel welcome, and who return every frown with a smile. They try to keep others happy, even when they themselves are feeling down.

Elaine Meyer is one such person.

While most readers don't know Elaine, everyone has met someone like her. After years of service as a secretary in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, Elaine will be retiring at the end of this month.

She has served as mother, confessor, aide and facilitator for a generation of students and faculty. She has watched countless students and professors pass through the doors of the university, and she has provided a link between the present and the past.

At the University of Idaho were a living legend, secretaries and staff would form the skeleton—the ribs, the legs and the backbone—that keep the whole creature from becoming a gelatinous mess.

Students are merely transients, passing through for a few years before moving on to bigger things. The faculty gets most of the fame and fortune. Administrators—well, sometimes it's hard to figure out just what they do.

But it is the staff that makes sure all the parts of the university machine are in place and well-oiled, and Elaine is one of the best mechanics in the College of FWR.

The start of the spring semester will see a bit more hectic and unorganized without her around to smooth out the rough edges.

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Boxing opinion unfair to Jimmy Ellis

Editor;

Regarding Mr. Bithell's article "For Big George it was that easy" in December 10 sports section of the Argonaut, you talked of how embarrassing that fight must have been for Jimmy Ellis. Mr. Ellis should feel no embarrassment. After all, he stepped into the ring with a former Heavyweight Champion of the World.

George Foreman used years of experience to his advantage in the win over Ellis, but give Ellis some credit. He is an inexperienced boxer, but was able to get a shot at a big fight in a very short time. You give no credit to the local Idaho boy. Your article is too opinionated, instead of reporting the facts about the event. I have personally met and talked to Jimmy Ellis on more than one occasion, and I am sure that your advice for him to find another career doesn't interest him. Advise like that is what keeps Idaho athletes from being successful. If you still back your article, I would ask that you send a copy to Mr. Ellis or contact me and I will see that he gets one.

-Mike Lincoln

UI, stay out of local business' way

Editor;

I am writing in response to Chris Carewood's "Do-Gooder" editorial, and the letters which have followed. I am writing mainly because I agree with him, and no one who agrees ever writes in on controversial issues. Alcohol consumption is not the only issue of concern in this situation: university control is what stands out in my mind. Murdoc's is not owned by the UI, but you wouldn't know that from the events which have occurred. The long arm of the university stepped into the realm of private business yet again. As a student, a member of the community and a consumer, I don't appreciate their constant interference, and I do not believe "we are alone." Besides, most students walk to the bars in Moscow, which makes them a pretty safe place to drink.

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Parking is readily available

Editor;

I am writing to inform everyone about the new parking lot at the end of S. Liley St. It has eighty-nine spaces (five or take a tow) and is a "blue" lot. I walk past it every day, and with the exception of the dozen UI vans stored there, I rarely see more than a dozen other cars parked. Although a pressed gravel lot would have been much less expensive (you don't even want to know how much these 89 spaces cost) and provided more spaces, the lot is there, so use it. It takes about two minutes to get to the SUB (almost two blocks away) and you won't even get your feet muddy if you stay on the sidewalk, that connects it with 6th street.

-Dan Lafoe

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The Argonaut will accept letters to the editor until noon on the day prior to publication. They must be 200 words or less, or they will be truncated to fit the space. No arguments regarding greater length, or arguments regarding policy, may be made with the editor.

Letters should be signed in full and include the name, address, student identification number or alumnus' business number, and telephone number of the writer. For multiple-authored letters, above information will be required for each writer. Proof of identity will be needed at time of submission. Letters that are unsolicited may not be run unless contributor is made, names of writers will not be withheld.

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- Mike Foreman
Letters to the Editor

Insults will not help Young's cause

Editor:
I find it disturbing that the editors of the Argonaut feel compelled to refer to President Zinser as "Liz" or, worse, Queen Liz," as Trent Young does in his editorial on December 10. I realize that part of the purpose of the editorial writing is to stir the university community- to "wake them up" as the title of that editorial suggests. But I think you also need to consider how sexist such expressions are. When Richard Gibb was president of the University, you didn't often see references to him as "Ock" or "King Richard.
I notice this same tendency among my writing students. When citing authorities in a paper, they often refer to the women by their first names (Ellen Goodman becomes "Ellen") and the men by their last names (often with titles, such as "Dr." or "Professor" included), without even realizing what they are doing. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that many people are a little frightened by the idea of women having any power. Rather than confronting this fear and dealing with it in some rational manner, they attempt to mitigate it by designating these same women in ways that they wouldn't do to a man. Sometimes this denigration takes blatant forms as it does in the editorials and headlines of the Argonaut. Other times, it is more subtle as in the practice of feeling that it is only natural to call women by their first names and men by their last names. I am not suggesting that the Argonaut's editorial practice should be to defer unnecessarily to important administration officials. When criticizing the president in public, however, it would certainly be more polite, and not Smith trial comments premature

