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**Children Center awaiting playlofts**

Christine Ermen

Soon children at the University of Idaho Early Childhood Center will have new indoor playground equipment, thanks to a few students in the Architectural Department. Last September students in Professor Eugenia Ellis’ independent studies class began design indoor play lofts for the ECC. Four students then began working with ECC director Jan Reed as a client and consultant.

“This is a great collaboration between the Architectural Department and the ECC,” said Ellis. “The students work with Jan because the space defined by children is not the same as spaces defined by adults and Jan knows what little people need.”

The idea for the playground equipment came from Reed, who wanted to break up space and give a variety of spaces for children to play in and allow more activity. “These lofts add double space to the center’s classrooms,” said Reed. “The lofts give the children a carpeted place to climb up on and look out the window or look down below. They also have steps and stairs that allow the children to climb up easily.”

The project is being funded by the ECC: “I gave the students a budget of $200 to $300, from our equipment budget,” said Reed. “Designing, building, and labor is done by the students, which is a big donation.”

Eventually four play lofts will be installed for four different age groups, ranging from 2 months to five years. One play-loft has already been constructed, but some adjustments must be made before parts of it can be used.

“We installed one loft and we knew when we installed it that there were some light fixtures nearby where children could reach them. A parent saw this and called Facilities Management and said she was concerned about the children’s safety,” said Ellis. “Facilities Management responded in a responsible way concerning the children’s safety.”

Since then, Architectural Department Chairman Bruce Haglund has spoken to Reed and seen what students have done. “The play-lofts aren’t completely open because there are some minor safety things that need to be fixed,” said Haglund. Reed said the play-lofts should be completely open by the end of the week. “The top part is closed, but the bottom part is being used,” she said. “The safety issues are getting fixed. I talked to the student who designed the loft, and hopefully it will be open soon.”

Reed said it is important to strengthen ties between the ECC and the university. “This project uses the expertise of the students while changing the quality of life of the children,” Reed said.

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**UI faces fines for violating labor laws**

Michelle Kalbelizer

Staff

The U.S. Department of Labor conducted a labor audit that uncovered 20 violations of child labor laws at the University of Idaho. Consequently the university was fined $14,475 for the violations.

Child labor laws state while school is in session teenagers can work only 19 total hours per week, with no more than three hours of work on school days and only between the hours 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Fourteen of the violations involved teenagers under 16 working at UI Agricultural locations. The other six violations included teen-ageers under 16 working at the UI Golf Course, Kibbie Center, and the Student Union Building.

At the UI Golf Course the teen-agers were completing jobs like picking up golf balls from the driving range. The main concern was not the excess hours worked, but that they sometimes worked after the 7 p.m. deadline. Time deadlines were also a concern at the Kibbie Center. The teen-agers worked as wheel chair attendants during special events such as graduation or the jazz festival. With some events continuing after 7 p.m. violating the labor laws was inevitable.

Jan Rask, associate director of Human Resources, said, “There is a discussion whether or not we are going to allow 14- and 15-year-olds to continue to work here.”

Rask stressed that there are 168 teen-ageers under 16 on pay-roll and only 20 were violating the law. The labor audit also requires UI in re-evaluating 14 job classifications. The auditor reviewed 107 positions categorized as “classified exempt” and suggested that 14 of them be evaluated for possible conversion to non-exempt.

A non-exempt position qualifies employees for “time and a half” overtime—1.5 times 40 hours for each 60 minutes of overtime worked. Whereas a classified exempt position gives employees one day off for every day of overtime worked.

Carel Grupp, director of Human Resources and Risk Management, said, “The audit was an opportunity for us to review how we do business and correct some situations that need correcting.”

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**Frats burglarized over break**

Shelby Beck

The Moscow Police Department is investigating two break-ins that occurred at the University of Idaho Fraternity House against Christmas break.

Dean said personal property was removed from the Theta Chi and Phi Kappa Tau fraternities, but most has been recovered.

Kouril said numerous people were involved in the break-ins and police are in the process of connecting the suspects.

“We try to get both sides of the story, to find out what happened,” said Det. Sgt. Nick Breedon.

Charges may be filed next week after the city prosecutor reviews the case.

Odenborg also said that car burglaries and bike thefts are occurring frequently in Moscow, but the UI campus seems to have many less. "That is why there are the most commonly stolen items, said Odenborg. They are property values and CD players.

"If a valuable article is visible from the outside of the car, there's a good chance someone will break in and take it," said Odenborg.

Students should also take measures to prevent bicycle theft. Last year, Moscow residents reported 181 stolen bicycles, many of which were taken from UI students, Odenborg said.

When a bicycle is not being used, he said, "Keep it out of sight. Secure it, lock it up when you are using it," he said.

Odenborg believes the common denominator in the recent break-ins, car burglaries and bicycle thefts is that people have access where they should not.

As an example, he said, many students who live in the dorms often leave their doors open or unlocked when they leave the room. This habit can result in the theft of personal property.

"What it really boils down to is that a lot of people are providing the opportunity for the theft to take place. We have people out there who are willing to take advantage of that," Odenborg said.

"Live defensively might be one way of looking at it," he said.

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**Even strong vodka can't dull war's dirty business**

Fred Hatt

The Washington Post

MOZDOK, Russia—On the flight down to the war zone, a dozen or so Russian officers were preparing for combat in the usual way: with vodka. Hospitable as always, three naval officers and a man in civilian clothes named Viktor insisted that I join their party. I managed to pass up the sao, or cold slabs of pork fat, with my habitual strategem—a sudden conversion to vegetarianism, which my new friends accepted.

"You’re an American; you don’t smoke, you don’t eat meat and you want to live to be 90, isn’t it so?" said Viktor. I admitted as much, and they all chuckled knowingly.

"But the world where the average life span of men has fallen to 59, below retirement age, taking care of oneself-wearing seat belts for example—tends to be seen as a laughable attempt to cheat fate. That is all the more true for those serving in an armed force that has never agonized much about its own casualties.

But sao is one thing, vodka another. They would not let me off, until I came to the vodka, a stiff dose that they poured into a communal cup and passed to me. We toasted the New Year (which Russians celebrate for a second time on Jan. 14, in honor of their old calendar) and, somewhat incongruously under the circumstances, toasted friendship among peoples as well.

Viktor, who has hands the size of catcher’s mitts, dedicated all the questions about the war and his role in it by saying, "No, let’s talk about vodka." As our jet—a military transport painted in the civilian colors of Aeroflot—approached the former strategic-bomber base of Mozdok, in North Ossetia, Viktor asked why I wear my wedding ring on my left hand. According to Russian Orthodox custom, he said, it goes on the right. But he, I noticed, wears no rings, although he told me he’s married with two boys.

"Not allowed," he said tersely. "Gets in the way of my work." He mimed pouring a gun out of his pocket. Then he pulled out a last shot and said again, "But let’s talk about vodka."

