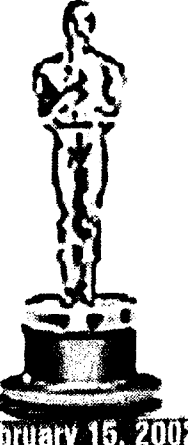




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College dispels rumors

BY MORGAN WINSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho College of Letters and Science faculty want to dispel a couple of rumors.

Talk that the College of Letters and Science miscalculated its operations budget by \$3 million and that the School of Communication has lost its accreditation are "not true," said Sandra Haarsager, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science.

"In times of stress, rumors fly more quickly and more abundantly," Haarsager said.

As for budget concerns, Haarsager said the college has not miscalculated finances.

Also, the School of Communication has never been an accredited department, she said. "Like most departments, the School of Communication is

accredited through the university," she said.

"I just don't know where all these rumors came from," said Hil Priest, budget specialist for the College of Letters and Science.

"In times of stress, rumors fly more quickly and more abundantly."

SANDRA HAARSAGER
COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
ASSOCIATE DEAN

Haarsager may have an answer for Priest.

"Rumors get started and they're like wildfire," she said. "And every time a story gets told it gets a little more outlandish. And as budget constraints unfold, rumors will fly fast and furious."

Priest said a possible link to the budget miscalculation rumor could be related to not including fringe benefit costs into the budget.

"But that isn't even close to \$1 million," Priest said.

Like other colleges that make up the university, the College of Letters and Science's budget has taken a hit. The college has outlined a plan to cut approximately \$2.8 million from its \$18.8 million budget.

Haarsager said the cut is large because "the College of Letters and Science is so large that the cuts are larger."

Departments that make up the College of Letters and Science include biology, chemistry, the School of Communication, history, math, statistics, the Martin Institute, the Lionel Hampton School of Music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology and justice studies.

A limping economy and loss of state funding has forced the university to shave \$29 million from its budget over the next few years. In turn, the fiscal crunch will bite from funds that fuel departments. Like other departments, the School of Communication will feel a pinch from the cutbacks.

Director of the School of Communication Chris Campbell said over the past few years the department has been rapidly growing. In the fall of 1999 the school had 350 majors. Currently there are 497.

"And we're basically operating within the same budget," Campbell said. "So we're understaffed. That means we have problems offering enough sections of our courses for our majors to get through the curriculum the way they'd like, and that's been a source of frustration for many communication students."

Last fall, UI President Bob

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THERESA PALMGREN / ARGONAUT

Junior Erika Stelljes waits for Mark Schumacher, pastor at St. Augustine's Catholic Center, to place a cross in ashes on her forehead as part of Ash Wednesday. Catholics consider the day the start of Lent.

A matter of faith

Christians begin Lent with Ash Wednesday

BY MEGAN OTTO
ARGONAUT STAFF

Why do individuals let someone rub burnt palm leaves on to their foreheads?

"It's a tradition," said freshman Marisol Mendez. For many people around of Moscow and UI, Wednesday was the beginning of an even bigger tradition.

The Ash Wednesday holiday was created to symbolize the start of the Lenten fast. Mark Schumacher, pastor of St. Augustine's Catholic Center on the University of Idaho, said, "Wearing sackcloth and ashes was biblically a way of showing mourning or repentance."

Lent was originally a 40-day period of fast. Now Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which falls on March 29, are the two special days of fast.

The period of lent is a time of remembrance, in preparation for the Easter holiday which falls on March 31. The celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection is a holy period in many churches. "It's a time for you to reflect, perhaps get a better perspective on his life," said Gerard Goh, a graduate student who attended the Wednesday evening Mass.

There were two services held on Ash Wednesday at the chapel on campus.

Approximately 200 people attended both of the services. "More people come than to our holy days of obligation," Schumacher said. "People themselves recognize that they need something at this time."

The reason behind the large numbers who attend this service might be the holidays emphasis on beginning a new period in their life. "People stop and try to make improvements in their life," Schumacher said. "It's a time to make a new beginning."

The service begins with scriptural readings, songs and prayers. This is followed by a short homily by the pastor. Schumacher emphasized the need for improving relationships with God and the community. "If we haven't always done the things we should, this is the time to try again."

Next the pastor and another minister burn the palm leaves which are saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday. "It's a connection from one year to the next," Schumacher said. It is a connection that was, in the case of St. Augustine's, helped by a religious goods supplier.

The ministers apply the ashes in the shape of a cross to everyone who comes forward. As they do so, they repeat, "Repent and believe in the gospel of Christ." The service continued with regular communion and prayer.

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MARK SCHUMACHER
PASTOR, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Catholic community is now into the season of Lent. Many people recognize the tradition of giving something up for Lent, which Schumacher said is a discipline rather than a doctrine of the church. "It comes from the idea of fasting, giving something up."

Schumacher told a story in sermon about his sacrifice as a child. "I gave up candy as a child, but I ended up mainly stockpiling it." The season of Lent is about learning to live without a certain habit or possession, not waiting for the time you can reclaim them. "It's a time of repentance and to engage in charity," Schumacher said.

The service was filled with people of all ages. "St. Augustine's is a college community, made up of students, faculty and staff," Goh said. "It's kind of a college family."

UI student featured in national magazine

BY SARAH CUMMINGS
ARGONAUT STAFF

The average day for Joe McKenna begins at 8 a.m. — not too unusual for a student at the University of Idaho. But McKenna is probably up a little later than most students.

McKenna's fellow Resident Hall Association executives laugh when they hear Joe describe his sleep schedule saying, "Joe, sleep?"

As an architecture student and active leader in RHA, McKenna is a busy person. "I keep a good balance between architecture and leadership. I use one as a break for the other," McKenna said.

McKenna's long days paid off. He was recently selected to be featured on the cover of the Spring 2002 Student Leader

"I didn't apply for the glory of it, I applied out of respect for the people that nominated me."

JOE MCKENNA
RESIDENT HALL ASSOCIATION

Magazine. Marie-Lou Swietzer, program coordinator for Student Advisory Services, and Sarah Orgill, McKenna's friend from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, nominated him.

In January, McKenna received an e-mail from Student Life Magazine stating he had been nominated for the award and

had a few weeks to submit an application.

"I didn't apply for the glory of it, I applied out of respect for the people that nominated me," McKenna said. "I didn't hear back from them for almost a week and half."

When McKenna did get a response from Student Life, it was good. "I had to sit down," he said. "It didn't seem real. I just do my thing day to day. I do my jobs and have fun. I don't know if I have made much of a difference across the board. There are a lot of other people at universities that deserve this reward, too."

McKenna will be the first student from an Idaho school to be featured on the cover of the magazine; he is one of three students featured this year. Student Life Magazine is distributed to nearly 1,400

colleges and universities across the United States.

McKenna tries to have a laid back approach when acting in a leadership position. He leans back in his chair and says, "I just keep my sense of humor. I make an extra effort to keep my sense of humor. But I try not to veer far from the agenda. A person in charge does need to be an example for the people they lead."

As the coordinator of the recent No Frills regional RHA conference, McKenna plans to go over evaluations and input from the conference. "Then I'll sleep for about 12 hours," he said. The time he spent planning the conference will now be spent assisting various other RHA committees. "I might join Paint the Palouse or the Golden Joe's committee, whichever needs more help," he said.

