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UI student shot over spring break

BY ERIN OAKLEY
ARGONAUT STAFF

It was an innocent spring break trip that turned out to be anything but.

Stephen Horel, 20, member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, traveled to Lake Havasu, Ariz., for a week-long vacation with one night in Las Vegas when the unexpected happened March 17.

At 1 a.m. Sunday morning, Horel was walking the "strip" outside the Monte Carlo Hotel

"I could feel something hit me, but it didn't hurt. When I reached up, blood just came rolling off my head."

STEPHEN HOREL
INJURED STUDENT

on Las Vegas Boulevard. He was among nine friends and fellow traveling companions, including McGregor Brownlow and Dallas Mueller, also of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. The group's attention was diverted to commotion nearby.

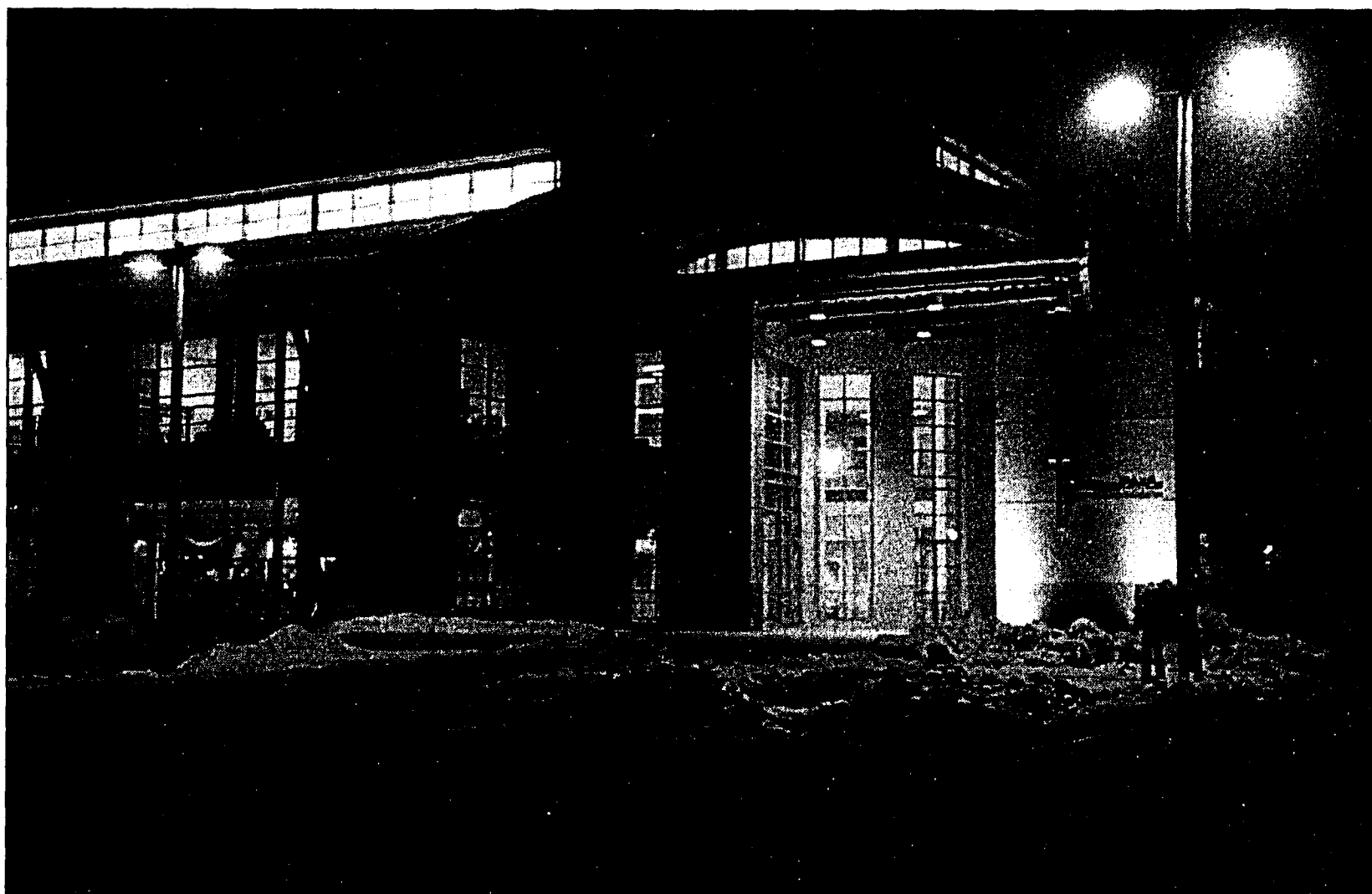
A fight broke out 150 ft. behind the group. Seconds later there was a car accident 50 ft. in front of the group. The driver and passenger in the car fled the vehicle. The driver was injured, which prevented him from running far. The commotion ended when Horel was shot in the head by a stray 9mm bullet.

It was speculated that the fight and car accident were connected, but is yet to be proven. Local police officers said the driver and passenger in the car are members of a local gang.

At first, Horel thought it was a "jacked up paint ball" that had struck him, but he soon realized it was much more serious than that.

"We heard the gun go off, but

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SHAUNA GREENFIELD / ARGONAUT FILE PHOTO
The Idaho Commons glows in the night. The ASUI offices (upper left of this photograph) do not have an electrical switch to turn on or off the lights. The architects of the Commons thought that the glowing lights at night would allow for a more aesthetic feeling of the structure and it would become the trademark of the building.

The Powers that be

University responds to possible energy crisis

BY LAURA GENTRY
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

The recent energy crisis, which has received significant national attention, has become an issue of concern for the state of Idaho. According to Jason Eaton, newly appointed ASUI secretary of energy and natural resources, the University of Idaho is actively responding to the environmental concerns this crisis has raised.

From university administration to students, many people on campus are working to develop new energy and water conservation techniques.

One project in the works is Eco Dorm, an architectural plan to make campus residences as energy efficient as possible. A group of 15 students, including majors in natural resources, architecture, landscape architecture and environmental science, have planned a redesign of Targhee Hall that would combine state of the art conservation technology with a comfortable living environment, according to the group's mission statement.

According to Eaton, Avista Utilities has shown interest in support-

ing the project with possible funding. The university has yet to endorse the Eco Dorm plan.

"We're trying to get some statistically legitimate information to support the building of the dorm. What we need right now is a commitment from the university both to support the project and the funding of the project," Eaton said. "The university is very progressive in the area of conservation. This project is pretty extreme. It does everything to protect the environment. It's going to the full extent possible for energy and water conservation. I think the university would be interested in the scaled-back version of it."

Eaton said university residences have hired an expert to make sure the new residence halls that they have already started planning are energy efficient.

Another way the university has become involved in environmental concerns is by joining the Idaho GEM Stars, a pollution prevention program started by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. The program has created an employee of the month program to honor those who go out of their

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Energy crisis problems beginning to spark in Idaho

BY BRIAN SNYDER
ARGONAUT STAFF

As the long-time recipient of Idaho criticism, California continues to provide jocular ammunition in the form of the recent energy mess gripping the Golden State.

Yet laugh as they may, Idaho residents are also quietly sliding into a power crisis of their own.

An unusually dry winter is winding down with regional snow pack levels barely at 60 percent of normal. For all but a few scattered watersheds west of the Cascades, the National Weather Service predicts summer streamflow levels for the Northwest to run less than 70 percent of average.

In Idaho, the situation appears even drier. This year's spring runoff is expected to be among the lowest on record, slashing the state's hydroelectric potential by almost half.

This does affect the average citizen. With the drop in hydroelectric capacity, utility companies must look elsewhere for supply.

"We're going to have to rely more heavily on our coal-fired plants," said Russ Jones, corporate communication specialist for Idaho Power, the company that supplies electricity for most of central and southwestern Idaho. However, increases in coal-fired production ultimately generate more air pollution and still fall significantly short of meeting demand.

Jones then admitted that Idaho Power would be forced to purchase larger portions of its electricity on the wholesale market and in turn, raise customer rates.

Starting in April, the company plans to enact a 1.7 cent price increase across the board. This hike translates into an average monthly jump of anywhere from 34.4 percent for residential customers to 62.8 percent in the industrial sector.

While not devastating, the rise lays a heavy burden on consumers. For a typical home, the average monthly bill will rise from \$62.40 to \$85.20.

But large families that consume far greater

amounts of electricity may see their payments climb by as much as \$40-50 a month.

To prepare for the impending shortages, Idaho Power is instituting an "Irrigation Buyback Program," where farmers are actually being paid not to irrigate their land. In short, for every 100,000 kilowatt hours or more per month they save, irrigation customers will be reimbursed 0.15 cents/kilowatt hour for that amount.

Put another way, farmers will receive double the money they would have spent on 100,000+ kilowatt hour of electricity used for irrigation.

Jones claims the measure alone will save almost 500 million kilowatt hours of electricity, or enough to power nearly half a million homes for a month.

Still, the outlook appears somewhat dire. "We don't think the lights will go out," Jones said, when asked if Idaho could face blackout conditions similar to those in California. "We think the crisis will be more of an economic crisis than a supply crisis."

