UI takes second in contest

Lane Carlson and Jenny Ludwig of UI compete in the Jack and Jill double buckswallow race.

Landlord gives advice on deposit returns

Michelle Kalbteitzer

A
fter months of assignments, papers and exams, there remains one thing left to do... clean the apartment. Mold and dust bunnies left untouched quickly deplete a tenant's deposit when professional cleaning crews are recruited to finish the job.

"Basically, we want them to leave it in the same condition they found it in," said Betty Jo Neill, co-owner of Palouse Properties. "We bend over backwards trying to be fair to people as far as their deposit is concerned."

Some of the most commonly missed items include the miniblinds, bug-infested light fixtures and the oven. These are also the most time consuming, hence the items most likely to deduct money from the deposit.

Prompting the toilet, dressing table tops, scrubbing the rangehood and wiping window tracks are other details that require attention from tenants.

Neill also stressed the importance of returning property keys promptly.

When a tenant wants to move in immediately that "gives us limited time to get the cleaning done," Neill said.

However, each property owner requires different standards to be met. Therefore, an incoming tenant should check with their respective landlords.

University of Idaho senior Melissa Murphy views the fridge as the biggest cleaning task in her apartment. Nevertheless, Murphy plans on tackling the stains because "it's important to get the deposit back," she said.

When asked how long it had been since she had cleaned behind the toilet, Murphy responded, "You're supposed to clean behind the toilet!"
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Bloomday '97 — the history continues

Erin Schultz
Staff

In 1977, 1,198 runners crossed the finish line for the first "Run With the Stars." Run around newly renovated Riverfront Park in Spokane, Wash. Spectators of the race have watched Olympic gold and silver medalist Frank Shorter be the first to complete the 7.4-mile run, setting the pace for future finishers of the race.

Today, the men's 7.4-mile route run by Shorter and other famous marathon athletes just 20 years ago has turned into "Bloomday," the nation's largest race; a race that has recently topped even course record turnouts for the nation's second biggest run, San Francisco's "Bay to Breakers."

"People come from all over to run," said Dorothy Miller, a Bloomday volunteer. "We have people registered from New Zealand, Canada. We have an excited first time runner from Germany, runners from Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Michigan, all over."

Ohio, Louisianas and Rhode Island were the only states not represented in this year's race, which had a total of 55,230 registered runners.

Winners of the 1997 race were, for men, Lazarus Nyakeras from Kenya, in a time of 36:19. The women's winner was Kim Jones, a Spokane resident, who finished in 40:34, double the amount if the winner was a U.S. citizen.

Bloomday is also a popular race for wheelchair competitors. Three-time male winner Paul Wiggins ran the finish line first in the men's wheelchair category, with a time of 27:58. The female winner was Jean Driscoll, nine-time champion, with a time of 36:00.

Several University of Idaho students choose to join the crowds and compete for their own times. Freshman Katie Baker said that she ran the whole race, except for having to "break into a walk on Doomsday Hill," the famous ridge that comes just around the 5-mile point of the run.

"Everybody was so incredibly encouraging. I couldn't believe how many people were out rootin' us on," Baker said.

Around 4,300 officials volunteers helped out during the race, but many others chose to unofficially station themselves along the way, high-fiving runners or providing musical entertainment.

"Our goal really is to make the race as enjoyable as possible for everyone," Miller said.

All registered participants receive a T-shirt upon completing the race. Finishers are also mailed a postcard with their official time, and the Spokesman-Review prints their name and time in a special Bloomday edition.

Men or monskeys?

Alternative university offers great variety

Margaret Donaldson
Staff

There is a university on the Palouse which offers unique, small, intimate classes, where instructors teach for the sake of teaching itself, not for the sake of continuing research, and where the tuition is $5 a class.

It's not Washington State University, and not University of Idaho, it's the Community Free University where anyone can teach and anyone can learn.

Volunteers in the Community Free University have been teaching classes on the Palouse since 1969. The instructors are people who have knowledge or skills they would like to share with others.

CFU Coordinator Paul Brians said most of the instructors are not professional teachers.

"We let people teach whatever they want, as long as it's not illegal," Brians said. CFU emphasizes decentralization.

"Our goal is to keep it as open as possible," Brians said. The school follows the semester schedules of the universities, offering fall, spring and summer session courses. Anyone who wants to teach a class calls Brians and sends him a short description of the class. Brians organizes a list of the classes and instructors and takes it to a printer to publish.