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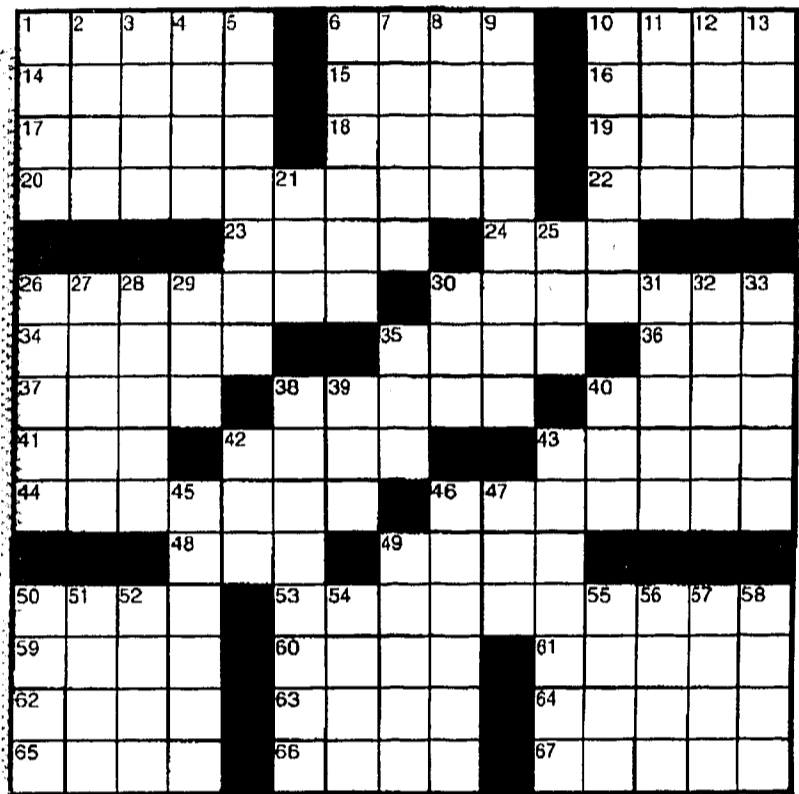
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Rec Center opens Wednesday; dedication set for April 15

The Student Recreation Center will open for use at 6 a.m. Wednesday. The first of 1,000 students who enter will receive a free SRC T-shirt.

Students invited to Law By Day, Jazz By Night program

Minority undergraduate students from throughout the region are invited to the "Law By Day, Jazz By Night" program sponsored by the University of Idaho College of Law.

National Engineers Week starts Monday

National Engineers Week, Feb. 18-24, recognizes the 1.8 million engineers who keep technology humming and society's structures sound.

Russian cosmonauts coming to Moscow

Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov and Mission Control specialist Alexander Martynov will spend three days in Moscow Feb. 24-26, sharing their adventures on the MIR Space Station.

OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Table with weather forecasts for today, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Today: Sunny, Hi: 40, Lo: 22. Saturday: Cloudy, Hi: 41, Lo: 28. Sunday: Snow, Hi: 40, Lo: 24. Monday: Snow, Hi: 39, Lo: 27.

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Motivator Martin extolls 'The Power of One'

BY BENNETT YANKEY
ARGONAUT STAFF

Motivational speaker Lesra Martin spoke Tuesday about beating against all odds as part of Black History Month events at the University of Idaho.

"Mine is a story about the power of the human spirit to turn failure into success and adversity into triumph," Martin said.

Speaking loudly and often without aid of a microphone, Martin drew heavily on his background as the subject of the film "The Hurricane," which featured Denzel Washington as professional boxer Reuben "Hurricane" Carter. Vicellus Shannon portrayed Martin in the film as the 15-year-old boy who worked to overturn Carter's wrongful murder conviction.

Office of Diversity and Human Rights Director Raul Sanchez introduced Martin by describing him as a genuine human rights advocate.

Martin shared his story of triumph over illiteracy that eventually led him to become a successful prosecuting attorney in British Columbia. He said his determination came from learning to imagine the best.

Martin said learning of his reading disability as a teen-ager caused him to become despondent and internalize the belief that his inferior

"Only he or she who has the courage to attempt the ridiculous can achieve the impossible."

LESRA MARTIN
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

education was his own fault. To succeed he had to break out of his mindset of selfdoubt, he said.

The first book Martin successfully read was Carter's "The 16th Round", detailing the unfair trial that sent Carter to prison. Martin visited Carter in prison, and eventually helped to free Carter by obtaining a new trial.

Martin's speech focused primarily on themes of obtaining the best for oneself despite the odds.

"Only he or she who has the courage to attempt the ridiculous can achieve the impossible," Martin said.

Martin said he is writing his autobiography, which he hopes to finish in May. He tours the United States and Canada, giving speaking engagements for various groups.

ASUI Productions, the Office of Diversity and Human Rights and the College of Law presented the speech.



Lawyer Lesra Martin speaks about "The Power of One" Tuesday evening in the Administration Auditorium. Martin's friendship with Rueben "Hurricane" Carter was portrayed in the movie the "Hurricane."

AMANDA HUNDT / ARGONAUT

Black history month quiz

- Which black inventor came up with carbon filaments for light bulbs and the process for manufacturing of them?
A. Majorie Joyner
B. Ernest Just
C. Lewis Latimer
D. Elijah McCoy
- What year did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus?
A. 1954
B. 1955
C. 1956
D. 1957
- Benjamin Banneker was a prominent black Frenchman in the field of
A. Astronomy
B. Science
C. Mathematics
D. All of the above
- What was the underlying tension that caused the Springfield, Ill., race riot of 1908?
A. Fierce competition between blacks and whites for jobs
B. Blacks being denied the right to vote
C. A rumor about a young black man and the daughter of a white banker
D. Blacks moving into the white area of Springfield
- Who lived in a small crawl space for seven years to escape slavery?
A. Harriet Jacobs
B. Josiah Henson
C. Maria W. Stewart
D. Sojourner Truth
- Which famous black musician adopted 12 children from around the world that she called her "Rainbow Tribe"?
A. Billy Holiday
B. Ethel Waters
C. Josephine Baker
D. Ella Fitzgerald
- What was the name of the most recognized black unit that fought in the Civil War?
A. The Black Panthers
B. The 54th Massachusetts Infantry
C. The Buffalo Soldiers
D. The 35th United States Colored Troop
- What is the name of Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston's 1937 novel?
A. Quicksand
B. God Sends Sunday
C. The Weary Blues
D. Their Eyes Were Watching God
- What year did the first black U.S. Senator Hiram Revels take office?
A. 1870
B. 1910
C. 1895
D. 1935
- Who founded the Tuskegee Institute in 1881?
A. George Washington Carver
B. William Lloyd Garrison
C. Frederick Douglas
D. Booker T. Washington

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Time to bootify your rear for summer beach bumming

BY BERGEN TORSKE
ARGONAUT STAFF

It's hard to be optimistic when your fat pants are tight. Unfortunately, these are the perils people tend to face while indulging in life's little sweets-n-treats.

So with spring break right around the corner, the words beach bum come into a whole new perspective and one question remains: what can I do to get my booty in shape?

Luckily, there are several workouts, techniques and machines out there to tone the backside, but one key component of making any workout a success is a good diet.

"Too much of anything turns into fat; the No. 1 thing to watch is your diet," said Mike J. Crane of North Idaho Athletic Club. Crane is also a UI student majoring in sports science. "No matter who you are, you'll be OK as long as you eat good."

Crane, who has been working at North Idaho Athletic Club since September, ensures that the quality of a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods can help an exer-

YOUR HEALTH

cise program succeed.

