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# Board of Education approves UI's move to Sun Belt

#### BY NATHAN JERKE SPORTS EDITOR

fter months of planning by University of Idaho officials, Vandal athletics will become a full member of the Sun Belt Conference fol-lowing the Idaho State Board of Education's formal approval May 22.

UI acting President Brian Pitcher formally accepted the invitation to the formally accepted the invitation to the Sun Belt Conference after being given permission with a 5-3 vote by the board of education during Thursday's meeting at Boise State University. UI has been part of the Big West Conference since 1996 and will keep its current align-ment ever the part school year meeting ment over the next school year, making the move to the Sun Belt in the fall of 2004.

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Rod Lewis added their support during a rolecall vote.

"We appreci-ate the board's support and the thorough process in considering UI's move to the Sun Belt Conference," Pitcher said after Thursday's SBOE meeting. Sun Belt Conference Commissioner Weight Western wid the largue neuron

Wright Waters said the league never wavered in its desire to have UI as an

The motion to give Pitcher the oppor-tunity to accept an invitation was made by Laird Stone and seconded by Paul Agidius and Jim Hammond. State superintendent Marilyn Howard and of Idaho. Never ever did our people ever waver in their support of the University of Idaho. of Idaho

NCAA Division I-A requirements that go into effect in 2005 include having five Division I-A home football games, awarding a minimum of 200 scholarships to student-athletes, averaging 15,000 fans per home football game, sponsoring 16 intercollegiate sports and being a full member of a con-ference that has a minimum of eight football-playing full members. Moving to the Sup Belt gives UL the exportant to the Sun Belt gives UI the opportunity to fulfill all those requirements.

"Our Vandal Victory campaign is the

formula for long-term success," UI director of athletics Mike Bohn said. "The SBOE has made it clear the involvement of our local community, as well as our statewide and national booster groups, is imperative for generating the external revenue for success."

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The cornerstone is in place, Bohn said. UI's football schedule through the 2010 season includes at least five home Division I-A games annually and plans are in place to add women's swimming, which enables UI to meet the 16-sport and 200-scholarship requirements. The move to the Sun Belt covers the conference membership requirement. The State Board of Education's

approval of UI's request to accept an invitation to join the Sun Belt

Conference should serve as a call to action for UI supporters, Pitcher said. "Now, the hard work begins. It clear-

ly is up to UI boosters, alumni, faculty, staff, fans and students to achieve the goal of sustaining a successful Division I-A football program," he said. "It is imperative for all constituent

groups in our Vandal family to become involved to ensure UI attains and maintains the new NCAA requirements for Division I-A football membership."

Conference realignment provides more than just an opportunity to main-tain Division I-A football status. It enables UI to achieve other institutional goals, among which are Title IX mandates and forming a solid coalition of western institutions.

IN REMEMBRANCE

# **EdTech brings** competition, prizes to UI

BY WINDY HOVEY ARGONAUT STAFF

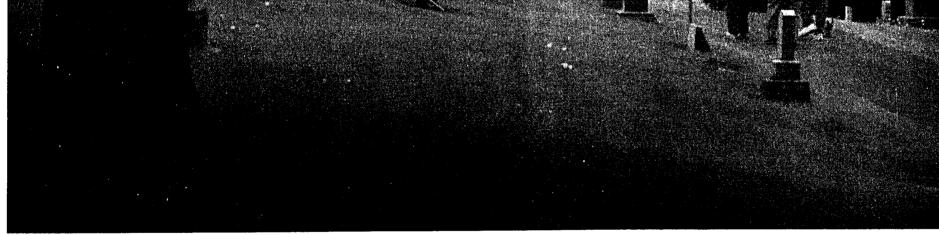
C hawn Wright said it best: "We've Scome a long way from the Commodore 64 and floppy disks.

On May 20, the director of the annual multimedia convention and competition EdTechQuest prepared more than 300 elementary, middle and high school students for a whirlwind of activities planned for

the next day. Thirty-six teams, from as far as Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and as close as Russell Elementary in Moscow, filled the sec-ond floor of the University

"(EdTech Quest) Idaho gives the students Student Union Building on May 21. The annual three direct links to why their eduction is important now, and event, launched in 2001, is led by it gives them a EdTech vision for the team from the





BRIAN PASSEY / ARGONAUT

U.S. flags decorated the Moscow Cemetery Monday in commemoration of Memorial Day. Many visitors left a bright array of flowers decorating the graves. The flags were removed Monday evening and the flowers will all be picked up on June 2.

# Kempthorne ignores his educational roots

t the risk of facing Dixie Chick-like ostracism, I have to say I'm embarrassed that the gover-Lnor of Idaho is a UI alum.

