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Learning to Ski: Crash and Burn
by Marianne Flagg
Photos by Kelly Seimon

MONEY AROUNDS WITH PROMISCUOUS CASH FOR SKIS, BOOTS, POLES AND ASSORTED SLIDING PLANKS OF METAL AND FIBERGLASS. Born and raised in the Midwest, I had never been close enough to mountains of a fit size for skiing to contemplate learning the sport. When I moved to Idaho nine years ago, I at last had the opportunity to learn. My well-intentioned parents stuffed some money for skis, boots, poles and assorted sliding planks of metal and fiberglass into my hands and said, "You have a natural aptitude for this sport. When I moved to Idaho nine years ago, I at last had the opportunity to learn. My well-intentioned parents stuffed some money for skis, boots, poles and assorted sliding planks of metal and fiberglass into my hands and said, "You have a natural aptitude for this sport."

Getting Started

Time brings a healing distance. As I matured, muscledly as well as emotionally, I regretted my cowardly resignation. I decided to do this thing the right way and take lessons.

The News editors arranged for the lessons, which were offered to me by the Bogus Basin Ski School free of charge. The Ski School offers a full range of classes to beginners, intermediates, and advanced skiers. BSU students can register Jan. 12 for classes for a $40 fee which includes instruction and a day-night lift ticket.

I was in the first (Dec. 6 - Dec. 9) Learn to Ski Week group. A New Learn to Ski Week group forms each week, for full-day lessons Monday through Thursday. The cost is $36 plus equipment rental and lift tickets (discounts are provided for those taking lessons).

The Bogus Basin Ski School utilizes the Graduated Length Method (GLM) and American Teaching Method (ATM). Beginners start out on short skis (140 mm) and gradually work up to longer ones. George Merritt, my main instructor during the four days, said the American method (ATM) of teaching differs from the European method in that U.S. instructors start students out with the wedge (a glorified snowplow) rather than the snowplow, turn, stop, etc.

Standing atop what looked like the north face of the Swiss Alps, I assumed the standard wide-eyed, teeth-clenched, terrified beginners' crouch. Picking up speed at an alarming rate, I traversed the snowy hill. A bit sheepishly, I approached Grace Sabala, the other instructor, and announced my late arrival ("I'm from Sports Illustrated"). Much to my relief, I was not the only one late. Two men trooped up the "funny hill," where Grace patiently told us how to get in and out of the skis, how to stand in them, with knees flexed, and where uphill and downhill were. This uphill and downhill business proved to be a much harder concept than you might think.

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After 10 trips on this, holding on the one ski, we skied over to the large rope tow. Running, exercises, and playing tennis had worked my legs into exceedingly good shape, but my upper body was not prepared for the assault which was to come.

The small rope tow, like all rope tows, must be slowly squeezed, not grabbed. If you clench it suddenly, you wind up on your face. The rope exerts a very strong tug on your upper arms and shoulders. After 10 trips on this, holding on the large rope tow feels like you're bench-pressing your own weight.

It starts off benignly enough, but three-quarters of the way up, you feel yourself overcoming the force of gravity. Holding onto the rope near the top is a
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By Pacific News
Radio

Skin Heads
Smatson, Missouri, high school, which once tried to ban students wearing long hair, is now trying to discipline them for short hair. Specifically, the school has told its band to stop wearing any of the new biker hairstyles. Coach Andy Crist says punk hairstyles are a little bit of a craze in the best school image. "Opposing him is parent and hair stylist Jackie Kelleher, who calls the "faddishness." Her son Rusty agrees. Ten years ago, he points out, Smatson was on the target of a lawsuit when it banned a student for long hair. "Now it's too short," he says. "That's the stipulation I've always heard." Kansas City Times, Nov. 29

Censorship
There's one place where women really have made it off the shelves of school libraries. According to a survey of 600 school librarians, books by and about women top the list of those books most likely to be censored. The book most often banned: "Go Ask Alice," the diary of a teenage drug user who committed suicide. Also on the list of forbidden books: "Our Bodies, Ourselves," for suggesting self-help manual by the Boston Women's Collective. HerSay, Dec. 6

Labor
Now that the elections are safely over, the White House is preparing to launch new regulations that will make life more hazardous for the nation's workers. Government officials are expected to rewrite standards for worker's exposure to lead and asbestos, toughen discrimination restrictions, and relax child-labor laws. In lobbying for the changes, industry spokesmen acknowledged last year's Supreme Court ruling that protecting the health of workers is "part of the cost of doing business," but the White House notes, the benefits to workers should be weighed against the costs to money-making organizations.