Another piece of advice from Crane is to begin a workout slowly and build to a more challenging level (i.e. don't begin a new routine with miles of hill training).

"The only thing wrong with hills is that people tend to get discouraged," Crane said. "It's best to find out what your acceptable workout level is before tackling hill workouts."

To begin a workout for a bootiful bottom, Crane emphasized two major areas: muscle building and muscle toning.

In order to tone the backside, Crane said aerobic activity is the way to go. This is any strenuous activity that increases oxygen to the heart and lungs.

"Stair masters, treadmills, bicycles, kick boxing classes and elliptical trainers are all great machines we use for toning the butt," Crane said. With the use of weights, the goal is to use high repetitions and low weights, he said. "A good place to start is three sets of 20."

To enhance a stepper workout and others like it, Crane suggests incorporating free weights into the routine.

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MIKE J. CRANE
NORTH IDAHO ATHLETIC CLUB

weights are incorporated into a training session. The use of weights will place stress on the muscles stimulating the muscle to grow or become stronger. This process is successful with low repetition and a lot of weight.

Crane said anaerobic exercise that may cause pain from the build up of lactic acid is a good exercise for the bum.

He suggested doing squats and lunges while using free weights to help increase the resistance.

"You can use three different types of squat racks," Crane said. The basic squat machine allows standing and bending at the knees; the other machines are angled or flat for lying in an upward horizontal position.

And what workout is complete without targeting those problematic thighs? Crane suggested using hip adductors and abductors, leg presses and hamstring workouts.

Enrollment increases to record high

BY RANA REAVIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho spring enrollment has increased by 5.7 percent compared to last year, the highest spring enrollment in the history of the institution.

The total number of graduate student enrollment grew by more than 5.2 percent. This is UI's fourth consecutive overall spring number increase. The statewide headcount for UI grew to 11,949, an increase from 11,305 in spring 2001.

"That means more students are taking more classes, which reflects our work to become a residential campus of choice," said UI President Bob Hoover.

The number of graduate student credit hours increased by 9.68 percent, and the number of graduate students grew from 2,120 in spring 2001 to 2,230 in spring 2002.

The number of international students is up by

16.7 percent. "That is very welcome news given the uncertainty following the events of Sept. 11 said Mike Whiteman, interim vice provost for academic affairs

"The increase also can be attributed to increased recruitment efforts."

Multicultural student numbers also grew 9.7 percent over last spring, and the number of students transferring from other institutions to the UI grew 17.4 percent.

Whiteman attributed the increase in transfer students to the articulation agreements UI has developed with partner institutions throughout Idaho, nationally and abroad. Those agreements make it easier for students to transfer from institution to institution.

Enrollment also was up at all three of the University of Idaho's resident instructional centers at Coeur d'Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls. Coeur d'Alene grew by 10.8 percent, Idaho Falls by 9.3 percent and Boise by 2.3 percent.

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Hoover announced that due to a weakening economy and a permanent tax relief bill passed by state legislatures, department heads needed to outline ways to cut up to 15 percent off operation budgets.

Department heads and chairs since have been brainstorming solutions to cut expenses without having to lay people off. Instead of firing faculty or staff, some departments are not filling vacant tenure positions to reduce expenses. Other ways to

trim costs are to offer early retirement incentive packages to eligible faculty. Combining classes and programs are also being investigated.

Despite budget crunches and rumors, one department head sees the budget cut as an opportunity for departments to grow stronger.

Larry Forney, chair for the Department of Biological Science, said, "It's an opportunity to force everybody to think about the quality of programs."

"If nothing else, it's going to stimulate people into taking a serious look at their daily business. And in turn you end up improving the program," he said.

"Yes there are cutbacks, but we can still grow. We just can't do it through state funding."

He added that other possible funding opportunities could be from federal and private agencies.

Campbell agrees other sources of funding need to be explored.

"We definitely need to find funding from sources other than the state, and many communication programs around the country have been very successful at that," Campbell said. "I'm optimistic about our long-term potential, but it looks like the next year or so will be very difficult."

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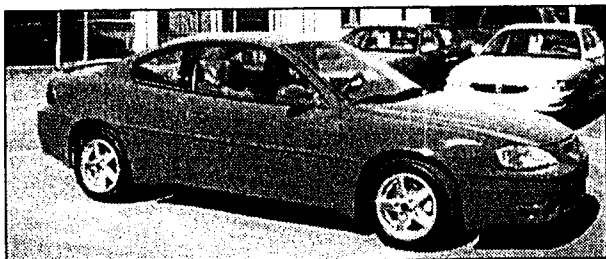
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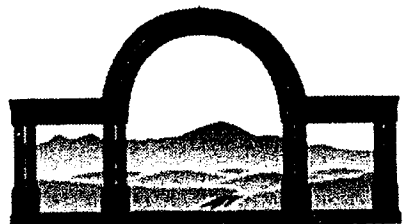
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Student health Insurance Plan.

1. Plan Document

The Plan Document is now available at www.uidaho.edu/ship. You may also obtain a copy of the plan document from Student Health Services or the office of the Executive Director of Student Benefits Health and Wellness at room 304 of the Idaho Commons.

2. Extension of Benefits

The University of Idaho Student Health Insurance Plan does not include an extension of benefits provision for pregnancy or total disability as erroneously stated in the Plan Brochure. The State of Idaho's Department of Insurance recently confirmed that student health insurance programs are not required to provide an extension of benefits provision for pregnancy and total disability. This means that any eligible expenses resulting from pregnancy must be incurred during the plan year in order to be covered. Expenses incurred after the termination date of August 26, 2002, to the extent the student or dependent does not remain covered under the 2002-2003 policy, will not be eligible expenses even if conception occurred while the student or dependent was covered by the Plan.

3. Eligibility Modification for 2002-2003

The University of Idaho has renewed its Student Health Insurance Plan with Combined Insurance Company of America for the 2002-2003 plan year. The renewal includes modification of the eligibility provision. Effective for the fall, 2002 semester, only degree-seeking students (who are not board-appointed faculty and staff) enrolled for four credit hours or more will be eligible to enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan. If you are presently covered by the Plan as a non-degree student, you will have grandfathered eligibility for the 2002-2003 plan year. After the 2002-2003 plan year, however, you will not be eligible to continue to participate in the Student Health Insurance Plan.

Other benefit design changes will be explained in the program communication materials to be published soon.

If you have any questions about this notice, please call 208-885-2210 or send e-mail to health@uidaho.edu.



MailBox

Treacherous sidewalks

Dear Editor: I am sick and tired of bad sidewalks and streets, and I don't mean because of the dandelions in the sidewalk cracks now.

Andrew Thatcher Becker

Campus Talk

Criticism hits U.S. soldiers

U-WIRE — The staff at the Daily University Star at Southwest Texas State University are criticizing the actions of U.S. soldiers conducting a raid on a village in Afghanistan.

Just because the alleged victims are civilians from another country, we should not view them as being something less.

Enron chief takes fifth

U-WIRE — The staff at the Independent Florida Alligator at University of Florida are calling for former Enron Corporation chief Kenneth Lay to testify before Congress despite advise from his lawyers to the contrary.

OPINION

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OUR VIEW

Tofu toleration

Let Rastafarians, vegetarians, and other radicals be

Stay in Moscow long enough and you will run into them, playing Frisbee golf, eating a nutritious, fiber-filled lunch at Vegans or shopping at the food co-op: vegetarians, those minty-breathed, hemp-wearing, dreadlocked, nature-defying disestablishmentarians.

