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Otter speaks out against Patriot Act

BY ARRON BANNER
ARGONAUT STAFF

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U.S. Rep. Butch Otter brought his campaign to modify the Patriot Act to Moscow Tuesday night as he headlined a panel discussion at the UI Law Courtroom regarding the act's effect on civil rights. The panel featured Otter as the main speaker, along with Idaho State Sen. Gary Schroeder, Idaho State Rep.

Shirley Ringo (Dem.-Fifth District) and UI professor of law and ACLU national board member Elizabeth Brandt.

Also testifying was the lawyer representing the wife of former UI student Sami al-Hussayyen, who, along with her children, is being processed for deportation. Monica Schurtman, lawyer for the family, described the devastating impact the act has had on Maha al-Hussayyen and her family.

Schurtman said the new immigration regulations have ruined her client's life and has allowed federal agents to do almost anything they want without accountability.

The event was sponsored by UI's Justice Alliance and the Palouse Peace Coalition.

As the speakers prepared to take the podium, the courtroom was diminished to standing-space-only with spectators eager to hear the panel's case.

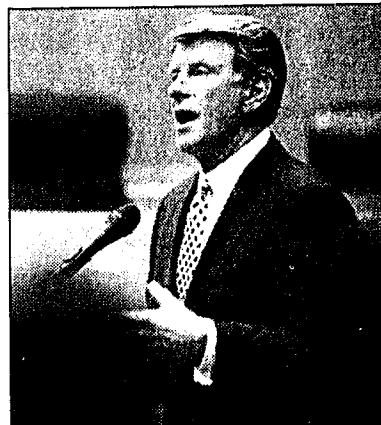
"I am not opposed to the whole bill," Otter said. "There are some very appropriate provisions, but there are plenty of constitutional ways to do things that the Patriot Act does unconstitutionally." Rep. Ringo said it could be argued that the Patriot Act violates the fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth civil rights amendments.

Otter said he believes that in the world of post-Sept. 11 disarray, Congress acted

hastily, sacrificing the principles of the country it was acting to protect.

"It was then important for us to show Americans that we were acting to protect them, but too many powers have been transferred from one branch of government to the other," Otter said. He said the emphasis on a system of checks and balances has lost its clout with the passing of

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Idaho Rep. Butch Otter speaks about the Patriot Act on Tuesday in the Law School Courtroom.

Board of ed. searches for new president

UI presidential search remains confidential

BY JESSIE BONNER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"The search for a new president has started," Provost Brian Pitcher told faculty members Tuesday at a general faculty meeting. The State Board of Education has appointed a screening committee to evaluate a list of 50 prospective candidates.

Pitcher said the 13-member committee had compiled a list of candidates with the help of Korn/Ferry International, an executive recruiting firm based in California. The screening process is currently being kept confidential and a list of candidates will not be made public at this time.

ASUI President Mason Fuller is the only student representative on the screening committee. Fuller said the committee met for the first time in Boise three weeks ago to go over the details of the search, but he was unable to comment on any of the candidates the committee is interviewing.

"The proceedings of the search committee are confidential because it's a human resource matter," Fuller said. The committee will be narrowing the list down to four or five final candidates and will present its findings to the state board, the governing board of the university. The state board will make the final decision, determining which candidate will become the new head of UI administration.

Board members are expected to appoint a new president as early as January. "The idea at this point is to have the process completed and the candidates selected by Dec. 15," Fuller said. Fuller said there are also UI staff and administrative representatives serving on the committee, including Byron Dangerfield, dean of the college of business and economics, Debra Frincke, associate professor in computer science, and Luisa Havens, associate director of admissions.

As last semester ended amid the resignation of the president, a loan scandal and a substantial amount of debt, administrators became worried UI's problems might scare away potential candidates.

"From the outside looking in, state funding and salary freezes might discourage candidates... the rest is pretty positive," interim President Gary Michael said.

Michael has been acting as UI president since June and has spent most of his time

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GEARING UP



EMET WARD / ARGONAUT
UI starting quarterback Michael Harrington rockets a pass to a receiver during practice Tuesday on the front lawn of the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals start their season Saturday as they take on the Washington State Cougars at Seahawk Stadium in Seattle. Read more about the upcoming game in Sports on page 12.

UI students reach for stars with internships

BY NATE POPPINO
ARGONAUT STAFF

Most students don't think of summer jobs as fun. Matt Shewmaker does, however. In the summer, he plays with NASA rovers.

This last summer saw UI students Erica Lively, Ben Pollard and Shewmaker traveling to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in southern California for summer internships. Each of them was involved in a different space program.

Shewmaker, a senior, worked on a rover hybrid for use in future space missions.

"It went through the design

phase, but the money ran out, so it was never tested," Shewmaker said. "Basically what I did was test their drag train for them."

Lively sent programmed instructions up to the Cassini probe for its eventual rendezvous with Saturn in July 2004.

"The launch window was so small that they launched the satellite and took it up, but it's not programmed, so everything has to be sent from the ground," Lively said. "Everything the probe's going to do it's not aware of yet."

Pollard also focused on Saturn, though for a different reason. He studied various sets of wave data from Saturn's rings in order to find

out more about them and locate any more moons orbiting the planet.

"The research, although often very difficult, was always exciting," Pollard said. "I never knew what I would find."

All three students got their internships through the Idaho Space Grant Consortium, a NASA-sponsored program that provides grants to programs emphasizing aerospace research, education or technology. David Atkinson of NASA forwarded the grant information to the trio, and soon they were accepted.

The students enjoyed being in the cutting-edge creative environment. "Everything you did had not been

done before," Lively said. "Even when it was ridiculously tedious, you knew that what you were working on was going toward something."

Shewmaker enjoyed just being part of NASA research.

"Being in JPL was always a dream," Shewmaker said. "Any relation to NASA, even just the name, was pretty cool."

Working at JPL wasn't all fun and games. The three students found various obstacles in their way, mostly from the bureaucracy as they tried to complete their work.

"I worked in a secured building

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Michael tells faculty further program cuts could be on the way

Faculty members express concern about how to raise funds outside of the university

BY JESSIE BONNER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Interim President Gary Michael was met with mixed emotions as he addressed UI faculty for the first time Tuesday. At the general faculty meeting, the president warned faculty of possible further cuts in UI pro-

grams. Michael told UI faculty and staff they would have to get used to dealing with less.

"I'm not saying it's easy, but it has to be done," Michael said, referring to the strict budgets colleges are experiencing. Michael told faculty one of his primary goals during his short time at the

university is to refocus the university's funding into areas where it is needed the most.

James Foster, a computer science professor, voiced the concerns of several faculty members, saying he feared UI administrators would see liberal arts programs as unproductive and a likely place to make cuts. Faculty members applauded as Foster stood and asked the interim president to protect liberal arts programs at UI.

One faculty member asked

Michael how each department was supposed to seek outside funding, when there is not enough money in their budgets to travel and generate financial support.

"I'm frustrated by the restrictions... I don't quite know how to approach that," Michael told faculty.

Michael pointed out he has only been at the university for 78 days. Acting primarily as a business consultant, the interim president said he has spent the

three months trying to stabilize the financial situation at the university as administrators tackle one of the largest debts in UI history.

Michael said that when he came to the university in June he was given a long presentation of the university's financial situation by Wayland Winstead, executive director of institutional planning, and Laura Hubbard, director of capital planning and budget. Michael joked that after the three-hour presentation he

announced, "I quit!"

Michael, along with Provost Brian Pitcher, praised faculty members for "surviving" the controversy surrounding last year's administration. "I'm not a person who cares about exactly who was here and what happened," Michael said.

With last year's \$10 million budget deficit, faculties were running colleges on limited funds. Michael said the colleges

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NEWSBRIEFS

Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike to speak in Boise in October

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike will be the featured speaker at the Idaho Humanities Council's 7th Annual Distinguished Humanities Lecture and Dinner on Oct. 30 at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

This seventh annual dinner and lecture is supported in part by Boise Cascade Corporation and Idaho Public Television and will celebrate the Idaho Humanities Council's 30th anniversary. This will be the writer's first visit to Idaho.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, call the IHC toll free at (888) 345-5346 or go to www.idahohumanities.org.

UI, WSU offer sustainable agriculture courses for students

A growing interest in small-scale sustainable agriculture is yielding new educational opportunities at UI and Washington State University this fall. The Cultivating Success program caters to students pursuing academic degrees through the two land-grant universities, and to community members who dream of launching a small-scale agricultural enterprise.

Three courses will be offered on the Moscow and Pullman campuses.

Community members can register for courses for \$120 and receive continuing education units.

For more information, call 885-7787 or e-mail tbeaver@uidaho.edu.

UI publishes comprehensive potato production systems book

UI began shipping copies in early August of a new comprehensive guide to potato production.

"Potato Production Systems" is published by the UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and edited by Jeffrey C. Stark and Stephen L. Love. They are UI researchers based at Idaho Falls and Aberdeen, respectively.

The book sells for \$89.95 in softcover and \$109.95 in hardcover, plus \$7 shipping for single copies. Idaho residents must include an additional 6 percent sales tax (\$5.40 for softcover and \$6.60 for hardcover).

For more information, go to <http://info.ag.uidaho.edu/pps> or call 885-7982.

Street dance celebrates Moscow Food Co-op

Fourth Street, between Washington and Jefferson streets, will be closed Sept. 7 from 5-8 p.m. for a free public street dance and family activities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Moscow Food Co-op.

Dan Maher will play his sing-along Celtic tunes. The Toucans, a steel drum band, also will perform.

The Co-op will be sponsoring activities including henna hand painting, juggling classes for kids, sidewalk chalk coloring and the dancing dragon. It will also offer barbecued organic hot dogs, hamburgers and their veggie equivalents for 30 cents each.

For more information, contact the Co-op at 882-8537.

UI Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Wins National Award

The Phi Beta Kappa Society has presented a new Award for Excellence to its chapter at UI. The recognition came this month at the Society's 40th Triennial Council in Seattle.

The inaugural award to the university chapter includes \$1,000 and a certificate. Among the factors in its selection were initiating 96 percent of the students invited to join in the last three years; bringing three PBK Visiting Scholars to campus; presenting awards to outstanding sophomores; and participating in an honors convocation on Parents' Weekend.

The chapter also invites all society members who live nearby to attend chapter events, including initiation ceremonies and banquets and Visiting Scholar lectures.

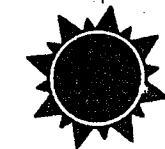
Corporation supports engineering at UI Boise

Monsanto Corporation, an agricultural products and solutions provider, recently presented the first half of a \$50,000 grant to the UI engineering group in Boise. The funds will be used for the metal fabrication facility in a new product development laboratory to be housed at the Idaho Water Center, now under construction. The grinding and milling equipment will allow students and researchers to build metal prototypes.

Engineering research and education at UI Boise includes specialties in ecohydraulics, computers, energy and manufacturing.

For the full article, go to www.today.uidaho.edu/details.asp?id=2269§r=news.

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Crapo visits UI campus

BY ABBEY LOSTROM
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Sen. Mike Crapo and his staff visited UI on Wednesday to meet interim President Gary Michael and tour the campus. Later, his policy adviser on education, Emily McClure, sat down with ASUI representatives to discuss issues of importance to students and how Crapo can become more involved with the university and these issues.

One issue addressed by the group was the Patriot Act. Crapo joined the Republican majority in voting for the Patriot Act when it was passed Oct. 24, 2001.

Recently, an amendment passed by the House of Representatives and sponsored by Crapo's Idaho colleague Rep. Butch Otter repealed the part of the Patriot Act that allows "sneak and peeks," or searches of suspected terrorists' property without a search warrant. Otter was on campus Tuesday to dis-

cuss the amendment.

As the "Otter Act" goes to the Senate, McClure did not say whether Crapo intends to vote for or against the bill. "I think he feels that it (the Patriot Act) does things that needed to be done," McClure said, "but at the same time he does know that it's not perfect."

"I think that this was passed quickly, and a lot of things were put in there out of fear," she said. "Again, it was passed by people who were there, who ran from the buildings with gas masks. ... They have a different point of view from this obviously than other people might, but at the same time that's no excuse to pass some sort of an act that isn't beneficial to the country. And now I think we'll see increasingly people going back and taking a look at what needs to be changed."

Anthony Geogier, ASUI lobbyist, addressed the issue as it pertains to UI's international students. "They feel as if they're



BRIAN PASSEY / ARGONAUT

Emily McClure, Sen. Mike Crapo's policy adviser on education, writes suggestions from ASUI representatives on how Crapo can be more involved at UI.

targeted, and if they were questioned, they would be presumed guilty until proven innocent."

Nate Tiegs, ASUI vice president, added that the issue affects all UI students. "It doesn't just affect the international students, it affects the whole community," he said. "It's not just that percentage there."

McClure agreed. "It (diversi-

ty) benefits an entire campus and the culture of a campus — the flavor of the town in general."

She assured the ASUI members that she would make Crapo aware of their concerns before the vote in the Senate.

The group also discussed federal funding for the university and Americorps.

PATRIOT

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the Patriot Act.

The complete omission of accountability procedures for civil rights violations from the version of the Patriot Act that Otter and his committee originally presented to Congress raised a red flag, Otter said. Two weeks after the attacks, the revised Patriot Bill passed Congress by a substantial margin.

At the time, Otter was one of the few representatives, and one of the few Republicans, to criticize the bill and vote against it. The audience was verbally appreciative of Otter on Tuesday night for his bold stance.

The panel focused on two major issues as flagrant civil rights violations.

First, the Nationwide Search Warrant allows the abolishment of jurisdiction when cases of suspected terrorism are being investigated.

According to the panel, the founding fathers wrote jurisdictional authority directly into the constitution because they understood special circumstances arise from demographical differences. Federalism and a layered approach to government resulted.

The Patriot Act dispensed with this. With the exception of martial law provisions, such power has never before been granted to federal enforcement agencies.

Second on the list of violations are the federal government's new powers of surveillance and data collection. Under the Patriot Act, officials are allowed to gather and maintain all means of sensitive and private data on people who are reasonably suspected of terrorist activity. This differs from a probable cause investigation.

The individual in question cannot, by law, be notified of the investigation against him or her. The judicial branch, which normally must grant law enforcement agencies the power to conduct investigations, confidential or otherwise, is completely circumvented in matters of terrorism.

The panelists were pleased with the turnout and praised the audience for their "willingness to become educated in (their) liberties," adding that such education will undoubtedly help deflect

moves by the federal government, such as the Victory Act, to secure additional powers.

The Victory Act draws a direct correlation between drug trafficking and terrorism. It aims to expand the powers granted by the Patriot Act to issues of the flailing drug war.

Also on the table is the sequel to the Patriot Act, the Patriot Act II. The panel emphasized that unless citizens and their representatives can send a clear message to the federal government, there is a very real chance that civil liberties will be further eroded.

Also, the ACLU is currently battling the federal government in court over the Patriot Act, and is a major supporter for the Right to Read Act, which aims to undercut some secret data collection provisions at the federal level.

Otter was recently able to pass a bill, appropriately dubbed the "Otter Bill" after its main author, by an overwhelming margin of 309-118 in the House. This bill addresses some issues regarding the infringement of citizen rights, but it does not address other problems.