We boarded an Mi-8 helicopter for the 35-minute ride from Mozdok to Russian military headquarters for the Chechen operation, to a military encampment north of Grozny. There was an empty beer can inside the chopper, sour beer around. During one pitch forward, a heavy metal object about the size of a shape of a car radio crashed onto the floor.

The helicopter’s condition matched the spirit of the military camps, both at Mozdok and near Grozny. Empty cases of conserved fish and ripped-up cartoon lined the grounds. No one saluted anyone. Unhawn troops pushed into a green hall dim with steam and slick with mud.

But one Western military attaché in Moscow evoked empathy judgments: "Just because they leave their trash around (and (explosive) in the woods they don’t mean they can’t kill people."

The reverse side of this dilemma is a resourcefulness that is essential to survival. Trucks break, but somehow get fixed. If they don’t, the army crams 14 people into a jeep made for four.

Likewise, our helicopter pilots seemed skilled, despite the recent events. We flew, unescorted just above telephone poles—there are few trees here—over a hospital, and we followed a route over mostly

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**Virginia colleges fear falling behind**

Spencer S. Hsu

The Washington Post

Virginia’s public universities, long lauded for their educational excellence and value, are staggering from a series of budget cuts that have prompted business leaders and college presidents to warn of dire consequences for both the schools and the state.

Since 1990, state support for higher education has fallen $500 million, or 27 percent. State leaders accustomed to staking down their noses at southern neighbors now find Virginia ranker 43rd in the country in spending per student—only slightly ahead of the schools and the state.

"We simply cannot have the best system of higher education in the nation by investing the least," said Timothy J. Sullivan, president of the College of William and Mary. Without investment, he said, the schools will be unrecognizable in the decades ahead and will "semble today’s (institutions) in name, but in little else."

Whether funding cuts already have diminished the prestige of a degree at fine public institutions such as William and Mari and the University of Virginia can be debated. Without question, though, a degree is costing more and more at the state’s 16 universities and colleges and 23 community colleges. Median tuition has climbed 33 percent since 1990, from $2,462 to a projected $4,017 next year. That is now second-highest in the country for tax-supported schools. By comparison, 

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**Parliament blasts gov’t’s handling of quake**

Sam Jamerson and David Holley

Los Angeles Times

TOKYO-Tsunami erupted in Parliament Monday over the government’s handling of Japan’s killer earthquake as the death toll surpassed 5,000, unofficial damage estimates run to $100 billion and the stock market suffered its biggest drop in three and a half years.

"Bungling" in the government’s handling of the disaster "showed that under the direction of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, even the most minimum responsibilities of the government to protect the lives and property of the people — cannot be fulfilled," former Prime Minister Yoshiro Miyauchi said.

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Get help with FAFSA

Attention students: help with filling out those financial aid papers is on the way. The Student Financial Aid Office will be providing assistance to students and comp additional materials to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The student financial aid counselors will be available to assist students on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chase Room in the Financial Aid Office located across the street from the University of Idaho Bookstore.

Coop Ed offers discovery of future employment

Cooperative Education is holding several different programs this week for interested students. An orientation will be held today from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 103 of the Education Building. The orientation will discuss how those interested can find paid work opportunities which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. A meeting will be held for students interested in a summer internship in Boise. Take this opportunity to meet and complete materials with Penny Schiekewitz, Cooperative Education Coordinator based at the University of Idaho Boise Center. See Schiekewitz in the Galena Services Center or call Classroom Building from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Future employment opportunities coming soon

Students getting a bachelor’s degree in Communications or a related field should come to Career Services by Wednesday to be considered for an on-campus interview with Vanaclo, Inc. as a training/communications coordinator.

Career services will accept materials from students with a bachelor’s or master’s degree in Computer Science, Information Systems or Marketing. Applications will be accepted until March 3. The Information Systems is interested in speaking with prospective employers as an account representative.

Interview schedules are posted for students 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Brink Hall G-11. For more information, call Career Services at 238-6121 or stop in the office in Brink Hall.

Reintroduction of wolves may be illegal

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Idaho state representative from Jefferson County

said, adding that, when it was a wolf, the animal was often found and destroyed within a matter of days.

"Quite often it is other predators which are responsible for the livestock losses," Koch said.

Representative Helen Choinoweth, Wood says, did some research in the nation’s capital and has also come to the conclusion the wolf reintroduction is illegal.

In addition, many Idahoans are concerned lands may be shut down to mining, logging and recreation activities because of the wolf.

"Absolutely not," said Koch.

He said land was never declared off-limits in Montana during the wolf recovery program there. Occasionally, he said, a road would be shut down if a wolf den was in very close proximity, but it would only be a temporary stop until the wolf pups were old enough to move out—about one or two months at most.

Koch said there is not one documented case of a wolf killing a human since the European settled in North America.

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Training for the outside world

UI Career Services Center is offering an orientation today at 3:30 p.m. for those interested. A workshop on resumes and cover letters will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The job search workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. All workshops are free but pre-registration is recommended. For more information visit the Career Services Center in Brinks Hall or call 885-6121.

Athena looks at leadership

A leadership conference entitled “Leadership Choices and Connections” will be held at the University Inn in Moscow on Feb. 10-11. The conference will be sponsored by Athena, an association of UI faculty and staff women. The registration fee is $35, with a student rate of $25, for the full conference which includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday. Registration for one day only is also available. The registration deadline is Jan. 30.

Scottish festival to be celebrated

A Robert Burns birthday and dinner party will be held tomorrow in the Student Union at 6:30 p.m. This evening of traditional Scottish entertainment and festivity features the Pielowe Pipers. All guests are encouraged to wear the kilts-oldest or black and white. Tickets cost $15 per person and available through Ticket Express.

Classes offered at Redhawk

Three classes are being offered right now at Redhawk Crossing. They are all open for anyone that is interested to attend.

* Mondays at 4 p.m. “Life Between the Sexes” which studies relationships between men and women, dining, marriage, etc. This class is taught by Jim

Wilson and is free for anyone.

* Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. is “Introduction to Logic” which looks at the basic building blocks of logic and rational thought. This class is taught by Chris Schleif and there is a suggested donation of $20.

* Wednesdays at 4 p.m. is “Selected Readings” which will focus on different writings each week and will include a discussion time over what was read. This class is lead by James Fryett and is free for anyone.

For more information on any of these classes, please call 882-6786.

A few ways to beat the blues

Moscow Parks and Recreation’s Winter Brochure is available and class registration is open. Ski lessons begin Jan. 28 and will run through Feb. 11. Cost is $49.25 for the package which include six one-hour long lessons and three T-bar tows.

The Advanced Class begins Jan. 25. Fee for these six lessons is $40.

Happiness history on display

Voices Hispanics will be on display this week in the Student Union. This is a visual history of Hispanics in Idaho. It is the first historical project of its kind. For further information contact Vicki Salinas at 885-7687.

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Jan. 26, 3:30 p.m. Student Union Silver Room
Japanese stock market market drops amid quake fears

Paul Blustein
The Washington Post

TOKYO—A plunge in Tokyo stock prices Monday raised fears that last Tuesday's earthquake in western Japan may cripple the nation's nascent economic recovery.