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TODAY



Scattered showers,
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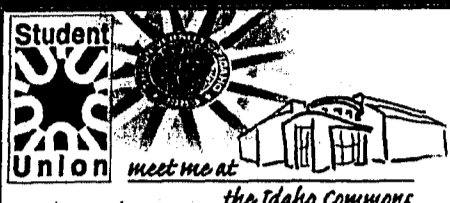
After today, relatively few clouds will loom over the Palouse. Highs will stretch into the high 50s by Friday.

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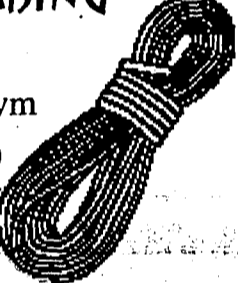
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Native Roots played at the César Chávez Celebration Saturday night in the SUB Ballroom. A presentation was given by Blanca Lopez about the life and struggles of César Chávez. He was a leader for the Mexican-American migrant farmworkers. Chavez organized "huelgas" or strikes, to promote the right to better wages and conditions for the workers. The presentation highlighted the struggles of farmworkers in Idaho, including the fight for an improved minimum wage bill for farmworkers.

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way to conserve and recycle on campus. The first employee to receive the honor is Cindy Johnson, associate director for the printing and design division of Information Technology Services.

The university also recently hired Richard Nagy, a resource conservation manager for Facilities Management.

These steps taken by the university are in part a reaction to Gov. Kempthorne's executive order to implement 14 measures directed at reducing energy consumption in Idaho state government facilities. The order was

issued Feb. 22.

While the university works to comply with the order, there are still energy conservation problems on campus such as lights left on all day.

"There are a lot of circumstances where there are people still coming in at night. Some grad students do research at night and they need fans, motors and pumps running. There are also some security issues. There are a number of reasons why you can't just walk out the door, flip the switch and have the whole building shut down," Eaton said. "We're working on figuring out how to put buildings on a sleep mode where they would use less energy. Just because some lights have to be on, not all of them do. We're trying to work on a compromise."

WSU settles discrimination suit

DAILY EVERGREEN

PULLMAN — Washington State University has reached a settlement to pay \$35,000 to one of its campus police officers, ending a discrimination suit filed last summer.

The payment to WSU police officer Bryan Jacobson was settled almost two weeks ago after both sides agreed to mediation. "I feel really good about the settlement," Jacobson said. "I was just sorry I had to take that step."

In his suit, Jacobson alleged he was denied educational and promotional opportunities within the department because

he is black.

The suit stated Jacobson suffered "racially abusive and hostile language and conduct on the part of his co-employees."

According to the suit prepared by Jacobson's attorney, Paul J. Burns, Jacobson notified his supervisor and the WSU Center for Human Rights. For that, he was retaliated against within the workplace.

The suit also said Jacobson's supervisors made negative and disparaging recommendations to prospective employers, despite excellent performance evaluations earned during his 11 years on the force.

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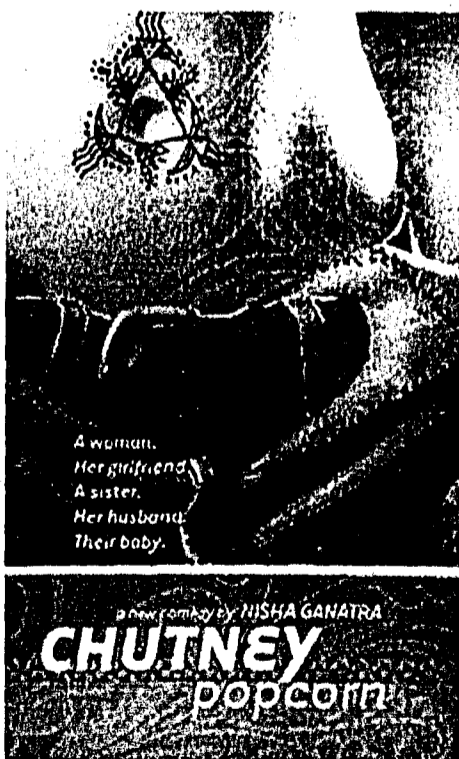
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Meth lab bust in trailer park

Quad Cities Drug Task Force arrested two Moscow residents Thursday for drug related charges. A methamphetamine lab was found in the residence later that day.

Rebecca M. Lewis, 27, was arrested at 6:30 p.m. on drug charges. Scott A. Chambers, 39, was arrested at the scene for trafficking methamphetamine.

The scene was secured for the night. A search warrant obtained by the Latah County Sheriff's Office allowed the meth lab to be dismantled and analyzed Friday.

The Idaho State Police Investigations Lab Team, based in Lewiston, processed the scene. They were assisted by the Region #2 Hazardous Material Team, also from Lewiston, and the Moscow Fire Department.

The lab was cleaned up by 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Both Lewis and Chambers are being held at the Latah County Jail. Chambers is being held on a \$5,000 bond and Lewis is held on a \$500 bond.

The lab was the sixth clandestine lab discovered in Latah County in the last 12 months.

Serial flasher at large

On March 20, two females answered their door and found a male on their deck, exposed from the waist down.

The suspect is a white male and is believed to have entered the residence via the backyard at about 10:30 p.m. He is described as having light brown hair.

One of the occupants attempted to phone the Moscow Police Department, but her telephone did not work. It was later discovered that her telephone line had been cut.

This incident is believed to be related to seven prior incidents, which have occurred around Moscow during the last two years.

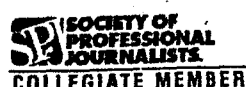
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Couple donates \$100,000 to support student advising

When Chuck and Dianne Robertson were students at the University of Idaho in the early 1960s, the guidance they received from their academic adviser, professor J. Irving Jolley in the College of Letters and Science, was critical to their success. Today they want to help recruit and retain new students by supporting student advising in the college with a \$100,000 donation.

"Chuck and Dianne's generosity will make a real difference for our students by helping us strengthen our advising program," said Kurt Olsson, dean of the College of Letters and Science. "Professor Jolley would have been proud of their leadership and initiative."

Dianne Robertson attended UI but received her bachelor's degree in zoology at Washington University and her master's in social work at Smith College. While on the Moscow campus, she was active in Mortar Board and Spurs and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Chuck was in Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

The Robertsons' gift is part of The Campaign for Idaho, a \$100 million, multi-year, fund-raising campaign aimed at supporting the strategic initiatives of the university.

Blood drive comes to UI

The Inland Northwest Blood Center is holding its semi-annual University of Idaho Blood Drive Wednesday and Thursday.

The drive will be held in the Clearwater and Whitewater rooms in the UI Commons. It is sponsored by the Delta Chi Fraternity and the Air Force ROTC.

The sponsors have issued a "Greek challenge" and will give trophies of recognition to the fraternity and sorority with the greatest percentage of members who donate blood.

The Blood Center has a goal of 100 donors a day. Blood given during the drive will help supply over 27 medical facilities in the Inland Northwest.

Donations will help curb blood shortages this year that have effected Idaho patients with cancer, blood disorders and surgeries.

For more information, students can contact INBC at (800) 423-0151.

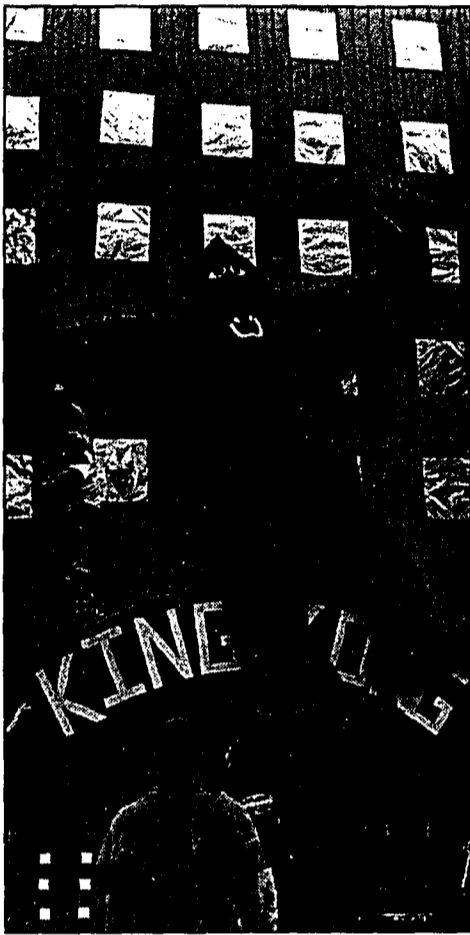
Honors Program invites renowned professor

The Charles Howard Candler professor of English and Women's Studies at Emory University, Dr. Frances Smith Foster, will present a public lecture at the University of Idaho April 5. Foster will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Her lecture, sponsored by the UI Honors Program, is entitled "Literary Kin to Oprah's Book Club."

Foster is Director of the Emory Institute of Women's Studies, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Society for the Study of American Women Writers. She has served on the Executive Council of the Modern Language Association and currently serves on the editorial boards of African American Review and Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature. She was appointed an Honorary Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for the Humanities, held a Senior Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Leiden, and was a King-Chavez-Parks lecturer at the University of Michigan.



Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega performed a Greek version of the Wizard of Oz at Friday night's Songfest.



GREEK WEEK 2001



(LEFT) The men of Phi Delta Theta raise their version of King Kong up the Empire State Building during Greek Week. (ABOVE) Charly Marie Coyle had her face painted at the Carnival Saturday in the Memorial Gym by Kristi McCulloh of Alpha Gamma Delta.