That is where the Palouse Peace Coalition steps in. To date, 147 municipalities and three states have passed resolutions against controversial provisions in the Patriot Act. The PPC was in the UI Law Building foyer collecting signatures to petition Latah County officials to do the same.

The actions called for by the public watch group include written assurances from the federal government regarding the right for local law enforcement to refrain from assisting the federal government in the following: data collection activities if they see it as a civil infringement; undue video surveillance and record keeping; the unconstitutional detainment of the innocent; and stopping drivers and pedestrians to scrutinize their identification documents.

The force of this action is degraded by the abolishment of jurisdiction via the Nationwide Search Warrant. Nonetheless, its promoters say it adds strength to the mounting outcry against the Patriot Act and similar legislation.

The assembly Tuesday night seemed to be united behind Otter and the other panelists. No one spoke in total defense of the Patriot Act, though its legitimacy was recognized.

Ashcroft visit spurs lively protest in Boise

BY JASON KAUFFMAN
THE ARBITER (BOISE STATE)

BOISE — Though they came to the Boise landmark from various walks of life, all said they came to help forge a unified voice here in the shadows of the Boise Depot.

While the many voices among the crowd varied in specifics, their basic message remained the same.

Among this outspoken crowd several American flags could be seen waving, as well as lively protest signs showing their disagreements over the application of the post-Sept. 11 bill dubbed the USA Patriot Act.

With protest signs proclaiming such statements as "Patriot Act Un-American" and "The Patriot Act Terrorizes All Americans," the crowd of approximately 60 people spent a warm afternoon awaiting the arrival of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Ashcroft's visit was designed to promote the Patriot Act. The

Attorney General's schedule in Boise primarily consisted of a closed-door meeting before Boise law enforcement officials.

The arrival of Ashcroft is especially poignant when one considers that Idaho Congressman Butch Otter was one of only a handful of U.S. elected officials that voted against the act.

Among the many people attending the organized protest was Sen. Elliot Werk (D-ID). Werk said he felt the need to attend the protest more out of a sense of personal obligation than from an elected official's duty.

Werk expressed concern that law enforcement can now freely enter targeted individuals' homes and leave without their ever knowing it.

"I don't want to see groups that are legitimate in the United States targeted for investigation because they don't meet with the status quo," Werk said.

According to Robby Parker, a

volunteer with BSU College Democrats, the protest was designed primarily to help increase the public's knowledge about the Patriot Act.

Parker believes uneducated voters are the main danger in issues such as this.

Continuing, Parker said the current presidential administration seems to care little for what the general public thinks. According to Parker, all that is left for Americans to do is to exercise their constitutional rights.

"All we can do as Americans is vote," Parker said.

Among the protesters was Chris Struble of Boise, a software engineer. He said the Patriot Act undermines the rights of U.S. citizens against search and seizure.

"They can go to libraries and get lists of books that individuals have checked out, and libraries can't even tell those people," Struble said.

Capt. Miller, Valley Division Commander of the Boise Police

Department, said that along with the attorney general's own security, they hoped to accommodate everyone.

Miller said the close proximity of the protesters to Ashcroft's arrival was a strategy designed to allow the attorney general to hear the protestor's voices.

"We plan for the unexpected, but right now everything is as we expected," Miller said.

Beth Gorringer of Boise said she felt a need to attend the protest so she could add her voice to the ongoing discussion.

"A lot of people aren't even aware they passed this in such a hush-hushed, rushed way," she said.

Terry Shepard, attending his first protest, could be seen holding a sign that said, "Tyranny is worse than Terrorism." Shepard said that after Sept. 11 people seemed to forget that civil liberties are the foundation of the United States.

"I just feel that we need to preserve our civil liberties," Shepard said.

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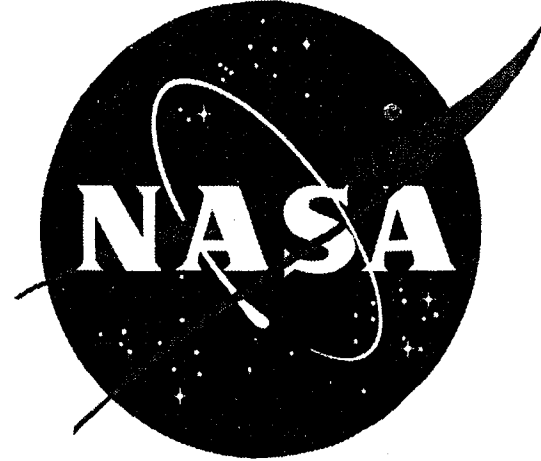
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and it took nearly two weeks before I could get my badge to get in," Pollard said. "Other people had to wait weeks just to get a computer account."

"Since the project funding was cut, I couldn't afford some of the parts and had to build them myself," Shewmaker said. "I needed \$14 bearings and they couldn't afford that, but for another system they had stacks and stacks of \$100 bearings that they didn't need but had the funding for."

Despite the problems, the trio hopes to again get involved with JPL next summer. Shewmaker intends to attend graduate school in southern California, where he will have easy access to the labs, while the other two will take what they can. In the end, all three had a strong sense of accomplishment.

"I had to give a presentation to the project managers, trustees, lead scientists and everyone," Lively said. "I felt people actually learned



from what I was doing." "After all the parts problems I had, I still got the rover to work," Shewmaker said. "I had a final product, something to show for all my work."

SEARCH

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working with UI budget officials in search of financial solutions to the multimillion-dollar deficit in this year's budget. Michael said the search for a new chief finance officer will coincide with the search for a new president.

"We've got to get the university back in shape so we can be attractive for the next president," Michael said.

Board President Blake Hall said the university community will not be involved until the final selection process of the future UI president. The UI community will get a chance to meet candidates later in the fall with on-campus visits and receptions.

"The board is interested in ensuring that interested parties have an opportunity to contribute and participate in choosing the next president of the University of Idaho," Hall said in a press release.

As the university searches for a new leader, former president Bob Hoover has moved on to become the head of administration at Albertson College in Caldwell, where he will also be teaching a political science course this fall. Hoover was announced as the new president of Albertson the same day his resignation became official at UI.

Pitcher served as provost with president Hoover for seven years. "I'm very pleased the opportunity was there for him. I think he'll do a good job for Albertsons," Pitcher said. Albertson officials said

President Hoover was chosen for his skills in recruiting students and generating funding. The college is currently dealing with financial difficulties similar to UI's.

"They needed to grow their enrollment, and he's very good as a recruiter. He's very good with fund raising, and that's what they need to do," Pitcher said.

Jim Hammond, State board vice president and screening committee chair, said the committee is aware of the impact their decision will have on the university.

"Our goal is to find a leader with a strong commitment to excellence in higher education, who can continue and enhance the tradition of quality academics and research for which UI is known," Hammond said in a state board press release.

CUTS

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would have to continue dealing with a shortage of resources. "That's just the way it is," Michael said.

As faculty entered the meeting, they were issued a handout listing the various changes in UI administration and colleges. The list was extensive, including two newly appointed deans and 10 new department administrators. Several of the departments are being headed by interim administrators until permanent candidates can be found at a later time.

Pitcher said he understands it will be hard to recruit new faculty and staff at UI because of salary freezes. UI faculties have not had a raise in three years due to the university's financial situation.

Former faculty chair Tom Bitterwolf said the numerous changes could be the result of major reorganizations within the university during the last two years. "I'd expect to see more of this as the year progresses."

Bitterwolf, a chemistry professor, said the physics department is currently running under an interim director and the changes in the education department are too many to recall. "It's a revolving door," Bitterwolf said.

Kenton Bird, acting chair for the department of Journalism and Mass Media, asked the interim president how administrators were supposed to keep up the morale of faculty members within their colleges. After working with tight budgets for more than a year, colleges have been

told to continue working with only essential funding.

Michael said the key to improving faculty morale is through the improvement of the university.

"People want to be part of something successful," Michael said.

Francis Wagner, newly appointed chair of the faculty council, ended the meeting by assuring faculty members that the situation for faculty at the university has improved since last year. "We have a much stronger voice than we ever have before," Wagner said.

Michael said he will continue to seek financial advice from higher education officials, and auditors will be brought in to further assess UI's finances during the next two weeks. "Some of you are doing well, some of you are not doing as well," Michael said. The university will also begin the search for a new chief finance officer.

Faculty members voiced appreciation for Michael's ability to make financial decisions for the university. "I like the idea of running the school like a business," said Paul Oman, a computer science professor.

Pitcher said he has also appreciated Michael's financial knowledge. "His business experience, his financial experience, is going to help us find the answer," Pitcher said.

Michael was approached to fill the interim position at the university in May by the State Board of Education and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. He said the board and the governor asked him to do two things: fill in the financial holes in the university's budget, and fix problems in the

structure of UI administration.

Michael said one problem he noticed from last year's administration is faculty members' confusion about who was making decisions. As the university goes through financial restructuring, Pitcher said UI officials are trying to be as transparent as possible and a university council has been formed to approve decisions before anything is "signed on the bottom line."

Michael encouraged faculty to forget the past difficulties at the university and focus on future progress. "What I see here is people hang on to things too long."

Another event further affecting finances at the university will be the release of the internal audit carried out by the State Board of Education. The board selected Boise attorney Larry Prince to investigate the \$10 million in loans made to the UI foundation.

"We can't wait around for the board, or for the Prince report. We know where we need to be," Michael said. The board has reserved the right to keep the results from the management review confidential by declaring attorney-client confidentiality.

The interim president tried to encourage faculty by reminding them the university is still attracting students. Enrollment is up by 3 percent this semester, and graduate and international student enrollment has increased by 15 percent.

Michael told UI faculty he will continue to contribute money to the university after his interim position ends and a new president is appointed.

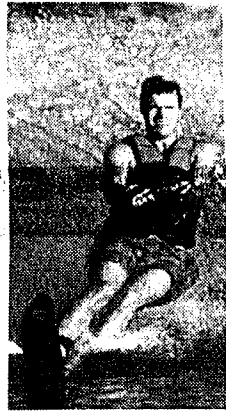
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Variation of gene linked to binge drinking

BY KAWANZA L. GRIFFIN
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

The same week that the University of Wisconsin was ranked the nation's No. 2 party school, a study suggests a new explanation for all that binge drinking — genetics.

College students who carried a particular version of a common gene tended to have more harmful drinking habits than those who had a different version, according to a study published in the journal Alcohol and Alcoholism.

The gene, known as the serotonin transporter gene — 5HTT — has previously been shown to play a key role in emotions, including depression and anxiety.

"One might speculate that in a new environment like college, if one is prone to a higher level of anxiety, one might also be more likely to use alcohol," said Paolo B. DePetrillo, the senior investigator with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism who co-authored the study.

However, DePetrillo said the relationship between drinking and emotions is not clearly understood, and that further studies are needed.

For the study, researchers surveyed about 200 Caucasian college students aged 17 to 23 years old about their alcohol consumption and then collected their saliva to look at a gene that helps regulate serotonin, a chemical messenger in the brain known to play a role in depression.

Everyone inherits long or short versions of the 5-HTT gene from their parents, resulting in three possible combinations: two short, two long or a short and long.

Although the majority of the general population has either two short or two long genes, about 30 percent of the white population has one of each gene, DePetrillo said.

But the percentage varies within each ethnic group, he said. For example, African-Americans tend to have a higher proportion of the long variant, while Asians have more short variants, he said.

Binge drinking, defined as

five or more drinks at a single sitting for men and four for women, was more prevalent in students with two copies of the short form of the gene, the study found. In addition, those students were more likely to drink to get drunk and to consume more drinks at a sitting than students with other combinations.

The study also found that having at least one copy of the long variant was protective; those students tended to drink less, even though they went out to drink as often as the other students.

A study last month by Madison researchers also found that people with two short genes were more likely to develop depression after experiencing multiple stressful events.

Alcoholism affects one out of every 13 adults, or about 14 million Americans, according to the alcoholism institute. Men typically have more problems associated with their drinking, though alcohol problems are highest among young adults ages 18-29 and lowest among adults ages 65 and older.

In addition, people who start drinking at an early age, particularly those younger than 14, are more likely to develop alcohol problems later in life.

More than 70 percent of adult Wisconsinites drink, and a love affair with booze begins by age 10, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Despite a drop in the percentage of students who binge drink at UW-Madison — from 66 percent in 2001 to 62 percent in 2003 — the school still managed to leap from 10th to 2nd place in The Princeton Review's national "party school" rankings.

"It's a chronic problem, and it's a struggle [to quit] because drinking has immediate effects for people who drink," said Allen Zweben, director of the Center for Addiction and Behavioral Health Research and a professor of social work at UW-Milwaukee. "But the more you drink, the more harmful it becomes."

Monument confrontation divides evangelicals

BY ALAN COOPERMAN AND MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA
THE WASHINGTON POST

Workmen levered a 5,280-pound Ten Commandments monument onto a dolly and wheeled it into a back room at the Alabama Supreme Court building Wednesday, ending a confrontation that initially unified evangelical Christians but ended up deeply dividing them.

Evangelicals across the country had cheered two years ago when Alabama's Chief Justice Roy Moore installed the granite marker in the building's rotunda. But when he disobeyed a federal court order to remove it by Aug. 20, religious conservatives began quarreling among themselves.

Several leading voices on the religious Right — including Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson, Southern Baptist minister Richard Land, legal strategist Jay Sekulow and Free Congress Foundation chairman Paul Weyrich — have criticized Moore for undermining "the rule of law."

Other figures with a nationwide Christian following — including Focus on the Family founder James Dobson and Coral Ridge Ministries evangelist D. James Kennedy — have praised him for placing "God's law" above the changing judgments of human beings.

People on both sides of the debate predicted Wednesday that it will continue because conservative Christians are growing increasingly frustrated with federal court decisions and more inclined to civil disobedience. If the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance are unconstitutional, "then I think you will see sit-ins and people refusing to pay their taxes," Land said.

With a "runaway, dictatorial judiciary" that has legalized sodomy, upheld abortion

rights and restricted prayer in schools, "we're getting to a point where there are a lot of people who are being forced to choose between their conscience and obeying court orders," he said.

In Alabama Wednesday morning, demonstrators dropped to their knees in prayer after spotting a five-man work crew gathering around the monument. Some pastors lay prostrate on the ground.

By moving the monument to a storage room that is not open to the public, however, state officials complied with the federal court order without having to wrestle "Roy's Rock" past the 100 protesters, some of whom had camped out for a week to prevent its removal.

It took the crew an hour and a half of painstaking labor to wheel away the monument with demonstrators watching through the courthouse's glass doors.

"This is one of the most tragic days for America," said the Rev. Phil Fulton of the Pentecostal Union Hill Church in Peebles, Ohio. "I feel like our constitutional rights, our religious freedoms, are eroding away."

Even after the monument had disappeared, the protesters could not bring themselves to leave. Instead, their numbers grew. Some activists were roused by urgent calls to nearby hotels. Several hundred had gathered by midday, many vowing to press the fight to place Christian imagery in public buildings in other parts of the country.

David Williams, a spokesman for the state Supreme Court, said lights in the storage room where the monument was placed will remain on 24 hours a day. "It's just symbolic of respect," he said.