First it was the statewide cuts in education forcing the recent series of budget cuts at UI. Now, in the midst of a weak economy, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has given major salary hikes to three of his top aides.

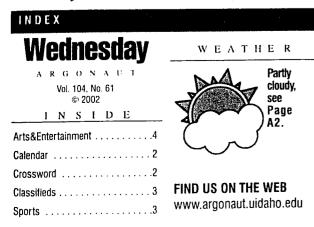
The three increases combine for a total of \$39,811, according to records recently obtained by The Idaho Statesman. One staff member, David

## COMMENTAR

Lehman, who handles health and welfare issues for Kempthorne, received

a 43 percent pay increase, from \$42,016 per year to \$60,008. Other staff members, Scott Turlington, adviser on natural resources, and Michael Bogert, staff attorney, received 20 percent and 14 percent raises, respectively.

This was all done during a time when many state employees have not received a pay raise in more than two years and teachers are being laid off



because of cuts in education — cuts which Kempthorne played a significant role in.

Considering how Kempthorne got part of his political start at UI — as ASUI president while attending school here - I would

think he might have some kinder feelings toward the state of education in Idaho. Faculty and supporting staff at this university helped him get to where he is today. UI's motto, "From here you

can go anywhere," truly applied to our "honorable" governor; he went straight to the top, as far as the great state of Idaho is concerned. But now that he's at the

those who helped him get there. Colleges are consolidating, programs are being cut and, worst of all, faculty and staff are

losing their jobs. Enough UI stu-

dents are upset that May 7 about 200 of them publicly protested the budget cuts. Though the focus of the protest was toward UI administration (mostly over the University Place debacle), they would not have to make the cuts if it wasn't for state politicians who forced them.

Yet friends of the governor, who probably already make more than many UI staff members, receive large pay increases, increases that could have saved the job of at least one UI employee.

Argonaut received an open letter to the governor written by Gus Leavitt, who works at the ŬI Student Recreation Center. In the letter, Leavitt said, "I consider it unconscionable, in the second year of no raises for the whole of the state's staff, that state house aides are taking home 14-to-43

percent raises in pay while I continue to live with the choice between having my own apartment or taking on roommates so that I might be able to afford a car.

"While I consider the jobs these people do to be vitally important, I also forward the opinion that people like myself, who clean their toilets, would also benefit greatly from some small raise per hour on an annual basis. Those of us who care deeply about our work continue to take pride in its effects; however, continued support for the people at the top of the ladder, at the detriment of those of us who hold that ladder in place, seems counter-productive at best.'

Leavitt continued by proposing an across-theboard small raise for all state employees rather than raises of thousands of dollars for a select few. He said this would improve the morale and enthusiasm of the entire state staff.

With the recent sales tax hike, everyone is affected. Why not make it easier for an entire group, rather than three individuals, to deal with these problems?

How does the governor justify these pay increases? His chief of staff, Brian Whitlock, said two of the staffers took on extra responsibilities. But that is what happens when there are budget cuts. It has happened here at UI and it should happen in the

Capitol building. I once talked to Kempthorne on the sidelines of the 2001 Vandal football game against WSU in Pullman. I was there to take photos for the Argonaut and he was there to support his alma mater. As the Vandals fell further and further behind, I asked the governor what he thought of the game.

His reply? Something to the effect of standing behind his Vandals no matter what.

OK, so where's the support now, Dirk?

UI College of Education and has generated than more \$150,000 in prizes for par-

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future. PATRICK KARR PROJECT DIRECTOR

ticipating schools.

Competition is the main focus of EdTechQuest. This year the teams presented educational lessons through the latest technology tools and competed for a share of more than \$86,000 in hardware and software prizes.

Attendants learned practical math for the real world from a Priest River Lamanna High School team using the multimedia program software Illuminatus Opus, while Aliens discussed American history in the Russell Elementary presentation "Back to help the future," using Microsoft's Web design program FrontPage. The students of Farmin and Stidwell

elementary schools in Sandpoint guided viewers through their Web site on famous explorers, which included several links to educational sites and video and audio streaming.

The presentations were projected from a computer to a SmartBoard, which bypasses the mouse and allows presenters to touch icons on the screen to follow a

link. When the students weren't presenting, they participated in creating mini proj-ects. They sang "YMCA" to a PC karaoke program with thousands of songs to choose from saved on MIDI files. They also created Web sites on more than 70 wireless computers in the SUB Ballroom, made mini movies with video streaming equipment and created their own songs. They recorded the events with digital cameras.

And they made it all look as easy as brushing your teeth.

"(EdTechQuest) gives the students direct links to why their education is important now, and it gives them a vision for the future," said Patrick Karr. project director for three teams from Priest River High School. "They're into it. They understand how technology affects their lives and their learning. They see that there is this incredible opportunity, and they go for it.