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It didn't sound like a gun; it kind of sounded like a car backfiring," said Horel, of Meridian. "I could feel something hit me, but it didn't hurt. When I reached up, blood just came rolling off my head."

The stray bullet skimmed through Horel's head and continued for 100 ft., chipping a statue next to a nearby pond. The bullet hit Horel on the upper left side of his head and punctured two separate holes an inch apart from each other. The bullet did not crack Horel's skull.

The security officer stationed outside the Monte Carlo Hotel was skeptical at

first, doubting that Horel had just been shot, but soon called an ambulance to provide medical attention.

A group of 10 doctors expecting serious injuries due to gang violence greeted Horel at the hospital. Instead, they found Horel sitting up and talking. He received five staples and walked out of the emergency room two hours later.

"It didn't even phase him," said Megan Brownlow, a traveling companion and McGregor Brownlow's sister. "We had a really good time in Havasu and people down there wouldn't have even known he had been shot in the head."

According to police, there has been an increased amount of gang violence occurring in the Las Vegas area. There is no proof at this time that the gunshot that wounded Horel was a direct attack or a random act of gang violence.

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"Literary Kin to Oprah's Book Club"

Dr. Frances Smith Foster, Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Women's Studies and Director of the Emory Institute of Women's Studies, will give a free public lecture Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom.

Dr. Foster, a specialist in Black American literature and African American children's literature, has recent publications which include *Written by Herself: Literary Production by African American Women, 1776-1892* and *Minnie's Sacrifice, Sowing and Reaping, and Trial and Triumph: Three Rediscovered Novels by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper*. Professor Foster is an editor of the *Oxford Companion to African American Literature*, the *Norton Anthology of African American Literature*, and *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl: A Norton Critical Edition*.

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UI Career Services will offer four information sessions in April designed to help students graduating in 2001-2002 get their job search off to a flying start. Due to pressure exerted by new employers eager to hire new graduates, recruiting activity begins earlier each Fall. Be ready when classes begin by attending one of the following sessions, which are open to all majors:

- Monday, April 9th at 7:00pm
College of Natural Resources
Room 10
- Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00pm
Janssen Engineering Building
Room 104
- Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00pm
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Room 301
- Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm
Idaho Commons
Whitewater Room

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U.S. spy plane lands in China after colliding with jet

BY HENRY CHU AND PAUL RABIER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING — A U.S. Navy spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet collided Sunday over the South China Sea, causing the American craft to make an emergency landing in China and the Chinese plane to crash, U.S. and Chinese officials said.

The 24 crew members aboard the EP-3 U.S. reconnaissance plane were unhurt, but U.S. defense officials said they have been unable to establish contact with the crew since the craft came to ground on Hainan island, a Chinese province off the country's southern coast. The pilot of the downed Chinese jet was reported missing, with rescue workers out on search.

American diplomats from Beijing were to arrive Monday morning on Hainan to press for release of the crew and the plane, but it remained unclear how the Chinese would respond. The incident adds another strain

to increasingly shaky Sino-U.S. relations.

U.S. officials said they would not be able to determine responsibility for the accident until they talked to crew members. They also warned the Chinese from entering the top-secret aircraft, which the Americans insisted was "sovereign territory."

China blamed the United States for the crash, which occurred about 9:15 a.m. Sunday in China (8:15 p.m. Saturday EST).

The two Chinese F-8 fighters were conducting "normal flight operations" about 65 miles southeast of Hainan when the American EP-3 suddenly veered toward one of the Chinese jets, a statement by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

"The nose and left wing of the U.S. plane hit the Chinese plane and caused it to crash," the statement said.

"The U.S. should bear all the responsibility," said Zhu Bangzao, a Foreign

"It's pretty obvious who bumped into who. I'm going on common sense now because I haven't talk to our crew."

ADMIRAL DENNIS BLAIR
CHIEF OF U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Ministry spokesman.

But Adm. Dennis Blair, chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, said "common sense" suggests that the lighter, faster Chinese jets caused the collision with the heavier, clumsier EP-3, which is about the size of a Boeing 737.

"Big airplanes like this fly straight and level on their path. Little airplanes zip around them," Blair told reporters in Honolulu. "It's pretty obvious who bumped into who. I'm going on common sense now because I haven't talked to our crew."

According to U.S. officials, the American craft was on a routine surveillance mission out of Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, when two Chinese fighter jets came up alongside the EP-3 and "intercepted" it. Lt. Col. Dewey Ford, a spokesman for U.S. Pacific Command, said the EP-3 was 50 nautical miles southeast of Hainan at the time.

Although the intentions of the Chinese fighter pilots were unclear, when "two fighter jets come up on (you), they're generally not coming up to say hi," said Lt. Cmdr. Sean Kelly, a spokesman.

Kelly said the EP-3 and one of the Chinese planes bumped into

each other, causing enough damage that the pilot of the U.S. craft issued a mayday distress signal and landed the disabled plane on an airfield on Hainan.

The incident is likely to complicate already edgy relations between Washington and Beijing, including on the military front.

A few months ago, a high-level People's Liberation Army officer defected to the United States in an embarrassing setback for Beijing. In China, authorities have arrested two scholars with U.S. ties and charged one with spying.

This month, the Bush administration is to decide on an arms package for Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory.

Supporters of Taiwan on Capitol Hill have urged the White House to sell the island advanced weapons, including several naval destroyers, to increase its ability to fend off an attack from the mainland.

President Bush, who returned to the White House on Sunday afternoon from Camp David, was briefed on the incident shortly after it occurred, White House officials said.

U.S. military officials said it is routine for China's planes to swoop alongside American planes flying off its coast, just as it is for U.S. planes to approach foreign military aircraft that fly in airspace off the United States. The purpose is to let the visitors know that the home nation is aware of their presence, and to test reactions.

U.S. planes patrolling off the coast of China are intercepted in this way during about one of every three flights, a Navy official said.



BEIJING — A Chinese military policeman stands guard outside the U.S. Embassy Monday, a day after a U.S. Navy surveillance plane made an emergency landing in China following the mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter over South China Sea.

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NASA plans return mission to Mars

BY KATHY SAWYER
THE WASHINGTON POST

Humbled by Mars, NASA is about to send another spacecraft to study it.

The launch of the 2001 Mars Odyssey orbiter, set for Saturday, is the first since the agency was staggered by 1999's back-to-back failures of missions to the planet. And it is the first Mars craft to be dispatched since the National Aeronautics and Space Administration drastically

revamped the program based on multiple investigations of what went wrong.

"The question on everyone's mind now is: 'Is it going to work?'" said George Pace, Odyssey project manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., which manages the Mars program for NASA. "It's got to work."

Rather than merely fixing the problems that killed previous missions, he said, "We've been trying to anticipate and prevent"

a long list of other risks.

Although the Odyssey — designed to map the chemical and mineral makeup of the Martian surface — was too far along in development for radical redesign, an outside "red team" reviewed it and recommended 144 changes in hardware, software and testing procedures, said Scott Hubbard, NASA's Mars program director. All of them have been addressed in some fashion, managers said.

Money talks in reform hearings

BY NICK ANDERSON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday approved the broadest changes to campaign finance rules in a generation, including the first ban on unlimited donations to political parties, with a dozen Republicans joining a Democratic-led coalition that claimed the mantle of reform.

The Senate voted 59-41 to pass the legislation sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell D. Feingold, D-Wis. The vote was a milestone in a long drive to respond to abuses of the system of contribution limits enacted in 1974 after the Watergate scandal.

For years the bill had languished in the Senate without a climactic vote. But now, with that formidable hurdle cleared, it heads to presumably friendly terrain on the other side of the Capitol.

Through two votes in recent years, most members of the House rank and file have gone on record in support of the bill's headline goal — banning the unlimited donations known as "soft money" — but most of the chamber's Republican leaders are hostile.

The chief sponsors of the House version, Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Martin T. Meehan, D-Mass., stood smiling in the back of the Senate chamber during Monday's vote, aware that the burden of moving the legislation was falling to them.

The measure now faces threats that include a delay in House action — no vote is yet scheduled — and the possibility that a leadership-appointed panel of House and Senate negotiators will need to reconcile different versions. Such conference committees often weaken or kill bills behind closed doors.

UW student falls from balcony to death

SEATTLE — A University of Washington freshman was killed when he fell from a fourth-floor balcony in McMahon Hall on late Friday evening.

Gary David Gilbert, a pre-engineering major from Snohomish, fell from the balcony of cluster 400-406 of McMahon's north tower at approximately 11:48 p.m., according to a statement from the UWPD.

Gilbert fell nearly five stories onto the concrete of the east loading dock, sustaining massive head injuries. Paramedics from the Seattle Fire Department arrived on the scene minutes later, but were unable to revive him. Gilbert was pronounced dead at the scene and taken to the King County Medical Examiner's office.

A toxicology report has been

scheduled, but may take up to six weeks to complete. The UWPD is waiting for the toxicology report before releasing details.

About 20 people attended what Yu described as a "laid-back" party. Although Yu did not attend the party, she said she checked in on it occasionally. Other witnesses have confirmed that the party was fairly quiet.

When asked if Gilbert was intoxicated, freshman Wei-Ning Yu said, "Yeah, I heard that."