The Nikkei stock index of 225 shares dropped 5.6 percent to close at 17,785.49, the lowest level in over a year.

The sell-off was sparked by foreign investors, traders said, who have become concerned that the disaster will generate a more severe economic impact than many analysts initially thought.

"People think the earthquake is more serious now than they did before," said Mike Alps, investment strategist at the Tokyo office of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities.

The prevailing view at first was that the quake would cause only short-term disruptions in the process of Japan's economic recovery, which has been sluggish for months.

But Democrats have indicated they will fight some of the cuts, saying that government spending in this case could carry a high political price.

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Japanese officials had drowsed Murayama's voice as he urged members of Parliament to unite with the government in coping with the nation's worst natural disaster in 71 years.

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Maryland ranks eighth, at $2,954, and North Carolina fourth, at $1,469. "A big thing I looked at was price, that was a big reason I stayed in state," said John Haskins, 20, of Richmond, who attends George Mason University in Fairfax County. "But if Virginia decides higher education is not a high priority, it's going to make educating more difficult."

At stake is not simply regional pride or academic standing, but with job growth and quality of life. In a rare break with tradition, the state's senior business leaders recently have taken to the stump, warning officials that further reductions will hamper the state's economic competitiveness, depress incomes and cause a brain drain of workers as companies move out of state.

The issue likely will provoke massive debate during this year's General Assembly, as lawmakers decide whether to approve Gov. George Allen's proposal to slash $1.5 billion from higher education in 1996. As part of a $303 million plan of statewide spending and tax cuts, Allen wants hiking and salary freezes, administrative "restructuring" and more.

"This is a period of transition," said his education secretary, Bruce Allen, pointing to Allen's commitment to reduce state government while giving voter a 25-cent-a-gallon break and spending $2 billion less to prisons.

But analysts did dispute the magnitude of the reductions—which began under Allen's predecessor, Democrat Douglas Wilder—saying that they have had "difficulty accepting the need for change."

"It's very often difficult for organizations that are as estranged, that have such long histories of operating the way they have... it's very difficult to change that around," she said.

Other lawmakers are more blunt, accusing educators of bureaucratic obstruction. They note that funding to state universities increased significantly during the 1980s, and they say that Allen's proposal constitutes a "backlash" to that retrenchment in less "liberal" times.

"The universities time for opposing any kind of cuts, under any circumstances, for any reason. I would be very surprised if they could not make those cuts and survive and prosper," said House of Delegates Minority Leader S. Vance Wilkins Jr., R-Amherst.

"The cuts mean something will have to be cut of some of the waste and duplication of program," he said.

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Victims' families to make presence felt at O.J. trial

Media viewers expected in the millions as opening statements begin

Joseph Demma and Shirley E. Perlman

LOS ANGELES—Opening statements in O.J. Simpson's murder trial Monday will be watched by millions of television viewers around the world and covered by hundreds of reporters. But no one will watch more intensely than three families in the courtroom.

Sitting behind prosecution will be the families of the victims—Simpson ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ronald Goldman, 25. Behind Simpson and his lawyers will be members of his family.

"This is it, the fifteenth round," Nicole Brown Simpson's father, Louis, said in an interview over the weekend. "The start of the big event—the Super Bowl."

Brown, still angry over a defense attempt to keep the victims' families out of court because they may be called as witnesses, said the seven seats allocated to the Brown family would be filled by relatives and friends daily even if he and his wife, Judith, can't always be there.

"Probably it will be too draining," he said, in a reference to the almost two-hour drive from their home in Dana Point, Calif., to the Criminal Courts Building in downtown Los Angeles.

Goldman's relatives also will have a long day in the courthouse—about an hour each way.

"I'll be there every day," Goldman's father, Fredric, said Sunday. Asked what his hopes were on the eve of the trial, Goldman said, "A guilty verdict, without question."

While the Brown and Goldman families take 14 seats behind the prosecution, on the opposite side of the aisle in their seven seats will be Simpson's family and friends.

An older sister, Shirley Baker, and her husband, Benjamin, are here from San Francisco. Simpson's two children from his first marriage, Arnelle and Jason, also are expected to attend.

It's not clear whether his supporters will include his mother, Eunice, who was recently hospitalized; his sisters, Arlette and Ronna; and his brother, Truman, who also live in San Francisco. Simpson's family could not be reached for comment.

The families and the jury of eight women and four men are expected to hear lead prosecutor Marcia Clark and Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden argue that the football legend abused Nicole Simpson for 17 years then, on June 12, murdered her and Goldman, who was returning a pair of glasses to her.

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father of Nicole Brown Simpson

Johnnie Cochran, who is to deliver the opening statement for the defense, is expected to argue that the prosecution rushed to judgment in singling out Simpson as the murder suspect, discounting other theories, including that the murders were a drug hit that there is evidence of more than one killer; and that investigators were so sloppy in gathering evidence that the results of DNA and other scientific tests are worthless.

The families of the victims have become increasingly vocal in their criticism of Simpson and his team of all-star lawyers, but none more so than Denise Brown, 37, one of Nicole's sisters.

Besides making television appearances on talk shows and tabloid news shows, in which she accused Simpson of battering his ex-wife for years, Denise Brown collaborated on a book that goes on sale today. Part of the proceeds of the book, called "Walking Heart, The Intimate Story of the Tragic Marriage of O.J. and Nicole Brown Simpson" written by Sheila Weller, will go to the children of O.J. and Nicole Brown Simpson.

Human rights task force to hold breakfast

The Latash County Human Task Force will sponsor a community breakfast this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Moscow Junior High School to celebrate Martin Luther King—Human Rights Day. The purpose of the community breakfast is to affirm the importance of human rights to the Moscow-Latah County area and to honor individuals who have made significant human rights contributions.

At the breakfast, the task force will present its human rights achievements award. The award is named for the African American whose refusal to sit in the back of a bus started the Montgomery bus boycott, which marked a great stride forward for human rights and integration.

The event is open to the public with an admission cost of $5 for adults and $3 for children to cover the cost of the event. Tickets are available at the Junior High School and at Brooklyn located on Main Street and should be purchased by Thursday.

Entertainment for the event will consist of guitar music by Cox Bros., Irish songs by the Moscow Wzem Boys and step dancing by UT Piki Beta Sigma, an African American fraternity.

Guest speaker will be Benjie Harris, Director of the Center for Human Rights at Washington State University. Harris is the founder and organizer of BOLDS, an annual Black male-orientation to Leadership Development Conference.

Contact Joann Museta at 883-3267 or Alan Rose at 882-3962 for more information.

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Other parts like Yokohama and Kia are of interest to an economist at the Minn University for Trade and Economic Studies. "The bottleneck in the transition system will have a negative impact in the short term. But in a mid-term, in fiscal 1995 which ends in March 1996, there will be a reduction in the construction of residential housing and industry, which will spur production," Robert Feldman, chief economist at the Tokyo office of Salomon Brothers Asia, agreed. "The Japanese economy is prone to recover even when faced with obstacles like this," he said. "It's just not seen any particular reason to doubt that it's going to be even lower Monday. It looks to me like the stock market continuous selling we saw last week just made everyone jump in. The good news is yet to come—just don't tell us how much it's going to spend on reconstructions." In addition, Feldman added, Japan's politically sensitive trade surplus "could be reduced quite a bit," because the port of Kobe handles more exports than imports, which makes it a key development for the reconstructions.