Jeanne Christiansen, dean of the UI College of Education, welcomed the students at the opening ceremony May 20. "I think you could challenge some of my colleagues in the college with the knowledge that you have," she told the audience. "We don't know how to do all the things that some of you can do."

While the College of Education sponsored the competition, more than a dozen sponsors including Ezedia, Adobe, Microsoft and Digital Blue contributed to the tens of thousands of dollars in prizes.

At the end of the convention, each team left UI with a minimum of \$600 in prizes.

Brian's column appears regularly on the pages of the Argonaut. His e-mail address is argonaut@uidaho edu

BRIANPASSEY Editor in chief top, he seems to have forgotten

## CAPSULE

From the May 13, 1966, edition:

Only a handful of tickets remain for the Bill Cosby show at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Memorial Gymnasium, according to Gale Mix, General Manager of ASUI. He said that 250 more chairs have been added to the regular seating capacity of

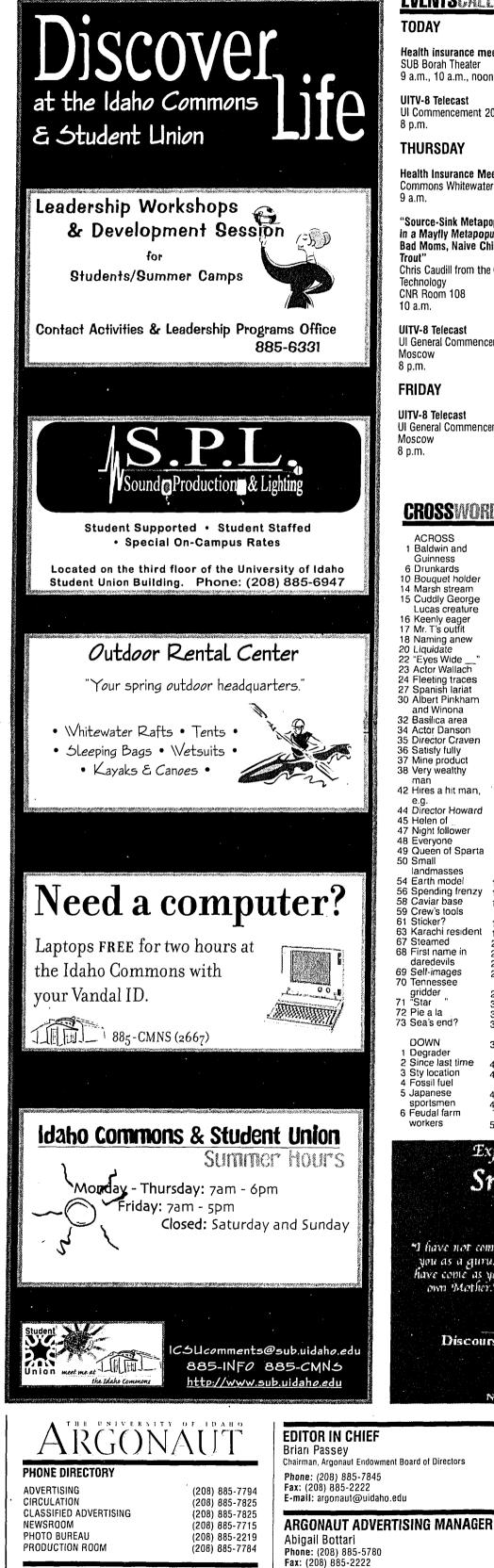
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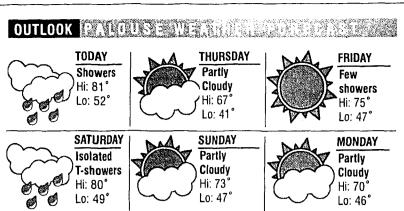
This is undoubtably the most people we have ever had in the gymnasium for any performance," he said. "This will be the biggest show we've had yet."

Mix said that if any tickets remain they will go on sale at the doors at 6 p.m. "The doors will not open until 6:30 though," he added.

The show will start at 8 p.m. with the "We Phi's" Chick Rodgers, Steve Granger, Don Baranco and John St. Clair, Phi Delt; members of the group who were winners of the Blue Key Talent show in March.

Bill Cosby will arrive in Moscow about 5 p.m. and will leave for Seattle after the show. Mix said.





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## **NEWS**BRIEFS

### **UI Parking Services eases up** on tickets as summer hours begin

University of Idaho's Parking Services began summer office hours and reduced enforcement as of May 19.