The comments of Ms. Bianco are a bit premature. She has already convicted William Smith before the jury has received the evidence and deliberated on the outcome. Ms. Bianco's statements are so matter of fact that one would believe she was actually at the Palm Beach house visiting a cocktail and witnessed the "alleged" rape. Well if you were a witness, Ms. Bianco, I know a certain prosecutor in Florida who desperately needs your help in proving her case. As I can safely assume that you were not a witness to the events, I'm confident that our system will provide the answers to our questions.

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overly obsequious, to refer to the president as "Zinser" Rather than insulting the president, Young could even compose some responsible arguments, leaving out references to the president's

footwear (among other things). Then perhaps university officials who have the responsibility for the university's parking policy, such as Financial Vice President Jerry Wallace, might even listen.

-Gordon Thomas

-ELAINE tum page 9
Her cheerfulness, dedication and professionalism will be missed.
So to Elaine, I wish the years ahead hold as much happiness for her as she has given others. I'd like to remind her that after the office clock slips past 5 p.m. for the last time, she won't have to answer any telephones but her own.
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Vandals rally for win, play Alcorn

by MATT LAWSON
Editor

If Idaho fans were pondering if the Vandals missed Orlando Lightfoot in a loss to Washington State, the sophomore answered all doubts Tuesday night.

Lightfoot scored 11 of his career-high 41 points in overtime as the Vandals rallied to capture their second straight win over Sacramento State, 91-88.

Lightfoot hit five straight shots to start the overtime, including a 3-pointer, but freshman Jason McKin laid the bucket that decided the game.

With the Vandals trailing 88-87, McKin drove the lane and made a short jump shot with two seconds remaining for the victory.

Sacramento State, 0-8, then called a timeout and was handled a technical foul as a result of having no timeouts.

Scott Matthews then hit two foul shots for the final margin. The win didn't come easy for Idaho, 4-3, as the Vandals trailed Sacramento State 71-69 with just over five minutes remaining.

But the Vandals tightened up the defense to force some key turnovers while scoring 12 straight points to tie the game at 71-71.

The Hornets then hit consecutive field goals to take a 75-71 lead before Lightfoot pulled Idaho within one with a three-pointer.

Sacramento State's Pat Wallace connected on one-of-two free throws with 19 seconds left before Idaho responded with a Fred Lovett dunk on a pass from Ois Milton with just four seconds remaining.

"We played pretty good," Lightfoot said. "We sucked it up at the end and did what we had to do to win."

And that was a lot as the Vandals had to make all six of their shots in overtime to secure the win over the pesky Hornets.

"I wasn't sure many teams in our conference except for Montana and Nevada could come in here and win tonight," Idaho Head Coach Larry Eustachy said. "That's how difficult I thought it was."

But nothing really seemed difficult for Lightfoot as the sophomore canned 16-of-25 shots from the field including three-of-seven from 3-point range and made six-of-seven free throws.

"It felt like I played every game," Lightfoot said. "It's just that my shots were falling."

Lightfoot still managed to play physical grabbing nine rebounds despite being hounded by four fouls most of the second half. Of his 41 points, 24 came in the last 13 minutes of the game.


"It didn't surprise me because I've seen him do it in practice, become unstoppable, and that was what he did in overtime," Eustachy said of Lightfoot's performance.

Deon Watson also had a strong outing coming off a one-game suspension with 21 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out.

Watson wasn't the only Vandal to be exiled from the court with five fouls as teammates Lightfoot and Turner were also called for fouls.

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Vandal Lightfoot scored 41 points against Sacramento State and looks to lead the Vandals again against Alcorn State on Saturday. (JAM VOLBRECHT PHOTO)

Ladie Vandals take their act to Missouri

by KEV HORNIBURRET
Assistant Writer

The Vandals women's hoop team takes to the road again this weekend when they travel to the "Show Me" State to pound the boards for the first time ever with two tough squads.