The amount that will be spent on reconstruction is still difficult to estimate, said Daisohi Ozato, the special cabinet minister appointed over the weekend to take over the relief effort. Asked in parliament about the amount of money the government would provide, Ozato said it would be about $15 billion to $20 billion, but Ozato said only that the sum would be "huge."
GOP vs. PBS: not a good fight

For the traditional college student, who flows around in the demographic labeled "18-25 years of age," certain things form a collective cultural backdrop. One of these important influences is Sesame Street, that wonderful place where most twenty-somethings first ran into Big Bird and all the other elements that turned Jim Henson and friends into legends. That cultural influence, along with many others, is facing an uncertain future. Last week, the House of Representatives began hearings to determine whether or not Congress should ax taxpayer support of public television. At stake is the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the $285 million it receives yearly. About 14 percent of the budget allotted for over 1,000 public TV and radio stations nationwide.

Supporters of the movement to stop funding argue that by using tax funds, PBS is forcing the American public to pay for opinions and programs that its minority opponents. Conservatives also argue that PBS serves an elitist audience and pursues a liberal agenda.

Those who oppose the cut argue that PBS is a sound investment, illustrated by the fact that every dollar of federal funds is matched by five dollars of privately raised capital. And, as anyone who has lived in the middle of nowhere can attest, PBS provides educational programming and entertainment that can't be found elsewhere. The Congress cuts out funding, 87 of the 350 stations nationwide would shut down. Most of these stations are in rural areas, which already operate in a perpetual state of underfunding.

The question here is: what is PBS worth to America? The answer is that it is incalculable.

Public TV offers a host of entertainment and education options that commercial broadcasting doesn't. What good would it do to show programming like Newt's for The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour on commercial TV, when the people who would benefit most from these shows can't afford cable to watch them? Public broadcasting also holds to a higher level of quality than network TV; just look at Mystery or 3-2-1 Contact. For example, weren't the Republicans complaining about the lack of values on TV? It's all on PBS.

Millions of children owe Sesame Street and other shows for the foundation of their moral education. Millions more are entertained and educated by Nova, MacNeil/Lehrer, Mark Russell, etc. Without PBS, many would have never heard of Monty Python, Doctor Who or any of the other European shows that PBS imports for American viewers.

We can't lose out. There is no way to keep PBS alive. In a world filled with TV mentality, it's the best investment in broadcasting we could make.

—Brandon Nolta

The many shades of freedom

Last Monday we all had two days to avoid going to classes. How many of us really celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day? I didn't. I was too worried about things going on in my own life to stop and think about how things were thirty or forty years ago. It's easy here in Idaho, with a small minded population, to forget the day and off they go.

Freedom means many things to many people. Dr. King fought for the freedom of an oppressed minority, his freedom went deeper than most of us could ever understand. The basic liberty to vote unimpeded, enter an equal education and live anywhere on a bus are freedoms we take for granted but he lost his life for.

Today there are similar struggles being played out in Boston, New York City, and the entire country. Doctors, receptionists and patients are being shot for exercising their right to perform and receive an abortion. This is a constitutional right. Even here in Moscow a doctor's life was threatened. It is easy to distance ourselves from these acts of terror but we all play a part when we refuse to demand protection for clinics. This isn't just a women's issue, it is a national issue. Freedom means many things to many people and for some, it is the freedom to go to a doctor without fear.

We all celebrate small freedoms in our lives such as freedom to dress as we please, wear our hair however we choose, and the word expression in whatever form we choose. Should we not have our expression in our freedom as a whole without thinking about it. Maybe we should.

Sometimes we have to struggle for those freedoms; others have been handed to us. We all have the constitutional right of self expression but whether our parents would let us speak our mind in high school is a different matter altogether. If we could look at what we went through in our struggle for expression we would only catch a glimpse of what Dr. King was fighting for.

When a town refuses to play a certain mitzvah in a church, or read a certain book, it is slowly removing those liberties that not only Dr. King fought for, but also the writers of our constitution.

There comes a time when moral guidance is needed but outright censorship is taking away freedom.

Stop and think about what has happened to you last week. How many times did you do something that is considered a freedom? How many of you moved back to school? Being free from parents can be a bad thing for some. How many of you bought Ruckelberry Fiz in the book store? There is a movement to stop them. There is also a fight to prevent certain movies from being shown. Isn't it the treatment of the material itself? Today's kids see more violence and racism on television than any book could show them. Yet parents continue to let their kids watch while they are at school board meetings screaming about the violence in The Wall. We all have the freedom to teach our children our own set of beliefs and moral code.

Every day people struggle for personal freedoms. Some of us want to be free from working, others want to be free from going to class. But we all want to do whatever we want. That is the beauty of this country isn't it, so we need to respect the liberties we exercise daily and not forget those who fought for them and sometimes died.

Connie's tabloid tactics hurdle credibility of all journalists

I've seen the first thing I said when I heard about the first reports of Connie Chung's interview with Newt Gingrich's mother was "ouch." For those of you living in a clos-

et, Chung was interviewing Gingrich's mother when her mother told Chung, "I can't tell you what he said about Hillary (Chicago Clono"

or words to that effect). Connie's reply: Why don't you whisper it. Just between you and me.

And Newt's mom whispered the not-infamous reply: "It's a bitch. What Connie failed to say was that the remark was between Connie, Newt's mom and the rest of the nation.

Thanks, Connie. What little credi-

bility we reporter had left was

Russ

Wright

Flushed down the toilet with your tabloid tactics.

What we have to ask ourselves here is this: was what Newt's mother in the privacy of his own home new-

sworthy? Yes. But only if there is absolutely nothing happening anywhere else in the entire civilized world. I can think of at least twenty other events happening during the time the controversy began which are far more important than some off-the-cuff remark.

For example why was the press not focusing instead on what the new congress is up to? Or Checkerby's murder? Or his drumming grip on power in Russia? Well, obviously all that is not quite as important as Gingrich's remark.

Obviously. So, it's not just Connie who's dragging the media through the mud. Everyone else plays along along with the game. It's called agenda-

setting. The media decide what is important and what is not. What goes on the front page, what does it. It's what I'm doing right now because I have decided Chung's tactics are unethical and am writing about it in this column.

It's an awesome responsibility, and one which should not be taken lightly. However, in the highly competitive atmosphere in which the media compete, sensationalism seems to be the way to gain a com-

petitive lead, and Connie Chung just brought tabloid tactics to mainstream media.

It's a scary precedent, and it's one we should not take lightly down. But what can we do as individuals? Start by taking off the paper when you see this kind of crap. Start by writing businesses who advertise in the paper or during the programs and threaten to quit buying their products and tell them why.