Vehicles parked in metered and gold lots are subject to enforcement, said Stuart Robb, UI parking services supervisor. This means community and campus drivers may use parking spaces in the red, purple, green, magenta and blue zones for free until regular campus hours resume Aug. 25. UI Parking Services summer office

and enforcement hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. as of May 19.

### Large crowd sends off graduating students at UI

## 2003 commencement

From bagpipes, color guard, processionals, silver and gold balloons and an estimated crowd of 4,500 at the 9:30 a.m. plenary session in the Kibbie Dome, the University of Idaho sent its 1,899 graduating students off to become "the managers of our changing world," at its 108th commencement May 17.

"Life's not a sprint, but a marathon," keynote speaker Peggy Phillips, a UI alumna and former CEO of Immunex, told the crowd.

She urged the graduates to develop patience, teamwork skills and resilience. "It takes time for others in the organi-

zation to develop the same confidence in you that you may have in yourself," she said, "Back-stabbing and competing is not where it's at.'

She encouraged the graduates to "dive into change" and even initiate it to be productive, physically healthier and rebound stronger. Phillips auoted Margaret Mead, an anthropologist, who said the following: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.'

Donald and Doyle Jacklin, Gary Michael and Samuel Penney received honorary doctor of administrative science degrees for outstanding contributions to Idaho in the areas of leadership, business and research. (Duane Jacklin could not be present, so he will receive his in December.)

Twenty-seven students were commissioned to leadership in the Armed Services and commissioned as officers. Four alumni Hall of Famers were recognized: Linda Fleetwood Kincer, Boise; John Gray, Washington, D.C.; Paul Krausman, Oracle, Ariz.; and Peggy Van Sice Phillips, Seattle.

## UI hires Brian Johnson as assistant vice president for Facilities

University of Idaho employee and alumnus Brian Johnson has been named the new assistant vice president for Facilities Services.

Johnson has served as UI's director for campus and facility planning since 2001. He has 15 years of experience in managing and supervising facilities engineering, planning, design, construction

garden at its south end, which can be accessed from 1200 W. Palouse Dr. Accommodation for persons with limited mobility is offered by golf cart. Others are urged to wear good walking shoes for the one-mile loop walk. Rain will cancel.

The 63-acre UI Arboretum and Botanical Garden is off Nez Perce Drive on the University of Idaho

### Alerts sent out for 'Mad Cow' Disease

The U.S. government has closed the Canadian border to shipments of cattle and beef after confirmation of a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the so-called "mad cow" disease.

The degenerative nerve disease was found in an 8-year-old cow in Alberta, British Columbia. It is the first reported BSE case in Canada in more than a decade.

Agricultural economist Thomas Wahl, director of Washington State University's IMPACT Center, says more than 90 percent of the beef imported to the United States - about 74 million tons comes from Canada. He expects the outbreak in Canada to reduce America's beef supply, thus driving consumer prices up. At the same time, consumers may "back away from beef." Human concerns:

It is generally assumed that Variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (vCJD), first diagnosed in 1996, is caused by the transmission of BSE to humans. There were 137 confirmed or suspected cases reported in the European Union up to Jan. 1, 2003 - mostly in young people. Most cases have occurred in the United Kingdom (129) and some in France (6). One case has been reported in each of Ireland and Italy. Source: European Union Web site at http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/bse/ind ex en.html.

## Survey helps UI community better understand new crop of students

Concerns about finances, participation in civic activities, reasons for attending UI and the importance of understanding other cultures are some of the topics highlighted in a survey given to 2002-03 first-time freshman at the University of Idaho.

In the most recent survey, the response rate was 92 percent with 1,183 first-time freshman completing the survey in fall 2002.

'The data are used to plan and improve academic programs and student services," said Jane Baillargeon of Institutional Research and Assessment.

The Office of the Dean of Students uses the information from the surveys to improve the student experience at UI. "We use the survey results to modify new student orientation programs and create education programs that are needed at the university," said Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

He also uses the survey results as a discussion starter with student services staff members in order to promote better understanding of new student needs.

In the 2002 survey, eight out of 10 first-time freshman reported their permanent home is more than 50 miles away from the Moscow campus. The top three reasons influencing the decision to attend UI included: low tuition (43 percent), financial assistance (47 percent) and UI's academic reputation (33 percent). Seventy-five percent of students noted having concerns about finances. The survey showed that 59 percent of UI freshman reported they would cover \$1,000 or more of their first year's education expenses using grants and scholarships. In the classroom, first-time freshman noted the importance of "improving my understanding of other countries and cultures" (41 percent). First-time freshman students enrolled in the Core Discovery courses reported being slightly more "traditional" than students in the standard core courses in terms of study frequency, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and attitude toward educational experience. The Core Discovery courses focus on the interrelated nature of disciplines aiming to develop students' critical thinking skills. The university has offered the Core Discovery courses as an option for freshman students the past three years. UI will offer 16 Core Discovery courses this coming fall. Effective this summer, entering freshmen must complete at least one semester of a Core Discovery course, and beginning the following year, both semesters of the yearlong courses will be required. Ninety percent of students taking Core Discovery courses "frequently used the Internet for research or homework" while students taking the standard core courses reported Internet use at 83 percent. The Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey is conducted at higher education institutions nationwide. It has been administered at UI since 1990.