Such teams we're playing are solid programs with 3-1 and 7-2 records, said Head Coach Lauren Turner. "This will probably be the toughest road trip of the year besides the Montana trip."

Idaho's first of two non-conference games will be against last season NCAA participant Southwest Missouri State. They'll clash tonight at 8:05 p.m. in the Hammons Student Center on the campus of SMSU.

Idaho will battle the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the lesser of the two foes, on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Swaney Recreation Center.

"We need to capitalize on our inside game," Turner said. "We are taller than both teams by position."

The Bears of SMSU boast three players who average double-digits per game, with center Tonya Bauman pulling down almost nine boards a contest along with her team leading 15 points.

SMSU's 6-foot-center might have problems with Idaho center Kelly Moeller and to that event SMSU has a young 6-foot-4 back-up to help out.

"We must capitalize on the boards," Moeller said. "Moeller knows her assignment won't be an easy task. Bauman could very well be her first real test of the season."

"She posts up big and strong so I'll have to move my feet," Moeller said.

The Bears swarm on defense and are adept at forcing turnovers. That places a lot of pressure on guards Brenda Kuehlthau and Jennifer Clay to handle the ball flawlessly.

"In order for us to beat them we're gonna have to play errorless or we'll lose," said Kuehlthau.

Forwards Krista Smith and Kortnie Edwards will be saddled with containing two upper-classmen averaging over 20 points and nine rebounds a bout combined. In both instances Smith and Edwards are either equal or larger than their counterparts.

"We have to take care of the ball," Please see MISSOURI page 17-

The Lady Vandals take their road show to Missouri this weekend. (JAM VOLBRECHT PHOTO)

Why do I like sports?

The question above is something that I've asked quite often. And it's funny because I don't really think I have one specific answer to the question. To me it's a little more complicated than that.

I reflect on this question as my reign as sports editor comes to a close, and I guess one could say the bad world of Editor in Chief. I think I'm going like the challenge of running this newspaper, but I must admit sports is my first and true love. Here are four reasons why sports are so special.

1. It's an escape from reality.

With all the horrors in the world and so much stress in the daily lives of a college student it's nice to escape, if only for a few hours, to something that we love doing. I can't count the Sundays that I've laid on the couch all day and watched the best of college from home.

2. I love to watch people compete. I'll never forget this past year's final four where Duke pulled off the upset of a lifetime. It was true at the time but couldn't be done.

3. Everybody in the world is a fan. Everybody does it.

The true illustration of a champion from that game was Duke's point guard Bobby Hurley. Everybody in the press said the little guy couldn't handle the pressure from UNLV's backcourt. But Hurley answered the critics with a 15-point, one turnover performance in 39 minutes. Any questions?

4. It gives guys a chance to blow off their girlfriends. Ever watch a sporting event with your girlfriend? It's like going to the dentist after he's had his lunch and onions for lunch. It could ruin the relationship.

5. Seeing coaches and players furious with reporters. I love when coaches and players do a horrible job and lose a game and then blame reporters. I think it's hilarious to watch athletes white after the truth is printed. Honestly almost always the most. Really funny is that this happens the most in the pro ranks, where the people are supposed to be the most grown-up.

6. Trying to answer questions that can't be answered. Why do Vandals fans act like it's Sunday?

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**Let's go bowling**

*Analysis by CHRISTOPHER GATERE, Sports Editor*

I guess since the college bowl season is upon us, the Aggies should say something about it. Every other college paper in America has.

First it's the grandaddy of them all — The Rose Bowl. Many predict that if No. 2 Washington can beat No. 4 Michigan, then the Hurricanes will be the national champs. But that means Miami must also lose to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. That won't happen. The Hurricanes will beat Nebraska by at least three touchdowns.

Miami is the best team in America, period. They have played a tougher schedule and seeded the No. 1 team in Florida State. If they win, they are national champs. Miami shouldn't be punished for losing. Besides, UW will have all they can handle in Michigan.

But there are other games which offer great match-ups. One that jumps out at me is Penn State and Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl. If the Nittany Lions wouldn't have fallen apart against USC and lost a close game to Miami, they could be playing for a national championship. Penn State will win a close one.

Florida and Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl. Notre Dame is overrated and will find out how much so when they are pummeled by the Gators. Florida is playing as good as anybody right now.