The catalogs are displayed in public buildings, on the cable community calendar, or anywhere else they can find to advertise. The teachers' phone numbers are listed in the catalog and interested students call them directly.

Irene and St. Jon Dixon-Warren moved to Pullman about 18 months ago. They enjoyed a paper-making class offered through the CFU and decided to start teaching some classes of their own.

Last summer they taught a campfire cooking class.

"We did it as a Kiamik Butte and invited people to meet up there," said Irene Dixon-Warren. The class included baking a cake over the fire in a reflection oven, and rolling up meat, vegetables and spices in aluminum foil to cook "foil dinner" right on the coals. They plan to teach the class again this summer.

Anyone interested in sharing their skills or knowledge with others can contact Brians at 332-4645.

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Bryant J. Kuechle
Guest Writer

Since 1942, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has hung cans around the outside of their house on the weekend before dead week for their annual Tin Canner celebration. The proceeds from Saturday's event were donated to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

"The money we make from recycling the aluminum can has always gone to charity," ATO member Chris Bollman said.

"Originally we saved tin cans and donated the scrap metal to the army during World War II. This year we decided to help out the March of Dimes. Hopping out a charity is the easy part for the ATOs. Covering the front of their house with cans is a bit more difficult. "We save cans all year long and ask other fraternity and sorority to help, too," said Jeremy Wolf.

"Then we spend hours upon hours, every day, cutting each can, making loops with twine and tying them to a can. Then the cans are hung, one by one, in chains."

At midnight on Saturday, when the house is convened in cans, the ATOs rattle the cans in honor of American war veterans. This year's celebration had an added purpose.

"It feels good to know we're helping out a worthy cause," said ATO President Gerald Doorce. "I hope we can continue to lead them our support."

Bryant J. Kuechle
Guest Writer

Members of Alpha Tau Omega string up cans Friday for their annual Tin Canner.

Erin Siemens
I am not a smurf, thank you

I've never received so many credit card offers in my life. Cards from banks, of course, and auto makers, Sooper-duper dis in rate for students, all pre-approved and featuring pictures of majestic mountains, looming company logos or holographic eagles setting into their eyries.

Then the catalogs. And club offers. Coupon books for stores which don't exist within 500 miles of Moscow. Somebody's ratted us out. Maybe it's the University of Idaho itself. Mailing lists of eager-beaver spenders such as college students are hot items in today's junk mail market and can be worth a tidy sum if a buyer and a seller happen to meet coming through the eye. I admit I buy quite a bit by mail: CDs, posters and animation memorabilia. But I've never included my Wallace room number as part of the address. Like we were told at the beginning of the year, I use my trusty mail box number instead. Every bit of junk mail I've received has included my room number; something which only God, the IRS and UI know about.

I don't mind that lists are being sold. I do mind that those lists, once sold, are often re-sold by the companies who buy them. They tweak the wording enough to make it appear there are two different lists (I once received an invitation from the Leeds Navy Recruitment Center in Portland, OR to meet one Bratry Davidson, sorry squids, I ain't no smurf). The process is repeated until anyone who wants a copy of that list could buy one as long as they've got the beans necessary to foot the bill.

Is the University of Idaho the first link in that chain which gets my address from one list to another? I get that flashy, exciting letter from Dick and Ed? I don't know. I hope not. But the chances, based on the presented evidence, are pretty good.

If the university is selling those lists, should they be allowed to continue? I guess that depends on how exciited or annoyed you get when the contents of your mailbox are more junk than mail.

--Brian Davidson
Opinion Editor

You're making us blush, Tim

The old saying goes, "A newspaper should have no friends and stand for the truth." Now that we're at the end of the semester most readers would agree the 1996-97 Argonaut took that advice to heart, especially the friendly part. Now, don't get me wrong. I personally still get plenty of friendly vibes around campus. I was really thinking more about two of the more controversial staffers, outgoing Editor-in-Chief Cortoane Flowers and Opinion Editor Brian Davidson.

Last fall at a staff meeting, Flowers advised staff members to begin tackling issues that "make people uncomfortable." She said we weren't doing our job if we just went along not rocking the boat. She has definitely been practicing what she preached. It hasn't exactly won her any popularity contests with faculty, students or even all of the Arg staff, but again that's not why she was appointed as editor. The arc as the right to free speech is a rather strenuous workout, and Flowers tried to make sure the paper she was responsible for staying as she made good.