"There was alcohol involved. He was under the influence," confirmed Bart Parsley, a resident adviser in Haggett Hall's third floor of the south tower.

At some point during the night, as Yu was in her room, she said she "heard people scream, and they said 'David fell.'"

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QUESTION
Do you think teacher evaluations help improve the quality of education?



MARLER

"No I don't. I think teacher evaluations are an attempt by the university to placate student complaints about the quality of instruction. On average, 95 percent of the instructors here don't care whether or not their students learn. There are a few exceptions to that, but they are more concerned with publications and receiving grant money. The other reason that student evaluations don't work is because of tenure track employment."

Allison Marler
senior
Idaho Falls



COLE

"If the teachers take the students' opinion into account and use their comments to change how they do things, then it's beneficial, but if they just disregard what students have to say then it doesn't help."

Hadley Cole
sophomore
Boise



McCLURE

"I think they are kind of limited in nature. They should be more structured, not as open-ended just because students don't fill them out because they want to get out of class early."

Doug McClure
junior
Lewiston



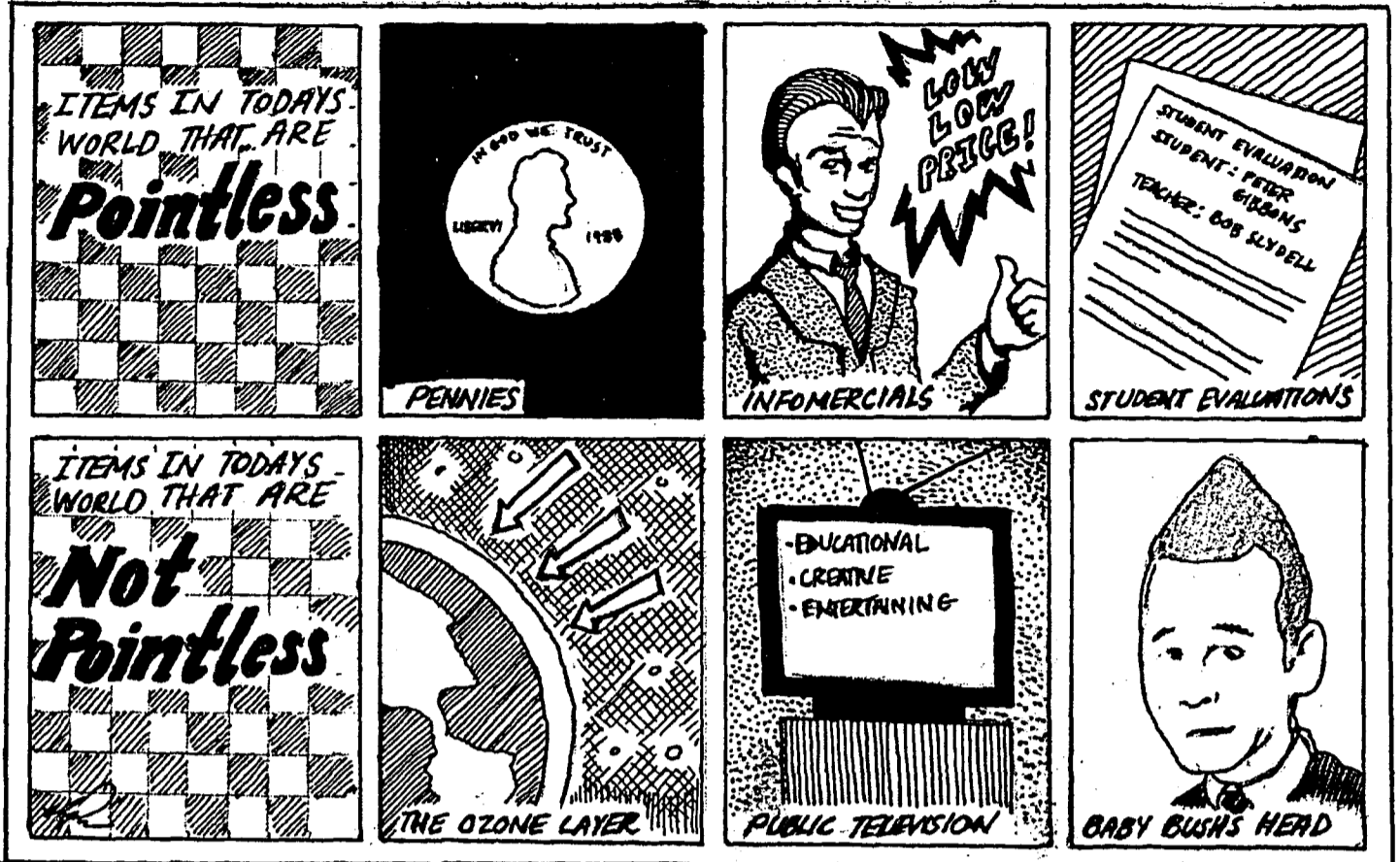
OHMAN

"Yes, because I think the teachers have time to reflect on what they have done wrong and then they have time to look at what the students have liked and they can incorporate it into their curriculum next semester."

Jessica Ohman
freshman
Spokane

OURVIEW

Not so secret



NOAH KROSSE / ARGONAUT

What you don't know about teacher evaluations could hurt you

It's only once a semester that students have the opportunity to grade teachers. But what seems like an opportunity may actually be a little tainted. There are some things students may not realize when filling out teacher evaluations. First, teachers receive either the original copy of the evaluation, or a photocopy, along with a tally of their numerical scores. There is no one magically typing up the open ended questions, so teachers do see students' handwriting on evaluations. This is seldom a problem in gigantic classes, but in classes smaller than 20, students may be easily identified by their handwriting or specific comments. The problem comes when students in such a situation assume the forms are confidential. They are not.

So don't presume to write whatever you want and think you could never be identified. You could. Second, take an active role in filling out teacher evaluations. It is a chance to give a professor or graduate student useful feedback that can help them improve. Evaluations figure seriously into the future of professors without tenure. Instead of trashing a professor, admitting to academic violations or leaving the space blank, make constructive comments. Why was the professor effective or ineffective? What could he or she have done better? It may feel good to release some tension or hostility, but those attacks do little good in the long run. Last, use teacher evaluations as a tool — our tool.

The evaluations are the students' chance to talk. Students may also view the numerical scores of professors in the Faculty Secretary's Office. Again, these scores, like a sort of teacher GPA, can be highly useful to students who wonder about a professor's performance. Though the current survey is a bit vague — a kind of one-size-fits-all survey for many different kinds of curriculum — the open-ended questions, if answered carefully and constructively, cannot only help students speak their peace, but the specific feedback can help professors improve in the long run.

Jennifer Warnick
for the Argonaut Editorial Board

Non-smokers should respect individual choice and butt out

Walking down South Main Street toward the corner of Sweet Avenue, pedestrians see a billboard that pressures people to be rude in response to a question. A glamorous couple appears on the billboard, looking ready for romance in an expensive New York restaurant. The man, dashing in his tuxedo, asks a woman in an evening gown if she minds his smoking. Instead of politely saying, "Thank you for asking because, yes, I do not care for people smoking around me," the woman responds with a snappy comment worthy of the quick bite in advertising. "Care if I die?" Yes, Americans have declared war on tobacco, and, all's fair in love and war. However, isn't there enough rudeness without teaching that it is ok to treat other people like a smoldering butt on the ground simply because someone is not capable of overcoming a bad habit? Militant non smokers have proven smoking is extremely addictive, even more so than cocaine.

That fact is used as a deterrent in several anti-smoking ads, and yet we use that information against smokers. Although not going for a cigarette, even in public, is like asking a smoker in one anti-smoking ad not to take his next breath, we assume they are lighting up to bother us. People feel the need to march up to a smoker, sometimes a complete stranger, to bark out the list of diseases and problems smoking causes. But people who smoke are aware of the downside of smoking. Just because they are smokers does not mean they are stupid. Many of them would like to quit but cannot get the tobacco monkey off their backs, while others may just not care about the detriments of smoking. Ooh, scandalous. Smoking is not illegal, but smokers are treated as though it were. Often, if someone is asked politely to put out their cigarette or take it somewhere else, he or she will take it outside. We do not need to be rude if we do not like someone else's unhealthy life-choice. How would you feel if someone slapped that fifth beer out of your hands or threw away your

grease bomb from the local fast food joint? Today's society is into overreacting, as evidenced by advertisements like "The Truth" series, ironically sponsored by Phillip Morris, one of the largest tobacco companies in the world. These ads show young people doing the whole "in your face" push to deter people from smoking, reinforcing the idea that it is ok to treat people like dirt because of their bad habit. I know smoking is unhealthy and it is extremely difficult to watch someone smoke his or her life away. I have lost several friends and family members over the past two years to smoking-related deaths. Yet, even I, on rare occasion, have smoked a cigarette or two. But for those who are over the age of 18, smoking is their choice. For those who worry about their loved ones smoking, tell the smoker politely that you care about their health and want to help them quit. The smoker in your life may appreciate the caring attitude. Maybe it will help them finally put out that cigarette.