Florida State is about to finish 9-3 because they are going to lose to upset Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. The Seminoles aren't as good as advertised and the Aggies have a great defense.

East Carolina was the surprise of the year as they finished 9-2. They Play North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl and should get a victory. Likewise, for Ohio State who should wallop Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

The surprising California Golden Bears will face Clemson in the Citrus Bowl. The Bears and their running attack will overcome an always solid Clemson defense.

The Stanford/Georgia Tech game is intriguing. Georgia Tech was supposed to a national championship contender at the beginning of the season, but things didn't work out. Stanford had a horrible start but is now playing as good as anybody in the country. Give the Cardinal the edge.

In the rest of the bowl games watch Fresno State crush Bowling Green in the California Bowl, Alabama over Colorado in the Blockbuster Bowl, Georgia over Arkansas in the Independence Bowl, Mississippi State over Air Force in the Liberty Bowl, Virginia over Oklahoma in the Gator Bowl, Iowa over BYU in the Holiday Bowl, San Diego State over Tulsa in the Freedom Bowl, UCLA over Illinois in the John Hancock Bowl and Indiana over Baylor in the Copper Bowl.

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Lovett and Frank Waters also fouled out.

Otis Mixon joined another solid performance for the Vandals with 10 points and four rebounds in his seventh straight start.

"I'd never won a non-conference road game before and it proves how tough it is to do," Eustachy said. "We still have a long ways to go."

The Vandals again had a strong rebounding performance as they out rebounded the Hornets 37-29 along with an impressive 34-of-57 shooting performance. "Right now we're a four on a scale of one to 10," Eustachy said. "That's to be expected because of our youth."

The Vandals return home Saturday to face Alcorn State after a three-week absence that stretched five games, including three at the Great Alaska Shootout. Idaho went 2-3 over that period and Eustachy is looking forward to his team's first game of the season in the Kibbie Dome.

The Braves are 4-2 on the year after a 6-75 win over Arkansas Little Rock Monday night and have four returning starters from last year's team.

That team finished only 8-21, but one of their wins was a 79-77 victory over the Vandals in Idaho's second game of the season. Alcorn State may be one of the most balanced teams Idaho has faced to date as all five of the Brave starters average in double figures.

Center Marcus Pittman leads the way with 14 points a game while guard Marcus Walton averages 13.6 points and Derald Spears contributes 10.6 points. "One of them will still score 30 (points) because someone scores 30 on us every game," Eustachy said.

Lightfoot leads the Vandals with a 25.6 scoring average while Watson is second on the team averaging 16.6 points a game. Lightfoot and Watson also lead the way in the Idaho rebounding department as both players have 10.1 averages.

"I think we're similar," Eustachy said. "We're patient and we try to get the ball inside."

The Vandals continued to struggle handling the ball as turnovers plagued Idaho in the Sacramento State game. Fouls trouble was also a problem and Eustachy has concentrated on those two factors this week in practice.

"Turnovers and fouling are our points of interest," Eustachy said. "If we're a good team you can't do that."

These haven't been Eustachy's only worries this week as he and his wife, Stacy, are expecting their first child which is due today.
Missouri

Unlike bees, have every reason to be defensive. "Hands in the face," Smith said.

WE'RE JUST GONNA HAVE TO PLAY
pressure defense and deny," Smith said. "If someone gets the ball, we're gonna have to have weakside help." Idaho's offensive attack will meet head-on with a quick, physical, defiant defense. Something like a swarm of drones protecting the queen bee.

"They get out and play aggressive defense," Smith said.

GATEWOOD

school at every Vandal football game? Why do I have to watch the most boring team in football, the Seattle Seahawks, every Sunday on television? Why is everybody west of the Mississippi convinced that the Washington Huskies are the best team in America, when Miami is the best college team in America? Those are just a few.

7 — You never hear the outcome in sports. Unlike politics and most of my relationships (just kidding LW), sports usually have a surprise waiting in store. I can only watch so many re-runs of the Brady Bunch.

5 — I just love watching great athletes. Has there been an athlete more fun to watch than Magic Johnson? And we even have an athlete locally that's proven to be worth the price of admission. Orlando Lightfoot could be the best player to ever play in the Big Sky Conference.