Davidson, who'll be heading for a news and opinion writing job in his old Southeast Idaho stomping grounds, has been the subject of more than a few audible comments to the editor. These criticisms have covered everything from his allegedly nasal opinions to his writing skills. Well, if you've disagreed with him during the two and one-half years of his Argonaut tenure, great. He's done his job well.

The opinion section of any paper should exist to elinate the gray matter regarding issues. So it's natural that a good bit of the response will be of the semi-hostile sort. Davidson's reaction to such criticism was cool, good-humored and professional. "I just means they're reading us," he once said. He took none of it personally.

As for at least one letter which criticized Davidson's writing, perhaps now's the time to publicize a worthy second opinion. It hasn't been shouted far and wide, but one of Davidson's columns last fall was judged to be in the top three in a nationwide student press contest. Quite an accomplishment for a writer at one of the smaller state universities who was competing with entries from Ivy-leaguers and the rest of the alleged big-timers. It's also quite a tribute to the University of Idaho as a place for gifted individuals to develop those talents.

If Davidson wasn't exactly a favorite with the AgiU Senate crowd and all, well, that wasn't part of his job description; commenting on events campus- and nation-wide. So in a way, I get that. I guess the final analysis in journalism and politics is if...
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wardrobe — which may induce migraines in others, especially when I wear a plaid shirt with that tie with the Spirograph patterns on it, so if I were to push for a ban on cigarettes, I would also have to succumb to the fact I have the fashion sense of a lime bean and revert to the only chic fashion statement I know: It’s a pretty hard to look like a dork if every piece of clothing you own is blue. Even if my clothing weren’t banned outright, I’d probably be forced to wear a Surgeon General’s warning at all times: Warning! Looking directly at these clothes can cause instant death.

If President Bill Clinton and those who support him win in his proposed appeal against the advertising and promotional ruling of the court, I’d suggest a parallel ban on anti-smoking commercials. Humorist Dave Barry claims watching those smarmy commercials featuring 12-year-old girls who smoke tell you not to smoke makes him want to rush out and consume a pack of cigs on the spot, and I might very well join him.

Anti-smoking forces do not realize, in their zeal to ban cigarette advertising in order to “protect our children,” they may well be opening the door to a multitude of bans on advertising on products which while they’re not exactly illegal do cause a lot of grief, bodily harm and death.

Automobiles, for instance. While some claim they are addictive, they’re certainly not illegal. Still, all those deaths. Even in models without airbags. Ditto for motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and anything else motorized or wheeled from which a fall or accident could result in injury or death.

Firearms. While restrictions on access are already in place, it is not unusual to see advertising for guns and gun shows, and knowledgeable 12-year-olds are generally not banned from purchasing ammunition.

Restrictions on access and advertising do not stop people from procuring the goods they desire, as the past failure of prohibition and the present failure of the interdiction of illegal drugs prove.

Education and parental supervision are much more effective methods of control. While they look good on paper, advertising restrictions are nothing more than smoke and mirrors.

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you haven’t made anybody mad, you haven’t accomplished much. But the Argonaut is capable of being an even better voice for students. It is and has been an open forum, but in order to better serve its purpose it must be used and supported. That’s where you, the students, come in. First of all, if you’ve got a bit of time and inclination, you can still make the deadline to become a staff member for next year. Get your application in before this Thursday and you’ll be considered. Second, if you’ve got ideas that need to be heard, why hold back? The Argonaut wants and needs them; that’s why its here. Write a guest column, write a letter, or just call up and let a staff member know what’s going on. But it won’t happen if you don’t do it. The staff can only help if you make the first move.

More student involvement would have made Flowers’ and Davidson’s Aug era even more successful, but that was something they had absolutely no control over. They did all they could and the best they could with the tools they were given.

As the paper starts a news chapter with new leadership, it’s up to the university community as a whole to make sure there’s a strong chorus of student voices again next year. The new editor and staff can’t do it without you. So here’s your summer assignment: Freedom of speech — try it at home. Then you’ll be in shape to make good things happen at the Arg next fall.
UI athletes find opportunity outside of class

Byron Jarnagin

The University of Idaho student athletes are cashing in on the opportunities available from the Idaho Life Skills Academic programs available through the Idaho Athletic Department.