MANDYPUCKETT
Columnist

Mandy smokes intolerance over 20 times a day. To light her fire e-mail her at arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu



Please clean keyboards

Dear Editor:
As a student here at the University of Idaho, I feel ITS has not dedicated enough attention to the cleanliness of the labs. By this I do not mean there is an excess of visible trash within lab facilities. My main concern is for the cleanliness of the computer keyboards that we as faculty, staff and students use. I have noticed that in several of the labs, the keyboards now have a thick residue growing over many of the keys. Adding to my disgust is that one can easily see where commonly touched areas of the surface actually appear somewhat clean. In reality, it is not truly clean, but where the

dirt and filth has been worn way and is now on the hands of the faculty, staff and students who use these facilities. Not to sound like a mother, but with all those people using the computers, who knows what kind of a disease one could obtain? Just because the main portion of the recent cold and flu season has passed does not imply that standards of cleanliness should be lowered. Just as the UI "supplies and maintains" levels of cleanliness within the restrooms, Computer Services (ITS) should "supply and maintain" some level of cleanliness to our computer facilities. I would like to see a policy implemented (not just formulated on paper) that outlines how often the keyboards are to be cleaned. Lars Johnson

ing agencies for mishandling my personal data and providing erroneous information to requesting agencies. Since arriving here for school, I have been bombarded with hundreds of solicitations through the mail and by phone. I've contacted university officials on several occasions to express my concern about the possibility of my personal data being provided to off-campus agencies and have been assured every time that UI does not provide this data. Now, as I'm about to graduate, Harold Gibson states that my (our) information WILL be provided to fulfill UI's agreement with financial institutions. Just last week I received yet another pre-approved American Express application that identifies me as a "University of Idaho student". Anyone desiring to be removed from solicitation lists is encouraged to check out the Center for Democracy & Technology Web site at <http://www.opt-out.cdt.org>. This program works - at least until the UI decides to redistribute our personal information again. On another similar note, late last year my parents received a phone call from somebody representing the university asking for money to help send students home for the holidays. I found this particularly disturbing because I haven't been home in four years and I hadn't heard of this fundraising event on campus. Of even more concern, the

phone number for my parents is only accessible through the UI Banner Web interface and not through the campus directory. Perhaps the UI should start using the Campus Pipeline to its advantage and make the campus directory only accessible to students using their login to view such data. This would help reduce the risk of compromising personal data to off-campus agencies, as well as reducing the funding required to print the directory while allowing appropriate UI students and staff access to the information. Norm Kendrick
B.S. Geography

True, most kids aren't carrying guns here in Moscow, Pullman and Lewiston, but as a teacher I see many children who are hurt, and angry and desensitized to the violence and permanence of death. Children are the result of their nurturing (or lack of). The problem began about two generations ago when a few men and women decided to take it upon themselves to attempt to take God out of our country. Long before prayer was removed from schools, the U.S. Dept. of Education was attempting to find scholars willing to rewrite the history textbooks. When none could be found, they contacted college students and groomed them until they could do the job. Hence, today most adults and children do not know the truths of the founding of this nation. Instead, the public schools begin teaching in earnest with the Civil War immediately emphasizing the injustices and painful hurts. Our founding fathers have been made into jokes. Without money, would this generation know the name of George Washington? Perhaps no more than they would know the name of the God in whom we trust. Again, thank you for addressing the dilemma with intelligence and sensitivity. Keep writing, keep seeking, keep guiding... the truth will be found and set many free. Theresa Meacham

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The United States needs to open a dialogue with China to avoid crisis



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What appears to be a tragedy for both the United States and China has escalated into a conflict that will test both nations' ability to understand and compromise. Two planes are down and there is a chance that the Chinese pilot is dead, while the United States frets about the passengers of the EP-3 spy plane, as well as the plane that crash-landed.

Pingchao Zhu, a University of Idaho Assistant professor of history said that the crucial element in the following days will be the way in which the United States engages China.

"Whether this crisis can be resolved diplomatically will depend on the United States' attitude toward China," Zhu said.

The United States tends to expect other nations to bend around its wishes, simply acting as the Global bully, an attitude that will not work well with China. Zhu believes that Sino-U.S. relations would improve dramatically if the United States understand how to negotiate with the Chinese govern-

ment. One component to understanding and working with China would require U.S. officials to stop expecting the Chinese government to adopt the same attitude as other nations. If the United States can learn to deal with China in a more understanding and respectful manner, perhaps some of the existing tensions can be avoided.

For example, Zhu, whose specialty is in U.S. and Chinese relations, believes that disclosure and open dialogue in the next few days will be important.

"The U.S. government should try to be careful and use the diplomatic approach. It should avoid bluffing and demanding the plane. They should tell China why they were there and be more diplomatic," Zhu said.

Zhu said that instead of making demands, the United States should try to concentrate on better communication between the two countries. If the Chinese pilot is dead, it will be important for the

United States to show remorse for the loss of life. Perhaps opening a line of communication with China would be the best way to retrieve our pilots and resolve this conflict.

Perhaps the most important issue is not who was at fault for this tragedy, but how this will affect the future of the United States and China. Nothing can be done to reverse what has already occurred, but the future is still uncertain and full of many possibilities for both nations. It is important that the United States throw away its old bully tactics and act like a civilized nation. It may be a humbling experience, but it is in the best interest of all concerned.

The United States' superpower status, mighty as it may be, does not legitimize threatening tactics, although it does make it possible. This will become part of history as all events do. Hopefully, it will be an event that future generations will hail as a positive turning point in Sino-U.S. relations. Perhaps the leaders of our country will make us proud.

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A lesson on why a person should never cheat



BOB PHILLIPS JR.
Columnist

Bob has started a relationship counseling service for UI students; e-mail him at arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

For as long as there have been relationships, there has been infidelity. Either one person wants what another has, someone is unhappy with a committed relationship or a person is simply greedy and selfish. Regardless of the motive, when one person chooses to transgress the boundary of trust by having an affair, the consequences are brutal and long-lasting.

Let's use an example. Our male, Jim, has a loyal, loving, sweet girlfriend named Suzie. Suzie is willing to do anything to keep Jim happy, expending her own resources, changing her plans and various other things to help compromise to keep him around because she really likes him. But Jim, through one inherent stupidity or another, has a little fling with Amy.

Amy treats him well and becomes a loyal, loving, sweet girlfriend while Jim is off doing a summer internship. After the summer, Jim returns to Suzie to pick up where they left off ... never telling her about Amy. Of course, Amy never knew about Suzie and neither one knew he was still keeping in touch with both sweet, lovely, loyal woman.

So what has Jim done wrong? Well, he played off the loyalty and sweetness of both women, for starters. What he should have done was end the relationship with Suzie before hooking up with Amy and then tell Amy about Suzie before he left the summer internship. But instead, he's trying to keep Suzie around as a girlfriend during the semester and hoping to get the same internship again the next summer, to be with Amy again. But what should be is

rare in this world, so let's look at the consequences of Jim's cheating on Amy.

Because both Suzie and Amy are sweet and loyal, they both have a great many friends. When Suzie learns about Amy, and then Amy learns about Suzie, each lady will need her friends for social support. The result of this support is that all of the friends of Amy and Suzie know what a scumbag Jim is, so none of them will ever speak to him again.

Of course, loyalty does not extend through such cheating, and both women would immediately dump pimping Jim. Hence, Jim has lost the large portion of the dating population and might very well end up a crotchety old bachelor years down the road, because of his indiscretion with Suzie.

Farther down the social chain, Josh and Andy, two very nice guys in their own rights, will continue to be single. These gentlemen would treat any sweet, loyal, lovely woman like a queen, but because women tend to date the "bad boys," neither Josh nor Andy has had a girlfriend since the second grade.

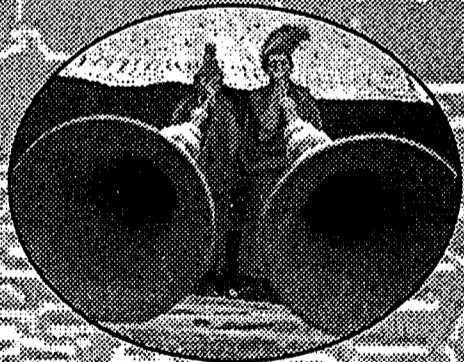
In an ideal world, Josh would end up with Suzie, and Andy would marry Amy and the world would become populated with sweet, adorable, loyal children. But Jim managed to flub up the life of four people and possibly an entire generation, by cheating on Suzie.

Do not, under any circumstance, cheat on the person you're dating right now. If you want to be with someone else, end your current relationship before you become unfaithful. The lives of our children depend on it.

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Cool summer

Bands hit the road for summer tours

BY CHRIS KORNELIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

The days are getting longer, the snow is finally gone and socks are becoming a matter of personal preference. These are all the signs of summer that brings with it a new list of summer concert tours. Although the shows may still be a several months away in some cases, tickets have already been put on sale for some shows.

Most bands do a summer tour; however, this summer seems to bring with it some of the most diverse and exciting tours of the past several summers. Some bands are coming out of hiding to announce a summer tour while other bands are teaming up for some monster shows.

Continuing with their non-stop touring is Ben Harper and his band, the Innocent Criminals. Having released their first live album last month, the band is touring across the nation beginning April 6 in Claremont, Calif., and will finish up July 3 in Milwaukee Wis. The band will be making two stops in the Northwest, one in Spokane at the Fox Theatre May 21 and another in Seattle at the Key Arena May 24.