Further investigation shows that projected revenues amount to $298,915. The projection of total expenses is $328,681. Thus, the White House notes, the benefits to money-making organizations, are, of course, much larger--close to $120,000 by the end of the year.

March for Humanity: An Interview by Josephine Jones
The Organization of Student Social Workers (OSSW) is sponsoring the Parade for Peace and March for Humanity, to be held in Denver, Colorado, on December 1983.

A: We hope for an impressive show of solidarity from people from unions, such as women associations, the Grey Panthers, the Idaho Hunger Action Council, the BSU Student Nurses Association, Boise Education Association, the Democratic Socialist, the Snake River Alliance, and the Idaho Interfaith Fellowship have all pledged participation. We all want to express our anger at the recent cutbacks in human service funding while spending so much on the military. It's about time the government is balancing the budget on the backs of the poor. And it's a middle class that can't get work.

Longevity
Researchers think they know the reason why residents of Russia's Caucasus Mountains live to be so old. It's not the fresh air, as has been thought, but painstakingly accepted the elderly. Soviet and American researchers studied a group of the oldest people in the world. They report that the region in Russia and say the number of centenarians there is at least five times the number found in the United States. The Soviet elderly hold prestigious positions in local communities and cultures. America's elderly often have a self-image of being frail and of having little control of their fate. New York Times, Nov. 30

Every Cloud Has A Thermal Lining
When atmospheric scientist Andrew Detwiler looks up at the sky, he doesn't see clouds, he sees an insulation blanket. If we could create clouds ourselves, Detwiler believes, we could save millions of dollars in the winter heating costs in urban areas by reducing the normal nighttime heat loss of buildings, he says. Figure 1 in our report of the Information Center, we see people standing in front of the clouds. With the man-made clouds could increase the growth rate of forests, which are at much higher temperatures. Reducing the clouds during the daytime hours toallow sunlight through would increase daytime temperatures by nine degrees, he says.

ASBSU Report: Semester's Bottom Line by Tom Farley
According to the October 31 ASBSU Financial Status Report, the ASBSU fund balance has a 697,799.52 deficit. The report points out by ASBSU Treasurer Al Meyers shows that total revenues from either student fees or external grants to the Student Service Organizations, the White House notes, the student service organizations, The Proposition 42, music, provost, student service organizations have absorbed $11,000, of which $7,885 has been consumed by the ASBSU administration. The combined expenses of the academic clubs, sports clubs, ASIS, assembly line, construction, National Student Exchange, Election Board, Recreation Board, and Theatre Arts amount to 21,197.73, and is expected to spend $48,215 by the end of the year. The Prop 42 still has $48,215 by the end of the year. The Student Programs Board has spent $10,000 to date. Service awards have absorbed $1,100, of which $7,885 has been consumed by the ASBSU administration. The combined expenses of these organizations is, of course, much larger--close to $120,000 by the end of the year.

Student fees are the major source of the projected revenues totaling nearly $230,000. According to Tom Farley, the ASBSU President of the Office of the Treasurer should receive the first half of those student fees sometime during the end of December or early January. The second half by the end of May. It is likely, says Meyers, that ASBSU will take in more than $238,000 in student fees, thus offering a surplus of approximately $20,000 to the next administration.

ASBSU Treasurer Al Meyers keeps close account of ASBSU's financial status. "Right now, the ASBSU tent's projected revenues amount to $289,915. and the summer quarter total sales to $328,681. Thus, the White House notes, the benefits to money-making organizations, are, of course, much larger--close to $120,000 by the end of the year.

ASBSU President Marty Fairchild began the December 6 Senate meeting by appointing Jackie Russed to the Personnel Advisory Board, and appointed Sen. Bill Reasons to the position of Administrative Assistant, and Jeff Blamey to the Chair of the Personnel Selection Committee.

Senator John Bingley concluded the Senate reconvened and approved all motions. The Senate heard from ASBSU Treasurer Al Meyers that ASBSU will take in more than $238,000 in student fees, thus offering a surplus of approximately $20,000 to the next administration.

Senators at the December 6 senate session passed a motion to prohibit the ASBSU Adjunct Director, address the issues of reserved seating in the ASBSU student guest tickets. Blamey said that address this issue favored reserved seating with ASBSU President Marty Fairchild and had reached the best interests of ASBSU students.

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48 Hours

It's tv/SPB film-time, again. Sigh. 48 Hours is a futility funny, often gratuitously violent film about a black convict who is briefly sprung by a White detective to help catch some escaped murderers. Eddie Murphy, of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," plays the old Richard Pryor/Sid Caesar role. Murphy is a gifted comedian, as a fast-talking, sociopathic cop, makes 48 Hours intermittently enjoyable. Not enjoyable is Nick Nolte, the detective. Nolte was good in North Dallas 40, but here he bungles his role like an overweight, growing, chain-smoking Bette Davis who can't keep in character. 48 Hours is a thinly-written, one-foil film whose director has not kept one of his leads in line nor maintained a consistent style. The comedy and violence don't mesh and the film's final sequence is a whopping wrench—suddenly we're shifted from San Francisco to Mvertisement from the set of a blade designer.