Whatever the case, meat eaters should admire their resolve. It's hard to avoid meat in a society where even the French fries may have been flavored with some miscellaneous beef product.

is little point in taunting them, ignoring their unique habits or telling them to go back to where they came from.

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CAUTION:



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

Eat beef or die

Cows make me feel warm and fuzzy inside. Seriously, I get pretty excited just thinking about them. I'm not alone either. We love the cow here in America.



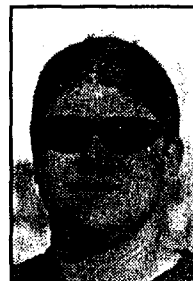
WILL PAYNE Columnist

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QUESTION

Would you ever consider becoming a vegetarian? Why or why not?



AYLSWORTH

"Sure, if they started genetically modifying all our food."

Matt Aylsworth junior Coeur d'Alene



POLUMSKY

"I would consider it for health reasons; less meat is always a good reason."

Jenny Polumsky freshman Lewiston



BENDER

"I'm from Minnesota where it is illegal to be vegetarian."

Mike Bender senior Arden Hills, Minn.



BETZOLD

"I have been vegetarian, but I'm not anymore. I just like meat too much. I have to have my gorund protein."

Greg Betzold senior McCall

The red meat scare

Anyone who reads my columns regularly (thanks, Mom) has heard me mention that I'm a vegetarian. Admitting to this is a lot like dressing up like a Twinkie and crashing a Weight Watchers party.



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included on the list. This was the reason behind my conversion to "the dark side." I personally believe that all life is sacred. I'll pause for a moment so that anyone reading can scoff, huff, or roll their eyes.

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Today

The Lark Quartet will perform at the University Auditorium as part of the Auditorium Chamber Music Series at 8 p.m. Contact the UI Ticket Office (885-7212) for ticket information.

The photos of people in South Carolina taken by Linda Pall of Moscow will be on display at the Moscow Food Co-op Art Gallery today through March 7 to help bring awareness to Black History Month in February. An opening reception will be from 5:30-7 p.m.

These photos were part of a much larger exhibit that was offered by the Third Street Gallery two years ago. The Charleston, S. C., photographs were shown at the Kansas City Convention Center in December 1998.

The Moscow Food Co-op Art Gallery is located at 211 E. Third St. and is open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

Artists wishing to submit artwork please contact Rose Graham at 208-892-8432 or rterrydgraham@hotmail.com.

Comedian's Carrot Top canceled tonight's show at WSU's Beasley Coliseum. The comedian's promoter contacted Beasley officials, explaining the performance had been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Beasley Coliseum is the only venue affected by the cancellation. There are no plans to reschedule.

Saturday

Studio 51 will be hosting an art theme show titled Camp X-Ray which will deal with issues around an oppression theme. Oracle Shack will perform and there will also be an open microphone. The show will run from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Studio 51 is located at 414 E. Main St. in Pullman.

Arts Commission seeks musicians

The Moscow Arts Commission is now booking musicians for their 2002 Farmer's Market. The event, which runs each Saturday from May through October, will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this year. Local and regional musicians perform from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on each day during the run of the Market. A small stipend, relative to the size of the group, is available.

Interested musicians should send a press packet and information about available date(s) to: MAC, PO Box 9203, Moscow, ID 83843. Call 883-0736 for additional information.



Top Box Office

WG = Weekend Gross
CG = Cumulative Gross

- Collateral Damage**
WG: \$15.1 million
CG: \$15.1 million
- Big Fat Liar**
WG: \$11.7 million
CG: \$11.7 million
- Rollerball**
WG: \$9.0 million
CG: \$9.0 million
- Black Hawk Down**
WG: \$8.0 million
CG: \$86.7 million
- Snow Dogs**
WG: \$6.7 million
CG: \$59.5 million
- The Count of Monte Cristo**
WG: \$6.3 million
CG: \$32.2 million
- A Beautiful Mind**
WG: \$5.8 million
CG: \$112.8 million
- A Walk to Remember**
WG: \$5.7 million
CG: \$30.5 million
- The Mothman Prophecies**
WG: \$4.9 million
CG: \$28.0 million
- I Am Sam**
WG: \$4.5 million
CG: \$23.7 million

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Crossroads
Hart's War
John Q
Return to Never Land
Super Troopers
Iris (limited)

Coming Soon
Dragonfly
40 Days and 40 Nights
Queen of the Damned
We Were Soldiers

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A closer look at Oscar

Academy Award nomination surprises can be found beneath the surface

BY TERRY LAWSON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

On the surface, Tuesday's Oscar nominations seemed almost less than ordinary. Two successful, expensive mainstream films, the fantasy adventure "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and the inspirational drama "A Beautiful Mind," won 13 and eight nominations, respectively; a daring commercial and critical disappointment, "Moulin Rouge," won eight.

But, as a recent Oscar-winner implored, look closer. Though none of the experts who were trotted out to do instant analysis for the morning TV shows seemed to notice, Oscar's big 2002 breakthrough was the color barrier. For only the second time in Oscar history, three African-Americans were nominated in major acting categories.

Denzel Washington, who played the corrupt cop in the intense "Training Day," and Will Smith, who had the title role in the impressionistic biography "Ali," will compete against each other for best actor. Their other competition will be Tom Wilkinson ("In the Bedroom"), last year's winner Russell Crowe ("A Beautiful Mind") and Sean Penn ("I Am Sam").

Halle Berry, who dispelled arguments that she was just a pretty face with her powerful portrayal of an abusive mother and widow of an executed killer in "Monster's Ball," will attend the big dance on March 24. She'll be in the company of other best-actress nominees Judi Dench ("Iris"), Nicole Kidman ("Bridget Jones's Diary") and presumed front-runner Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom").

It is the first time two black actors have been in competition. In 1972, two black actresses, Cicely Tyson ("Sounder") and Diana Ross ("Lady Sings the Blues"), vied for the best-actress award, while Paul Winfield ("Sounder") was nominated for best actor. None won. Never before have all the African-American nominees appeared in three different films.

Look deeper yet, and you'll also see a seismic shift in both the Hollywood power structure and Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voter allegiances.

The major studios have spent the past decade acquiring independent companies in an effort to gain critical prestige and respectability while they concentrated on audience-pleasing blockbusters and star-driven spectacles. And it is now the rebellious children who are bringing home both the awards and the bacon for their parents.

While Warner Bros. earned only seven Oscar nominations this year, its New Line division brought home 14.

Walt Disney Studios, which produced the most expensively budgeted film in history last year with "Pearl Harbor," earned seven nominations, all in technical categories (three for "Pearl Harbor," three for "Monsters, Inc.," one for "The Royal Tenenbaums"). But Disney-owned Miramax had 14 — six in major categories, with three of the best-actress nominees appearing in Miramax films.

While Universal had to share its eight "A Beautiful Mind" nominations with co-producer DreamWorks, its boutique arms USA and Universal Focus had seven nominations between them — six for Robert Altman's stylish murder mystery/class comedy "Gosford Park" and one for David Lynch, who directed "Mulholland Drive."

As always, the Oscar nominations had their share of anomalies, surprises and mysteries. Lynch and Ridley Scott ("Black Hawk Down") were both nominated for best director, but their films were not nominated. Australia's Baz Luhrmann and Todd Field were not nominated, but the films they directed — "Moulin Rouge" and "In the Bedroom" — were.