These programs serve as an extra link to campus academic support groups, and utilizes the experience of former student athletes to guide incoming students.

With a helping hand, the athletic department initiates a more proactive role with new athletes, provides younger athletes with the keys to general academic resources on campus and assistance in every aspect of the transition phase from high school to college.

"Our primary function deals with academics, and all of the things that go with that like tutoring, mentoring, registration, advising, etc," said Academic Support Services Coordinator Laurie Turner.

"In addition to that we are also working in the areas of community service, personal development and next year we will be adding the component of sports psychology." Athletic support services continues to provide guidance for the future as far as encouraging involvement in internships, assistance in resume writing and highlighting the programs career services offers.

This support group also works to create practical experience opportunities during the summer, the academic year or during vacation times.

"Academically we were not as strong this year as far as overall team GPAs as we were a year ago, but the numbers that we are most concerned about are student athletes moving toward graduation," Turner said.

"My concern is that our numbers are really good as individuals exhaust their eligibility and are moving toward graduation." Through the programs offered, the athletic department initially makes sure athletes are not limited by GPA requirements, which may close the doors on specific degree programs.

We have fewer and fewer student athletes graduating in general studies," Turner said. "Most of our freshmen and sophomores may come in as general studies majors, but by the next year they are definitely in a degree program and on their way to earning a B.A. or B.S. in a particular major."

According to last year's NCAA annual report, Vandal athlete graduation numbers included 47 percent from the football team, 62 percent from men's basketball, 75 percent from men's track and cross country and 80 percent from other men's sport.

The Vandals women accounted for 80 percent from the basketball team, 80 percent from track and cross country, and 75 percent combining volleyball and other sports.

The graduation rate for student-athlete's with athletic aid in 1996, a small group within the undergraduate student body, was recorded at 90 percent.

This mark was a few points higher compared to the all-student rate of 48 percent. The graduation rates for transfers with athletic aid was at 40 percent.

For the 1996 fall academic repeat, women's golf topped the list of team GPAs with a 3.2 standing. Women's track, volleyball and men's and women's tennis were the other four teams to total a 3.0 or better.

Vandal football was at the bottom of the list with a team GPA of 2.18 and the men's basketball program was just above football with a team GPA of 2.25.

Gold outdistances Silver in annual clash

Going nowhere

Damon Barkdull

No one would have blamed Idaho's No. 1 quarterback Brian Brennan for being a bit nervous.

Besides, Idaho alum and Seattle Seahawk quarterback John Friesz was on hand with the rest of the 1987 Big Sky Champions for a reunion during Idaho's first spring scrimmage in the annual Silver and Gold game.

Friesz even acted as the Gold team's honorary coach. Any pressure?

Nah — Brennan proved once again this spring that he doesn't deal in fools' gold as the senior QB put aside all jitters and had a solid performance in leading his Gold teammates to a 28-13 victory in the University of Idaho's Silver and Gold Game spring finale on Friday evening in the Kibbie Dome.

Roughly 5,000 fans turned out for the spring clash.

Brennan, who switched teams with No. 2 QB candidate Ed Dean at halftime, quickly went to work in the first quarter hitting Gold receiver Antonio Wilson on a 29-yard touchdown reception. And with QB remaining in the game, Brennan tossed a 13-yard touchdown pass to

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Idaho men's tennis team takes fifth at Big West championships

Kindra Meyer
Associated Press Writer

They may not have walked away with the gold, but the University of Idaho men's tennis team ended their season on a solid note. Ranked sixth headed in to the Big West Conference championships, they defeated the Cal-Poly SLO Anteaters and improved a notch to finish in fifth place.

Kicked off in the first round 4-0 to third-seeded UC Irvine Thursday, Idaho defeated their second oppo-

Sullivan leads UI golfers in Big West championships

Nate Peterson
Staff

The University of Idaho men's golf team went out swinging this past weekend in the Big West Conference Championships at Dayton Valley Country Club in Reno, Nev. The Vandals shot 907 for the tournament, which tied them for eighth place with rival Boise State University.

Pacific won the team title with the low score of 879. Leader the Tigers was Florian Bruhns, who paced Pacific by earning medalist honors with a five-under score of 211 in three rounds.

Leading the Vandals was Keith Magars, who finished Idaho's top finisher at 17th place, which he earned by shooting a 228.