Moore has appeared before cheering crowds twice since defying the order from U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson. But he stayed away Wednesday. "It is a sad day in our country when the moral foundation of our laws and the acknowledgment of God has to be hidden from public view to appease a federal judge," he said in a statement.

Moore still intends to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. But the high court last week denied his request for a stay, and eight of his colleagues on the state Supreme Court overruled him and ordered the monument's removal. On Friday, Moore's attorneys told Thompson that he would not interfere with the physical withdrawal of the monument.

Moore also was suspended last week by a state judicial commission, which will hold a hearing on whether to discipline or remove him from the bench.

While Moore has gained the adoration of many evangelical Christians across the country, Alabama's top state officials — who had once supported him — have distanced themselves from his defiance. Gov. Robert Riley and Attorney General William H. Pryor Jr., both Republicans, said they favored the monument's display, but opposed defying a court order.

That is the same position taken by evangelical leaders such as Land and Robertson. While there is "no question" that the courts erred in declaring the monument an unconstitutional infringement on the separation of church and state, "we are people who respect the role of law," Robertson said in a radio interview this week.

Kennedy, who is also a major religious broadcaster, said he is "a law-abiding citizen." There are, however, some exceptional cases when man's law conflicts with God's law, and in that case ... according to the New Testament, it is better that we obey God rather than men.

Weyrich, who has been called the "father" of the Christian Right, said the movement is now "deeply divided" and that he has taken "enormous heat" from his own supporters over his criticism of Moore. "You try to explain, but they won't listen," he said. "As far as they're concerned, this is an issue of good versus evil, and Judge Moore is on the right side."

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Evidence against Iraq was not embellished, Blair tells inquiry

BY TOD ROBERSON
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Struggling to extract his government from its worst crisis, Prime Minister Tony Blair told a judicial inquiry Thursday he did not exaggerate evidence to justify the war on Iraq and would have resigned if news reports to that effect had proven true.



BLAIR

Blair is only the second prime minister in history to appear before a judicial inquiry. He appeared on orders from Lord Hutton, a senior judge whose panel is investigating circumstances behind the July 17 suicide of Dr. David Kelly, a top Defense Ministry expert on Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

The inquiry pits the word of Britain's most prestigious journalism entity, the BBC, against that of Blair and a September government dossier outlining the case for war against Iraq. The BBC, citing a senior source later identified as Kelly, reported in early June that the government had "sexed up" the dossier to justify ousting Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"It is one thing to say we disagree with the government, we should not have gone to war. People can have a disagreement about that," Blair told the inquiry. But if the BBC allegation had been true, he added, "it would mean we behaved in the most disgraceful way, and I would have to resign as prime minister."

The BBC reports made world headlines and sharpened public debate on whether the U.S. and British governments overstated the immediate threat posed by Saddam to bolster support for the war they launched in March. To date, no weapons of mass destruction have been found.

Blair contended in September that Iraq had modernized its missile technology and was capable of launching chemical or biological warheads at its neighbors within 45 minutes. In June, the BBC cited a government source — later exposed as Kelly — as saying the government had embellished the evidence.

The first time a prime minister appeared before such an inquiry was in 1994, when Blair's immediate predecessor, John Major, spoke during an investigation into weapons sales to Iraq.

Testifying immediately after Blair, BBC chairman Gavyn Davies defended his staff against what he described as an "almost unprecedented attack" as the government tried to discredit the reports.

After the reports aired, Kelly was summoned before two parliamentary committees probing the BBC allegations. Then, his identity as the BBC source was revealed. Amid mounting pressure from the government, Parliament and news media, Kelly committed suicide.

Blair was indignant at the suggestion that

the information in the dossier was anything but accurate. Because of "enormous clamor" for the government to put up evidence to back its long-standing claim of the threat posed by Saddam, "it was important it (the dossier) made the best case we could have," Blair told the Hutton inquiry.

He said he had "absolutely no reason" to doubt the dossier's accuracy, adding, "The intelligence services had the last say on content," and they had chosen not to alter the wording.

Blair said the intelligence services "had to decide what it was we could properly say," without revealing secrets. Within those boundaries, he said, "obviously, we had to make this case because it was the case we believed in, and this was the evidence we had."

Kelly, in a series of interviews with two BBC reporters in May and June, expressed strong reservations regarding the dossier and suggested the intelligence services did as well. He was regarded as highly authoritative, having made numerous trips to Iraq, including as a U.N. weapons inspector with direct access to Iraq's arsenal and scientists.

Although he had never publicly acknowledged using any terminology like "sexed up," Kelly did tell a BBC reporter the claim that Iraq had a 45-minute attack capability was "all out of proportion."

"They were desperate for information. They were pushing hard for information which could be released," Kelly told BBC reporter Susan Watts in a June phone interview, referring to the Blair government's desire to make the strongest possible case against Iraq.

The 45-minute attack scenario "was one that popped up, and it was seized on, and it was unfortunate that it was," Kelly told Watts. "Which is why there is the argument between the intelligence services and cabinet office/No. 10 (Downing Street), because things were picked up, and once they've picked up on it, you can't pull it back. That's the problem."

A transcript of the recorded interview was made available by the Hutton inquiry.

The inquiry seeks to determine whether the government and Britain's news media helped drive Kelly to kill himself by exposing his identity.

On Thursday, Blair took responsibility for the government's decision to release Kelly's identity in July amid persistent questioning by reporters and members of Parliament.

After his advisers met with Kelly, Blair said he concluded the weapons expert was experienced enough to withstand the heat of public pressure. Blair, whose approval ratings have plummeted over the affair, was careful to avoid labeling Kelly as psychologically unstable.

"There is nothing in the discussion that we had that would have alerted us to him being anything other than someone, you know, of a certain robustness who was used to dealing with the interchange between politics and the media," he said.

Afghan officials see new signs of Taliban activity

BY LIZ SLY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

For Rahmatullah, 18, an impoverished Afghan student enrolled at a small religious school in the Pakistani border town of Chaman, the offer made by the Taliban mullah who visited in June was too good to refuse.

In return for 3,700 rupees — about \$60 — the mullah promised, he would be given a gun and the chance to wage holy war against the infidels occupying his country.

So Rahmatullah, who uses only one name, took the money, said goodbye to his classmates and joined the swelling ranks of a revived Taliban rebellion against U.S. forces and the government of President Hamid Karzai.

He didn't fight for long. A week after he crossed into Afghanistan and linked up with a unit of 20 Taliban fighters, the group was betrayed by a local villager and attacked by Afghan forces. Rahmatullah was captured, his money was confiscated, and now he says he regrets his decision.

"I did it for the money," he said at the government prison in the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, where he has spent the past two months. "I made a mistake and I want to go home."

As a raw recruit, Rahmatullah had little to tell interrogators about his Taliban employers. Hardened fighters and leaders are turned over to the Americans based at the nearby airport; Rahmatullah was questioned by them but not detained.

But his account, and that of another captive, Mohammed Ramazan, illustrate something that the Afghan government has been complaining about for some time: Remnants of the ousted Taliban regime are aggressively recruiting and reorganizing in Pakistan in a revived effort to stage a comeback in Afghanistan.

"There are lots of Taliban in Quetta, and a lot of people are joining them," said Ramazan, 19, who was recruited by a different Taliban mullah at a mosque in the Pakistani town of Quetta.

In recent weeks, the fruits of

those efforts have become alarmingly apparent. A sharp rise in Taliban activity has been accompanied by evidence of a newly effective strategy for destabilizing the Karzai government and undermining America's goal of securing a lasting peace in Afghanistan.

The wildly inaccurate hit-and-run attacks against U.S. forces by small groups of three to four fighters that characterized the first year of resistance to America's presence in Afghanistan have been replaced by larger, better-coordinated assaults on softer targets, including remote government checkpoints, foreign and Afghan aid workers and supporters of the Karzai government.

The accounts of Ramazan and Rahmatullah hardly suggest that this neo-Taliban army is likely to pose much of a challenge to the 11,500 coalition troops based in Afghanistan, including 8,500 Americans.

Yet Afghan officials say Ramazan and Rahmatullah are only the lowliest foot soldiers in a guerrilla movement that is showing new signs of sophistication, coordination and also access to resources. Led by seasoned military commanders from the former Taliban regime, it is being fueled by fresh recruits among young Afghans enrolled in the madrassas, or religious schools, of Pakistan.

Although the numbers involved are impossible to estimate, there is no doubt that the Taliban's strength is growing, said Gen. Samiullah Qadrat, who heads Afghanistan's border forces.

"For the first time now, I believe it may be possible for terrorists, for the Taliban, to take over power again," he said. "If the coalition forces left Afghanistan, within a few hours six or seven provinces would be taken by the Taliban."

In recent weeks, some Taliban fighters have acquired motorbikes, giving them the capability to move swiftly across rough terrain, said Gen. Mohammed Khan,

the army commander in Kandahar. They have radios and mobile satellite phones, enabling them to act with a degree of coordination that previously was lacking, he said.

The Taliban's tactics have already secured a degree of freedom of movement for fighters in swaths of Afghan territory along the eastern border with Pakistan and stretching deep into southern Afghanistan, the Pashtun tribal belt from which the original Taliban drew most of its support. The provinces of Zabul and Uruzgan, where the Taliban leader Mullah Omar is believed to be hiding, are considered largely loyal to the Taliban.

Afghanistan blames Pakistan for the Taliban revival and has called on Islamabad to clamp down on Taliban activity on the Pakistani side of the border. Some Afghan officials believe Pakistan's support goes beyond turning a blind eye; without the active involvement of Pakistan's government, said Khan, the Taliban wouldn't have access to resources.

"All the strength they have is coming from Pakistan," he said. "If Pakistan wasn't helping them, they would be nothing."

Pakistan vehemently denies the charge and last week called on Afghanistan to share intelligence on Taliban activities so Pakistan could do more to help.

Yet whether Pakistan is involved or not, the answer to Afghanistan's resurgent Taliban problem lies with the government in Kabul, according to Mullah Mohammed Khaksar, a former Taliban deputy minister and the only member of the Taliban government to defect when the regime collapsed.

"They are not as strong as people think," he said of the revived Taliban movement. "They are better organized now, and of course if things continue this way, they could become a big problem. But if the government gets stronger, and gives jobs and opportunities to the people, everyone will be busy and no one will want to fight for the Taliban."

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MAILBOX
Female deodorant equals corporate profit

Dear editor,
Do you smell an odor? Vaginal odor that is? Well, apparently this is a problem that UI female students and female students nationwide should be worried about. UI students were greeted with smiles and a free gift cup from the UI Dean of Students Saturday afternoon during Palousafest.
After examining the contents of the sex-specific gifts, I could find only two differences: FDS (Feminine Deodorant Spray) Personals and Harvest Road Pretzels. While male students were given a sample packet of pretzels, female students were given a reminder that their vaginas can never be too clean.
In fact, the enclosed information encourages female students to carry their "personal" size bottle in their briefcase, make-up bag, purse and gym bag. Apparently, the feminine odor (read vaginal odor) is so pungent, it takes multiple daily application to mask it. And if your personal odor is so strong that the White Blossom free sample won't mask it, there is a coupon for 75 cents off any FDS product, including the Springtime Fresh Extra Strength.
I am not suggesting that the UI Dean of Students sees female vaginal odor as a problem on the UI campus. I am simply trying to state the obvious. The corporate buy-out of public education is undeniable and students — in this case female students — are being harmed. It has reached the point where 46 percent of the UI student body can be targeted and stigmatized as having a problem — in this case vaginal odor — that can only be remedied with a corporate product, and our administration helps hand out the "cure" by distributing corporate "freebies."
Distributing this "free product" aids corporate profit by playing on and reinforcing the socialized fear that the female body is dirty, gross, unsanitary and in constant need of cleaning and deodorizing. Women are constantly being told that the female body, in its natural state, is unattractive and undesirable.
Lucky for UI female students and female students nationwide, corporate universities have their best interest in mind.

Lori VanBuggenum
Moscow

CAMPUSTALK
Graduation contract would benefit all

STAFF EDITORIAL
KENTUCKY KERNEL

LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Student government and the University Senate are coming together to help the University of Kentucky make the myth of four-year graduation a reality.

The senate voted in May to work out a graduation contract that will benefit both students and the university by helping full-time students graduate within four years of their enrollment date.

The contract assures incoming freshmen that the university will offer sufficient sections of required classes every semester, so that students will not need more than four years to graduate. If students can't graduate within four years because they couldn't get the necessary classes, UK will be responsible for the tuition bills every additional semester.

In return, incoming freshmen who sign the contract would be required to follow specific guidelines, or curriculum maps, on what classes they take, based on what major they choose. Students will not be required to enroll in the classes outlined in their curriculum map, but ignoring the map would void the contract.

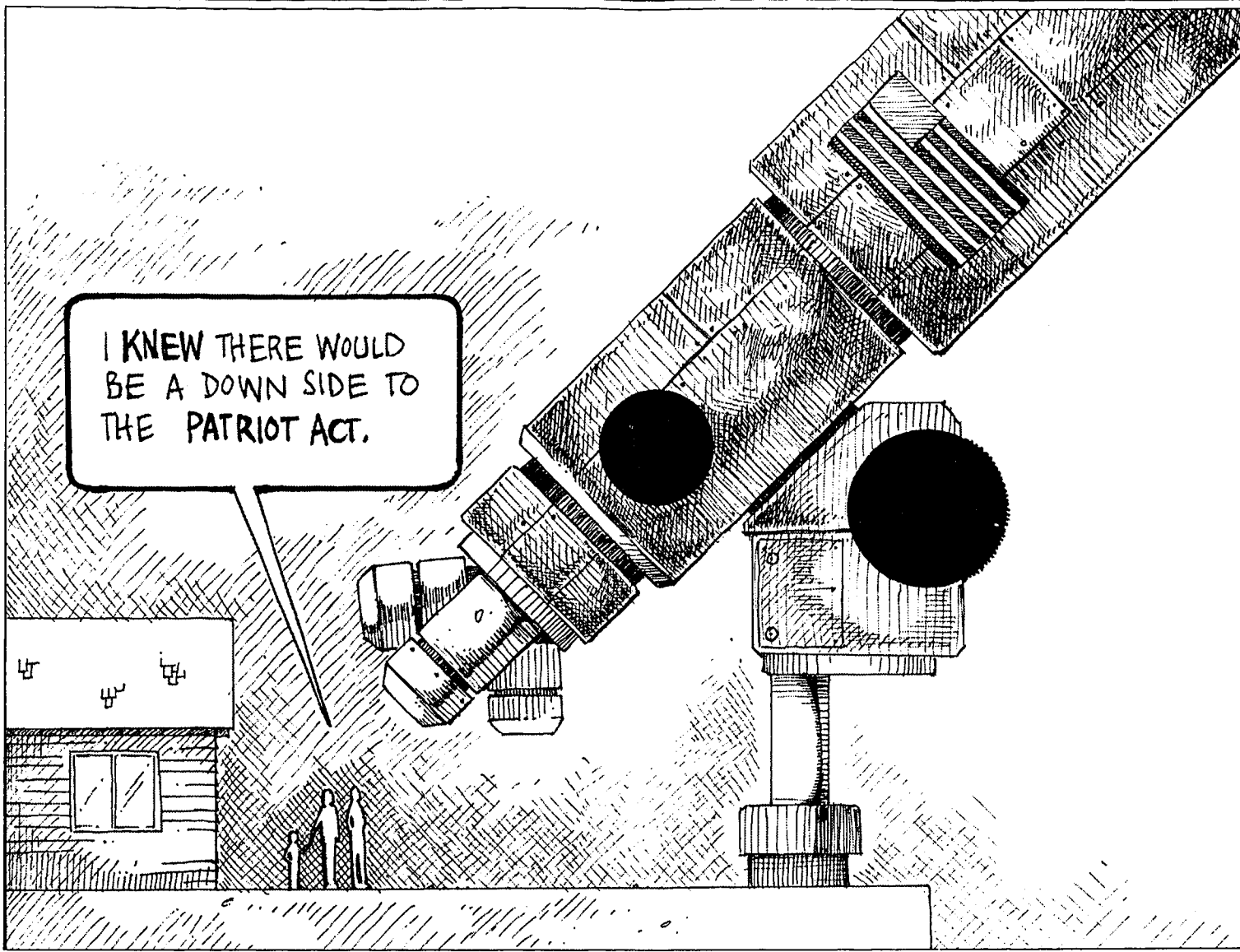
UK could be implementing the contract by next fall, if all the kinks are worked out by then. Another advantage to the contract is it will require more interaction between students and advisers, said John Weis, SG Senate chair. Weis is helping to develop the individual curriculum maps for each academic college.