Gene Hackman, who won a Golden Globe for his performance as the wayward patriarch in "The Royal Tenenbaums," failed to get a nomination, which would make Russell Crowe, who won the best-actor prize last year, the favorite to repeat.

And, though Miramax lobbied hard for a best-actress nomination for Kidman in the supernatural thriller "The Others," she was instead nominated for the musical "Moulin Rouge."

"Moulin Rouge" is the longest shot in the best-picture category; the last musical to win a best-picture Oscar was "Oliver!" in 1968. And, while "The Lord of the Rings" won the most nominations, Oscar voters do



The 74th annual Academy Awards will be presented March 24 at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, Calif. Nominees in major categories:

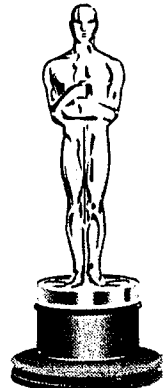
- Best actor**
 - Russell Crowe "A Beautiful Mind"
 - Sean Penn "I Am Sam"
 - Will Smith "Ali"
 - Denzel Washington "Training Day"
 - Tom Wilkinson "In the Bedroom"
- Best actress**
 - Halle Berry "Monster's Ball"
 - Judi Dench "Iris"
 - Nicole Kidman "Moulin Rouge"
 - Sissy Spacek "In the Bedroom"
 - Renee Zellweger "Bridget Jones's Diary"
- Best director**
 - Ron Howard "A Beautiful Mind"
 - Ridley Scott "Black Hawk Down"
 - Robert Altman "Gosford Park"
 - Peter Jackson "The Lord of the Rings"
 - David Lynch "Mulholland Drive"
- Best picture**
 - "A Beautiful Mind"
 - "Gosford Park"
 - "In the Bedroom"
 - "Lord of the Rings"
 - "Moulin Rouge"

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Best of the best

Feature films with the highest number of nominations for this year's Academy Awards:



"The Lord of the Rings"	13
"A Beautiful Mind"	8
"Moulin Rouge"	8
"Gosford Park"	7
"Amelie"	5
"In the Bedroom"	5

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Nominee list

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1. **Duke** 22-1
Last Week: Def. Florida St. 80-49, Def. Georgia Tech 95-63
2. **Kansas** 21-2
Last Week: Def. Kansas St. 98-71, Def. No. 25 Texas Tech 108-81
3. **Maryland** 19-3
Last Week: Def. North Carolina 92-77 (2/10)
4. **Oklahoma** 19-3
Last Week: Def. Baylor 70-57, Def. Texas A&M 68-64
5. **Cincinnati** 22-2
Last Week: Def. Charlotte 85-66, Def. No. 16 Wake Forest 103-94
6. **Florida** 18-4
Last Week: Def. South Carolina 72-63 (2/5), Def. Vanderbilt 80-54
7. **Alabama** 20-4
Last Week: Def. Mississippi 79-59, Lost to Mississippi St. 76-62
8. **Gonzaga** 22-3
Last Week: Def. Santa Clara 84-69 (2/7), Def. San Diego 77-76
9. **Kentucky** 16-6
Last Week: Lost to Tennessee 76-74, Def. LSU 68-56
10. **Arizona** 17-6
Last Week: Def. Washington 91-82, Def. Washington St. 85-68
11. **Miami Fla.** 20-4
Last Week: Def. Villanova 65-56, Lost to Boston College 76-63
12. **Marquette** 21-3
Last Week: Def. East Carolina 70-58, Def. Southern Miss 72-58
13. **Virginia** 15-6
Last Week: Lost to No. Carolina St. 85-68, Def. Clemson 85-71
14. **Stanford** 15-6
Last Week: Def. No. 15 Oregon 90-87, Def. Oregon St. 77-55
15. **Oklahoma St.** 18-6
Last Week: Def. No. 25 Texas Tech 64-62, Lost to Fresno St. 58-52
16. **Pittsburgh** 21-4
Last Week: Def. Seton Hall 70-65, Def. No. 17 Syracuse 75-63
17. **Wake Forest** 17-7
Last Week: Def. North Carolina 90-66, Lost to No. 5 Cincinnati 103-94
18. **Oregon** 17-7
Last Week: Lost to No. 20 Stanford 90-87, Lost to California 107-103
19. **Illinois** 17-7
Last Week: Def. Michigan 68-60, Def. Purdue 69-67
20. **Ohio St.** 17-5
Last Week: Lost to Wisconsin 94-92, Lost to Michigan St. 67-64
21. **Syracuse** 18-7
Last Week: Def. West Virginia 76-64, Lost to No. 21 Pittsburgh 75-63
22. **Georgia** 18-6
Last Week: Def. Mississippi St. 86-68, Lost to Auburn 75-72
23. **UCLA** 16-7
Last Week: Def. No. 24 USC 67-65, Lost to Villanova 58-57
24. **Indiana** 16-7
Last Week: Def. Iowa 79-51, Def. Louisville 77-62
25. **USC** 16-6
Last Week: Lost to No. 18 UCLA 67-65

Courtesy USA Today/ESPN

**Big West
MEN'S BASKETBALL**

	W	L
Utah State	10	3
UC Irvine	10	3
Cal Poly	8	5
UC Santa Barbara	8	5
Cal State Northridge	7	5
Pacific	6	6
Idaho	5	8
UC Riverside	4	8
Long Beach State	4	9
Cal State Fullerton	1	11

**Big West
WOMEN'S B-BALL**

	W	L
UC Santa Barbara	10	0
UC Riverside	9	1
Pacific	8	3
Long Beach State	8	3
Cal Poly	4	7
UC Irvine	4	7
Idaho	3	9
Cal State Northridge	2	9
Cal State Fullerton	1	10

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Forty minutes of fury

When it comes to good shooting, just give Justin Logan some time

BY JAKE ALGER
ARGONAUT STAFF

Playing all 40 minutes of a college basketball game is no small feat, and you don't often find players that can do it night in and night out effectively.

Then again, not very often do you find players with the heart and determination of University of Idaho guard Justin Logan.

Logan, a 6-foot junior from Oakland, Calif., has been nothing short of an ironman in the 2001-2002 season. Of the Vandals' 22 games so far, Logan has the distance in 14 of those contests, including a 45-minute marathon effort in the squad's overtime loss to Cal Poly Jan. 31. Logan said he's in the best shape of his life, and he attributes much of that to the brand-new coaching staff.

"It's just a matter of preparation," Logan said. "They worked us out really hard at the beginning of the year, and playing is obviously the best way to stay in shape."

Logan seems to like the new level of responsibility first-year head coach Leonard Perry has put on his shoulders, especially when compared with the lack of responsibility he was given in his first two years at UI.

Under former coach David Farrar, Logan averaged just 17.4 minutes a game as a sophomore last season, yet still managed to come in second on the team with 45 assists.

This year is a different story, however, as Logan leads the team with an impressive 38.2 minutes per game and 29 steals. Logan is once again second on the team with 51 assists this season, and also has drastically improved his scoring from 1.8 points per game to nine points per game from last season to the present. Logan once again said Perry is one of the main reasons for his dramatic increase in point production.

"Coach has pretty much given me the green light to shoot," Logan said. "Obviously, that feels good, to have that level of responsibility, and the amount of trust he has in me. That confidence in me helps me have confidence on the court."

Logan's revitalized confidence was never more evident than on Jan. 19, when Logan hit a game-winning jumper as time expired, giving the Vandals a thrilling 60-58 victory over league-foe UC-Riverside.