If you don't like the direction the media are heading and the tactics they are using, this is the only way you'll get them to listen.

Many might argue (especially reporters and liberals) that Newt's mom was well aware her remark would be broadcast--or she should have been aware anything she said a reporter is fair game. Wrong. "Just between you and me" does not mean "Just between you and me and anyone with a television set.

But not all of this is the fault of the media. Either, Hillary herself is guilty of playing a little game called "off the record" or "for back-

ground." It's a conversation with reporters, Hillary admitted to being politically "naive and dumb" when she first arrived in the nation capital. After reporters printed this, Hillary began to change her mind, others had told the reporter the remark was "for background." The reporters said Hillary oscilatated so quickly between "on the record" remarks and "background" remarks that it was unclear what attribute the "naive and dumb" remark was to have.

The way the game is played is that government officials who want some information (especially of the sensitive type) to get out to the pub-

lic often says, "This off the record, but..." when both they and the reporters know what is really meant is: "Print this, but don't attribute it to me."

The meaning of "off the record" has changed with the political cli-

mate which exists in Washington, DC and, consequently, has the public's perception of both our govern-

ment officials and the media.

Both repartitions have consistently and insistently been lowered through the media's increased use of tabloid tactics and fast-and-loose remarks. The hue and cry of late has been to clean up government. Let's clean up the media while we're at it. Then it will be a perfect world.

Jennifer Swift

Connie's remarks were one of a series of subtle attacks on my character.

I have never attacked or written or said anything that would damn me.

I am a free spirit and a fighter. I have always spoken my mind and that is not going to change.

I do not let the attacks of others deter me.

I will continue to speak my mind, even if it means being attacked by those who do not agree with me.

I am a fighter and I will continue to fight for what I believe in.

I will not be silenced and I will continue to speak my mind.

I am a free spirit and I will continue to be one.
GOP not communicating

Last week, the new Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, was busy seeking control of the congressional record. Is this the new open approach to the Congress we are to expect between the two ruling parties? Not only am I appalled that the "new" leadership would take time to do this silly political maneuvering, it smacks of historical revisionism. There was a German political party in the 1930's that would quell their opponents' criticisms. I can't remember the name but it was a four letter word that started with "N" and ended with an "L." —John Gustafson

Zeal gets in way of truth

Now that more pressuring matters are complete, I feel it necessary to address the ludicrous accusations by the Argonaut concerning my role as the University Judicial Officer and to set the record straight.

Mr. Sasse, while I admire your enthusiasm and applaud efforts to expose abuse of power and other injustices of the world, perhaps your readers would be better served if you were to tell the truth in its entirety, rather than some distorted and selective version. First of all, let me make no mistake about it, Mr. Craig-Works was told in no uncertain terms that he had been charged with damaging and causing a delay to the elevator in the Student Union. An editorial in Theophilus Tower under Article VI Section 4 of the Student Code of Conduct, as was evidenced by the certified letter sent to him. The decision to charge Mr. Craig-Works and four other people was based on an incident report from the resident advisor of Theophilus Tower, implicating Mr. Craig-Works and the others. Moreover, under no circumstances whatsoever did I ever state, nor imply, that the complaint was "a ploy to get him to come to the office by the broken elevator." Any statement Mr. Craig-Works made to this effect is a complete distortion of the facts.

And while I agree with you that I initially indicated the name Craig-Works did not ring a bell in my mind, I conveniently failed to report that in that very same discussion I told you that I did remember him that any matter involving Mr. Craig-Works was resolved without incident. Mr. Sasse, I am not a reporter, but I would think that accurate and credible accounts of an event would be one of your primary goals. You, however, employed tabloid tactics in an effort to come up with a "story," albeit a false one.

Mr. Wright, before you label me unethical or accuse me of "crassly tactic," perhaps you should take a look at your own irresponsible behavior. As news editor of the Argonaut, I think that you would want to maintain the integrity of the stories you print. Rather, you jumped blindly into, and purported to speak intelligently, a situation about which you knew absolutely nothing. Mr. Wright, other than the annual April 1 issue, you owe it to the readers of the Argonaut that the news reported is credible. And while this is just a thought, perhaps in the future you would consider verifying the stories before you print them. But as it stands, you have not acted like a responsible student in printing a story which had little if no worthiness at all. It is apparent that you do not admire the Judicial system at UI, but that alone does not render your behavior unethical. Particularly in light of your lack of knowledge and understanding of these events, your accusations were completely erroneous.

Finally, Mr. Craig-Works, it would appear that your problem with this whole incident was not with me per se, but with the system as a whole. That would certainly explain the intimidating phone call from your sister, prior to the time you and I spoke. Perhaps you would, in fact, respect the university with a wrongful prosecution suit if such a matter was not taken seriously. You indicated that you were deeply offended by the primitive manner in which the university accused you of a "crime," and could not believe that in a civilized society the powers to be could employ a better method to inform a person that he was being accused of a wrongdoing.

You stated, and I quote, "such a legalistic letter is unnecessary simple phone call would have sufficed." As Dr. Pitman and I fully and adequately explained to you at the time of our meeting, the university has not only the right, but the duty to monitor and investigate incidents which are allegedly in violation of the standards set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. While the prevailing method may seem to you and others as "arbitrary in modern society," it is the most un-intrusive process to date. A private, confidential letter in fact respects a person's rights by informing them of the allegations in a timely fashion, giving that person the opportunity to respond. If you recall, I found no merit in the accusation against you or the others and accordingly dropped the charges that very day. I do not understand how you could have grossly misconstrued the events as you did.

Mr. Craig-Works, your memory and recollection of these events is clearly erroneous. While it is unfortunate that you and your family had to endure such a traumatic event, in no way, shape, or form, did I ever threaten or harm you.

—Bret W. Shoemaker

Zinser keeping UI informed

The ASU President and Vice-President would like to thank Dr. Zinser for keeping the student body informed and correcting the false information that was presented to a legislative panel last week. This false information was also published in the Statesman last week. We are very much in tune with the consultant's report to be presented before the State Board of Education and in complete support of it, Dr. Zinser.

We feel that his proposal adequately addresses and solves the problem of the ever-increasing demand for more technicians and technologists in the Treasure Valley area. Once again thank you, Dr. Zinser, for defending our hard-working students in Boise.

—Damon Darby
ASU Vice-President
—Sean Wilson
ASU President

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Your Argonaut.
Sports and entertainment skew society's values

Amy Ridenour

Are there those that are rich and famous? None that I know of. I know some will argue that these people do what they do not for money, but for personal satisfaction, or because they felt it was their calling in life. I won't argue with that point of view, it may very well be true.

However, I think that too much emphasis is placed on sports and entertainment. I don't think it always sets a good example for our youth. The youth are the future, yet their future probably doesn't very good to them unless they can become a professional athlete or entertainer. That's where the money is. It is a sad state of affairs when young children do not want to become teachers, social workers or nurses. These people provide a lot of good for the communities in which they are placed, yet they are totally overlooked by the media.