Airplane II-The Sequel

If you shopped your Way and bade-bowed over Airplane, tighten your suspender and drop your feed bag, Airplane II-The Sequel has landed with another load of cheery sight gags and witty banter.

Anthony Burt

For the Kids

The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe, children's theatre by C.S. Lewis, will be presented by Stage Coach Theatre at the Bucovee Theatre, 6th and Main, Dec. 14, 15, 16 and 17. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $3.50 for students and seniors, and $5 for children under 12.

The Boise Public Library will show films for children Sat., Dec. 19, at the Public Library and the Blutler Day and Winsee the Pooh and Tigger Too. On Dec. 21, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a Holiday Puppet Show. The Holiday Film Programs will be Wednesday, Dec. 28, Tuesday-Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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Career Planning and Placement announces that Pacific University's College of Optometry and Physical Therapy Program will be visiting BUI Monday, January 17, 1983. Pacific University would like to meet with any pre-optometry and pre-physical therapy students who might be interested in continuing their education at their institution. The times for the group meetings are as follows: Pre-optometry - 1 to 2 p.m.; Pre-physical therapy - 2 to 3 p.m. Both sets of meetings will be in the Eaton Room of the SUB. For more information contact Career Planning and Placement Office located in room 123 of the Administration Building.

Ice Skating

The Fort Boise Community Center and the Valley Ice Arena are offering beginning/intermediate and advanced ice skating lessons December 19-27. For more information call the Boise City Recreation Department at 384-4250.

Tai Chi Chuan

Practice and learn this ancient Chinese exercise for health and self-defense. Tai Chi Chuan ("tai jee chew"") emphasizes slow, relaxed, continuous movements that develop body coordination, balance and strength. Classes begin Jan. 8, at the YWCA, 7:30-9:30 p.m., and last for eight weeks. Ronnie Gay McLain is the instructor, the fee is $25 for members and $30 for non-members.

Hello, Bill! Why don't you come over? I've got a great new game to show you!
"It's a Jolly Holiday with Ronnie"

The editor writes:

His thin mouth was firm by all that he knew,
The hairs on his chin were brittle and few,
The stamp of a pipe he held right in his jaw,
While the smoke slowly gripped his lungs like a claw.
He had a broad face, and a strong lean gut Held tight, when he scowled, like so many without.
He was no plump Santa,—no commercialized elf,— And I cringed when I saw him, couldn't help myself.
The glint in his eye and the steady head Soon gave me to know I had plenty to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, Filling the stockings with stern warnings; then turned with a jerk.
And wiping his fingers across his nose, And slowly shaking his head, he left the room, I suppose. Lighthearted I hummed, then heard a low whistle, To my men he demanded, "ever read The Epistle?" But I heard him say, ere he walked out of sight: "Happy Xmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

J.P.

Letters

Lund Responds

It impressed me with your story of December 14, 1982 on the continuing problems with KBSU not much with what it contained, but what was left out. At first, your writing actually points out that the first item on the agenda dealing with the recession of Senate Act #14, establishing the Board of Broadcast, Dr. Ed McLunie (sic), seems to think is immaterial. Members of the Board don't think it's immaterial, and have asked Dr. McLunie to come to a meeting to deal with the problems that have arisen with KBSU. Dr. McLunie has refused my feeling is that it is not enough to get people interested and involved in these boards and committees without a faculty member sitting on a student committee representing them. The problems with KBSU need to be handled by a faculty member.

The Broadcast Board has had only one thing to do: things have failed. A year and four months is long enough and its time to be merciful and put an end to do-nothing committees out of its misery.

Sincerely,
Tony Lund
Former KBSU Program Director

Veterans Day
Honors Vets, Not War

After reading all of the Letters-to-the-Editor, about your feature article on Veterans Day, it's amazing how many people do not understand Veterans Day. Veterans Day is not a day to glorify war, as Larry Purviance stated in his recent letter, it is to honor Veterans. How can you, Larry, imply that I am a Viet Nam Veteran and I too may choose to throw medals into the fire on Veterans Day? I am a Veteran and I may choose to attempt to be less stereotypical of different groups. I am a Vietnam Era Veteran and I too may choose to throw medals into the fire on Veterans Day. If one were to set up a soup kitchen, but the logistics were just too difficult, so we're following the biblical "loaves and fishes" idea and inviting people to bring what they can—a half-pint of milk, a pound of rice, a pound of flour.