Not only did Logan's miracle shot ensure UI it's first back-to-back league victories in nearly three years, it also came near the beginning of Idaho's current 5-4 record in their last nine games. Logan said the squad's new-found success comes from being tough all the way to the finish.

"Just finishing games," Logan said. "Finding a way to win at any costs."

Whatever they're doing, it seems to be working. The Vandals' recent surge has put them in very good position to go to the Big West Conference tournament March 7-9, a feat that eluded them last season.

The winner of the tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I tournament at the end of the season. Logan said he believes the conference is wide open, with any of the teams in the conference having a good chance to get the bid.

"Obviously, I think we can beat any team in there," he said. "We've proven that we can beat (UC) Santa Barbara. We beat Long Beach (State). Other top teams, Pacific and (UC) Northridge, we lost to by probably five points the first two games. The only team we haven't done that against is (UC) Irvine, but we're working on that."

Heading into the conference tournament, Logan said UI could probably improve in the area of shooting the ball.

"Just jumping up and consistently putting the ball in the basket," he said.

He also said the Vandals need to continue to rebound their opponents, which is something they have done very successfully thus far in the season. UI has managed to average a little more than one rebound less than its conference opponents, which is

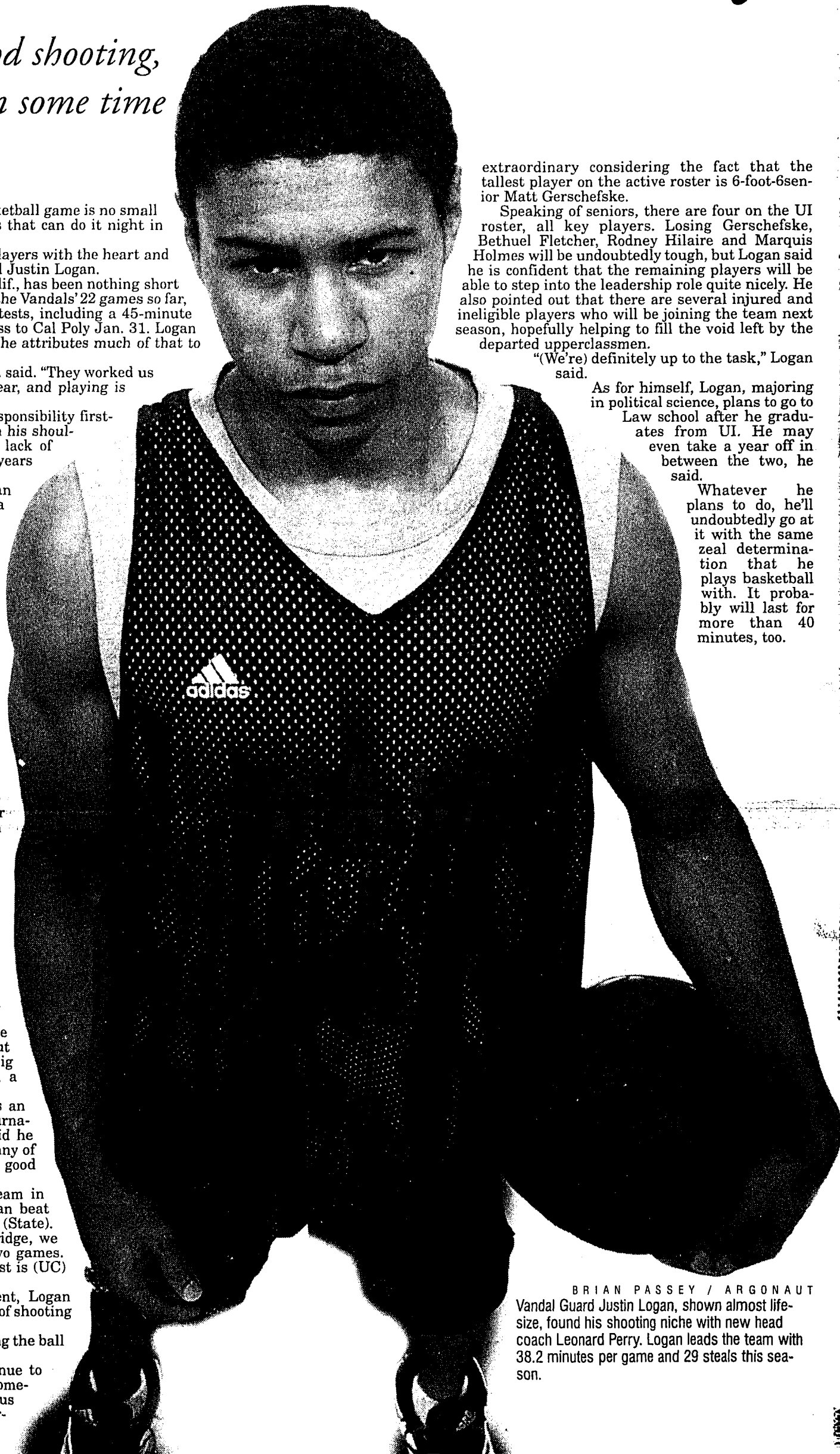
extraordinary considering the fact that the tallest player on the active roster is 6-foot-6-senior Matt Gerschefske.

Speaking of seniors, there are four on the UI roster, all key players. Losing Gerschefske, Bethuel Fletcher, Rodney Hilaire and Marquis Holmes will be undoubtedly tough, but Logan said he is confident that the remaining players will be able to step into the leadership role quite nicely. He also pointed out that there are several injured and ineligible players who will be joining the team next season, hopefully helping to fill the void left by the departed upperclassmen.

"(We're) definitely up to the task," Logan said.

As for himself, Logan, majoring in political science, plans to go to Law school after he graduates from UI. He may even take a year off in between the two, he said.

Whatever he plans to do, he'll undoubtedly go at it with the same zeal determination that he plays basketball with. It probably will last for more than 40 minutes, too.



BRIAN PASSEY / ARGONAUT
Vandal Guard Justin Logan, shown almost life-size, found his shooting niche with new head coach Leonard Perry. Logan leads the team with 38.2 minutes per game and 29 steals this season.

Highlanders topple Vandals 67-56

BY NATHAN JERKE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Free throw shooting sealed the win for UC Riverside and dropped the Vandals to a 5-9 conference record Thursday night at Cowan Spectrum.

The Highlanders hit 13 of 14 from the free-throw line in the final four minutes, including 10 straight to end the game to seal the 67-56 win over UI. The win for Riverside was highlighted by 12 points and 14 rebounds by forward Vili Morton.

"My preaching fell on deaf ears and it will again on Saturday if we give that kind of effort," said UI head coach Leonard Perry. "But I think our team in its own way believes that it's more talented than some of the teams that we're playing, and it's not."

At the beginning of the final stretch UI was looking to make a move for the win with a six point run, leaving the Vandals as close as seven points behind. But the elation of the

possible victory was short lived when the Vandals failed to get close enough to make a serious threat due to the sure shooting of Riverside.

That is how the entire game was for both teams, one scoring run followed by another. The Highlanders started the game quickly with five points that led to an 11-2 advantage before UI could find a groove to get into. The Vandals followed it up by a 9-2 run of their own that set the tone for the night.

The Riverside big man, Morton, figured prominently early in the game, with four points and three rebounds, but made an impression as a threat under the basket.