"What this (contract) does is it not only sets out a map, but it gets you more involved with your adviser. You have to meet more regularly with your adviser," he said.

If UK were to increase its efforts to establish one-on-one communication between students and advisers, this would show that the university does have a strong interest in enriching the college experience for individual students.

Statistics compiled by UK's Office of Institutional Research also show the need for a graduation contract.

OURVIEW



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

Patriot games

House representative stands up for the bullied citizens

In the turmoil of the post-Sept. 11 world, the Patriot Act emerged on the scene as a document designed to protect and serve the American people. However, in the wake of current events and seemingly ever-evaporating constitutional rights of all people living in America, one of our own Idahoans is combating the Patriot Act head on.

Idaho Rep. Butch Otter, who addressed UI students, faculty, staff and the Moscow community Tuesday in a panel on the USA Patriot Act, spoke extensively on his reasons for opposition to the Patriot Act.

In response to growing opposition, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has been touring in support of the Act, recently stopping in Boise amid protests.

Although it's been nearly two years since the introduction of the Patriot Act, the cause and question still remains ripe

in the social conscious, and with good reason. The Patriot Act must be examined, opposed and stopped.

On our own campus, following the arrest of Sami Omar al-Hussayen, many international students felt threatened by the ambiguously mysterious nature of the act.

It's refreshing to see Butch Otter, who voted against the Patriot Act, stand strong against the spreading fear disguised as patriotism. Furthermore, it's of growing importance that UI students pay close attention to the Patriot Act's path in Moscow, seeing as the Patriot Act effects have been so closely felt in our area already.

With the transferring and shifting of powers, the eliminations of key checks and balances and the disappearance of due processes, the Patriot Act manages to log

the democratic process with fear and suspicion while failing to appropriately justify the side-stepping of constitutionality.

Furthermore, the use of fear and circumvention of justice mirrors the actions of terrorists rather than the lineage of democracy and patriotism. Terrorism is based on fear and random and irrational acts committed against the unsuspecting and underserving public. The Patriot Act seems more closely related to the actions the United States is attempting to combat.

Far more threatening than the terrorism is the idea that civil liberties can be dismissed at the whim of congressional fear.

Cheers to Butch Otter for standing amid this fear as a voice of dissension on the Patriot Act.

J.H.

Iraqis not the only people who need help

As a linguist, I find it ironic that the name Liberia comes from the Latin word, "free." Perhaps nowhere in the world needs freedom from fear more than Liberia does right now.

On Aug. 18, warring rebel factions signed a ceasefire agreement, after a handful of U.S. Marines entered the country and President Charles Taylor stepped down. Peace and freedom, it seemed, were getting their first day in the sun after a long time in hiding.

No sooner had the ink on the ceasefire agreement dried than the American ground presence in Liberia returned to their ships off the coast.

And no sooner had the American soldiers left the country than 1,000 Liberians were reported massacred by

Liberian state radio. How sad that in the United States, news about the California recall election garnered more attention by the American press that day. And how odd that a country that lost 3,000 people Sept. 11 would have so little sympathy for a similarly tragic loss of Liberian lives.

ANNETTEHENKE
Argonaut staff



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The Bush administration

has claimed that America should not become the world's police force, and therefore should not enter into the Liberian conflict, ignoring the massive humanitarian crisis occurring in a nation founded by former American slaves.

Oddly enough, the same administration is now claiming that the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people justify our presence, whether or not weapons of mass destruction will ever be found.

It is somewhat understandable that the United States would hesitate to set foot on African soil after the tragic events that unfolded in 1993 when U.S. Army Rangers entered Somalia during a time of humanitarian instability. But an army that fears the loss of soldiers is impotent, to say the least.

How sad that the president of the most powerful nation in the world only cares about the suffering of non-Americans when it suits his current administrative needs.

It is equally saddening that a president who is so rabidly patriotic does not defend the ideals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" upon which this nation was born.

Ignoring the whole of the African continent (except when it serves to help his reelection chances by producing a score of photo opportunities with African leaders) makes the Bush Administration appear racist, and reeks of imperialism.

The people of Liberia deserve to have the basic things in life: food, water, freedom, security and peace.

CAMPUSTALK
continued

The number of UK students who graduate within four years has risen in recent years, but remains low enough that the graduation contract is a necessary step.

About 16 percent of UK freshmen who entered college in 1991 graduated four years later in 1995, according to the research office.

In contrast, about 28 percent of the 1998 entering class graduated within four years. That's an improvement, but it isn't a statistic to be proud of.

Because the contract will give the university an economic incentive to help students graduate, UK

will be able to further improve its reputation. By letting students know the university is working for their timely graduation, students will also have more incentive to fulfill their end of this goal.

Moore's story calm, tiresome

STAFF EDITORIAL
THE CRIMSON WHITE

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (U-WIRE) — The state of Alabama is in the middle of a rather large national news story. And yet very little seems to be happening. It's like some sort of giant-scale deadlock has caught the state, making its engine — or judicial system, whatever — sputter and die.
With the court-ordered deadline to extricate the

monument a week past, the monument has yet to be moved off the state judicial building grounds in Montgomery. The U.S. Supreme Court has yet to say it'll hear Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore's appeal. The feds have yet to show up to plow over the monument and neighborhood pets with their gigantic government bulldozer.

And though those on neither side of this issue can yet cry, "Checkmate!" and commence the pointing and laughing, the media coverage was everywhere, and the nation's eye was once again fixed unblinkingly upon our state. This time, it just looked a little more bored.

The monument did indeed get moved Wednesday ... just a few anticlimactic yards away, deeper inside the courthouse. It was an obvious move to try to kill some of the sensationalism and emotionalism surrounding this story, and it will probably work. With

the monument holding a less prominent visual position, the state's cameramen will have a little less with which to work.

Boring though it may be, giving the monument a new, less inflammatory home is probably a smart play in the game of crisis avoidance. Protesters to the monument's removal, while they've been quite emphatic, have shown a remarkable and commendable degree of control throughout the unveiling of this soap opera's many twists and turns. It seems unlikely the issue will ever result in violence, proving the moral fortitude of many in dissent of the removal.

While a gigantic monument to the Ten Commandments might be good at being heavy, and establishing a state religion in defiance of the First Amendment, it falls short in providing perpetual amusement or interest. We're tired of dealing with it.

SPEAKOUT

QUESTION

Do you feel the Patriot Act is necessary for your security, or goes too far? Why?



HACKMAN

"It sounds like it might have done some not-so-good things, but I don't really know. From what I've heard it seems like a bit much. I need to read more though."

Ryan Hackman
classic studies
sophomore
Sonora, Calif.



HOLT

"I think it is a premise to give the government control they neither need or deserve. It's just stupid; people are being paranoid."

Angelique Holt
history/English
junior
Moscow



LAURINO

"I'm generally very much against it. It seems to be a way to invade people's privacy that don't share your viewpoint. I don't think it's ethical or constitutional."

Ellaina Laurino
finance/accounting/
economics/dance
senior
Keuterville



NDEBELE

"It seems to contradict what America is supposed to be about - freedom. I think it's ridiculous."

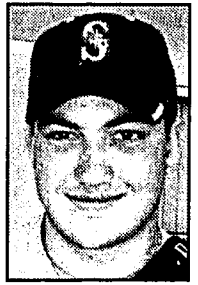
Nomusa Ndebele
interior design
senior
Bulawayo,
Zimbabwe



SIEBOLD

"I feel it's wrong. I think that we're becoming too fearful. I don't think we need our government babysitting us."

Ryan Siebold
forest resources
junior
La Crescent, Minn.



WALTMANN

"I think the government is doing what is in their best interest and in the best interest of the people, but they don't always view things correctly on the whole."

Aaron Waltmann
music composition
freshman
Kooskia

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Idaho grad earns an Emmy

News program earns '96 alumnus top award

BY ASHLEIGH HEBERT
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho is large enough to be on the list of the 100 best colleges in the nation, but small enough to be absolutely thrilled when it or one of its alumni receives broad-scale recognition. Deanne Young has just announced that her brother, a UI graduate, made a fine accomplishment worthy of notice.

He won an Emmy. Young's brother, Dean Shirley, graduated from UI in 1996 with a major in communication. He currently works for Channel 12 out of Portland. He completed an internship at Spokane's KXLY Channel 4, and from there he worked for Channel 5 in Phoenix, and then KNTV Channel 7 in San Jose, Calif.

Shirley was hired to help with promotion and marketing when that small California TV station, KNTV, switched its affiliation from ABC to NBC and expanded immensely. In a letter to his family, Shirley wrote of how NBC managed the KNTV station:

"They treated us like their golden child. They definitely didn't want this thing to fail. That gave me the opportunity to work directly with Tom Brokaw, Katie Couric, Matt Lauer, Al Roker (who is just as funny in person) and more.

"To help us out, someone from nearly every NBC Primetime show cut something on camera for us. 'I'm (name here) and you're watching NBC11.' I was impressed. When NBC wants something, it happens."

Eventually, what they wanted was to own KNTV itself. So two years after Shirley started, NBC bought the station, after which, he said, life just got easier. One year later, he won his first Emmy.

Peers in his industry judged Shirley's work and honored him with the 2002-2003 Northern California Emmy Award. They deemed the promotion which he produced, "It's All About the Bay Area," an Outstanding Achievement. The promotion included aerial views of the San Francisco area filmed from a helicopter and appearances of media celebrities.

As for what he did with the statue he received, he gave it to his parents. Of the award, Shirley wrote the following:

"To me, it's more than just a symbol that my peers liked my work. It recognizes my three-long, grueling years of hard work at KNTV, five different managers there, late night editions which ended in station sleep-overs on the floor, egos I had to work with, people I got to meet, time spent, time wasted, things learned, fun I had, and the relationships I took for granted.

"That last one is the most important to me. That's why I gave that little, golden statue to you. You both were always there, even when I wasn't."



ILLUSTRATION BY KATIE BOTKIN

Down the grass path

Signal Path to play Saturday with host of special effects

BY SEAN OLSON
ASSISTANT A&C EDITOR

This Saturday, John's Alley will host the electronica/grass roots phenomena Signal Path for the second time.

The Missoula-based band has been touring the country since last September, playing everywhere from Los Angeles to Chicago.

The band fuses an unlikely combination of drum and bass, house, jazz, funk and grassroots rhythm to form a five-piece band with a unique style.

The show begins at 10 p.m. Saturday. The cover is \$5.

John's Alley manager Brian Jordan said Signal Path uses extensive special effects, including a laser show and smoke machines. All lights will be turned off except for over the pool tables and bartender. "There's something about the lights being off, people get a little more freaky," Jordan said.

The band played in Moscow last May, and consists of Ryan Burnett (guitar), Ben Griffin (percussion), Damon Metzner (drums), Dion Stepanski (bass) and Nathan (yes, just Nathan, guitar).

Burnett hails from Denver and formerly played in popular Missoula band Abendego (now disbanded).

Metzner is from New Orleans and studied under Stanton Moore of Galactic as well as jazz drumming at the University of New Orleans.

Stepanski studied jazz at Wayne State University after growing up in Alpena Michigan. He has also studied at a jazz conservatory in the Netherlands. Nathan also attended the University of New Orleans in his hometown.

Members have played with prestigious organizations and staples such as The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Galactic, Unity Drum and Bass and Tom Constanton of the Grateful Dead.

Signal Path released a self-titled album in August of last year just before they began touring. It will be on sale at the show along with pre-release sales on their new still untitled album.

The band has been picking up momentum across

SIGNAL PATH

10 p.m.
Saturday
John's Alley
Cost: \$5



COURTESY PHOTO

Burnett, Griffin, Metzner, Stepanski and Nathan bust a move.

the country, playing gigs at the High Sierra music festival, the Boom Boom Boom in San Francisco, and the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake this summer. With their successful touring came a contract with the Progressive Global Agency (PGA). This agency represents bands such as REM, Widespread Panic and The Wailers.

With such a substantial rise in just less than a year, there's a chance Signal Path might not make it back to smaller venues such as John's Alley in the near future. They continue their tour with two scheduled shows in Missoula on Sept. 5 and 6.

Confessional goes for gusto in pop

BY AARON BLUE
ARGONAUT STAFF

REVIEW



DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL
"A Mark, a Mission, a Brand, a Scar"
★★★ (of 5)
Vagrant Records
On sale now

With the release of its third studio album, Dashboard Confessional has officially become a full-fledged pop enigma.

While putting deep-seated emotional issues to music with an acoustic guitar is hardly a revolutionary idea, the unique teen-aged cult following Dashboard now boasts is somewhat perplexing.

Begun as a side project from his former hardcore band, Further Seems Forever, Dashboard Confessional was long a one-man sideshow. Chris Carraba started the band to release a series of acoustic songs he'd been writing alongside his band's much rougher material. He released an indie album and played a few shows and shortly, to everyone's surprise, Carraba had become a cult icon.

At first, Dashboard Confessional's drippy emotional lyrics to many seemed too flowery, and his rolling melodies too clichéd for the punk crowd for whom he began playing them. Soon, however, it became apparent that the same crowd that had followed the punk band was obsessing over the acoustic material.

Much of the band's present success owes itself not to corporate marketing, but to the good old-fashioned practice of people merely passing it along to their friends. In this pleasantly quaint manner the so-called "cult of Dashboard" spread across the country like wildfire.

"The Places You Have Come to Fear the Most" (2001) soared upon the illegally-burned copies of its predecessor, "The Swiss Army Romance" (2000), to RIAA gold.

Dashboard Confessional has steadily

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Picture Smashmouth in bubble gum pink

BY KATIE BOTKIN
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

REVIEW



SMASHMOUTH
"Get the Picture"
★★★ (of 5)
Interscope
Records
On sale now

Smashmouth's latest release, "Get the Picture," which hit stores earlier this month, blends more of their typical nonchalant bubble gum ska-punk with a slightly updated self-depreciatory sameness.

Or as singer Steve Harwell says in a press release, "We are California in a can."