Blues Traveler will be hitting the road with a new bass player and a new album due out May 8. They will be touring between April 11 and May 31, making a stop at Seattle's Moore Theatre May 29 with consecutive shows in Vancouver and Portland. The Moore Theatre would be a great place to see Blues Traveler, with its amazing sound and intimate atmosphere.

The Black Crowes tour has been dubbed the tour of brotherly love. Oasis will be co-headlining the summer tour. Both bands are known for fights between the brother members in each band. This tour will run from May 11 through June 11. Unfortunately, most of the shows are on the East coast and

there are no Northwest dates at this time. This would definitely be a show to catch.

Back on the Road with a groundbreaking new album is the Dave Matthews Band. The Dave Matthews tour is more like a trek across the United States, hitting every town in their path. In some cases several shows in each town. The tour starts in Charlottesville, Va., April 21 and ends in Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 28. Macy Gray will support the tour on all dates. The Dave Matthews Band comes to the Gorge at George for three nights Aug. 24 - 26. Tickets will go on sale this weekend for the show.

The Punk Rock summer camp known as the Warped Tour will feature bands from the past such as Weezer, 311 and many other bands. This tour hits ever city, town and village between Fresno and New York. The tour will be pulling up in the Northwest for two shows, one in Nampa July 2 and one at the Gorge July 3.

Back for another spin across the states is the heavy metal tour to end all heavy metal tours, Ozzfest. This year Ozzfest brings back one of the greatest metal bands off all time, Black Sabbath. Also featured on this year's lineup are Marilyn Manson, Crazytown, Slipknot and Papa Roach. Ozzfest will visit the Gorge June 25 for a night of metal and mayhem.

Also coming this summer are tours from Coldplay, Madonna, Aersmith and the Counting Crows. For a complete list of tour dates from these and other bands, check out www.pollstar.com. For purchase dates and ticket information check out the Ticketmaster affiliate www.ticketmaster.com.



Syncopated dreams

Drummers and dancers kept audience guessing

BY KATIE BOTKIN
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

In the beginning, there was rhythm without drums.

The 10th annual Dancers, Drummers, and Dreamers ensemble tapped the stage of the Hartung Theater with their drumsticks, while the background ensemble slapped the time on themselves as they did the Macarena.

Then they built their syncopation, making the noise swell intricately with drums and feet as they paraded and stomped around the stage.

The ensemble was one of the high points of the show. They used bicycles, wheels, horns and empty plastic bottles as percussion instruments.

The 31 members kept athletic, often humorous rhythm with each other, due to the eight and 10-hour rehearsals they had put in the week before performance.

"The most challenging thing about performance is being focused backstage," said Jeff Gray, a member of the ensemble. "You concentrate on what you're doing next and try not to say a word to anyone."

The ensemble interspersed the student-written and -per-

formed dance pieces. Christie and Jamin Juhasz performed "Waltz" charmingly, with graceful ballroom lifts.

The music, also student-written, complimented the dance styles. So did the partly student-made costumes, which sometimes involved gold face paint and plastic.

In the simple "East Meets West," a little Asian girl beat five American guys, to the laughter of the audience.

"Going up?" was less of a dance piece than a silent skit. A woman in a suit picked her nose in a square of light that was supposed to be an elevator, until she was joined by a seductress, a nun, a soldier in camouflage, a girl scout, a skater, a flirtatious mail lady and a businessman. The "elevator" momentarily got stuck, trapping them all.

Some of the dancing seemed amateur although some of it managed to be clever.

A few of the 54 dancers stood out impressively. "It's a big collaboration," said Marla Hoffman, who was the production supervisor, and also danced.

"Each one works a little differently, but they all get together and share ideas."

"The most challenging thing about performance is being focused backstage. You concentrate on what you are doing next and try not to say a word to anyone."

JEFF GRAY
ENSEMBLE MEMBER

Of the dancing style, she said modern was usually the focal point because the choreographers want to do their own, abstract thing.

There was a bit of ballet this year, however, in a funny semi-showdown between four ballet dancers, the classical music that accompanied them, and six modern dancers with their electric guitar music.

As a pounding finale, local bagpipers took the stage with the drummers, making rich melody.

"That was the best part," said Joanna Harvey, a member of the audience.



LOREY SEBASTIAN/NEW LINE CINEMA
Johnny Depp (left) and Jordi Molla star in New Line Cinema's drama "Blow." A free advanced screening will take place Wednesday at the Borah Theater.

'Blow' into Borah for free screening

BY CHRISTY VIETMEIER
ARGONAUT STAFF

Finding an easy job that will pay billions of dollars is difficult. But is the money worth it if the job is illegal, addictive and dangerous? One man finds out in the new movie "Blow" based on a true story starring Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Ray Liotta, Paul Reubens and a few other rising film stars.

Depp ("Chocolat" and "Sleepy Hollow") portrays George Jung, an ordinary man from the blue-collar suburbs who single-handedly became the world's premiere importer of cocaine from Colombian cartels in the 1970s.

Jung saw the illicit drug business as a way to pursue the American dream.

Using his keen business skills, he became the first American to import cocaine to the United States on a large scale by exposing the drug to college kids, high-paid professionals and Hollywood.

As a result, Jung was soon breathing, sleeping and eating money in the no-rules lifestyle he had always wanted.

"Blow" is a movie that tells the riveting inside story of Jung's rise and fall in his pursuit of a life of greed.

The movie also reveals the other side of the decade's glamorous cocaine obsession with a look at the border crossings, illicit fights, ruthless negotiations, brutal executions and an all-out war with the justice system.

Director Ted Demme



describes the true story of Jung as "amazingly tragic, yet it's also exciting, sexy and fun because of the era it takes place in."

A talented all-star cast brings even more to the movie, including Penelope Cruz ("All The Pretty Horses"), who plays Jung's ravishing, high-living wife Mirtha. She uses her husband's rich and powerful life to escape her own painful reality, only to suffer from the same losses he does.

The Idaho Commons and Union Programs are offering a special, free advance screening of "Blow" in the SUB's Borah Theater April 4 at 6 p.m.

Passes are required and available at the SUB and Idaho Commons Information Desks. Arrive early, as seating is not guaranteed and is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Crowe gives Princeton student the bird

BY ANDREW RODGERS
ZAP2IT.COM

HOLLYWOOD — Since taking home the Best Actor Academy Award for his work in "Gladiator," Russell Crowe has had a string of bad publicity hounding him.

First, reports surfaced of Crowe's surly demeanor while talking to reporters backstage at the Oscars. At one point, he chastised a female journalist who asked how he got into the skin of his character Maximus.

"I'm an actor, I read the script, I learn the lines and I put the costume on," Crowe said.

"But you did so much more than that!" the journalist insisted.

"Let's move on. Next question!" Crowe snapped.

Later, TV's Joan Rivers mentioned that she noticed Crowe had a rather bad case of b.o. (that's "body odor," not "Box Office") during her red carpet interviews before the Academy Awards. Said Rivers, "Crowe came up to me, and he does not wear deodorant. They call it animal magnetism in Australia."

Now, reports say Crowe made an obscene gesture to a student at Princeton University while filming his latest picture "A Beautiful Mind."

Meredith Moroney, a 21-year-old Princeton student, told The Daily Princetonian she had leaned out her dormitory window to get a picture of Crowe as he prepared to film a scene.

As she snapped the picture, the paper reported, Crowe spun around to face her, shoved his hand in the air and extended his middle finger.

Even though the photo is now available online (at http://www.dailyprincetonian.com), while talking to a television crew, Crowe wouldn't confirm that he'd made the gesture toward the student.

Said Crowe sarcastically, "Well, you know whatever is printed in the newspaper is absolutely true."

Crowe's fans, however, are quick to jump to his defense. In an e-mail to Zap2it, one angry fan had this to say: "You know, maybe one reason Russell Crowe is so short with journalists is the sloppy reporting and inane questions they ask. I know I'm pretty sick of the redundancies and innuendos. ... The garbage that the media reports on this man is shameful."



CROWE

Major recording artists move toward forming a union

BY CHUCK PHILIPS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — A showdown is brewing in the music business, pitting some of the world's biggest pop stars against the powerful conglomerates that employ them.

Dozens of major artists are mobilizing to take on the music establishment, demanding better contracts, beefed-up copyright protection and free-agency status. They are exploring formation of a labor union to provide health care and pension benefits and fighting for new rules on ownership of their creative material.

One Los Angeles-based artist coalition is preparing to lobby Congress to look into what some call the unconscionable business practices of the Big Five music companies.

Stars from virtually every genre of popular music, from rock to country, punk and soul, are stepping forward, including Don Henley, Merle Haggard, Tom Petty, Tom Waits, Sam Moore, Pearl Jam and Courtney Love.

Should these artists prevail, their collective bargaining efforts would radically rewrite the economics of the music business in the same way that unionizing actors and baseball players revolutionized the film and sports industries. And though it is stars leading this effort, the fundamental changes they are seeking could have a profound effect on every recording artist.

"It's nearly impossible to imagine a music business where recording artists have bargaining clout," said Michael Nathanson, a media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. "It would cause the traditional economic model to collapse."

Singer-songwriter Henley, co-founder of the Recording Artists Coalition, which represents dozens of stars, including Eric Clapton, Joni Mitchell, Q-Tip and Peggy Lee, said: "Record companies have been screwing artists for ages. It's time we organize and fight back. We've got our own trade group now. We're going to Washington."