"I thought our problems were on defense far more than offense, we've been in far worse games where we could not score," Perry said. "That team was forever comfortable during these forty minutes that it could score when it wanted to."

The Highlanders fought off every Vandal advance, letting UI come within two points three times, but

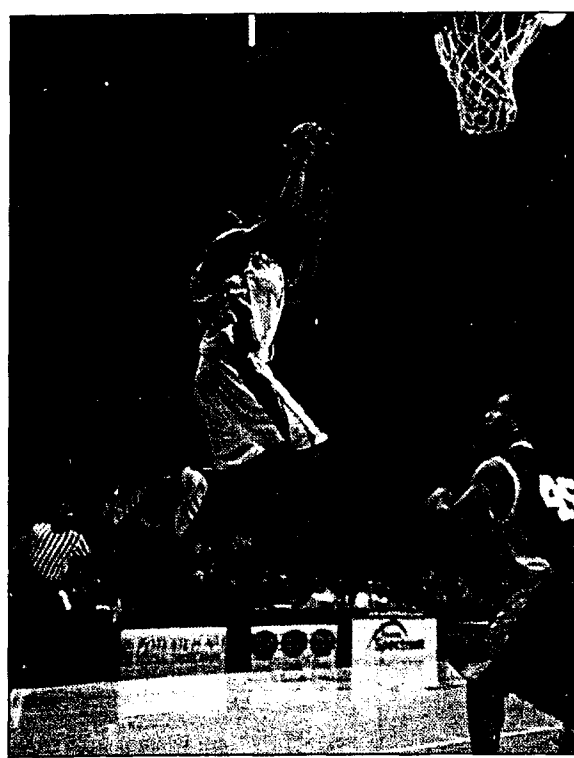
never giving up the lead. UI had its weapons too, Justin Logan stepped up time after time to get the Vandals going with key jump shots. Logan led the Vandals with 15 points, including two 3-pointers.

But with the lack of an inside threat UI was doomed to give in to the dominance of Riverside. Despite winning the rebounding war 38-36, UI found it difficult to turn the rebounds into points.

UI went into the locker room behind 28-25, but had no more than one serious chance in the second half to rely on. The Vandals finished the game hitting only 33 percent of their shots and was 11-of-19 from the charity stripe.

UI ends its home schedule Saturday against Cal State Fullerton. The Titans are in last place in the Big West Conference.

"We don't have that kind of talent to just turn it on," Perry said. "We're playing seven kids and if just one of the seven is not razor sharp we're going to have no chance, defensively."



BRIAN PASSEY / ARGONAUT
Justin Logan soars to the basket for two points in the first half of the UC Riverside game Thursday at Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 67-56.

First winter gold for Croatian team

BY CLARK SPENCER
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

SNOWBASIN, Utah — Janica Kostelic already is pictured on a postage stamp in Croatia, meaning the country is now going to have to find some other way to honor its athletic hero.

Kostelic became the first Croatian to win a Winter Olympic medal when she triumphed in the women's alpine combined. Her victory may be just the start of a big week for the Kostelic family. Her brother, Ivica Kostelic, is a medal contender in the men's slalom.

It was his first name she had painted on her fingers - one letter per each appendage - as she wound her way down the two slalom runs before capping her victory in the downhill.

Martina Ertl of Germany won silver while Marlies Oester of Switzerland took bronze. The top U.S. finisher was 17-year-old Lindsey Kildow, who turned in the best performance of her career against international competition with a sixth-place finish.

"I always dreamed about all this," said Kostelic, who had three surgeries on her left knee last year. "I was going so fast, I was like, 'OK, I've just got to hold on.'"

A contingent of Croatian fans waved the country's flag when Kostelic crossed the finish and the scoreboard revealed that her time was the best.

"I think all of Croatia is watching this race," said Darko Dujmovic, head of the country's Olympic delegation. "She's the most popular woman in Croatia."

By finishing eighth in the combined at the Nagano Games in 1998, Kostelic turned in the only top 10 finish ever recorded by a Croatian athlete in Winter Olympic competition.

"This is the first real Croatian medal, and I'm

really proud of it," she said. "That's my Valentine's present."

Kostelic was atop the leaderboard after her two slalom runs, but feared her advantage might not be large enough to win gold with the downhill still ahead of her.

"I thought it was not really enough," she said of her lead. "But I had a really good downhill run. At first I didn't want to look up there (at the scoreboard) when she completed her downhill. When I looked up, I couldn't believe it really. I didn't expect to have a good run in the downhill."

Kostelic has had her share of injuries.

"I'm not healthy," she said. "Well, my right arm is OK, and my hair is good, too."

Kildow is a relative newcomer to world-class skiing and didn't expect to finish as high as she did. But the high school student from Vail, Colo., improved her position with a good run in the downhill.

"I've never had that feeling," said Kildow, who was in first overall after her downhill run but slid down in the standings when other skiers turned in their final runs. "I don't have the experience everyone else has. This is their life. I've only been doing it for a couple of years."

Kildow, who has only been skiing competitively for two years, helped to make up for a disappointing outing by U.S. teammate Caroline Lalive, who fell in her first slalom run and immediately pulled out of the event before the second slalom run and the downhill portion of the event.

Lalive, who finished seventh in the combined at Nagano in 1998, was considered to be the U.S.'s top medal threat.

"I'm sad for her, and I know she's feeling sad right now," Kildow said of Lalive. "She knew she could get podium (win a medal), and she's disappointed."



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Croatia's Janica Kostelic celebrates after finishing the downhill portion of the Women's Combined and taking first place in the event at Snowbasin, Utah, Thursday.



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U.S. hopes to add to snowboard conquests

BY LINDA ROBERTSON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

SALT LAKE CITY — Snowboarder Chris Klug would be thankful for an Olympic medal today, but if he doesn't finish atop the podium in the parallel giant slalom, he'll be quite content with the perspective he's gained in the past two years. He's thankful to be alive. If Klug does win the first U.S. snowboard racing medal in

the brief Olympic history of the sport, expect him to give credit to the young person whose death gave him back his health. Klug received a liver transplant in July, 2000. The donor was a teenage gunshot victim. "I wrote a letter to the donor's family thanking them for sharing life with me," said Klug, 29. "I'd be dead today without their help."

Klug, who qualified 11th out of 16 finalists on Thursday at Park City, was diagnosed nine years ago with primary sclerosing colangitis, the same disease that eventually caused Walter Payton's fatal liver cancer. He survived for years by taking medication that thinned the bile in his liver so it could more easily pass through his obstructed bile ducts. He was placed on the transplant list in 1998.

Five months after his transplant, he was competing again. Klug, who lives five blocks from Ajax Mountain in Aspen, Colo., was one of the pioneers of snowboarding. His first board was made of wood, and it was attached to his boots with duct tape and bungee cords.

He finished sixth in the giant slalom at the Nagano Games, one of the disappointing performances by Americans, who invented the sport but only managed to win two bronzes, both in halfpipe. With four medals won by American boarders here so far, Klug is stoked for more.

"It's going to take consistent runs to win," he said of the new Olympic format, which pits racers in head-to-head knockout rounds.

The top qualifiers Thursday were Gilles Jaquet of Switzerland, Alex Maier of Austria and Daniel Biverson of Sweden.

Lisa Kosglow of Boulder, Colo., and Klug are the only Americans who advanced. She qualified seventh in the women's event.

Maria Kirchgasser-Pichler of Austria and Karine Ruby of France - the Nagano gold medalist - were the top qualifiers.