The album, the band's fourth, is a fun listen (candy is always fun). The shiny leading track "You are My Number One," boasts the writing of Neil Diamond, who also wrote Smashmouth's 2001's hit "I'm a Believer" (contrary to popular belief that Davy Jones penned it for his own benefit).

Other catchy tunes include "Space Man" and "Seventh Grade Dance," a nostalgic bow to those weird junior high

days: "I'll wrestle the beat with my two left feet/ They'll point and they'll stare at what my Mom made me wear."

The attempt to be serious seeps out in "Hang On," a Sept. 11 memorial urging everyone to enjoy themselves and make Mama proud.

The album's rallying cry would be the song "Fun," about just that; having fun "while we're still young." Which begs the question: How young is Smashmouth?

As a band, 9 years old, which in some instances would be plenty young to not seem like 90210 stars sticking around long after they've started getting gray hair. However, this instance is sadly typical of wannabe high school icons. Any gray hair is probably gelled over, however.

The group formed in 1994 in San Jose and became hugely popular in 1997,

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TAG-TEAM TAKES

'Open Range' shoots itself full of holes

BY JACOB DENBROOK AND CHRIS MARTIN
ARGONAUT STAFF

At the start of a fine fall semester. When directors and big-budget production companies lure the young fleshy college student to the box office and vie to be this year's finest of fine, the coolest of cool.

Adapted from the novel "The Open Range Men" by Lauran Paine, "Open Range" follows four free-grazers (those who take cattle to graze in open land) and their trouble with a local Irish landowner and a corrupt lawyer. Kevin Costner and Robert Duvall star in this Western that looks to reinvent a recently absent genre.

The Good:
C.M.: I found myself enjoying the detached feel of Costner's character, Charlie Waite, and as the story progressed his mysterious past grabbed me. Considering Costner's swing-and-miss record with epic characters in epic movies, his portrayal of the gunman-turned-free-grazer Charlie Waite is rather impressive. There are some rather startling moments in "Open Range" that borderline on beautiful; masked men silently watching from afar, the final gunfight with the sheriff.

The portrayal of such a dark character in the midst of troubling times for Boss Spearman (Duvall) creates two characters that are more than worth watching and becoming engrossed with. Costner seems to be in a situa-

tion to handle this role, as opposed to the daft work in his box-office flops "Waterworld" and "The Postman."

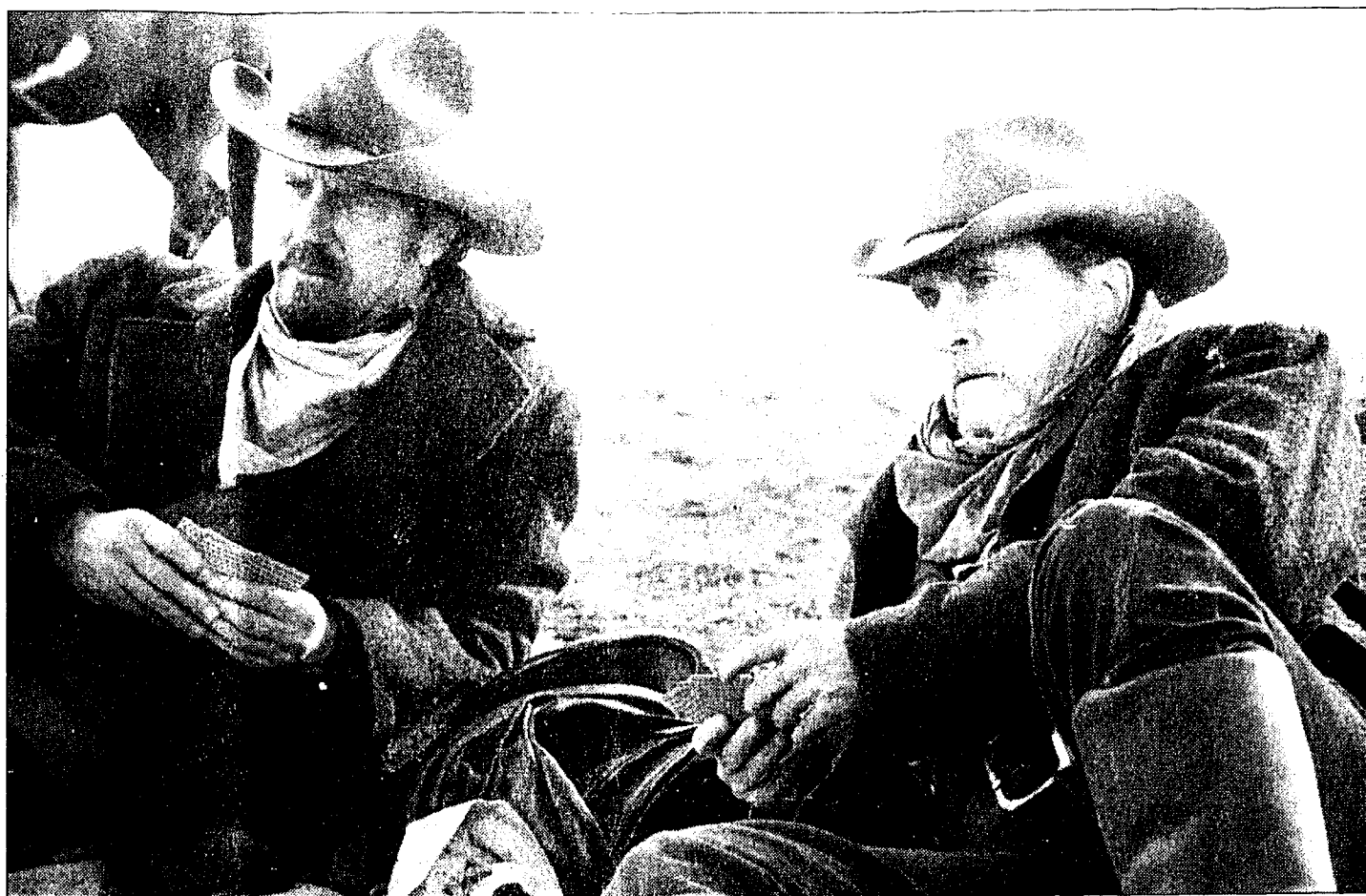
The story of the free-grazers isn't one normally found in most Westerns. There are no American Indians to kill, no Clint Eastwood and thankfully no "Legend of Curly's Gold." "Open Range" prides itself on becoming a more realistic depiction of cowboy life than others have before; digging mud out from under a cart's wheel and running to town for supplies are a few of the incidents that befall our heroes. "Open Range" then becomes a movie that tries to break out of the cowboy genre instead of reinventing it.

In the final 30 minutes of "Range," Costner and Duvall have a good of shootout wonderfully choreographed through its majority.
J.D.: We're in quite a quandry approaching Costner's latest; we know Costner can do epics, as is evident with his 1990 Academy Award show-stealer "Dances with Wolves." However, we also know Costner has had a little trouble with Westerns, as 1995's "Wyatt Earp" was the filmic equivalent of Costner's various butchered British and Bostonian accents.

To the delight of most, Costner keeps it within his limits as a deceptively simple character who won't hesitate to kill, and who, thank God, dabbles only in cowboy dialect.

The delight of this film rests in its attempts to avoid too many cowboy clichés that have come to define the very archaic genre.

As we come to find, our two heroes Spearman and Waite aren't superhuman gunslingers, and the first half hour of the film plays out to establish that theme. We open to the extremely anticlimactic scenes of Spearman and Waite driving their cattle against the serene backdrop of wide-open spaces and immense distant thunderheads. The very essence of the slow-moving



Kevin Costner, left, and Robert Duvall star in "Open Range."

narrative is to overcome the image of wild westerners that John Wayne and Clint Eastwood forever cemented in our consciousness.

It is evident that the film aims to maintain the hard subtlety of "The Unforgiven." However, a few things get in the way (see "the bad").

Michael Jeter, who died shortly after the filming wrapped, finishes off quite a swan-song supporting performance as a stablemaster. For the most part, Costner directs himself and Duvall into believable, vulnerable "free-rangers" that are forced to defend their property.

Finally, every Western has a shootout of some sort, and "Open Range" doesn't disappoint in that department. The final showdown displays the brutality of the 19th century west with madly firing six-shooters, while straying away from computer showboating.

The Bad:
C.M.: The worst part of "Open Range" is the pacing. Molasses moves through a freezer quicker than the plot and character development.

For a whole hour and a half I bet myself that something interesting would happen very shortly, but I lost that bet. And somewhere between a

lost dog and a lost doctor, I began to wonder whether Robert Duvall was acting like he was about to have a heart attack, or really did, a few days before shooting.

There are irregular cuts and fades that make one say "huh?" and editing problems that seem to be from a bad-take reel.

J.D.: Although the film attempts to break cowboy clichés, the whole scripted storyline becomes a predictable cliché after awhile. For example, we get slapped with such earnest dialogue as this: "Boss sure can cowboy, can't he?" And, of course, we have the law portrayed as one-sided bully/cowards that are controlled by a heartless businessman. We can't forget the impending "worst thunderstorm I ever done saw," which, yes, has been proven to provide atmosphere, and yes, has become a cliché.

Thus, in the end, the movie begins to list slightly as a typical Western that simply doesn't feature any shooting in the first hour. By the time the "12 o'clock showdown" emerges, we're quite ready for that unmistakable sound of gunpowder perforating the air.

Finally, the simple script digs too deep sometimes to force-feed more complexity into the heroes, which the

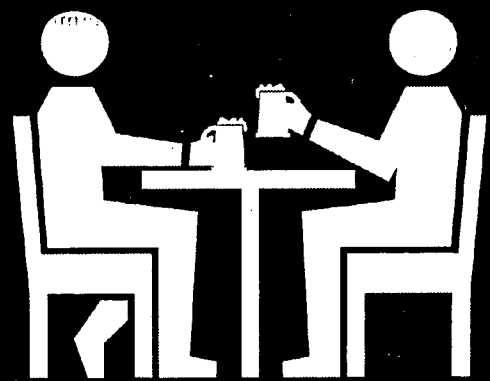
film's anticlimaxes need to thrive on.

Final Say:
C.M.: "Open Range" isn't a terrible movie, but it isn't all that great. Like Jake said, this is not "Unforgiven," and there is no massive presence like Eastwood to bail the movie out. When "Open Range" flies, it soars. When it goes into a dive, it crashes to earth with a bone-splintering smack. It dives more than it soars.

Costner does a good job acting, but with awkward cuts, drab editing and a poorly adapted novel, he should stick to that and leave the rest to the professionals.

I think Colin Quinn from "Saturday Night Live" said it best when speaking of Kevin Costner: "Actey: no directey, no producey, no writyey Actey." You know what happened to the fool who tried to do it all, Kevin? He became the jack of all trades and the master of none.

J.D.: "Open Range" is an acceptable effort into the Costner collection, although fans who need an intravenous fix of cowboy bad-assery and action better stray away from this herd. Costner has in fact crafted a worthy alternate to most condescending, stereotypical Westerns, but "Open Range" is no "Unforgiven 2."



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Moscow, Idaho



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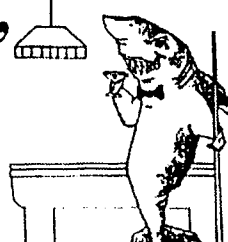
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Built to Spill performs Sept. 12 at UI

Alternative rock band Built to Spill will be performing at 8 p.m. Sept. 12 in the SUB Ballroom at UI. Tickets for the concert go on sale Sept. 5 at the SUB Information Desk. Only cash is accepted. Cost is \$5 for students with valid ID card. Cost is \$10 for the general public. Built to Spill features Scott Plouf (drums and percussion), Brett Nelson (bass) and Doug Martsch (vocals, guitar, percussion and keyboard). The concert is sponsored by ASUI Productions.

Lunchtime gets jazzier, folksier this fall at UI

A series of noontime concerts is scheduled every other Wednesday from Aug. 27 through Dec. 3 at the Idaho Commons. All performances are noon-1 p.m. The Aug. 27 and Sept. 10 concerts will take place on the Commons Lawn, weather permitting. The remaining concerts will be in the Commons Food Court. All performances are free and open to the public.

- Schedule**
- Aug. 27 Steptoe, bluegrass band
 - Sept. 10 The Straw Dogs, rock/pop band
 - Sept. 24 Ben Aliman, contemporary folk
 - Oct. 8 Laurel Brauns, singer/songwriter
 - Oct. 24 Jill Cohn, Seattle singer, guitarist and pianist
 - Nov. 5 Michael Jones Quartet.

- Nov. 19 jazz David Harris, singer/songwriter
- Dec. 3 Lisa Simpson, singer/songwriter

Moscow Community Theatre announces season

The Moscow Community Theatre, beginning its 28th season, will present "Godspell" in the fall of 2003 and "Little Women" in the spring of 2004. "Godspell," based on the Gospel according to Matthew, is a musical adaptation of the last seven days of the life of Jesus. With the book written by John-Michael Tebelak and the music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, "Godspell" opened off-Broadway in May 1971 and made its official Broadway debut at the Broadhurst Theatre in June 1976.

In its New York versions, Jesus' followers become 1960s-era flower children and Jesus himself wears bold makeup and a large, Superman-like "S" on his chest. Among the more popular songs from the show are "Day by Day" and "Turn Back, O Man."

Tom Richardson returns to MCT as Musical Director. Richardson has previously served in that capacity for MCT's productions of "The Sound of Music," "Guys and Dolls" and "The Pajama Game."

Performances are scheduled Nov. 7-9 and 14-16 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Auditions will be announced in September.

"Little Women," based on Louisa May Alcott's novel, will be performed May 7-9 and 14-16 at the Kenworthy. Cathy Brinkerhoff, longtime MCT director and actor, will direct the production.

REVIEW

Trucks Band makes solid statement

BY CHRIS KORNELIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

Derek Trucks was expressionless Tuesday night at John's Alley, opening a two-night stand at the Palouse's rock 'n' roll centerpiece.

With hardly a hint of crowd acknowledgement, Trucks and company played two sets of soulful rock to the John's Alley inhabitants.

Despite the name The Derek Trucks Band, Trucks was not an overpowering ego freak. The show felt like a band performance rather than a solo artist with studio musicians. Musicians alongside Trucks were Kofi Burbridge on keyboards and flute, Todd Smallie on bass, Yonrico Scott on drums and Mike Mattison handled lead vocals.

Supporting their latest release "Soul Serenade" on Columbia Records, the band's set was not dominated by tracks from the album, nor did Trucks off a sales pitch for the new release. The only communication between the pickless slide guitarist and the audience came from the music.