My feeling is that it is hard to do this. To those of you, who got mad, you got mad. To those of you, who are still around, probably advocating peace stronger against anything other than the Vietnam group, because they know what is really like.

Bill Abin

Picked up The News. Read an article.

You got mad.
To those of you, we give sincere thanks.
You care.
Don't lose that habit.

Happy Holidays. Happy 1983.

The University News
Skiing

*Continued from cover*

struggle. A couple of women in the class didn't make it all the way up and fell to the side.

After the trip up, skiing down the dip in the bowl seemed easy. I wiped out halfway down, but my second and third trips down were fall-free. We all enjoyed the rope tows because they offered a quick, safe, and slow way to practice basic maneuvers necessary in skiing.

"Gravity is My Enemy"

Getting up at 6:45 a.m. the next morning was an experience not soon to be forgotten. My lower body, thankfully, was spared any semblance of stiffness, but my upper arms and back were sore for many minutes to brush my teeth. Stretching exercises and a hot shower helped to work out the kinks.

When I arrived at the Ski School, I found I was not the only one moving gingerly.

Grace and George put us through some warm up exercises: bouncing on the knees, bowing and watching the knees, twisting at the waist, and transferring body weight from one leg to the other.

All too soon it seemed, George and Gracia corrallled us, paired us off, and put us on the Morningstar lift. No amount of lecturing can quite prepare you for that moment when the lift swings around, scoops you up and pulls you roughly off the ground.

Later, the next day, two members of the class, Barbara and Juan, found this out the hard way.

They slid out to the ramp to wait for the chair, but they were not steady on their skis or ready to grab the chair. The chair didn't know or care about this, of course, and it hit them in the back, sending them sprawling on the snow.

It's a long and lonely ride to the top.

The lift operator quickly stopped the lift and helped them to their feet, but I stood behind them and watched in horror as I realized I had to board the beast next.

Fortunately, my introduction to the chair lift was uneventful, save for my neurotic realization that, in my case at least, brain stem paralysis set in.

I dug my edges into the snow, settled into my now familiar gravity-avoidance crouch and refused to move.

When you're standing on a steep slope and sliding, the natural tendency is to lean into the slope, hug the mountain, and try to forestall the inevitable crash.

George explained that most people don't understand gravity sports. Skiing requires reactions which are completely antithetical to the body's instinct. When we feel reactions which are completely antithetical to the body's instinct. When we feel...

A terrified but smiling reporter, Marianne Flagg clutching the rope-tow.

Once off the lift, we took a mile-long outlook to the Sunshine run. We all loved the track and found it most exciting.

In short, it affords the sensation of speed without the frequent hazards.

We were all so proud of ourselves. We were actually skiing. On a mountain! After only one and half days of lessons!

Our enthusiasm came to an abrupt halt when we reached the end of the track and looked down Sunshine. It was wider and steeper than we expected. It was as if knowing better: these things were descendants of the iceberg that sunk the Titanic.

One by one, like wet, sliding Dominos, we fell.

Yoü Can Do It

A constant source of inspiration for me throughout the four days was Juan. From the first day, Juan had trouble. He took to skiing like a whale takes to a harpoon.

He fell several times on the rope tow hills, and found moves the rest of us could make somewhat difficult. But he didn't quit. I affectionately dubbed him "Crash and Burn." Even after his most bruising, be stretching the point, but the experience was exhilarating. At times throughout the last two days, even for brief moments, skiing seemed effortless, more pleasure than work.

As beginners we all will still encounter the adrenalin rush that comes from feeling a bit reckless and out of control, but that is part of the charm of skiing. Few sports I have attempted have offered such a thrill when you do something correctly.

In our four grueling, rewarding days, two talented, patient ski instructors helped lessen—if not entirely remove—years of self-recrimination and fear. I may actually try it again.

The spectacular mountain view is worth the long ride on the chair lift.

Treesc bend under the weight of the stuff that makes it all possible.

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The Real Puzzle

by Don Rubin

Each of the presidents at the bottom right is responsible for a statement at the top right. (The salutation "My Friends," of course, is FDR's.) We'd like you to match them up. There are 14 proclamations in all, beginning with "The tree" and ending with "Mr. Green" (incidentally, not Green): 

Simply enter the appropriate numbers, one through 14, underneath the signatures.

Fed up with these crazy puzzles? Would you like to get even with Don Rubin and win $10 to boot? Then send your original ideas for a Real Puzzle to this newspaper. All entries will become property of UFS, Inc. (You only win the big bucks if we use your puzzle idea.)

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