The U.S. goes after more luge medals in the men's doubles competition. Chris Thorpe and Gordy Sheer ended U.S. Olympic medal futility in the sport at the Nagano Games with a silver-medal finish. Right behind them were Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin in third.

Thorpe, who now considers Daytona Beach home - he is an avid surfer - is paired with ex-Canadian Clay Ives (Sheer retired) while the Grimmette-Martin team remains intact, and has been more consistent on the World Cup circuit. All are very familiar with the fast but technically easy track that rewards speed over driving savvy.

Germans Patric-Fritz Leitner and Alex Resch, the overall World Cup champions, are the favorites.

Italy sends two strong teams, and Austrian cousins Tobias Schiegl and Markus Schiegl will be gunning for the podium.

Figure skating's dance competition, sure to be scrutinized in the wake of the pairs judging scandal, opens with the first of three rounds, the compulsory round.

The U.S. men's hockey team returns to the Olympics for the first time since the players trashed their Olympic village quarters in Nagano. The U.S. opens against Finland. Canada, which will consider anything less than gold a failure here, opens against Sweden.

Out at Solider Hollow, Norwegian cross-country skier Bente Skari goes for another gold in the combined pursuit races. She'll be challenged again by Russia's Larissa Lazutina.

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You better check yourself: NHL 2002

EA Sports is known for putting out quality sports games year after year, and 2002 is no exception. As one of the first games made for Microsoft's Xbox, NHL 2002 takes full advantage of what's under the hood in the big black box. This is not just a game for hockey fans, anyone who loves sports will have a great time with this game.

Body checks are so much fun to watch that you might find yourself looking for the check rather than the shot. I don't blame you; it's the best part of the game.

GAMEPLAY

The game is a little tough to learn at first, but once you've mastered the ability to spin, deke, and fire off one-timers, there's no stopping you. AI seems to be pretty solid as well, as lower skill levels are easier to score on, while the difficult settings will provide many 1-0 games, the way it should be.

The game offers four modes of play, including Play Now, Season (which turns into a franchise mode at the end of that year), Playoffs, Tournament, and Shootout.

The Shootout mode is a great way to learn the controls and get your timing. However, in the Play Now mode, the commentators instruct you on how to do certain things, such as pass, shoot, and check opponents.

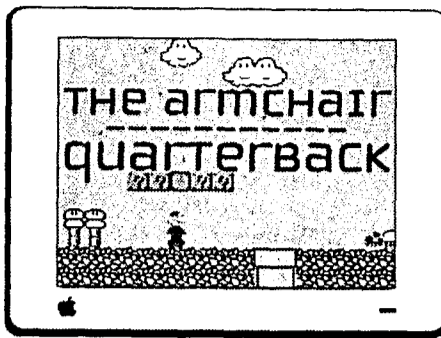
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Speaking of the commentary, imagine Bill Walton knowing what he is talking about as he does commentary.

Now translate that over to hockey and you have the quality of commentary on NHL 2002. The duo of announcers does a great job keeping up with the action, as well as providing a bit of humor along the way.

During a blowout, one of the commentators will say, "And that's another goal! Guess which team is the good one?"

Snide remarks such as these make for an interesting game, and provide some added entertainment. Sometimes it



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gets a bit cheesy, but it is 200 times better than what Madden and Summerall have put into their football games.

Game sounds are tight as well, as there is nothing sweeter than hearing the sound of an opponent's shot bouncing off the post. Body checking sounds get your blood pumping, and Barenaked Ladies and Sum 41 provide some background music for the menus, and some in-between-play music for the game.

LONGEVITY

The season-turned-franchise mode will have you playing this game forever. The ability to create players and play them in your season only adds to the fun. There's really nothing not to like about this game except for the difficult initial learning curve.

But once you've mastered the controls, you won't be able to put this one down. Even if you're not a hockey fan, sports fans of all kinds will love the fast, fun, and hard-hitting game play NHL 2002 provides.

Sega Sports will be releasing NHL 2K2 soon, and it will be interesting to see how it compares to EA Sports' version. Sega is getting better and better with its sports games, so it will be a close battle. Until a proven competitor is released, NHL 2002 is the only hockey game you should own, and yes, you should own it.

You should own it as soon as you possibly can.

GRAPHICS

NHL 2002 has a new look from last year's version. The players look and move more life-like, and the fans in the crowd look so real I swear I can point out some people I know. The only drawback to the new look is that the colors seem a little too bright. They almost look a little grainy. After playing for a while, however, it's easy to forget this problem because you're just having so much fun playing the game.

Little things in the game make it special, like the ability to do your own celebration moves after you score. The jerseys look good on the players, and it's pretty fun beating the snot out of your buddy during a fight that breaks out at least once a game.

Graphics: ★★★★★ Good stuff here, it would be nice if the colors were a little truer, though.

Sound: ★★★★★ Awesome! Maybe next year they'll include some Def Leppard in the music library...yeah that would be cool!

Game play: ★★★★★ No other sports game is better at making the controls work so well with the players on the screen.

Longevity: ★★★★★ I bought this game when it first came out in 2001, and I'm still playing it.

Overall: ★★★★★ It's a great game. All it needs is to darken the colors a little bit.



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Olympic hockey now serious

BY CLARK SPENCER
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

SALT LAKE CITY — The bad news for the U.S. hockey team is that it has broken more chairs than won Olympic medals since the 1980 "Miracle on Ice." The good news: the team's record in U.S.-hosted Olympics is a dazzling 17-1-2.

The bad news for the Canadian team is that it has gone 50 years without winning gold. The good news: it has enlisted the help of Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux to end the draught.

And the bad news for every team other than the Czech Republic: Dominik Hasek remains the Czech goaltender. Hasek merely carried his country to a gold-medal win at the last Olympics in 1998.

After a week of preliminary action in which Belarus and Germany won their way into the final round, the Big Six of Russia, Canada, Czech Republic, United States, Finland and Sweden open round-robin play today.

"It's not the NHL," said Gretzky, who is executive director of Team Canada. "It's a whole different scenario. You're not dealing with contracts. You're not dealing with salaries or agents. You get 10 days to play. It really is like a Stanley Cup final. There is no room for error."

Said U.S. assistant coach Lou Vairo: "The top six teams have an equal chance to win it. It's a pretty even battle."

The U.S. team is trying to

make amends not only for its long Olympic run without a medal, but an embarrassing episode at the Nagano Games in 1998 when players smashed chairs and emptied a fire extinguisher in the athletic village. The players who took part in the act were never identified, but the team later apologized.

"I just think Nagano is four years ago, and we've put that behind us," said U.S. forward Bill Guerin, who was a member of the '98 team and presently plays for the Boston Bruins. "We've always carried ourselves well, and I think you'll find that in a lot of these guys."

The Canadians are under tremendous pressure to bring back gold to the hockey-crazed country. When the team's roster was announced, it was shown live on Canadian television.

"Every household in Canada will be watching," said Canada goaltender Curtis Joseph.

Said Lemieux, who is playing for Canada: "There's a lot of pressure on all of us, but that's part of the game."

"If I have any concern, it's the two-line pass, guys sneaking in behind the defense, a guy like Pavel Bure," Joseph said of the Florida Panther star who, along with brother and fellow Panther Valeri, will be suiting up for Russia.

The United States opens against Finland tonight, Canada takes on Sweden, Russia faces Belarus, and the Czech Republic goes against Germany. The first Russia-U.S. showdown since the '80 Olympics is the highlight.

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