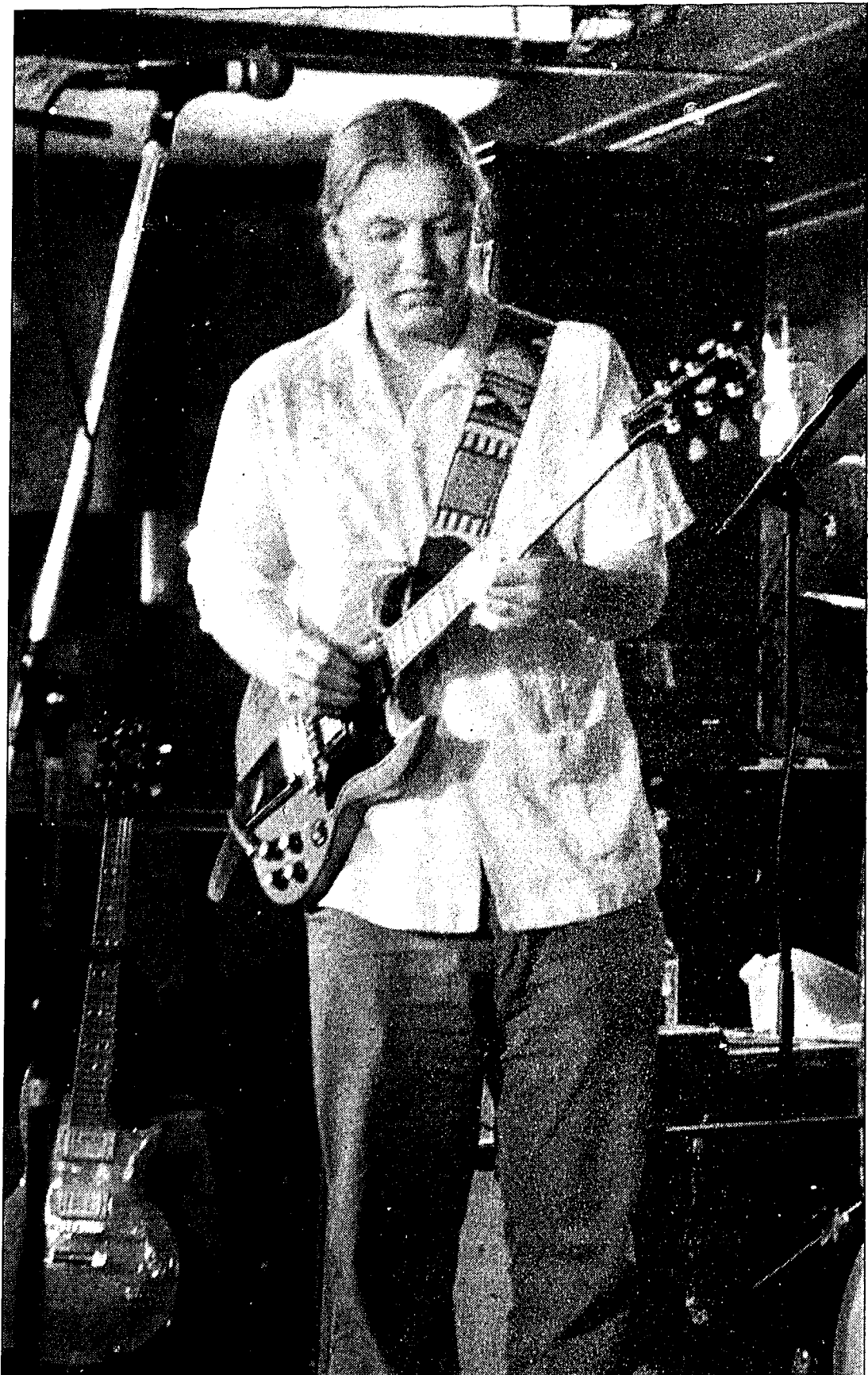
With his profile to the crowd, Trucks' seriously mellow vibe did not translate to his playing. Laid back, yes, but it did not take long for the guitarist to prove himself to the Moscow crowd. Not that an Allman Brothers guitarist and solo band-leader has to prove himself to anyone.

Trucks and the band easily carried many tunes without the use of vocals, but when Mattison was at the mic, the stage belonged to him. Powerful and full of blues, his voice blended well with the band's instrumentation.

Although Trucks is the band's frontman, the band's ensemble work kept fans dancing and wanting more. Smooth transitions from solo to chorus and song to song demonstrated the band's tightness and familiarity with each other.

Rumors surrounded the Alley that Trucks' wife, blues vocalist/guitarist Susan Tedeschi, was to perform. And although she was sighted around Moscow during the day, the Grammy-nominated guitarist did not make an appearance Tuesday night.

Other regional performances for Trucks include the Bite of Portland tonight and an appearance Saturday at Seattle's Bumbershoot music festival.



Guitarist Derek Trucks and his band The Derek Trucks Band, plays during the first of a two-night stand at Moscow's John's Alley. CHRIS KORNELIS / ARGONAUT

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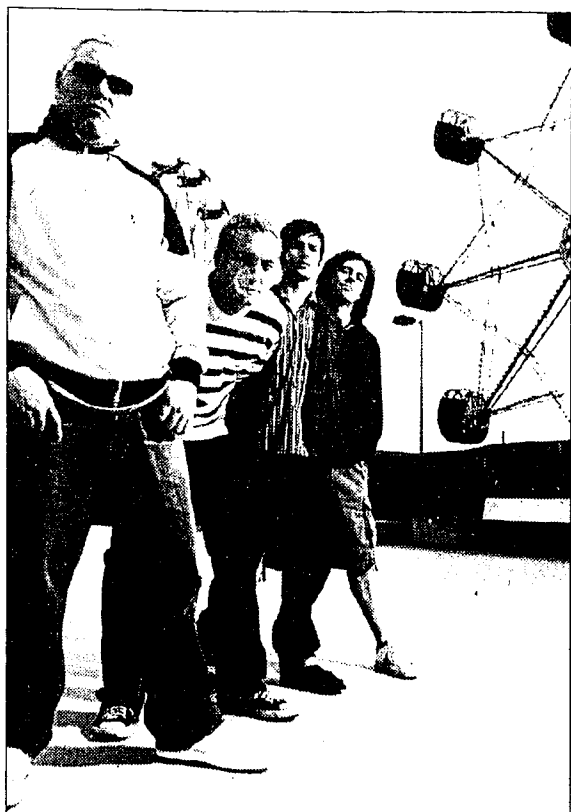
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when they aired their warblings, "Walking on the Sun" and "Can't Get Enough of You Baby." 2001's "Shrek" breathed new life into them...

Smashmouth seems to intend to go forward by digging backward: their cover art is by late '50s early '60s artist Shag ... colorful, stylized and groovy.

Smashmouth can only be listened to for so long before the songs begin to deteriorate into carousel music on steroids.

Pink Floyd it isn't, but pink cotton it is, and spun as delectably as any you'll find at the local fair.



COURTESY PHOTO Smashmouth's new album was released recently.

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produced an album a year since its 2000 inception, and its fourth, "A Mark, a Mission, a Brand, a Scar," proves to be its best yet.

As a result, the new record boasts a much fuller sound, as well as significantly more variation between songs. Though tremendously popular, Dashboard's former albums can become tiresome...

It begins with the positive, energetic-albeit-too-Jimmy-Eat-World-like opener "Hands Down." One of the album's stronger tracks and a fan favorite, Carraba often closes shows with the song...

Second up is "Rapid Hope Loss," and about this time it becomes apparent there's a lot more to Dashboard Confessional than there once was...

avoids the trap of sounding all the same. For the first few seconds, "Carry This Picture," the fourth track, sounds like Carraba's doctoral thesis project...

From there the album has its highs and lows, slowing and quieting down for the peaceful "Ghost Of a Good Thing" and reaching emotional climaxes a number of times across tracks like "If You Can't Leave It Be..." and "Hey Girl."

The only real issue the band still can't seem to quite overcome is the danger inherent in all emo music: becoming grossly overemotional. While Carraba carefully avoids sounding pathetic this time around, there are certainly moments of overphilosophizing.

In "Carve Your Heart Out yourself," Carraba asserts, "hopelessness is your cell." In "Am I Missing," he goes way over the top to ask the following: "Is there anything worth waiting for? Worth living for? Worth dying for?/I'm home."



COURTESY PHOTO Dashboard lead singer Chris Carraba.

But the melodrama is as much a part of Dashboard's wild success story as anything, and the embittered crooning on this album is indeed lessened in comparison to the band's previous efforts.

"Mark" is certainly a good album, and probably a make-or-break album for the band. If "A Mark" doesn't go platinum, it's unlikely we'll be hearing much more from Dashboard Confessional on a national level...

Five comedies added to fall lineup

BY DAVID BIANCULLI NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

In the season that just ended, the programs that generated the most buzz and drew many of the largest audiences were reality shows like "Joe Millionaire" and "American Idol," and police-procedural dramas like "CSI" and "Law & Order" and their respective offshoots.

Yet like a Little Engine That Could, the genre that made the most inroads this year was one of the medium's oldest and most familiar: the sitcom.

Two seasons ago, when the six major broadcast networks announced their fall lineups, there were 48 comedies on their collective weekly schedules. Last fall, there were only 44. But for the start of the 2003-04 season, the sitcom reverses the trend and claims 49 spots, more than any other genre.

The one-hour drama, occupying twice as much time, claims 47 spots on the networks' schedules. For that genre, though, it's a slight downward turn, as there were 49 dramas a year ago. It's comforting to realize, however, that even though it feels that scripted shows have all but disappeared, they remain a

robust and dominant part of the TV landscape.

One other common perception, on the other hand, turns out to be entirely accurate. If you feel like the networks are moving your favorite shows around and tinkering with their schedules to a confusing and almost sadistic level, that's because they are.

The six networks program 39 evenings of prime time per week: UPN competes on five nights, the WB, six, and all the other networks are open nightly. For the previous two years, the networks have begun each season with 12 of those evenings untouched.

But when the 2003-04 TV season begins, only seven of 39 nights will be the same as the year before. NBC and UPN hold pat on two nights, and CBS, Fox and WB on one. ABC doesn't have a single night of programming that's the same as the season before.

One number, though, is exactly the same as last year. The 2003 fall season will introduce 38 hopeful new series, the same number of fresh competitors as the year before.

As for other genres and their year-to-year comparisons, there are 11 news-

magazines this fall (up from 10), four movie nights (down from five) and, at the start of the season, six reality shows (up from five).

That number will increase at midseason as twice-weekly doses of "American Idol" return and some of fall's scripted failures give way to rolling-the-dice reality replacements. And while the anthology format was crushed by the cancellation of UPN's

"Twilight Zone" revival, the variety genre hangs in there, with "Cedric the Entertainer" surviving on Fox and "Steve Harvey's Big Time" having its premiere on the WB.

One trend that's less empirical, and more debatable, is the matter of quality TV. Two years ago, after watching the new shows trumpeted by the networks at their upfront unveilings to advertisers, critics pounced on ABC's "Alias" and the Fox drama "24" as new shows that were boldly different, must-see programs. Last year, there were no such shows; the best buzz was reserved for NBC's "Boomtown," which didn't appear until midseason.

This year, unfortunately, there's no clear new standout, either; though that



Alicia Silverstone stars in NBC's "Miss Match" premiering this fall.

judgment, based only on snippets shown to advertisers, is premature. It's just that two years ago "Alias" and "24" were obvious homeruns. At least the networks exercised patience this time. "24," "Alias" and "Boomtown" are all back, as

are WB's "Angel" and NBC's "Ed." If Fox had brought back "Andy Richter Controls the Universe," and NBC "Mister Sterling," it would have been a banner year for the surviving quality series.

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ARGONAUT SPORTS & REC

Outdoor Program gears up for fall

Students hit Salmon River Gorge this weekend

BY BETSY DALESSIO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Recently named in the top 40 for college outdoor recreation programs, the University of Idaho's Outdoor Program is gearing up for an activity-packed fall semester.

This weekend the program will lead 14 individuals on a three-day, 75-mile rafting/kayaking adventure on the lower Salmon Gorge. The Labor Day trip has been a tradition at UI for about 15 years.

"It is a good opportunity for a longer trip," Outdoor Program director Mike Beiser said. "It is hard to organize because it's so early in the semester and we try not to interfere with academics and classes."

The program will provide transportation and a support raft, but it is basically for kayakers with their own rafts.

The Outdoor Program is also offering a one-day power raft trip on Sept. 6 for all skill levels. A pre-trip meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Student Recreation Center.

"This trip provides international students a chance to get out and see Idaho," Beiser said. "It gives them more of a chance to interact with Americans."

The Outdoor Program will offer instructional kayak sessions starting Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Swim Center. The sessions will build up to day trips on the Salmon River.

Besides river rafting and kayaking, the program offers rock climbing and mountaineering. The climbing wall in the SRC has served 30,000 people so far and has more than 3,000

registered already this semester.

It features a 55-foot pillar and 6,000 square feet of climbing surface, and it is also free to UI students.

"The climbing wall way exceeds my wildest imagination," Beiser said. "It provides phenomenal health and fitness and works every muscle in the body, including the brain."

Rock climbing enthusiasts can also experience real-life climbing trips in September and October. The program also provides an introductory climbing class for women at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17.

"We are giving people the opportunity to get out from the indoor wall and face some real rock," he said.

Open to any interested individual, the Outdoor Program is a nonprofit organization catering to needs of all individuals at any skill level. It provides rental equipment, a resource center, workshops and clinics, instructional and cooperative trips, and academic classes.

"We facilitate anything from fishery classes to environmental science classes," he said.

More trips and activities are planned than on the posted schedules, and Beiser encourages students to

drop by the Recreation Center for more information.

Sign-ups for trips and classes begin two weeks prior to the listed date at the Outdoor Program office from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome.

Fees are due at the time of sign-up and are nonrefundable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rock climbing and mountaineering

Natural rock climbing class: class sessions Sept. 10, 17 and 24, Oct. 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m., trips Sept. 27 and Oct. 18.

Basic natural rock climbing: class session Sept. 4, at 7 p.m., trip Sept. 6.

Women's introduction to the climbing center: Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Introduction to mountaineering at Mt. Adams: class session: Sept. 10 at 5 p.m., trip, Sept. 12-14.

Kayaking, rafting and water

Salmon River paddle raft trip: Sept. 6, pre-trip meeting Sept. 4 at 5 p.m.

Beginning kayak I: Sept. 3 and 10, 7-10 p.m., day trip Sept. 13.

Beginning kayak II: Sept. 17 and 24, 7-10 p.m., two-day trip Sept. 27-28.

Introduction to kayaking: Clinic I: Sept. 3; Clinic II Sept. 17, 7-10 p.m.

Instructional kayak trip I: Class I-II whitewater trip Sept. 11, pre-trip meeting Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

Instructional kayak trip II: Two-day trip to the Lower Salmon, Sept. 28-29; pre-trip meeting Sept. 25 at 5 p.m.



EMET WARD / ARGONAUT

The climbing wall inside the Student Recreation Center is the centerpiece of the Outdoor Program. The Outdoor Program will offer open climbing from noon until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as 2-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Enjoy, express appreciation for U.S. national parks

I was amazed to see a traffic jam in what seemed to be the middle of nowhere. We had been driving for hours, definitely out of the way, to get where we were going, but finally we were only a few miles away. The number of minivans was astounding. The hot Arizona sun was beating down on the cars and people.

We were stopped, waiting at the park entrance, but it didn't really matter. It gave my road-trip partner Aaron a second to take his foot of the gas pedal. After getting through, we drove for a bit more and then, out of nowhere it seemed, it was there: the Grand Canyon.

Aaron had never been there before, but I had been as a kid. I remembered it was big, but I had forgotten the immensity of this hole in the

ground. We got out of the car and walked to the edge. Looking down over the edge reminded me of just how small I am and how little time I actually have for this life. This protected national park is one of many that give that feeling.