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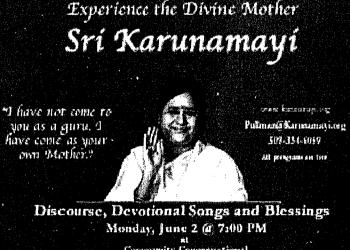
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"My goal is to ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability in delivering facilities services that meet the customers' needs," Johnson said.

Johnson received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from UI and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Central Florida.

Johnson will begin his new assignment June 22. He replaces Joanne Reece, who is retiring from the university after 23 years of service.

Facilities Services aims to optimize the physical environment and infrastructure to promote the educational and residential campus, research and outreach goals of the university.

## Arboretum plant sale set for Saturday, weather pushes fragrance tour to Sunday

The University of Idaho Arboretum Association is sponsoring its Annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Latah County Fairgrounds ice rink.

Hundreds of plants such as hostas, annuals, perennials and ornamentals cultivated by commercial and local growers will be sold.

UI Arboretum director Richard Naskali said some of the plants to be sold Saturday were propagated in the arboretum, such as draught-resistant grasses, succulents and other starts. All proceeds will benefit the arboretum programs.

The Arboretum Associates also will sponsor a guided tour of its fragrance gardens from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The guided tours of lilacs, peonies and flowering trees were delayed because of cool weather

On Sunday, the public also may view the arboretum's two-year-old xeriscape

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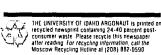
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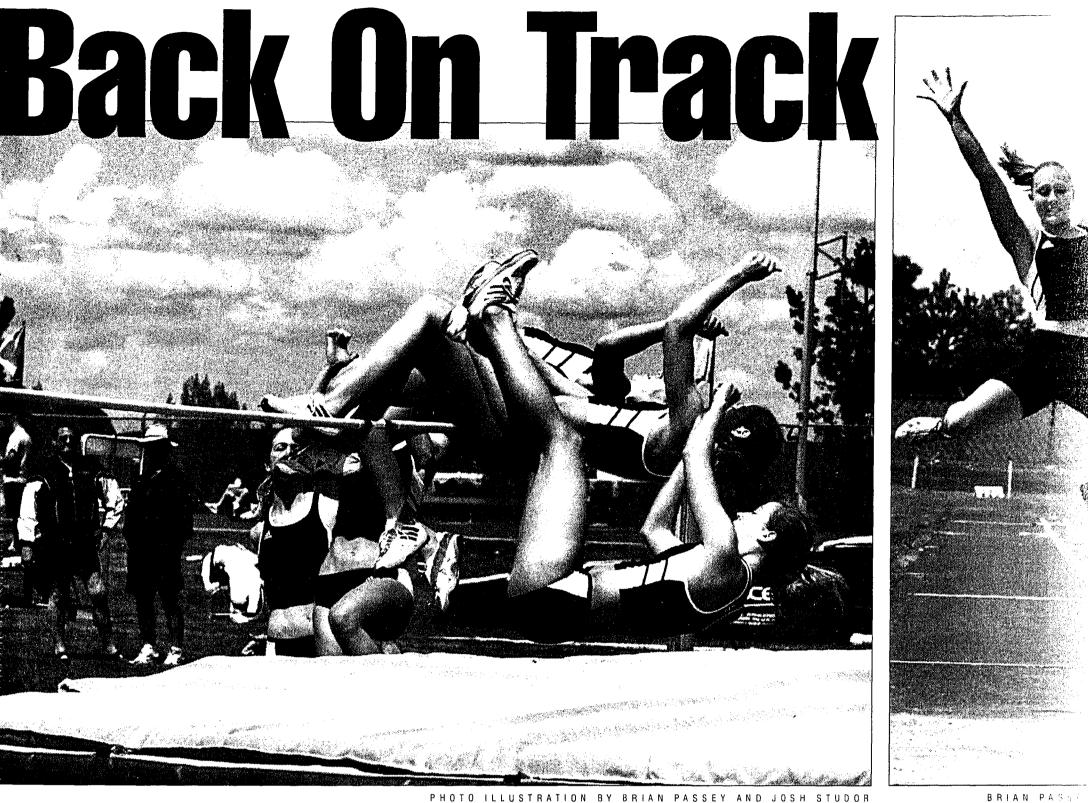
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Shannon Hines clears the bar during the high jump competition May 10 at UI's Dan O'Brien Track.