Oftentimes if one asks a young child what they want to be when they grow up, they will reply with an answer such as "movie star" or "professional football player." Rarely will one hear them reply with an answer such as "daycare worker" or "case worker."

We need to help young people, and even people our age, recognize that there is more to life than becoming a rich and famous entertainer or athlete. It frustrates me that these people are paid large amounts of money for doing, in my opinion, nothing more than entertaining people for a few hours. Granted, there is a lot of hard work involved in these occupations, but do they really provide anything useful for the public? Do they educate us? Do they help us physically? Mentally? Can they provide shelter? Can they heal us?

I think the answer is obvious: a resounding no. I realize that there are ways for them to volunteer their time or donate their money to a cause, but that isn't really the point. The point is simply that entertainers and athletes are looked up to, praised, and revered for their talents. Nurses, educators, social workers and others like them are not often praised, recognized or paid adequately for their efforts.

In my mind, there is something wrong with this attitude.
Jeffrey Albertson

At this point she turned to a window
of the American Barbershop Museum,
the old-fashioned, turn-of-the-century
barber shop in which she works.

"This is where I come to work," she
said. "I've been coming here for over a
month now. It's really cool to be able to
work in a place like this."

The museum is located in the heart of
downtown Moscow, Idaho, and features
a collection of vintage barbershop
equipment and artifacts.

The museum's most popular exhibit
is the "Barbershop's Dream," which
shows how barbershops have evolved
during the past century. The exhibit
includes a model of a typical
19th-century barbershop, complete
with a pole and a large mirror.

Another popular exhibit is the
"Barbershop's History," which tells
the story of the barbershop from its
ersatz beginning in the 1800s to its
present-day status as a social and
cultural institution.

The museum also offers a variety of
activities for visitors, including
workshops, lectures, and tours.

For more information, please visit
the website: www.barbershop.org

ASUI Concerts tries for big time bands

Jeremy Chase

I'm spending your weekends attending concerts at the University of Idaho sounds
appealing, then the ASUI Concerts program may have
some interesting news for you.

"We're trying to bring in a
good, well-known band that
everyone on campus will enjoy," Shanye Kimball said.

Kimball noted that the ASUI's
long-time sponsor, the University of Idaho
Concerts program, has been
slow to book any big bands for the season
but that the ASUI is "on the
right track." Kimball said he
expects the concerts to sell out
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behind a note that read: "With regrets after 61 years in Moscow it is time to step down and close my barber shop. I will miss all of you very much. Thanks all of you for your great support over the years. God bless you all."

"The support from the community and business is significant to being able to retire. We didn’t live anywhere else," he said.

When asked if he considers himself a legend he said that it was kind of an embarrassment. In a way though he marks the end of an era.

Barber shops are almost a thing of the past. They have now made way for expensive salons where atmosphere is second and $20 haircuts are produced in record times.

Clarence Johnson leaves behind a legacy of sixty years of quality service as a fixture of tradition—something Moscow can be extremely proud of.

Music Review

JOHN ELDER AND THE VANDALS

The recent eclectic collection "5-song EP" which specializes in rare and little-known live recordings has been captivating sample EPs to its own label to introduce some of best acts to a larger audience. The audience is a great idea and not limited to rare music. This EP has been written by John Elder and the VANDALs. Elder is supposed a nice brother, a nice mannerist and a nice man. He is very well known for his charm and talent. He was the first to write a collection of songs that are now produced and released. Four out of the five tracks on this CD are recorded live, giving them in a generally grand, self-proclaimed sound. While it is appealing at first, very quickly one is hit by the other half of the production. The 5-song EP is a perfect example of his work. However, it lacks the definition to make it a perfect method in itself (a la Grooms Day), but there’s a certain amount of skill or meaning that is necessary to pull off this feat.

The CD was really meant to be a showcase for Elder and his band, the VANDALs. The background vocals do the same thing that the guitar does to up front Elder’s voice. The songs sound as if they were all written as an afterthought, but his passion for making songs sound good is consistently evident. Elder is a great singer of all kinds, the kind that doesn’t have a fixed genre. Sometimes he sounds like stereotypical rock n’ roll, other times he sounds like he’s creating a unique style. Elder’s voice is one that many people would describe as being entirely in his blood.

There is a touch of a baby’s voice appropriate, but his passion for making songs sound good is consistently evident. Elder is a great singer of all kinds, the kind that doesn’t have a fixed genre. Sometimes he sounds like stereotypical rock n’ roll, other times he sounds like he’s creating a unique style. Elder’s voice is one that many people would describe as being entirely in his blood.

...The addition of a female’s voice is a welcome change. The music is very good and the production is good if the problem is to be that he is as good. A song will be going along with a basic beat and the music for that song is completely arbitrary fill. Not set in place, section of the song has a certain amount of rest. At one point a woman’s voice is introduced, but it is soon dropped. Though the song is extremely simple, it is a song worth listening to. It’s just little bit different.

Hope appears the the form of the guitar playing. The guitar playing is a little bit more than singing, but it’s not much better than the live recording. It’s just like for better for the reason that the guitar is not included in the CD. It’s just like for better for the reason that the guitar is not included in the CD. The less originality is included in the guitar playing, the more it’s going to be interesting.

The first line of "True Blues" is sung over the guitar playing, which is a thing to be very good. The guitar playing is very good and in the way that’s good. It’s very good that the guitar playing is very good and in the way that’s good. The guitar playing is very good and in the way that’s good. The guitar playing is very good and in the way that’s good. The guitar playing is very good and in the way that’s good.

Mike Magee

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International Women’s Association meeting covers massage

Valarie Johnson Staff

“We as individuals need to heal each other,” said Christiana Vaughan at last Saturday’s International Women’s Association’s monthly meeting.

Vaughn presented a Creative Healing Workshop that featured massage to the upper body and back.

Massage has grown in popularity recently as the benefits have been recognized as a therapy for many ailments.

Vaughn, a massage therapist who has her own private business, believes that everyone is a healer.

“Our hands have been made for various purposes... we all have healing hands,” said Vaughan.

A massage can be beneficial to everyone and is a relaxing and inexpensive way to take a break from studying.

Vaughn demonstrated an upper body massage which contained healing properties for headaches, sinus infection, and draining the body of the toxic acids that build up in the muscles.

She said that olive oil should be used because it is the oldest oil known and contains no bacterial growth.

Breathing is also vital to focus on areas of pain and tension. Vaughan suggests visualizing what’s going on and focusing on the massage.

“Men are the worst breathers,” Vaughan said.

Since people have different ways of holding onto tension it is important to think about where the problem is coming from. Most tension lies in the neck and spinal column. Tension in the neck and spinal column tend to relax other parts of the body. To gain effective drainage results Vaughan says to massage top to bottom and outward.

“Tend to be people we don’t want and whatever people want to do,” Bandurraga said.

Bandurraga and Waterman hope to repeat the affair regularly, about once a month.

So, if you’re hungry for an audience, a sense of our community artists or some really good soup, you might want to check out the scene at Mikey’s.