9 — Sports is a small slice of life. There are tremendous emotional highs and lows in a person's life. In a sporting event it's the same thing. The winners deal with these things and come out on top. But the Los Angeles Raiders were just down 12 with five minutes left. Somehow they managed to find a way to win. If people applied these same principles to their lives we'd all do better at work, have better relationships and so on. Where else but in sports can you watch a person overcome in two hours?

Chris Gastrood is the Argonaut Sports Editor. His column runs every Friday.
Extreme ski designed for entire mountain

By Jim Vollbrecht
Staff Writer

Only three years ago the choice of the type of ski to buy was pretty simple. If you liked to arc big cruiser turns you bought g.s. boards, quick turners went with slalom skis and recreational skiers bought skis that wouldn't really do anything particularly well but would get them down the hill with the fewest hassles. The specialists, those who stayed on bump runs or floated through powder all day, could choose a ski specifically for their favorite pastime. However, these skis limited them to small areas of the hill.

Today the story is quite different with the advent of the extreme ski, a ski type that is designed to do everything short of making your breakfast. While they do not excel at any one particular type of skiing they are more than competent for most skiers.

Most manufacturers of skis now make at least one model of extreme ski. While most extreme skis are for the advanced and expert skiers, manufacturers are already coming up with extreme skis for the intermediate or recreational skier that are becoming known as all-mountain skis.

Manufacturers have been trying to come up with a way to battle declining ski sales and the extreme ski may be the exact formula to beat this decline. The popularity in recent years of ski films made by Warren Miller and Greg Stump, among others, have elevated extreme skiing, and cliff jumping in particular, to lofty heights in the minds of skiers across the country. This form of skiing requires different traits of ski than what was available in the current molds of only three years ago.

Every extreme skier had his idea of what was the ideal ski. Some took long slaloms and others used g.s. skis. Maybe the most interesting development made by Glenn Plake who claimed to like 223 cm downhill racing skis because of the stability she offered on jump runouts.

Slalom skis wouldn't have the stability necessary at the speeds that extreme skiers attain. Conversely, the g.s. boards that have the stability wouldn't be able to come around fast enough on the steeps. In addition, most g.s. skis are made with tinal aluminum sheets and laminate construction for damping and stability. This form of construction results in a ski that will have a smooth stable ride at high speeds but won't hold particularly well on hard snow and can permanently bend if stuffed into a mogul.

The skis that were needed would have the quick turning ability of a slalom teamed with the stability of g.s. but without the metal. Designers also decided that to bend-up the skies, through the use of kevlar or carbon fiber, would help them sustain the loads that cliff-jumping and high speeds impact on the skis. Most extreme skis are also now designed with tension bar core that allows for better edge grip in hard snow or icy conditions.

The true benefit to these skis is that you don't have to be an expert to enjoy the characteristics that these skis have to offer. Most have a rather large sweet spot so that it is easy to find your center on them. If you are accomplished enough to know how to work a ski from tip to tail through a turn, you can get the most from one of these skis. By working the shovelves these skis can come around almost as fast as a slalom and by just letting them run they can stay with most g.s. boards.

With the increasing cost of skiing, the extreme ski makes a lot of sense for the average skier. It can work well in virtually all conditions as well as on most areas of the hill, thereby eliminating the quiver of skis that would have been required in the past.

Sun Valley is worth the trip

By Wendy Deal
Staff Writer

It's time to hit the slopes. There are places like Sun Valley, Idaho for a great time, great skiing and some serious sun.

After two bad seasons with barely any snow, Sun Valley was finally hit by a storm that put it back on the map of great resorts.

The Sun Valley Company spent the summer improving Bald Mountain. Extensive snow-making facilities have been installed all over the mountain. The new equipment will insure that Sun Valley has snow this season and for many seasons to come. Along with the snow-making equipment, Sun Valley has installed several high speed quad chairs that will speed up lift lines and time spent going up the mountain.

For some great ski activities there are several places to check out. As far as restaurants go there is a great variety:

- The Pioneer: Sun Valley and Ketchum's only steak restaurant and bar. This is a great place to meet people and have some great food.
- Desperado's: This Mexican restaurant has the best nachos in town and at a great price. If you're going to Sun Valley strictly for the skiing, as you didn't leave much in your budget for food, this is an ideal place to get some grub.
- Crumpy's: Home of the locals. This is where you can find some local folk and some great burgers. You can also put your hand on the famous "Shoebox," a mug of beer that puts Gambino's "Pitcher" to shame.