"If you can win, you do well," Sullivan said. "As a team it was a struggle. We were affected by the wind and we didn't play very well. The tournament wasn't as consistent with the rest of the season.

Sullivan believes that the team definitely was capable of a better finish in their first year of the Big West.

"We didn't play to our ability," Sullivan said. "The talent is here on this team, we just had a bad tournament. Sometimes things come together at the right time, sometimes they don't. We didn't come together at the right time."

Trailing Sullivan were Vandals Ed Kavan at 21st place, Mychal Gordon and Neil Schneider tied for 29th and Brian King finished 30th.

Amazingly enough, King's performance at the tournament was by no way indicative of his season performance, which earned him first-team all-confer-

ence honors.

King, a native of Lewiston, shot a 233 on the 54-hole
tournament.

Next year, King, Sullivan and the rest of the team will return for an encore season in the Big West. Sullivan is optimistic that with the team returning all of its players, success will follow hard work and experience.

"All of our talent is coming back," Sullivan said. "If we keep our attitude of improving and working, next year we'll have the chance to compete and excel in the Big West Tournament."
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Matt McElroy of the Silver team. The score capped a 15-play drive. “He played really well in the second half,” coach Chris Tomney said.

“I’d say Brian played better than Ed did...it’s not a done deal yet though.”

The senior finished his final scrimmage with 206 yards passing on 20-32 completions with two touchdowns and one interception. Brennan’s counterpart, Dean, went 4-8 completions for 66 yards and threw an interception.

Senior runningback Joel Thomas, meanwhile, thwarted the ground game with 93 yards, including a touchdown in the 11-carry performance.

The combined offensive performance comes in light of a younger, less experienced offensive line. Overall the Gold line gave up one sack and Brennan was rarely pressured. The Silver line allowed four sacks, but also pushed back the No. 1 Gold defense in the ending touchdown drive.

“We’re still not there up front,” Tomney said. “There’s some players coming in that will help us in that group.

Although the Gold team won by a healthy margin, they were limited in what they could do. The No. 1 offense couldn’t shift or motion and the defense wasn’t allowed to bring pressure and had to play all man- free and zone packages.

“We wanted to give the young guys on the offensive line a chance,” Tomney said.

The only real downer as far as offensive production went was in the turnover category. Brennan was hit and fumbled the ball on an option play and linebacker Matt Jaski recovered in the endzone for a Gold touchdown.

Brennan’s first-half interception may have helped a freshman defensive back gain some notoriety. Jaquwan Brackettintercepted both Brennan and Dean passes.

Idaho’s Gold and Silver defense played particularly aggressive.

“I thought we played good, a lot better than I thought we would,” said Tim Wilson, who finished the Friday outing with a sack and is Idaho’s lone returning defensive lineman.

To excite the crowd or even prepare for some season trickery, Dean threw a pass to receiver Robert Scott who in return hit Antonio Wilson for a 66-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

Wilson finished as Idaho’s top receiver with 95 yards and two touchdowns catches.

Idaho linebacker John Harper chases Silver quarterback Ed Dean in the first half.

Bruce Twitchell
Maui: Underwater paradise

Kike Calvo

There are things, sensations and life experiences that a person hardly forgets. I have the privilege of diving while listening to the Humpback Whales’ song as a dream come true. To move slowly through the coral, while a new sensation comes into the scene as I realize it’s the whales singing. It’s something magic. It’s... the Humpback Whale songs.

Diving in waters full of white tip reef sharks, emerging into a underwater bubble cave where you can breathe without any air supply, looking closely at more than 20 green turtles in a cleaning station, or diving in the slopes of an underwater volcano are only some of the incredible things that Maui Island gives scuba divers.

Let’s begin the story...

Just after finishing my last class at school in the recreational and resources tourism department in the Forestry Building before the spring break, I ran home, picked up my equipment and I went as quickly as possible to Spokane’s airport. My flight had been canceled, but when you are highly motivated, that news is barely a triviality. After a long trip, with connection flights in Seattle and Honolulu, I arrived at Maui’s airport. I was living my own dream, I had landed in the ocean-lovers’ paradise. There I met my adventure buddy, a sweet African-American girl from New York City, as crazy for the sea as I am. I met her in the Big Apple while she was teaching aerobics a long time ago, and our friendship has lasted until now.