On our road trip from San Antonio, Tex., to Coeur d'Alene, Aaron and I stopped at as many national parks as we could, but not nearly as much as we would have liked. Both of us wanted to go to Zion in southern Utah, and I really wanted to see Death Valley and Sequoia. However, when you only have a few days, you have to make sacrifices.

The Grand Canyon National Park was the most awe-inspiring. It covers 1.2 million acres and is almost a mile deep from the south rim to the river, but the dimensions don't even do justice to it. The color is the most fantastic. Green plants and orange rocks contrast perfectly against the crystal blue sky — proof to me that God has to be a painter.

Aaron and I were also lucky enough to stop in the Petrified Forest and Painted Desert national parks and see Bryce Canyon and the Echo Cliffs

along the way. Unfortunately, Yellowstone and Glacier were out of the way.

As a kid I was lucky enough to visit many of these parks. At the time I was not really able to understand the importance of these sites, but now, looking back, I realize that Americans truly have a tremendous gift in our national parks. Protecting things like the Grand Canyon is something that needs to be done for our children and our children's children.

I was able to spend quite a bit of time traveling this summer. I spent time in New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Va., and the way down to Texas. During these trips I noticed a few things. First, many Americans take our nation's beauty for granted. Out of the nearly 4 million people that visit the Grand Canyon each year, I would guess that up to 40 percent of them are from other countries. The modern tourist is not the suburban American family on a summer vacation, but a family from Japan. The stereotype of the Asian tourist taking pictures of everything is really not that far off. They seem to appreciate our parks more than we do.

The other thing I noticed is that the niceties near and in Grand Canyon Park are rare. Most parks don't have new facilities and roads. They don't have helicopter tours or \$300 a night hotels. Other parks are worn and tired. For example, the Petrified Forest National Park has a visitor center that is many decades old and roads that look like they have needed work for many years. The rest of the parks around the country are still breathtakingly beautiful, but many of them stood out to me as underfunded.

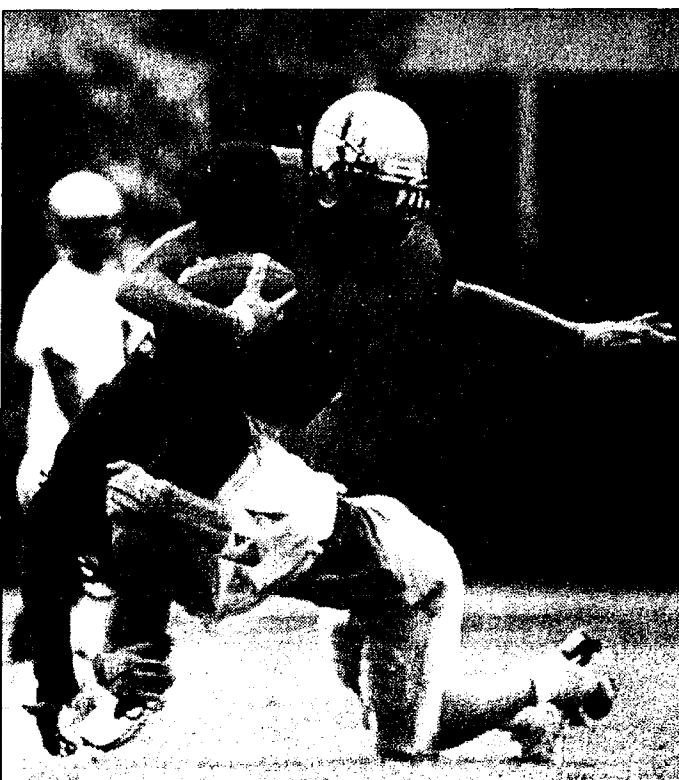
The reason for this is that they are underfunded. Capitol Hill has made decisions to cut funding from the National Parks Service for years now. Since President Herbert Hoover, nearly every president has proposed a budget that cuts significantly from the national parks system. The cuts have forced parks to raise prices (the Grand Canyon is now \$20 per car) and kept them from making improvements to things like roads and bathrooms. The funding is now so low that there have been suggestions that the parks.

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Junior Jimmy Labita takes out freshman Kyle Williams in special team drills at practice Wednesday.

Vandals hit Seattle for Battle of Palouse

BY MARK WILLIAMS
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho football team will kick off its season this weekend against the Washington State Cougars in the annual "Battle of the Palouse" — sort of.

The Vandals normally travel the nine miles to Martin Stadium to receive what, in recent years and generally throughout the series, has proved to be a sound beating. This year, however, they get the chance to take a really long bus ride to Seattle in hopes of avoiding the same fate.

WSU, looking to please its fan base on the west side of the state, has chosen Seahawk Stadium as the site to take on one of its oldest rivals.

The beginning of the season also translates into what may be another long road for the Vandals as they will be facing an extremely tough nonconference schedule for another year. In addition to WSU, the Vandals will be taking on two other high profile opponents including Boise State on Sept. 13 and the 17th ranked Washington Huskies Sept. 20.

"We don't have a chance to ease in around here," UI coach Tom Cable said. "You take what they give you, go play it and find a way to win if you can."

For now, though, the focus is solely on the Cougar, who may not be as nationally recognized this year after losing three high profile players — quarterback Jason Gesser, cornerback Marcus Trufant and defensive tackle Rien Long. But WSU is still as big of a threat as it ever was.

Fifth-year senior Matt Kegel (6 feet 5 inches tall, 227 pounds) is the man pegged by first-year coach Bill Doba to replace Gesser, who left Pullman with 14 school records to his credit. While this is Kegel's first year as a starter, the Vandals know he can't be taken lightly.

"He's a great quarterback; he's a big guy with a strong arm," UI senior defensive tackle Brian Howard said. "He has experience. He hasn't started a lot of games, but he definitely has a lot of game time. He knows what he's doing and he's confident in there."

The Vandals are going through their own quarterback transition with sophomore Michael Harrington replacing senior Brian Lindgren, a Sun Belt preseason all-conference selection, as the starter.

"He seems to handle that role like you would expect him to," Cable said of Harrington's reaction to being named the starter. "He has a lot of confidence and a lot of energy. (He's) very much in control of what's going on out there."

Cable said the quarterback change won't cause the offense to do anything differently than it usually does.

"We've talked about running the football because we need better balance. Establishing a running game doesn't really fit what we do," Cable said. "We're going to go out and spin it around and throw it, but the thing we've got to do a better job of is having a little more balance than we've had in the past."

In addition to balancing out the offense, Cable emphasized winning the kicking game and creating turnovers on defense as the keys for the Vandals to have a shot at beating the Cougars.

"We definitely need to stop the run," Howard said of the defense. "That's our focal point, and everything else will kind of go from there."

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start being managed by private companies.

Out of all the bad things President George W. Bush has done or proposes doing to the natural environment (i.e. drilling for oil in Alaska, lowering air emission standards and so on), he is making an attempt to save the parks.

Bush's Interior Secretary Gale Norton was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor as saying, "The park system has suffered from neglect for many years, but we are changing that."

Their plans are ambitious. Included in their plan are 900 repair and rehabilitation projects, bringing 80 percent of the roads to good condition (up from 35 percent) and double-funding for regular upkeep of park facilities.

The park service has some 7,500 facilities, 8,000 miles of road and 30,000 structures — all to accommodate 280 million visitors each year.

But the plan is only a plan and in actuality the cost is too much for the current budget to handle. CSM reported that there is between a \$4.1 and \$6.8 billion backlog. According to www.foxnews.com, the \$4.9 billion that Bush promised only increases funding about \$79 million, most of which will be used for salary adjustments and the rest of the \$29 million left over for operating costs. This leaves a budget shortfall

of approximately \$5 billion.

Our national parks are in dire need of help and they are worth it. Few other countries have a national parks system like ours. Most internationally protected lands are considered by the United Nations to be world heritage sites.

The United States and Canada are among the only countries that have extensive national parks systems — and we are about to lose ours.

The best thing to do is visit these parks. Instead of just going home for Christmas Break, hike through the Grand Canyon or Bryce Canyon, or tour the Everglades in Florida.

You will enjoy every minute of them (except maybe the traffic jams). You will see some of the most beautiful parts of our country. You will get some good exercise and you will give Washington, D.C., a reason to save these national treasures. They are most definitely worth the \$20 you will spend.

Leaving each of the parks this summer, all I wanted to do was spend more time there. One of these days I will get back to Yellowstone or Glacier. Until then, I am going to be signing up for the Outdoor Program's backpacking trips through Arches National Park or even some of the state parks. Hopefully, I'll see you there.



JOSH STUDOR / ARGONAUT
Josh Studor, senior, stands on the South Rim of the massive Grand Canyon. The canyon is about one mile from the top to the river.

SPORTS CALENDAR

- Aug. 30 - UI football vs. Washington State, Seahawk Stadium, 7 p.m., Seattle.
- Sept. 2 - Intramurals: Soccer officials clinic; Flag football entry deadline, men's and women's divisions; ultimate Frisbee entry deadline, men's and women's divisions.
- Sept. 3 - Intramurals: flag football officials clinic; Soccer entry deadline, men's and women's divisions; whiffle ball entry deadline, men's and women's divisions.
- Sept. 4 - Intramurals: managers meeting, 5:30 p.m., SRC.
- Sept. 5 - UI soccer vs. Montana, 4 p.m., Guy Wicks Field.
- Sept. 6 - UI football vs. Eastern Washington, 4 p.m. Kibbie Dome.
- Sept. 10 - UI soccer vs. Portland, 4 p.m., Guy Wicks Field; Intramurals: Frisbee golf tourney entry deadline, men's and women's divisions.

Note: Intramurals - Entries for team sports will open one week before entry deadline. Entries are available at the Campus Recreation Office in the Student Rec Center. For more information, call 885-6381.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Martinazzi sidelined with ankle sprain

Melissa Martinazzi, junior midfielder for the University of Idaho soccer team, severely sprained her left ankle Tuesday afternoon during the team's practice.

The severity of the injury is not yet known, but Martinazzi will miss at least the first road trip for the Vandals this weekend at Northern Arizona for some intensive rehab.

"This was definitely a blow," UI coach Arby Busey said. "She did a good job blowing it up, but we'll keep her home this weekend and try to get her healthy as soon as possible."

Martinazzi played in 19 games last year for the Vandals finishing with two points on the year but figures to be one of the key players this year. In UI's pre-season Silver and Gold Game last week she scored the first two goals of the game, helping lead the Gold to the 5-0 win.

King County Metro Transit takes fans to Seahawk Stadium on Saturday

Football fans can avoid the crowds and driving around Seahawk Stadium Saturday for the Washington State-UI season opener by riding the King County Metro Transit to and from the game.

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Whyte 12th in the world in 100-meter hurdles

Former UI track athlete Angela Whyte missed the finals in the 100-meter hurdles by .04 seconds Tuesday at the World Track and Field Championships.

Whyte finished fifth in her heat of the semifinals with a time of 12.89. Her personal best in the 100 hurdles (12.78) came earlier this year in the semifinals of the Pan American Games.

"She'll be disappointed that she didn't make the finals because that was her goal when she left for the championships," co-head track coach Wayne Phipps said. "But to finish in the top 12 in the world is still an amazing achievement."

Brigitte Foster of Jamaica had the top time of the semifinals at the World Championships as she finished the race in 12.65.

Whyte will now take a break before preparing for the 2004 Olympics. She has already met the athletic criteria for the Olympics by finishing 12th in the world and should automatically qualify.

WSU backup QB ends year

Washington State quarterback Chris Hurd, who was expected to challenge for the backup spot behind the starter Matt Kegeles, dropped out of classes and will miss the remainder of the season due to a congenital condition in his knee.

Hurd, a 6-foot-2, 217-pound redshirt sophomore, returned to his home in San Francisco and will undergo surgery and rehabilitation to the joint. He underwent the same surgery to the other knee in his senior year of high school and was out for six to eight months, he will see the same doctor that performed the first surgery.

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Volleyball faces first test of the season

BY NATHAN JERKE
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Idaho volleyball team will finally get a chance to see if all its hard work in the offseason has paid off as the squad begins its season today against Quinnipac at 5 p.m. in the first round of the University of Connecticut Tournament.

The Vandals feature many young players, some of who received more than their share of experience a year ago, to complement a reliable core of several juniors and one senior. However, they still will have to overcome a lack of experience to improve much on last year's 11-17 record.

"We looked at how we did last year and our percentages ... for us to get to the percentages that we need to, we need two more kills or two less errors per game, basically, to get our percentage to where it needs to be," fourth-year coach Debbie Buchanan said. "So now we're looking at some ways how we can better some plays (and) reduce our errors."

UI's second tourney match is against Western Michigan at 2:30 p.m. The Vandals then move on to play the host team, UConn, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Vandals have a 2-0 record against the Huskies, but UConn made it to the Big East semi-final last year before losing to Notre Dame.

But the Vandals are just ready to play somebody besides themselves for a change.

Buchanan said her squad really needs to get out there and face somebody new.

"I think it'll be fun," she said. "I think our kids are ready to compete and step up to the challenge of playing somebody else."

"We're really, really excited to go and start our season," sophomore outside hitter Kati Tikker said. "There's a lot of potential for us and I'm really excited to go out and see what our team can accomplish."

Buchanan said the team took it easy this week during practices, trying to reserve some of the energy of the players and making sure all the players were healthy going into the opening weekend of play.