Mary Anne Graves competes in the long May 10 at the Dan o'Brien Track.

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Women's squad returns to head of the pack

BY JAKE ALGER ASSISTANT COPY CHIEF

After a one-year hiatus from the top spot in the Big West Conference, the UI women's track and field team took the title back by winning the 2003 conference championships in dominating fashion

about one-and-a-half feet more than her PR was coming into the championships. "Stowe has a big heart," Teevens said. "Just when you think she is out of gas she sets a new

personal record by over a foot and beats last year's conference champion.

The lone relay title for the Vandals came in the



May 14-17 in Northridge, Calif.

"They pretty much did what they were expected to do and blew everyone away," co-head coach

Wayne Phipps said. The squad scored 213 points, 84 more than the secondplace Cal Poly team, and accumulated nine individual titles, including four from senior sprinter Angela Whyte. The men's team finished in fourth place, 61.5 points behind the front-running Utah State Aggies.

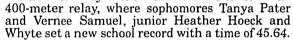
Afterward cohead coach Yogi Teevens was named the Big West Coach of the Year and Whyte was named Big the West Female Track Athlete of the Year. Whyte, who red-shirted last season after winning the 100-meter hurdles for UI's 2001 championship team, won the 100 hurdles, 100-meter dash, 200 and the 400meter relay as well as finishing second in the long jump. "For being the

amazing athlete that she is, she also is an incredible team player," Teevens said in a press release. will miss Angela for a long time.

Senior Sarah Willette set the pace in the javelin throw, winning by nearly 8 inches. Fellow seniors Dacia Fernandez and Sarah DeBoer pitched in with second-place efforts in the heptathlon and high jump, respectively.

The Vandals got several top-notch performances from underclassmen as well. Junior distance runner Letiwe Marakurwa continued her consistent dominance of the conference, winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase and 10,000-meter run.

Sophomore Daniella Pogorzeiski continued UI's prolific distance running, winning the 1,500-meter run by a little more than a second with a time of 4:33.74. Tammy Stowe, another second-year performer, edged out Cal State Northridge's Dee Scott in dramatic fashion to earn first place in the triple jump. Stowe, who recorded personal bests on each of her three attempts, saved her best for last with a jump of 41-6 1/2 to win by 2 inches over Scott, last year's conference champion. The mark was



The foursome broke the previous UI best by nearly two-tenths of a second.

The men's team finished the four-day meet in fourth place, a position that Phipps said was a pleasant surprise. Phipps said that due to ample redshirting, the men's team is not as deep as usual, the same problem the women's squad faced a year ago.

Once again underclassmen stepped up in a big way as sophomore Jereme Richardson started the meet off strong for the Vandals with a secondplace performance and a personal best in the decathlon, finishing only 15 points behind the winner with 7,292 points. UI's Dustin Erickson also had a personal best and finished in third place.

The big story, however, was junior Jan Eitel, who was named the Big West Male Track Athlete of the Year. Eitel recorded victories in the 5,000meter run and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, in the latter defeating Cal Poly's then-conference-leading Ben Bruce and

edging UI senior Ryan Jensen by less than 8 seconds.

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Tanya Pater (right) hands off the baton to Angela Whyte during

the women's 400-meter relay May 10 at the Dan O'Brien Track.

UI juniors Hugh Henry and J.R. Ruffin ran well in the sprints. Henry laid claim to the 110-meter hurdles title thanks to a breathtaking finish, as he nudged across the line less than a second before Utah State's Justin Wickard. Ruffin, a junior college transfer, raced to third- and fourth-place finishes in the 200-meter dash and 100, respectively. Next up for both Vandal squads is the NCAA

West Regional in Palo Alto, Calif., Friday and Saturday. Nineteen UI athletes qualified, but only 17 of them actually will be competing in the event. which serves as a qualifier for the NCAA champi-onships June 11-14 in Sacramento. Phipps said that in order to give the Vandals the best chance of qualifying for the national championships, not everyone will be competing in every event he/she qualified to compete in at Regionals.

"We're hoping to get eight total to nationals," Phipps said. "That would be a good number for us."

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## 'Reloaded' comes out with guns a blazin'

BY JOSH STUDOR COPY DESK CRIEF

illions of geeks filled movie theaters the last \_two weekends for the most anticipated movie of the summer. I was two of them. For guys and gals like me,

who had to see it twice, "The Matrix" and

RCC	"The Matrix Reloaded"
	 offer a

unique look at a world where computer geeks rule.