Although executives representing the five largest record companies declined to comment, pri-

vately they maintain that the economic structure of the industry makes sense and is fair to artists.

Still, Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., a ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, said lawmakers are interested in examining artist rights issues. "The rights of artists in the contract and bargaining progress with respect to copyrights, health-care coverage and other issues is a discussion that is not only worth having, it is long overdue," Conyers said.

The Recording Artists Coalition is considering joining forces with Artists Against Piracy, a Los Angeles-based organization headed by singer-songwriter Noah Stone that represents 90 acts, such as Herbie Hancock, Shelby Lynne, Bon Jovi and the Dixie Chicks. Stone launched Artists Against Piracy to fight for digital copyright protection and is now expanding into other artist rights issues.

A third effort is being forged by Love. The rock singer and actress captured the industry's attention last month when she sued to break her contract with Vivendi Universal, the world's largest record conglomerate. She is hoping to use the lawsuit to expose the industry's "corrupt" accounting practices, in which she claims the labels deduct exorbitant fees for product breakage and promotional giveaways and pay reduced royalty rates for albums sold overseas and on record club sales.

Since filing her lawsuit, Love has received hundreds of e-mails from prominent artists in support of her petition calling for a labor union to help music acts secure pension plans, health-benefits packages and to regain ownership of their recordings. Existing unions representing musicians largely focus on session singers and the live-performing end of the business and not on recording artists. Currently, recording musicians receive few benefits.

A union for recording artists could force changes to the controversial accounting methods under which companies "underpay artists as an institutional practice," said attorney John Branca, who represents such acts as TLC and Michael Jackson. "With strike leverage, artists could attain free agency."

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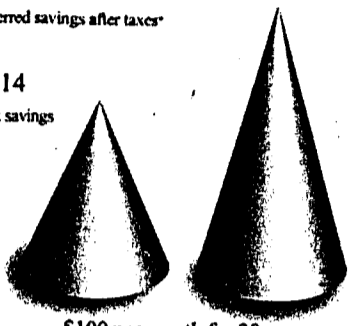
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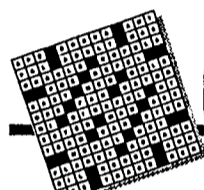


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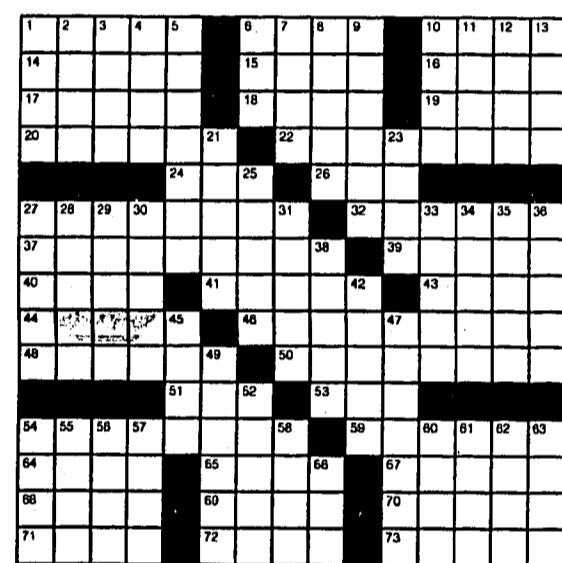
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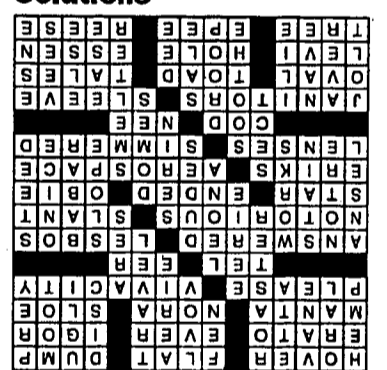
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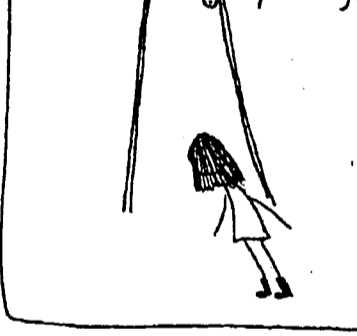
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I never write down the order # when ordering from a catalog even though I pretend to do so when the sales person says "Do you have a pen handy? I'm going to give you your order # now."



Brain Lint by Amy K.R.

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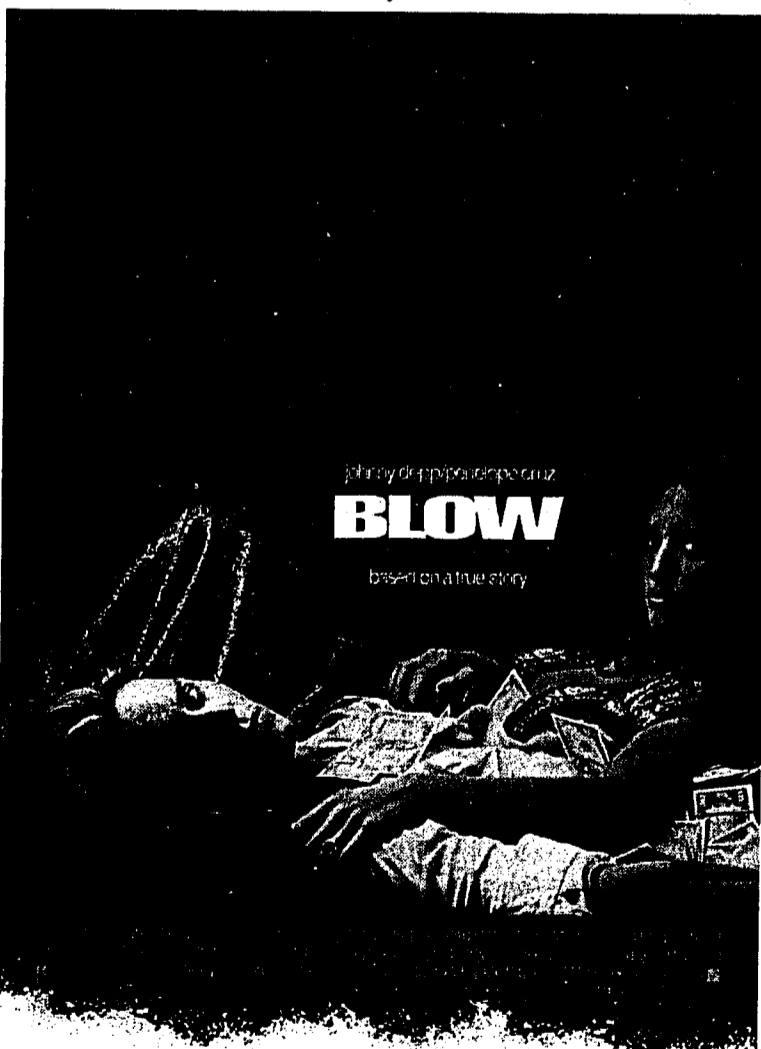


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MLB Oakland at Seattle 3:30 p.m. FSN NY Mets at Atlanta 4 p.m. ESPN Arizona at LA 7 p.m. ESPN2

NBA Portland at Minnesota 5 p.m. TNT

NHL Carolina at NY Rangers 4 p.m. ESPN2

THURSDAY

Swimming NCAA Championships 11 a.m. ESPN

College Hockey NCAA Tournament Michigan State vs. North Dakota 10:30 a.m. ESPN2 Boston College vs. Michigan 4:30 p.m. ESPN2

Golf Master's Tournament 1 p.m. USA

MLB Boston at Baltimore 4 p.m. FAM NY Mets at Atlanta 4:30 p.m. TBS

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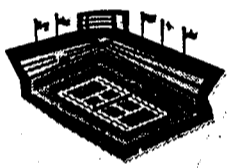
NHL Phoenix at San Jose 7:30 p.m. ESPN2

On deck VANDAL SCHEDULE

Women's tennis April 7 vs. Weber State

Women's golf April 9 at the Utah-Dixie classic

Track April 5 at the Texas Relays



SportsBriefs

Fastpitch opens season

The UI fastpitch club team opened their season in Boise Saturday with four games and came away with the first two wins of the season.

UI earned their two wins against Northwest Nazarine University (11-4) and in the final game against Boise State University (12-5).

Their two losses came from Weber State (12-1) and Idaho State University (8-0).

"Taking the win against NNU was a huge win for us," Manager Amanda Stewart said. "They are already preparing to be a varsity program next year and our girls came in with the attitude to win."

Pitching for the Vandals against NNU was Amanda Mills, who went seven innings and allowed only four runs. On the day Mills had two wins, one relief and one loss.

In four games, the women averaged a .366 batting average on 37 hits with 101 at-bats.

They had 10 doubles and one triple by Michelle Norgard. They had a total of 17 RBIs off 14 walks and 11 strikeouts on the team.

The Vandal fastpitch team plays again Saturday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Gormley Park in Moscow.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns for Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Central) and Western Conference (Midwest, Pacific) showing team names, wins, losses, and games behind.

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Duke does it again to gain third NCAA title

BY DON MARKUS THE BALTIMORE SUN

MINNEAPOLIS—Duke didn't win another national championship Monday night because Shane Battier played all 40 minutes like an All-American. Nor did the Blue Devils beat Arizona at the Metrodome because Jason Williams dominated the Wildcats as he had most of the competition in this year's NCAA tournament.