Making Contacts:
The first thing to be done was knowing people involved in the diving market on the island; someone who would take me to the beautiful and unpopulated reefs of Maui. Destiny drove me to a place called Reef Watchers. I went in and I found a beautiful woman called Chucki Reed. She helped me get in touch with the right people. She gave me the photo of Captain Steve Hogan, he has lived many years in this island and studies the Humpback Whales’ songs in conjunction with the University of Hawaii.

Diving Molokini: The Underwater Volcano.
I’m guiding my flippers steps to the boat ramp in Kihei. It’s 5:30 in the morning, and the sun is just a reminder of the previous day. I met my adventure buddies, Andy Schreiber was my Dive Master for this first dive here in Hawaii. We go into our boat, the Makana Kai and the weather is not very good. A powerful rain wets our clothes and after a long 28 minutes of navigation we see the spot. We don’t expect a rich reef, therefore the floor is volcanic, but due to its location, we can observe any species, from a big whale, to a manta ray, including a sea lion that is visiting the inside wall for the past few days.

We jump into the water, and it is not as warm as I expected. I am wearing a 4-mm wet suit, with long sleeves. We start to descend. I feel little pressure in my ears, it seems that I haven’t recovered from my cold yet. Yet that is quickly forgotten with the amazing visibility and incredible variety of fish which start to bombard my brain. It’s a beautiful spectacle, with bright colors contrasting with the browns and dark bottom floor.

An unexpected encounter, the underwater dance.
As I said before, everything is possible in those waters. You just have to think about something to really make it real. While taking pictures I lose my group. I turned into the blue, and a huge manta-ray was moving its wings just a few feet from my mask. I do not try to reach it, I just wait and look at it. For one moment, I forget that I am carrying an underwater camera to record the unforgettable moment. A few seconds and it’s already too late. I ponder if it would have been better to lose the moment trying to choose the right exposure, speed and distance of the subject.

Through the walls of one of the most famous subaquatic caves in the world, we discover tons of tropical fish, octops, moray eels, rays and for the lucky ones, sharks.

“Five Caves,” my favorite dive spot.
Many surprises are just waiting for us really close to Wailea Beach. This is not a deep dive, what makes us stay is sharing reef with the most colorful creatures of the planet, in fact I did the dive twice. I still remember the one that Chucki guided. We past her van near a road. We got ready and walked through a narrow path that took the both of us to a rocky bay. Once there, we got in the water really careful not to lose balance with the heavy tanks in our backs. We waited until nobody was in the area myself, the animals would be more relaxed. The first surprise: It was not far...23 green turtles inhabit the spot. Chucki and I are the only divers in the reef. It’s almost 1 p.m. The turtles are resting at the bottom. These beautiful — and some of them huge — rest in the caves of rocks and corals. They’re great. I use most of my film in just the minutes of the dive. I think to myself; “Kike, if they advised you that the best photo opportunity would be waiting at the end.” We move between cavities and boulders, always parallel to shore. We go into a narrow cave. In that position your body floats really close to the bottom and when you look up, you can see a powerful and dangerous whirlpool created by the ocean current. The idea of Chucki taking me to discover the hidden beauties of the reef is great.

Bubbel Cave.
We go into another hole. A new surprise is waiting. My guide emerges to the surface inside the cave. We ascended carefully, trying to avoid hitting our head with the ceiling rocks. It’s an incredible sensation. We inflate our Buoyancy.

All things are a part of marine life.

Underwater is my nirvana.

This guy tried to ignore me.

Ali Photos

Hermit crabs aren’t only for aquariums.
Shocking but uninterested white-tip shark.

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Control Devices, and talk in the dark for a while. It is an idyllic mood. She tells me that I will probably have problems with my ears again while descending. We return to the big blue but I don’t notice any pain in my ears.

The big surprise. Shark Cave.

Within a black environment, I follow Chucki with relaxed rhythm, but excited breathing. We turn on our lamps and for the surprise of our eyes, a white tip reef shark is resting at the end of the cave. I put my knees on the sandy floor. I try not to move the sand and Chucki goes into the cave making the sharks swim around the darkness. Sometimes we lose sight of them and we don’t know exactly where they have gone. We try to keep our eyes as open as possible and I really want to get a few sharp pictures off.

A pair of sharks fly to the outside of the cave. I shoot several pictures, enjoying the sharks’ movements. They get close. Close, really close. Another shark enters the cave through a small hole in the cave and several sharks share the darkness with Chucki and me.