The "Matrix" trilogy is the "Star Wars" trilogy for this generation. Its appeal is almost universal with nearly anyone being able to find something about it they like, as was the case with the "Star Wars" triumvirate. Both are ground breaking in effects and story line.

The main characters, guided by some sort of guru, fight evil and them-

MATRIX RELOADED	selves to				
Keanu Reeves ★★★★ (of 5) Rated R Warner Bros.	develop into a kind of savior. Both are easy to watch on the surface but practi-				

cally beg for a more in-depth look.

The biggest difference between the two trilogies (aside from the R rating of "The Matrix" and its sequel) is how deep the rabbit hole goes, so to speak. The "Matrix" trilogy is a philosophy lesson for people who like to blow stuff up. The Matrix is a lesson in the nature

of reality or metaphysics in the philosophy world. It presents the view of the world that the world we live in is not the real world, a philosophy predominant in Eastern philosophy.

"The Matrix Reloaded" deals with the philosophy of the will and whether it is free or not.

Basically the machines believe in predestination and destiny, evident of the future-telling Oracle, and the humans believe in choice. Understanding this helps one understand the plot.

But thankfully, the surface level is just as much fun with-out a PHIL 309 class. The second installment picks up about six months after the first ends with Neo, played by Keanu Reeves, waiting to hear what his next step should be from the Oracle and about 250,000 sentinels (robotic killing machines) on the march to Zion, the last human city.

This attack, combined with a newly freed and replicating agent Smith, played by Hugo Weaving, leaves Neo and the human race in quite a predicament. This is dealt with in "Reloaded" and the soon-to-bereleased "Revolutions," which are really just one movie split in half.

The Matrix universe (and trilogy) expanded immensely with the introduction of "The Matrix Reloaded." It brought new characters and environments, including Zion.

Over the course of the movie, the viewer meets new characters on both sides. On the humans' side is Niobe, the captain of one of the ships, played by Jada Pinkett; Link, the new operator of Neo's ship, played by Harold Perrineau; and numerous other ship captains and counselors along the

way. On the machines' side it gets a little more interesting. There is the basic Matrix, consisting of the agents and the like, but in "Reloaded" we are intro-duced to factions of the machine world. Characters like Merovingian, the Key Maker and some really kick-ass exagents who can become intangible while fighting.

The fight scenes are, again, memorable. A fight between



Carrie-Anne Moss as Trinity, Laurence Fishburne as Morpheus and Keanu Reeves as Neo return in "The Matrix Reloaded."

Morpheus, played by Laurence Fishburne, and an agent on the top of a moving semi-truck on a freeway built for the movie, is by far the coolest, not nearly outdone by the fight between Neo and an infinite number of Agent Smiths that takes far too long.

The amazing special effects have quite a pull, but the computer graphics are still far too plastic to take over the role of a character. One scene in particular shows Neo flying through the air and, though it is an impressive CG scene, it still seemed too out of place in a live-action movie.

Overall the movie is a fanboy's dream. It takes a great base and builds on it, making the universe something that anyone would enjoy.

It will leave the audience breathless and anxious for the next movie, exactly 161 days away.

## Names in the news

#### **Proper priorities**

Arnold Schwarzenegger is thinking about running for California governor after the summer release of "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines." But he said his family will have a say in the matter

The Austrian-born Republican said the advice of his wife, NBC correspondent Maria Shriver — a Democrat and member of the Kennedy family — will be especially significant. "She has to give the green light and feel comfortable with it because she moved away

from Washington to get away from all that kind of stuff," he told TV Guide.

#### The latest pitch

A shirtless Harrison Ford has hawked Kirin beer in Japan and Brad Pitt has served as the Japanese spokesman for Edwin Jeans and Honda. Some A-list Hollywood stars refuse endorsement deals in the United States --- they say it's beneath them. But many gobble up millions plugging products overseas.

The latest to sell out seems to be Ben Affleck. According to New York Magazine's "Intelligencer" column, J.Lo's beau will soon be seen in European ads for L'Oreal men's grooming products. Maybe J.Lo will persuade him to launch a Glow for Him cologne.

#### Splitsville

Rocker Rod Stewart is finally filing for divorce from his long-estranged wife, model Rachel Hunter.

The singer, 58, split from the 33-year-old Hunter in 1999 after eight years together. Since then, both Hunter and Stewart have been in widely publicized relationships - she with another British pop star, Robbie Williams, and he with current girlfriend Penny Lancaster.

"I've paid my dues to the institution of marriage and have no interest in clinging to the past," Stewart told Britain's Sun newspaper.

Stewart and Hunter have two children, Renee, 10, and Liam, 8.