If you're game for the bar scene you can find dancing and live bands on main street.

For more please see VALLEY page 18.
Switzerlaus a good place for all skiers

BY MEYLA BLANCO
Staff Writer

I don't think Schweitzer is one of the best places in the whole world just because I am from Sandpoint. I know people from Olympia, Washington, who rank it above Sun Valley or Vail. I also know a few friends from California who visit Schweitzer every winter because they think it is such an exceptional resort.

The reasons Schweitzer is such a fun place are as varied as the people who ski there. As you probably know, Schweitzer was drastically remodelled last year. The big differences are mostly in the village part, where everyone now pays five dollars for a cup of hot chocolate. No, it is not really that much, but now that the new cafe has been put in, food prices are higher. So, bring a sandwich if you are a bit on the poor side. Anyway, back to the newly remodelled village. It is really cool, all color coordinated, and it doesn't smell like it used to.

If you want up-to-date information about Schweitzer's weather conditions, call 263-9662. The "snow phone" is updated twice a day, so you can be sure you are getting accurate reports. If you want other information about Schweitzer, call 263-9555.

As of today, Schweitzer has 54 inches of snow at the top, and 33 at the village, and runs are packed powder and powder.

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Vandaleers prepare to spread Christmas cheer this weekend

By LESLIE ALEXANDER
Staff Writer

The streets around the SUB this Sunday evening are going to be bloated all for this year's Christmas Concert, directed by Tim King, the U of I Vandaleer director.

This unique presentation will be held in the SUB parking lot, but if it snows, or is too cold, the performers will move to the SUB Ballroom. The University Choir will be joining the Vandaleers in some Christmas songs for young and old. In addition, the UI Brass Quintet will appear, along with various other soloists and skits.

There is no admission required to attend, but people are asked to bring toys for the Christmas For Kids program, and/or a canned item to donate towards the Moscow Food Bank.

Faculty member and 2-FUN manager Dennis Deece will act as emcee for the event, which will also be taped for later airing on cable channel 8.

(Both this and last year's program are scheduled to air on Dec. 22, 23 and 24 at 9 p.m. as of this writing.) A special appearance by Santa Claus will add some Christmas joy to the festival. The performance will start at 7 p.m. and last approximately an hour. Don't miss this "last little bit of Christmas before everyone goes home!"

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Beggar's Opera benefits from acting, music

Review by Cecil M. Thomas
Contributing Writer

Beggar's Opera delivered substantially more than a 4 1/2 tempo, boy-goes-girl plot, and kick lines. The University of Idaho theatre department provided a detailed account of today's standards of ethics and survival through the use of music, song, and dance.

Kim Bouchard's adaptation emphasizes how the corruption of those with money influences the social and political aspects of those without. Bouchard adapted and directed this production of John Gay's original script to correlate situations and styles to suit a modern audience.

Joseph Patterson composed the original score to follow in this same vein. He states that Gay's popular music of his time, the early 18th century, to covet and make his story more enjoyable to the common folks, and not the aristocrats of London; hence, The Beggar's Opera.

In keeping with Gay's plan of accessibility to the people, Patterson composed a creative and catchy blend of rock, blues and jazz. He and his band performed with professional aplomb with himself on keyboard, Chris Pfeiffer on drums, and Darren Callaghan and Josh Woods playing guitar and bass, respectively. Jesse Patrick, Lisa Lechner, and Jeanne-Elizabeth McKay stood out as the strongest characters in the eleven-member chorus, that, as a whole, maintained a strong effort in controlling tightly-focused scenes. Lechner and McKay were spirited and tough in the "Fill Every Glass" bar scene, performing every dance move as if they were having the time of their lives.

And that Jesse Patrick, well, he'd better be ready for a career playing wired punks with energy oozing out of every pone of his existence, not unlike the uncontrollable Keenan Reeves and Bobcat Goldthwaithe. He milked his role for every ounce it was worth. Although he never really stole the scene (that would be unprofessional), Patrick did open it up so that others may follow suit. Whether they wanted to or not didn't matter, he flew and didn't look back.