Alone in the middle of the ocean, several feet under the surface, and not scared at all, just enjoying this crazy hobby of discovering the underwater beauties. I look. I observe. I study them carefully.

Dear Diary,

I have been living unforgettable moments. Hawaii was my childhood dream, and this last week I have been taking more than 1,000 pictures of all the beauties and mysteries of Maui’s island. I visited the Volcano, I drove the difficult Hana Road with horrible weather, I enjoyed the traditional Hawaiian dances, I was simply delighted with Lahaina’s sunset.

Dear Diary,

I will not forget the first time I heard a whale sing from miles away. Thank you for letting me write all my feelings in your pages. Diving is one of the things that makes me feel alive.

Special Note: This article is dedicated to my father “Henry” who died before I started writing and photographing the ocean’s wonders. Henry, “este te lo dedico”.

And in the memory of George, my American cousin, my unforgettable buddy that died in a car accident just few days before I left for Hawaii. For both of you, you will always share my deepest thoughts...

Editor’s Note: Kike Calvo has contributed many wonderful pictures and stories of his adventures this year pro bono, none the less. If you want to get in touch with him about any of his many travels, you can reach him at his email as follows: <kcalvo@novell.uidaho.edu>

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Local mtn. biker creates web page

Eric Barker

Roger Warren moved to Moscow last year. An avid mountain biker, his first summer here was a frustrating one. Although he quickly learned of numerous trails in the area, meeting people to ride with took too long. He went on many solo rides that first summer. Slowly he began to meet other mountain bikers and by the end of the season he was no longer riding alone.

Over the winter, Warren became determined that the initial isolation he felt should not be repeated by others. His solution was to create a web page for local mountain bikers, a clearing house of mountain bike rides, their phone numbers and electronic addresses. By mid-January, his page was up and running. Now, as local trails begin to shed their snow, people are using Warren's list to meet each other and make plans for the year's first rides.

"I wanted to create a list where people could access other people and get together," Warren said. "This page, or list, as Warren calls it, is a simple idea. People join the list by submitting basic information like their e-mail addresses, phone numbers, their skill level and contact times for them to ride. The list now includes over 40 local mountain bike riders. Anyone looking for riding partners need only consult the list and contact those with compatible skills and free time. Warren also organizes group rides. He is trying to hold one of these rides every Sunday, and hopes to increase their frequency as more riders open and interest warrants. He says he has already met several people on the list through these rides and looks forward to meeting more.

A good deal of Warren's free time is spent working on the list. He frequently advertises his page on bulletin boards all over the University of Idaho and throughout Moscow. Once a week he walks around campus and the community, pinning up flyers. He also has begun to make the rounds at Washington State University and the Pullman community. His work is paying off as the list grows by two or three people a week.

He is quick to extend credit to those who have helped him. "Digital Impressions and Greg Johnson, you got to mention those guys," Warren said. Those "guys" are his roommates who run a small business building web pages. They are largely responsible for the technical construction and maintenance of Warren's page.

As the popularity of his page grows, so does Warren's plans. Right now the page is only a list of local riders but expansion is underway. Soon anyone selling bikes or other equipment will be able to advertise on the page. He hopes it will function as an electronic marketplace. Also coming soon is a graffiti page. Here people will be able to post stories, poems, art work and photographs related to the sport.

Warren, a double major in archaeology and resource, recreation and tourism, began riding mountain bikes in 1984 and then joined the racing circuit in 1989. His outdoor interests include backpacking, rock climbing and snowboarding. Someday he would like to combine his education and love of the outdoors by guiding archeological backpacking trips. "I like to educate people and teach low impact camping," Warren said. As an outdoor enthusiast, he enjoys sharing the outdoors with others. However, he is also concerned about the impact the ever-growing number of people using the outdoors for recreation is having on the land.

In conjunction with Jim Lafortune and his organization, Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association, Warren has used the list to organize work crews to perform maintenance on local trails. This past winter's harsh weather has left many trails in poor condition. Downed trees and mud slides have made some trails all but impassable. Members of MAMBA and other local trail users have put in two days working on the Asotin creek trail in southeastern Washington. More work is planned for other trails.

Many of the state and federal agencies responsible for the maintenance of these trails are strapped for the funds to conduct such maintenance. Warren says this condition makes the volunteer work of trail users essential. To visit this great web page, go to:
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