#### 'Jackass' star held

Stephen Glover, a.k.a. Steve-O from "Jackass," MTV's defunct reality show, admitted in a Swedish court that he had drugs in his hotel room, but said he was only joking about swallowing a condom filled with marijuana.

A Stockholm district court ordered Glover held in jail until June 6 while a prosecutor pre-

pares possible charges of drug smuggling and drug possession. "I had an ecstasy pill in my bag and I smoked marijuana in the hotel room," Glover said. He denied smuggling the drugs into Sweden and said he was joking when he described the condom stunt to a Swedish newspaper and on his Web site.

The reports led police to raid Glover's hotel room Thursday in Stockholm, where they found marijuana and an ecstasy pill. Glover and other members of the "Jackass" crew had performed their "Don't Try This at Home" show in the Swedish capital the night before.

"I apologize that my bad sense of humor has wasted so much of the Swedish taxpayers' money," he told the court. If only American viewers could apply for a refund.

### Just like life

Winona Ryder's travails have become the inspiration for art — for a high school play, at least.

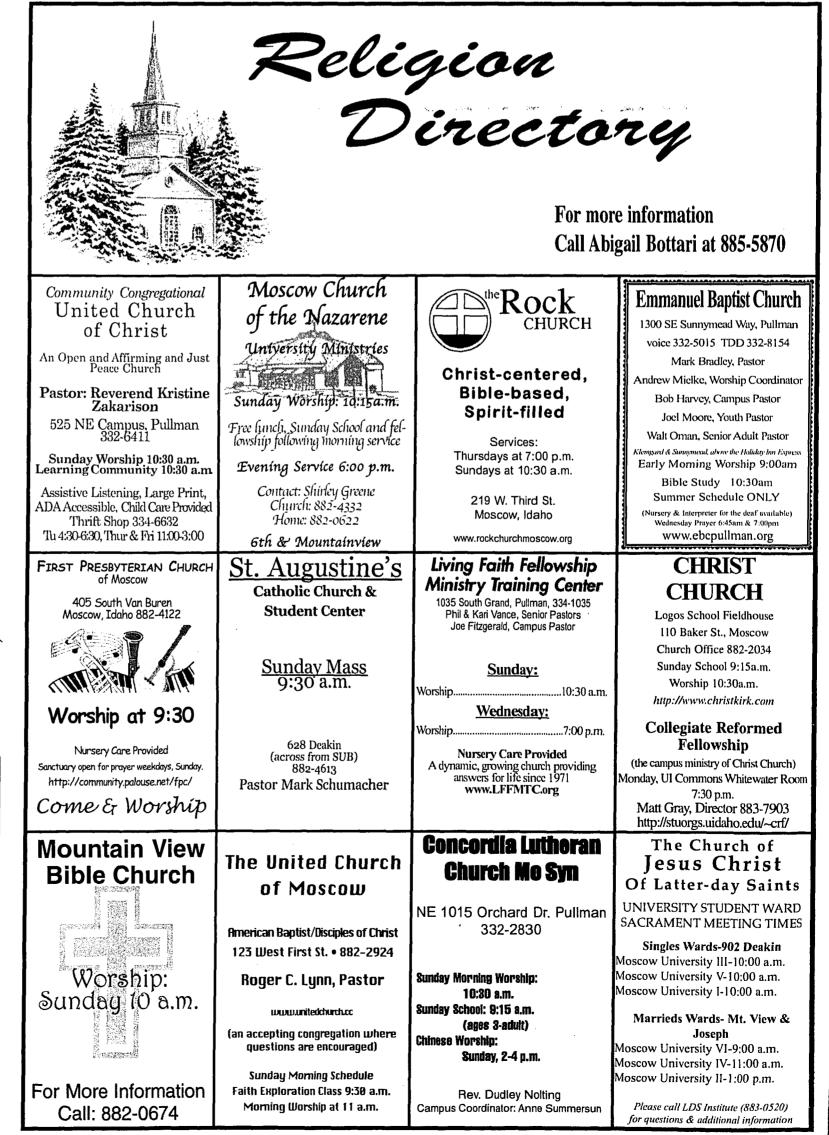
A group of San Diego high school students have created a musical based on the 31-year-old actress' recent shoplifting trial. Point Loma High School's "Sticky Fingers: A Tale of Saks," Lies and Videotape" satirizes the trial last fall in which the Oscar-nominated actress was convicted of taking about \$6,000 worth of items from Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills.

The musical follows a missile-factory employee and tango dancer who has a fateful meeting with her idol, Ryder, at Saks. The department store donated shopping bags for the set. Ryder was invited to see the show, which opens this week, but the school hasn't received

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