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The first act of The Beggar's Opera ran at a lengthy hour and 25 minutes, but there were some perks. Beside the bar, scans principal actors Tim V. Johnson, Eric Jacobson, Julene Hardy, Christine Mundt and Brian Boyd lived the stage. Boyd, looking much like a strong-out Jon Cryer from Pretty in Pink, was a rubberband on stage, playing the unredeemable Falstaff. With his flexible body, wry frame, and squally voice, he manipulated himself to accommodate whichever character he came in contact with. Johnson as hero/aimeball Capt. Macheath, carried his role with true manipulative passion as he struggled along at least two women in the show, one of whom he is married to, the other he has impregnated. He and Christine Mundt created a lively chemistry during their first scene with two charming arrangements of love songs, which did well to show off their strong voices.

An unexpected treat is delivered in the second act with the introduction of two more characters who complete The Beggar's Opera. Ed Hughes (yes, the same guy who taught you how to enjoy English Literature) and Razlyn Ann Simmons are Sheriff Lockit and his bawdy daughter, Lucy. Hughes has a vibrant, somewhat gruff, voice that is most noted in his '50s do-wop sequence. He is like a bathroom performer, one who totally cuts loose in the privacy of his own shower. Our privilege, however, is that he brought that same enthusiasm to the stage.

Razlyn Simmons set the stage for fire before we even see a glimpse of her. Replying to a derogatory comment made by Johnson, Simmons yells "I'm not "woman" like you". "OH, REALLY?" Her tough girl attitude, however, never overrides the fact that Lucy is still sensitive to the needs of her well-in sheep's-clothing lover, Macheath.

Simmons, Johnson, and Mundt all bring their talent together at the end of The Beggar's Opera with the sad
Arnie goes All-American

Review by MEYLA BIANCO

I thought I knew what to expect from Republican frontman Arnold Schwarzenegger, but no, 
T2 was far more American than even my wildest dreams. As the good Dubai Police story, yet not only was there 
the usual violence, but there was the unexpected element of the heart-warming. 

O.K., O.K., the special effects are cool, but I saw all of 
them months ago on television previews. 

There was one part I found genuinely scary: when the bad 
terrorist turns his arms into those long, metal holed things he uses for climbing. Specifically, 
when he is crawling FAST up the back of the stolen cop car Arnie 
and company are riding in. 

Now that was weird. Yeah, and the 
fact that he is virtually indestruc-
table add to the excitement.

Hear me now! This movie is 
really pretty cool if you can just 
set aside any intelligence you 
may think you possess at first. 

(Really, how smart can you be if 
you actually pay money to see it, 
anything, right? Right.) This movie is fun to see if you want to 
find out what Americans really seem 
to like.

One aspect of this movie that 
was sort of weird is the rambo 
woman, played by Linda Hamil-
ton. It was cool that she was an 
independent character but she 
also sort of overdid it at times. 
Especially with the muscle shirts 
and grunting. Let me say now 
that this is unattractive in any-
one, male or female. Also, I 
would've liked her character 
more if she had been more consist-
tent. She went from being Ms. 
Motorhead to Ms. Sensitive and 
sure of herself. She was not 
very believable.

"I'll be back." - Arnold 

Then again, how can a person judge this movie on realism? You can't. You just have to throw cau-
tion to the wind and go in there 
and believe. Be impressed with 
big guns, rejoice with the kid when 
Arnold learns how to give a 
half. Cry like a sentimental 
tool when Arnold self-destructs, 
feel a surge of adrenaline when 
Arnold says "I'll be back." 

To experience all this and the 
black highway analogy, see T2 at 
the Micro through December 14, 
or at video stores everywhere.

My housemates, Danny and 
Jake, and I will be going home 
for Christmas like most other college students, but in the 
meantime we have been get-
ting ready for the approach of 
the holiday season. For instance, Danny eats fudge for 
breakfast, lunch, and dinner 
nowadays.

The boys have some rather 
... different decorating 
ideas. Tree-trimming got off to 
great start, with Jake and 
Danny hanging all the orna-
ments on the sides of the tree 
that faced the wall. 

"It's the main way to do it," 
Jake explained when I pro-
tested. "We couldn't put them 
on the front of the tree. Then 
they'd show." 

After I put a stop to this prac-
tice, the boys decided that the 
next-thing thing to do would 
be to stand at ten paces and 
throw ornaments at the 
tree, leaving them wherever 
they stuck. I told them they 
couldn't do that, either, and 
they wanted to know why. 
"Because you just don't do it 
that way," I explained. 