Duke won because Mike Dunleavy played the game of his life. Or at least the half of his life.

Dunleavy helped overcome Battier's poor early shooting and foul trouble on Williams, scoring 18 of his team-high 21 points in the second half to lead the Blue

Devils to an 82-72 victory before a crowd of 45,994. The championship came nine years after Duke (35-4) won its second straight in the same building in the Twin Cities.

It gave Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski his third national championship, allowing him to join former mentor Bob Knight as the only coach aside from legends John Wooden (10 national titles at UCLA) and Adolph Rupp (four at Kentucky) to win at least three.

It also helped Battier tie former Kentucky guard Wayne Turner with the most victories (132) in NCAA history. Battier scored 18 points, many of them coming down the stretch, and was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player.

It was a fitting conclusion for a player who twice won national defensive player of the year and this year was a near-consensus for national player of the year.

"It's complete, all that's left for me is to ride off into the sunset on a white horse," Battier said. "I love my guys. We fought, we fought. It was a great year, and this is a perfect way to end it."

Said Krzyzewski, "I think we're as tough as any. Being so young, we showed that toughness. We did some tough things, and I think we're deserving of it."

The defeat denied a storybook ending for Arizona (28-8), which had hoped to give Coach Lute Olson his second national title three months after losing his wife, Bobbi, to ovarian cancer. Center Loren Woods led the Wildcats with a game-high 22 points and 11 rebounds; Richard Jefferson added

19 points. "The main thing with our guys is that they played hard under difficult circumstances," Olson said. "The effort has been there, the togetherness has been there. Everything I think they could do has been done. I told them in the locker room that I didn't want to see anyone with their heads down because of all the emotion they've gone through."

Duke has not had as emotional a ride as Arizona, but the Blue Devils had their own obstacles to overcome late in the season. First they lost center Carlos Boozer with a broken foot. Then they watched Williams being carried off the court at the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament after badly spraining an ankle in the final against North Carolina.



BRIAN ARMSTRONG/ARGONAUT

Julie Wells tees off on the 16th hole at the UI golf course. The women's golf team won their second successive Vandal Spring Invitational title Saturday at the UI golf course.

Moscow weather can't stop golfers

BY BRIAN ARMSTRONG ARGONAUT STAFF

The women's golf team's toughest opponent at the University of Idaho golf course this weekend was not Eastern Washington or even Boise State. It was the Moscow spring weather.

Battling through 54 holes of rain, wind and a little snow proved to be a tough challenge for everyone of the 67 golfers who played, but the Vandals built on their 25-stroke first day lead to finish the tournament 31 strokes ahead of BSU, their closest competitor.

Nine teams and 12 individuals competed in this weekend's Vandal Spring Invitational, including BSU, EWU, the University of Portland, the University of British Columbia, Montana, Cal Poly SLO, Gonzaga, California State at San Marcos, Western Washington and Spokane Community College.

The team finished with a total score of 938, 31 strokes ahead of the BSU at 969. EWU finished third with 977. This marks the second consecutive year the Vandals have won their home event.

Idaho's Nicole Keller was able to fight off a nonstop downpour during the final round Saturday to shoot a 75, and win the Vandal Spring Invitational with a three-round score of 228. Keller's win was her second in her career here at Idaho. "I've been having back problems the last three months on and off, and I think I'm finally starting to get better," Keller said. "It feels good to win again."

Keller, only a sophomore, will no

doubt see many more victories in her career as a Vandal.

Keller's teammate, Maria Valente, led the field after the first 36 holes Friday thanks to an opening round of 71, the only underpar round of the tournament. She finished in third with a total score of 235.

"Maria's 71 in the morning was huge for us," coach Brad Rickel said. "Everybody else played good, but not great. That set us apart from the field."

IDAHO GOLFERS table with columns for Place and score, listing Nicole Keller (228), Maria Valente (235), Julie Wells (237), Noelle Hamilton (241), Lindzee Frei (246), and Jacquelin Huff (249).

Top 5 teams table with columns for team name and score, listing Idaho (938), BSU (969), EWU (977), Portland (982), and British Columbia (1010).

rest of the field. Then came Saturday. The early tee times were treated to a light snowstorm, which eventually turned into rain. The wind and rain persisted all day, forcing players to change their approach to the course. The rain

was coming so steadily that wet and slippery grips became a problem.

"You just had to stay under your umbrella and keep everything dry," Keller said.

This type of weather has become typical for golf tournaments here in the spring, so Rickel said that the tournament would probably be moved to late September or early October next season.

"The weather is usually a lot better by then, and even if not, the course is in much better shape," Rickel said.

Despite the nasty weather, the Vandals stayed on top of their game and were able to increase their lead by the end of the tournament.

Along with Keller's and Valente's final scores of 228 and 235, Julie Wells finished at 237, Noelle Hamilton at 241 and Lindzee Frei at 246.

The women's golf team battled weather again Monday and came away with a victory at the Inland Empire Collegiate tournament in Cheney, Wash.

The Vandals finished five strokes ahead of runner-up Portland to win the contest with a 599 total. This is the team's third victory in its last four outings.

Golfers Julie Wells and Noelle Hamilton led the Vandals with a 3-4 finish.

Nine other teams from around the region also competed in the tournament.

The Vandal women next compete in the Utah-Dixie Classic in Provo, Utah, April 9-10.

Vandal track makes strong showing at Stanford Invitational

STAFF REPORT

PALO ALTO, Calif. — University of Idaho track teams had a strong weekend at the Stanford Invitational, finishing first in four events and placing in the top 10 in 19 different events.

Angela Whyte won the 100-meter hurdles Sunday, recording the fastest time in the nation this year as well as setting a new UI record at 13.20 seconds.

Katja Schreiber took first in the discus competition, breaking her previous UI record, with a throw of 186 feet, three inches. Schreiber also placed fourth in the shot put on Saturday with her season

best throw of 48 feet, 6 inches.

The men's 4x100-meter relay beat Stanford and Big West foes Cal-State Fullerton, Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara with a time of 40.98 seconds. Other men's team winners included T.J. Crater, who won the hammer throw with a mark of 178 feet.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team won that competition but was disqualified for an illegal hand-off outside the 20-meter exchange zone. Idaho is contesting the ruling, and if overturned it will give the Vandals both a victory in that event and a new school record of 46.25 seconds.

Vandals placing in the top 10 at the meet include Nikela Ndebele (seventh) and Errol Aguilera (ninth) in the 100 meters, Sherwin James (seventh) and Aguilera (ninth) in the 200 meters, Cassie Greenlee (sixth) and Rebecca DaSilva (seventh) in the 400-meter hurdles, the women's 4x400 meter relay team (fourth), Matt Elven (fifth) in the hammer throw, Melanie Kreizenbeck (seventh) in the triple jump and Colleen Case (ninth) and Sarah Fischer (tenth) in the javelin.

The Vandals' next meet is Thursday and Friday at the Texas Relays in Austin.

NCAA women

Notre Dame edges Purdue for top title

BY EARL GUSTKEY LOS ANGELES TIMES

ST. LOUIS — In the closest finish to an NCAA women's basketball championship game since 1994, Notre Dame made its final play pay off and Purdue, seconds later, did not.

That was the difference in the first all-Indiana final that produced the first women's championship for the Irish, 68-66, over the Boilermakers in front of 20,551 Sunday at the Savvis Center.

First, Ruth Riley drew a foul inside with 5.8 seconds left to give Notre Dame, which had trailed by 12 in the first half, a chance to take the lead with the game tied, 66-66.

An 80 percent free-throw shooter for the season, the 6-foot-5 Riley later announced as the Final Four's most outstanding player-made both dramatically, the first one bouncing off the front of the rim but going in, the second one coming after Purdue called time out to try to ice her.

Standing at the line, Riley said she recalled a scene from the film "Hoosiers."

"Remember when Ollie had to make those two huge free throws in the movie?" she asked about 200 reporters. "I thought of that — and I didn't have to put 'em up underhanded," she quipped.

Purdue then had to go the distance in 5.8 seconds. Notre Dame's Kelly Siemon, who had lobbed the ball in to Riley on the game-turning play, pressured Purdue's inbound pass that was supposed to go to point Kelly Komara.

It didn't, and a series of rushed passes awkwardly got the ball to the Boilermakers' All-American, Katie Douglas, just behind the free-throw line.

Her left-handed jumper was in the air as the horn went off and it bounced off the rim.

Two plays to decide a national championship, and on each one, everyone in the building knew for whom the ball was headed.

"No, it wasn't a game-winning play, it's the same play we've been running all season," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "It's called: 'Get the ball to Ruth.'"

Riley, an All-American who scored 28 points in 35 minutes with 13 rebounds and seven blocks, briefly bobbled the lob from Siemon. "I knew my teammates would look for me and when I saw the ball in the air, I knew I just had to catch it."

Purdue's play went awry, as a tearful Douglas said afterward.

"I don't know what happened. Kelly was supposed to get the inbound, but we didn't execute it as well as we should have," she said.

"I got a good look with the shot, it just didn't fall for me."

"Ruth Riley is a great player. If she wasn't blocking our shots, she was altering shots. It was her night. We did a great job on the boards too. We had 17 offensive rebounds (to Notre Dame's 11)."

Purdue built early leads that