Mikey’s gives open mike new twist

Helen W. Hill Staff

“The community has a unique opportunity to sample area artists or experience the headliners of performers in front of an audience themselves in the form of open mike poetry at Mikey’s Greek Key 1227 S. Main’s tonight.

Everyone is welcome to “bring anything they want,” said Abby Bendorger, who, with Tim Waterman, is organizing the event.

They encourage original work, but people could bring their favorite song lyrics if that’s what they would like, she said.

They hope to provide a “forum for writers” who are intimidated by the idea of “filling an hour on their own.” or just don’t want to pursue doing an entire reading for whatever reasons.

They hope to have a range of people from students to people not associated with the area universities.

“We want to give people a chance, it’s pretty much that to whatever people want to do,” Bandurraga said.

Readings are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

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Auditions for music/dance now

Auditions for “Dances, Designs, and Dendeans IV” will be held in Physical Education Building Room 110 Jan. 24 at 12:30 and 7 p.m.

Call backs will be Thursday Jan. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Auditions are for the dance portion of the program and are open to anyone on campus.

For more information, call 885-2189.

WSU honors women athletes

The one-woman production of How She Played the Game is set for the Washington State University campus Feb. 3.

The production begins at 7 p.m. in Bryan Hall Auditorium and is free and open to the public. Come support the women athletes.

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Saturday's games

Idaho 73, EWU 62

Idaho State 86, Weber State 70

Montana 82, Montana State 78

Friday's Games

Idaho at Weber state

E. Washington at N. Arizona

Harrison and Leslie too much for Eagles in Vandals' first Big Sky win

Dan Eckles

Maybe Eastern Washington plays better on the road. Maybe it doesn't matter.

Two days after falling to a less-than-spectacular Sacramento State club the Eagles surprised 2,360 Kibbie Dome fans in a 72-62 loss to the Idaho Vandals in NCAA Big Sky men's basketball action Saturday night.

With many Big Sky watchers predicting a Vandals blowout in the Dome, the Eagles stayed within striking distance of a win until the final minute.

Idaho was a step quicker throughout the contest working over the Eagles defense for easy buckets and possession after possession, owning a 20-4 edge in fast-break points. A look at Saturday's second half shot chart makes it easy to understand why this one went down in the loss column for the Cheney foes. Shawn Bradley's 10-foot baseline runner was the Vandals longest made shot after the intermission. Idaho took only four shots further than 10-feet from the basket in half two.

Joe Cravens, who watched his Vandals lose second half leads against Idaho State and Boise State last weekend, was adequate at halftime, warning his team not to let down. The Vandals took head of Cravens' words, reeling off an 11-2 run to open the second half. The spur gave Idaho a 42-29 lead, its largest of the game. The Eagles seemed to give Idaho a false sense of security, never igniting a quick flurry of points, but Carl Crider buried his third trey with 2:10 remaining in the game to put the Vandals within five at 61-56.

"We'd get up 15 and then we'd have a letdown, but you have to give them credit. There is some rivalry there," Idaho coach Joe Cravens said. "I don't think we were as sharp mentally as we were against BSU and EBSU."

Lay-ins by Harry Harrison and Ben Johnson and perfect free throw shooting (8-8) down the stretch propelled the Vandals to their first league win.

"It was one of those things where we needed to beat down defensive-ly. Sometimes we played good enough defense, but we didn't finish it off with a rebound," Eagles coach John Wade said.

There were no easy explanations on why the outmanned Eagles hung in the game for 39 minutes. The Vandals were better from the field, finishing 28-54 (52 percent) compared to Eastern's 23-56 (41 percent) effort. Idaho made 14-19 free throws while EWU made 12-18. UI also outrebounded the Eagles 38-31. Eastern Washington did nab 15 offensive rebounds to EWU's 12. The Eagles outscored Idaho 35-24 on second chance points.

The two clubs traded buckets early with the Eagles grabbing a slim 5-4 advantage. Idaho shifted into overdrive through the next eight and a half minutes, going on a 13-3 run and holding the Eagles to only a three-pointer by Crider. EWU was scoreless for 2:12 minutes and 30 second span during the run. "They're not an up-tempo team," Harrison said. "You can fast break them all day, I don't think they perceive transition defense like we do."

Harrison, who leads the Big Sky in rebounding with an 11.2 average, turned in another relentless effort on the glass. The junior forward pulled down a career high 19 rebounds and poured in 15 points Saturday night. Senior guard Mark Leslie chipped in a game-high 20 points and backcourt mate Shawn Didden added 18 for Idaho.

"I don't think this was as good an effort as last weekend, but then again we lost both of those games," Cravens said. "People expect a blowout. I'd just like to win the darn game. I have no ego when it comes to winning."

Curtis Porter had 15 points and Melvin Lewis 14 to pace the Eastern Washington offense.

EASTERN WASHINGTON (62)

Porter 7-14 0-1 15, Lewis 6-8 2-4 14, Grover 3-4 7-13, Crider 4-5 0-0 11, Thompson 7-3 1-2 5, Rideout 1-1 2-4 4, Siliman 0-5 0-0 0, Dean 0-1 0-0. Totals 23-56 12-22.

Idaho (73)

Leslie 6-12 5-5 20, Didden 7-13 4-3 18, Harrison 7-12 1-3 15, Gardner 4-6 2-3 10, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Cotter 1-1 0-1, Spike 0-2 2-2, Jones 0-1 0-0. Totals 28-53 14-19.

Eagles scratch out win over Vandals

Ben Carr

The home team has lost only one game in women's Big Sky basketball this season, and the home-court advantage continued to work its magic in Cheney Saturday.

The Eastern Washington Eagles knocked off the visiting Vandals 69-59 Saturday night, the fourth loss in a row for Idaho while EWU ended its own three-game losing streak.

Mindy Rice scored the first points of the game with a layup for the Vandals, but it took Idaho another four minutes to collect its second basket. EWU took advantage of Idaho's inability to score and poured defense to go on an 18-2 run early in the first half. EWU led 40-21 at the end of the half and Idaho was unable to overcome the large deficit.

"We can't spot a team 20 points and come back. We aren't that type of team," Idaho coach Julie Holt said. "We've got to play hard every game. We've got to play the every game is for the Big Sky Championship."

Idaho shot 9-of-19 on the game hoping to contain EWU by playing a strong defense designed to keep the Eagles away from easy rebounds and allow Idaho to capitalize on those scoring opportunities. Idaho was outrebounded in the first half 21-12, and Eastern Washington eventually finished the game with 44-37 advantage on the boards.

The Vandals would never get any closer than 5 points. In the second half due largely to the consistent scoring of Eastern Washington's Lori Lopez, who scored 10 in the second half to finish with 15 points. The 6-foot senior center also grabbed 10 rebounds. Lopez was helped by Rena Watterson, who also scored 10 points and pulled down 6 rebounds.

Idaho led 12 in scoring by Mindy Rice with 19. Rice shot a consistent 5-of-7 from the field, but missed several opportunities to score the easy points from the free throw line, hitting only 9-of-14.