"Uh-uh," Jake responded. 
"Aren't you paying attention? 
We do it this way." He threw 
another ornament.

Even after I had finally con-
vincing the boys of the correct 
distance to stand from the tree 
when trimming it, and the 
proper side on which to place 
most of the ornaments, they 
persisted in being perverse. 
"We are pretending that this 
bird is drunk," Jake announced 
somewhat, fashioning a cardinal 
upside down on a tree branch. 

"You're kidding," I said 
when they started making 
trips to the refrigerator every 
two or three minutes. 
"Another beer, Danny?" I 
said, eyebrows raised. 
"Yeah, well, you said we 
shouldn't have enough ornaments 
put on the tree," he replied. 
"What does that have to do 
with beer?"

"Don't you know everything 
have to do with beer?"

I waited.

"Well, we have to drink 
them before we take the labels 
off. Otherwise we might just see 
them in the fridge and not know 
what they were. And then 
we wouldn't be able to drink them. And that would be 
a shame."

"Danny, Why are you taking 
the labels off the beer bot-
tles?"

"Because if you try to use 
the whole bottle, the branch 
ends and it slips off."

"Signs off who?"--I got a 
smirking suspicion of what he 
was talking about, and turned 
towards the Christmas tree. 
Sure enough, there were sever-
ale beer bottle labels stuck 
on the ends of the branches. 
"Don't you think they add 
that touch of class?" Danny 
asked.

"Daddy, why did Mommy have 
to die?"

"She didn't want to die Sweetheart. 
She wanted to be here with you and 
me. She wanted us to be a happy family together." 

"Then how come she's dead?"

"It wasn't her fault. Sweetie. She got 
in a real bad car wreck. Mommy's 
body just couldn't live through

"Why did that man want to hurt 
Mommy?"

"I don't think that he wanted 
to really. He was drinking a lot 
of alcohol. That made it so he 
couldn't drive as well as he 
should." 

"I miss her, Daddy."

"So do I Sweetheart.... so do I."

"It's o.k. Daddy. It makes me cry 
too."
Two new college courses that run the spectrum of talent

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**Two new college courses that run the spectrum of talent**

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Matthew Sweet didn't need an act of God to succeed with his newest song. People Magazine commented on Divine Intervention, the first song on Sweet's album Girlfriend. "The Beatles (circa Remover) meet Neil Young in a grungy guitar-rave up by a pop singer who believes in the big time." The album itself is currently at #2 on the Billboard College Radio Chart.

Overall, Sweet recorded an album which rates. The variety of songs creates a comfortable listening experience, mixing the slightly original and interesting, to say the least, in most cases. He does slip in a couple of lousy cliches, but, we'll forgive him this once. Sweet's search for personal understanding of God dominates many of his songs. By listening to Nothing Lasts, we can hear, "If I could locate a God above...". He needs one... It's his plain belief toward God in Divine Intervention. This bitterness is maintained throughout the song, until the very end. Here he throws in some sort of possibility that he might be wrong. His final line ruins the genuine nature of the entire song. It's really stupid that he'd waste his time with so much emotion in song and then undermine it with this wishy-washy lack of commitment.

His next "God song" is called Evangelize. This one tells about how some guy is lustful after this supposedly more than fine woman, and how she is only interested in God. He even tells her that it'd be much easier to sleep together and then tell "her Father" that it was only a dream. In Holy Land, he sings about refusing to kill another man just for someone's own land and then states, "as if there's a god that would understand.

My point of including all this info about the God stuff. if you are going to be offended by it, don't Buy Divine Intervention. Just wanted you to be forewarned. But if it doesn't offend you... Sweet's love songs are way, way above average. That's an understatement. Thought I knew You is very R.E.M.-insicient (get it) with out causing acoustical guitars and clearly lyrical. Sweet has an excellent vision of the situation at hand. You Don't Love Me sadly echoes a common sentiment. Sweet makes it believable. Yes, his lyrics are completely refreshing. Like this: "What a beautiful moment! the truth comes out at last...And what a beautiful moment! as my head comes apart and drunk and in a manner of saying, wasted 'cause you don't love me." Sweet! (Not the guy, i mean the slang word here.)

So, to rate this one on thaticky scale that all we all have to deal with for about three years, I'd say...oh, somewhere around a B-. If he'd cut that stupid song named for an equally stupid actress, I'd consider giving Girlfriend an A.

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