Sophomore guard Art Skorpik contributed 12 points, including a 3-pointer late in the first half to cut the EWU lead to eight. Rice and Skorpik were the only Vandals to score in double figures.

Neither Idaho nor EWU shot well from behind the 3-point line. Besides Skorpik's trey there were only two other 3-pointers made in the game.

Jill Orter scored long early in the second half for Idaho, and Jennie Bailey contributed for Eastern's only three-point goal. Overall, Idaho was 2 for 11 from behind the arc. (Orter 2), EWU 15 (Sutter 6). Total fouls - UI 28, EWU 26. Attendance - 405.

Saturday's Results
N. Arizona 73, Boise State 62
E. Washington 69, Idaho 59
Weber State 65, Idaho State 64

Thursday's Games

Weber State at Idaho
N. Arizona at E. Washington

7 p.m.
7 p.m.
UI bowling over competition

Damen Barkdoll

Bowing may not be one of the most recognized or physically challenging sports, but it certainly isn’t lacking in competition.

The University of Idaho bowling team has had the chance to see the Inland Northwest by traveling to area tournaments, competing against other colleges at a national level. The team recently traveled to Boise and Seattle to compete against teams from Oregon, Oregon State, Utah, Utah State, Washington State, Boise State, Idaho State, and several other universities from the Western United States.

Vandal bowlers came home optimistic with a third place finish at WSU and a fifth place finish at BYU. The holiday break Jeff Jacobs, the UI bowling team captain competed at a national tournament in Las Vegas, where he posted an average score of 205.

As for the competition goes, WSU is dominant, largely because of their financial backing. “Washington State is a very strong team ... but we’re under-funded and could use the same financial support they have,” Jacobs said. Because of funding shortages, the team was unable to compete at the Idaho State and Utah State tournaments.

The team is funded by the ASUI, which has a limited budget. Even without financial woes, Jacobs noted the squad currently has six members on the team, and is in need of new recruits. To be eligible to play on the team, a person must have at least three credits a semester.

“We have enough members for one team, but we’d like to take two teams to regionals,” said Jacobs. Practice for the bowlers is held in the basement of the Student Union and next year the team would like to host a tournament held here in Moscow.

“We didn’t get a tournament here this year, which is unfortunate, but we certainly have the facilities to host a large tournament,” said Jacobs.

The UI bowling team has trophies that date back to 1967, around the same time the team was started. In 1972, Leo Stevem took over the program, and since then he has helped to organize bowling classes and practices.

“When I first got involved with bowling at the UI, it was more of a club sport, but in the recent years the competition has risen to the collegiate level,” said Stevem.

Certainly one may argue that there is a lack of intensity in the sport of bowling, but according to Jacobs the intensity is unreal.

“It gets really intense. There are a lot of good bowlers at the collegiate level, and a lot of times it comes down to making a last strike for the win,” Jacobs said.

“The competitiveness of this game is amazing,” commented Danny Jones, one of the members of the team.

Regionals will be held Feb. 16-18 at WSU, and will be the last tournament of the year, barring one of the bowling team members to place.

“If someone wants to watch the best bowlers in the region, they should come check out the tournament,” said Jacobs.

Stevens pointed out that the future of the bowling team may be determined by how much financial support they receive in the future.

Indoor track off and running

Kevin Neuenfeldt

The Vandal men opened their indoor track season at the Early Bird Invitational in Cheney, Wash. Saturday.

The event was a met-scoring meet which brought teams together from throughout the Northwest.

In the throwing events, Junior Scott McCarty placed third in the 35-pound weight throw with a mark of 53-1 3/4 and also placed seventh in the shot put with a throw of 45-1/2.

The mark qualifies McCarty for the Big Sky Championships to be held in the Kibbie Dome March 3-4. Also, in the 35-pound weight throw, the Vandals had strong performances from freshmen Kyle Ukule who placed fourth with a throw of 46-9 and Rich Gense who placed fifth with a distance of 45-1 1/4.

Theodore Hathaway used a jump of 6-7 to place third in the high jump, which also qualifies him for the Big Sky Championship, and Leonard Britte placed eighth with a distance of 6-3.

In the 55 meter dash, the Vandals were paced by third and fourth finishes by NIch Kruller and Jason St. Hill. Kruller, a sophomore from Amsterdam, Netherlands, finished with a time of 6.52 seconds, which was good enough to qualify him for the Big Sky Championships as well. St. Hill finished with a time of 6.54 seconds.

The Vandal men and women will both be in action this coming Friday and Saturday when they host the Moscow-McDonald’s Scoring Invitational.

Field events are slated to begin at 4 p.m. Friday with running events to follow on Saturday.

Last chance for sign ups

Get on the ball if you want to play some ball. Today is the last day to turn in for credentials for intramural basketball. Play kicks off Jan. 30.

The entry deadline for co-rec volleyball is Wednesday with action starting Jan. 31.

All students interested in officiating intramural basketball must attend an officials clinic Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Potential referees are asked to bring athletic clothing to the clinic and the participants will be asked to do some running.

In addition to volleyball entry deadline is Jan. 25 with action taking place Jan. 28. The racquetball singles tourney is set for Jan. 29 with entry forms due by the 26.

Don’t forget...

Just a reminder the Vandal men and women play both the Friday night at Weber State. The men are on the road with a 6:30 PST start time. The women host in Memorial gym at 7 p.m.
Boys of summer now boys of greed

Mark Vanderwall

When you hear the classic names of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Mickey Mantle, or Ted Williams, you think of the greatest players that ever lived. When you hear Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr., Frank Thomas, and Pudge, you think of great players as well, but there are players who have been robbed of records, due to their own and fellow players greed.

When I was growing up, I dreamed of becoming a Major League Baseball player once, but due to the fact the coach and I didn't get along, my dreams were all shattered on the ground. OK, I wasn't that good either, but in a way I am glad. I have always loved the game, and I think it is fast becoming a business instead of a game. When I'd lay in bed at night and dream about baseball, I sure as hell didn't see money floating through my head, instead of counting sheep. I don't think any kid does, but that is what the game is becoming. So kids, I guess your dreams are going to have to change as well.

In a year that could stage another hold-out, and teams filled with AAA names like Tom Felton and Reggie Goldengloves, a guy (or gal) can hardly get excited to watch the game of baseball again without getting a little upset. The game that brought us the Shoeless Joe Jackson scared I have once again let us down with its actions, only this time they might bring the whole game down with them.

Shoeless Joe played the game because he loved it, and I'm sure it started out that way for today's players as well, but to put the game that has given them everything in jeopardy over a little more pocket change is not love for the game at all it is flat out stupidity.

The only World Series played last year was of the Little League variety, and who knows, maybe the blood thirsty player's agents are setting their sights on them as well. Hell, if you're going to ruin the game, you might as well take every aspect down with you. I wish the "Major Leaguers" would do something major for once, swallow their pride a little and come out of their winter hibernation. With a little effort, those belts could be gone, and they could be back on the field by spring.

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