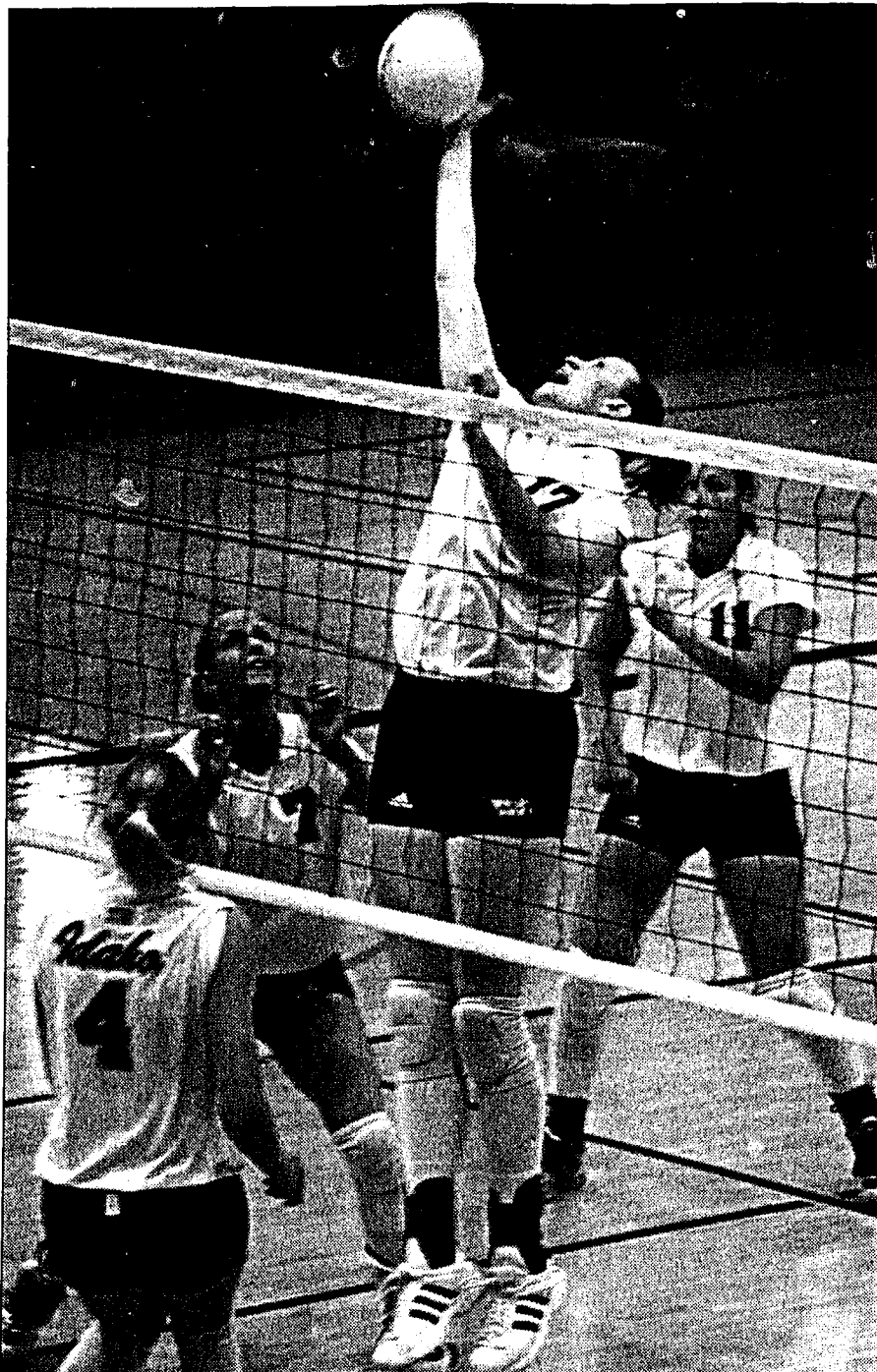
After the intrasquad scrimmage Saturday, setter Mandy Becker had a pulled quadriceps, which required some rest, but perhaps the biggest loss was that of junior Brooke Haerberle. The torn abdominal muscle may take a little longer to heal than originally thought.

"Because we're missing one of our starters, now we have a big place to fill, so we're trying to be strong as a team right now," Tikker said.

Buchanan pinpointed a few adjustments that will be key for the Vandals going into the first week of play. She said one of the main areas to work on is the team's servicing patterns, but overall the team is just trying to clean up the rough edges.

"Our main [thing is] getting ourselves into position to where we can score points," she said.

UI will return to the West next week, playing at the University of Montana tournament Sept. 5-6 before returning to Moscow for the home opener Sept. 12 in the UI tournament. The squad will open up that tourney against UCLA.



UI senior Anna-Marie Hammond rises above her teammates to deliver a powerful kill during Saturday's scrimmage in Memorial Gym. The two teams tied 2-2.

Tough going for football in the state of Washington

BY GEORGE RICHARDS
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) Washington State was preparing for the Rose Bowl last season when longtime coach Mike Price shocked the team and Cougars faithful by announcing he was leaving for Alabama.

Things haven't been the same since for Washington's major college football teams.

Price, who coached the Cougars in Pasadena, handed the reigns to assistant Bill Doba, 62, and moved on to Tuscaloosa. Then Price, a WSU alum, lost his job at Alabama in May when allegations of improper conduct surfaced after a trip to the Florida Panhandle.

In June, reports circulated that Washington coach Rick Neuheisel gambled in a high-stakes NCAA basketball tournament pool with neighbors.

Neuheisel — who had told school officials he wasn't interested in the vacant San Francisco 49ers job yet interviewed for it anyway — eventually lost his job as well. Offensive coordinator Keith Gilbertson was named coach last month.

Now, for the first time since 1956, both schools enter the season with new head coaches.

"What's taken place has been hard on everybody," Gilbertson said after assuming the job July 29. "It's been hard on our alums, it's been hard on our fans, it's been hard on our team."

The players are ready to put this offseason in the rearview mirror and move on. "As long as we win 13 games," Washington receiver Reggie Williams said, "I'll be happy."

Despite its turmoil, Washington is one of the favorites to win the Pac-10 Conference title this season, thanks in part to what should be an exciting offense featuring quarterback Cody Pickett and

Williams. During the Pac-10 media day in Los Angeles, Southern California was picked to win what could be a wide-open conference race. The Trojans, last season's co-conference champions who beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl, were followed by Arizona State and Washington.

With 15 starters returning from a team that went 7-6, Washington hopes for a quick start as it opens at Ohio State on Saturday.

"There's a newness to our program," said Gilbertson, who was 20-26 at California from 1992-95 before being replaced by Steve Mariucci. "There's a new head coach, a new offensive coordinator, a new offensive line coach and a new defensive coordinator. At the same time, we'll carry on and conduct business as usual."

For Washington State, some expect a rebuilding year. The Cougars — picked to finish seventh in the conference — went a combined 6-17 in the two seasons after going to the 1998 Rose Bowl with quarterback Ryan Leaf.

That doesn't seem to bother the Cougars.

"There's no way this is a team ranked seventh in the Pac-10," quarterback Matt Kegel told The Seattle Times after the first day of practice. "I might even say we're looking to be Pac-10 champs again."

Doba, for one, likes the snub. "I'd rather be the underdog and surprise people. A coach likes it that way."

Washington State returns 13 starters but will need to replace quarterback Jason Gesser and big-play receivers Jerome Riley and Mike Bush. Kegel, Leaf's cousin, is being counted on to replace Gesser.

He won't be able to ease into the job: Early on, the Cougars travel to Notre Dame and Colorado.



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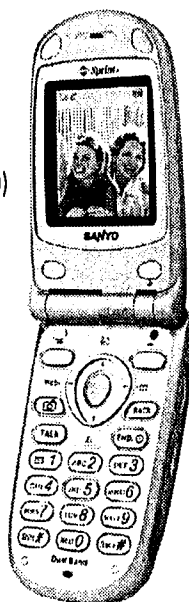


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School for outdoor guides adapts to changes in demand

BY PAUL BEEBE
THE GAZETTE

COLORADO SPRINGS (KRT) — With a large moon setting in the west, a cook at the Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide School hurries to prepare breakfast for 12 students whose bellies have been awake since dawn.

The classmates hang out on a porch running along the front of the main building and sit inside at tables with headmaster Gary Jordan and Jeff Miner, the general manager.

Three days of hard work lie ahead of the students.

Their ages span 30 years and two generations. All but one are men. Some are in their early 20s; four are older than 50. They've come from as far as Vermont, Okla. and Florida to find out if they have the right stuff to become backcountry guides.

Krista Watkin, the sole woman in the class, is apprehensive. Two weeks ago, the 27-year-old was home in oxygen-rich Altoona, Pa., elevation 1,170 feet. This morning, she was on the mountainside above the school as dawn broke, almost two miles above sea level, chasing down the school's mules and horses that had been turned loose the night before to graze.

Now Watkin must present to Jordan a list of the gear and grub necessary to feed 15 people for three days in the backcountry. Watkin expects a lot of questions from Jordan, who at 54 is twice her age and has a lifetime of backcountry experience.

"I'm learning a lot," says Watkin, who hopes to find a job at a ranch or stable after she graduates. She claims to have no preference for working in the West or in the East; a chance to work with horses anywhere, under almost any circumstance, is what matters to her.

"I feel I'm doing the right thing by being here," she says.

With Watkin out of earshot, Jordan said there's almost no way a student would know all the things to take on the pack trip. There is too much for an inexperienced guide to remember.

On this trip, seven mules, making three trips from the school, will haul almost two tons of food and equipment to a base camp an hour away.

The journey, Jordan says, will be intense, "like drinking water from a fire hydrant."

Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide School is on Pikes Peak

at 10,200 feet above sea level, 10 miles southwest of the summit.

The school is a collection of bunkhouses, storage sheds, tack rooms, outhouses and class space. Surrounded by mature aspen groves, it is nestled in a fold of mountain near Gold Camp Road, a rough track winding from Colorado Springs to the mining town of Victor, Colo.

Jordan established the school in 1993 to train professional hunting guides, which it still does. But in 1997, bowing to market pressures, it branched out into other subjects.

The curriculum is no longer focused on young, single students who enroll in the school for career-track training in skills that get them hired by big-game hunting outfits, guest ranches or other outdoor companies.

"The school still does that, but the larger market out there is people who just want to learn outdoor skills," Jordan said.

About half the students come for personal improvement. Many are baby boomers who want to enhance their skills. They aren't looking to change careers so much as they are eager for learning experiences that they can pass to their children and friends.

Miner worked at the school in the early days, when everything was done in tents. Students slept in them; they cooked their meals outside their tents as they would if they were on a wilderness pack trip.

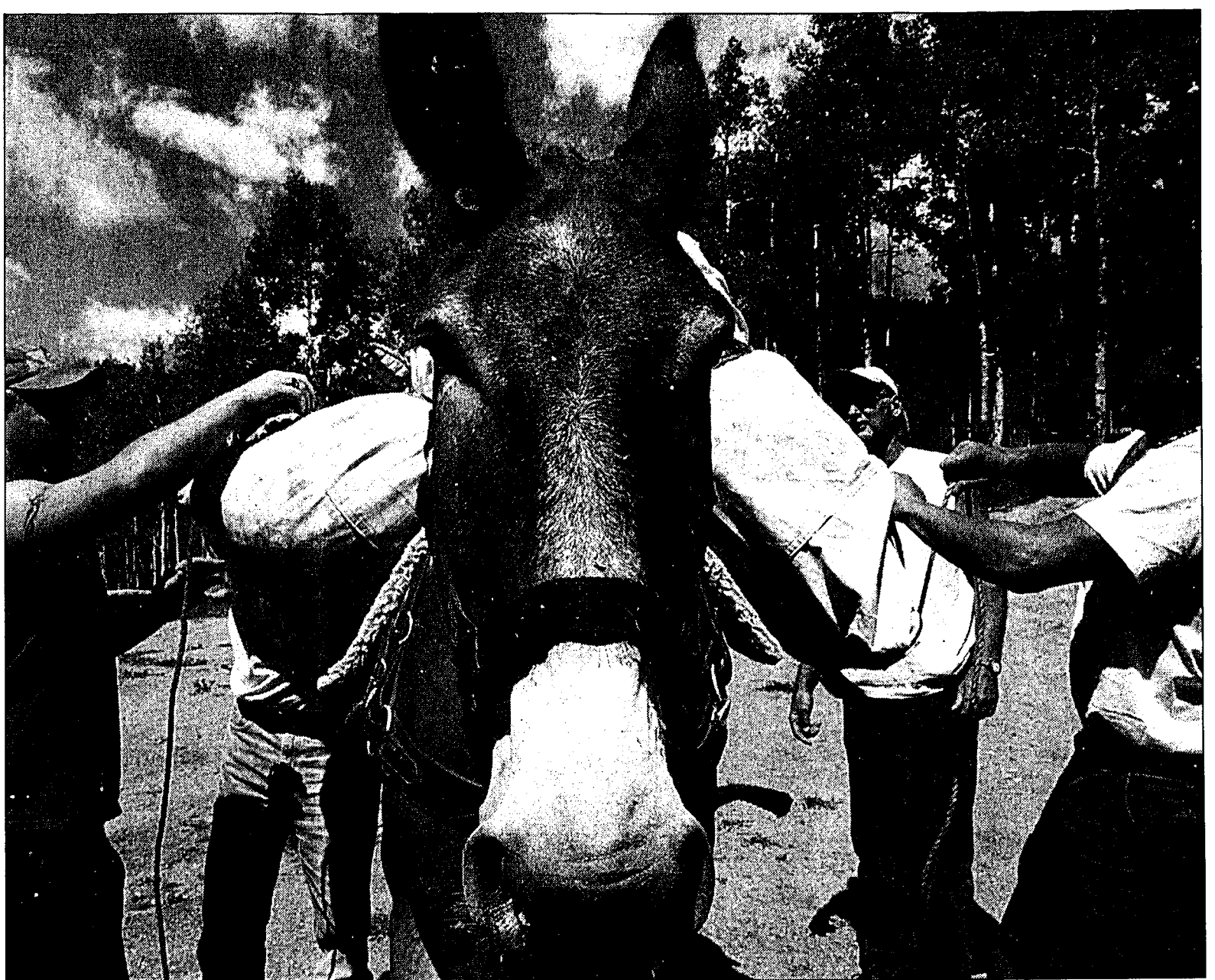
The lodge and cabins, where students eat and sleep today, were reserved for guests.

"We gave them that scenario for 30 days, the scenario they would be going into if they became professional guides," Miner said. "They didn't stay in the cabins and have all the luxuries of the lodge and the cooking equipment and the freezers and the refrigerators."

What changed was the clientele — the students who attend the school and the customers they serve after graduation, Miner said.

The shift was fueled by magazines and television programs aimed at urban and suburban audiences that paint inaccurate pictures of outdoor recreation as all play and no work.

The burgeoning outdoor recreation industry hit its stride during the 1990s. The Outdoor Industry Association said sales of outdoor equipment and services held steady last year at \$18 billion, despite the U.S. recession, drought and wildfires that



Wade Barnett, left, and Matt Sampey load 150 pounds of gear onto a mule at the Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide School in Colorado Springs, Colo.

have discouraged millions of tourists from visiting the West.

"Participation in outdoor activities continues to climb, and the pool of outdoor customers is growing," said Frank Hugelmeyer, president of the Boulder, Colo.-based coalition of 1,100 retailers.

"But so is competition for that customer's time and mind share. As an industry, we need to work hard to continue to grow participation," Hugelmeyer said.

Although the U.S. population climbed 13 percent from 1990 to 2000, the number of hunting licenses sold in the country declined 5 percent, putting pressure on big-game outdoor-guide

schools to adapt or risk becoming obsolete.

To some of Jordan's students, the prospect of a 19th Century career on horseback exerts a strong pull.

Brian Christensen, a gangling, cowboy-hatted ranch hand from Sanpete, Utah, sees the school as the best way to find a job with an outfitter somewhere in the West, where he can indulge his passions for horses, cows and hunting.

"I like the old cowboy life, you know. It's awesome. It's just what I love," Christensen said.

Christensen's zest for a life in the saddle is increasingly at odds with modern career preferences. Ranch jobs are plentiful,

but turnover is high. The school is never able to provide enough graduates to fill all the jobs out there, Jordan said.

The school is open from early May to September. The curriculum is divided into four categories: a two-week basic course, which costs \$2,000; and three advanced courses, which are also two weeks long and priced at \$2,000. Students can choose the professional guide-outfitter track, advanced backcountry horseman or the professional fly fishing-guide course.

Classes are held 10 hours a day, six days a week, so that students get plenty of insight in how hard guides work. Students sleep in bunkhouses with

propane heat and electric lights. They eat in the main building once reserved for guests.

Beginners are initiated into the basic program with riding lessons. They are instructed in the behavior and health problems of horses and mules, as well as how to maintain tack and other equipment.

"Some of them are as green as you can imagine," Jordan said.

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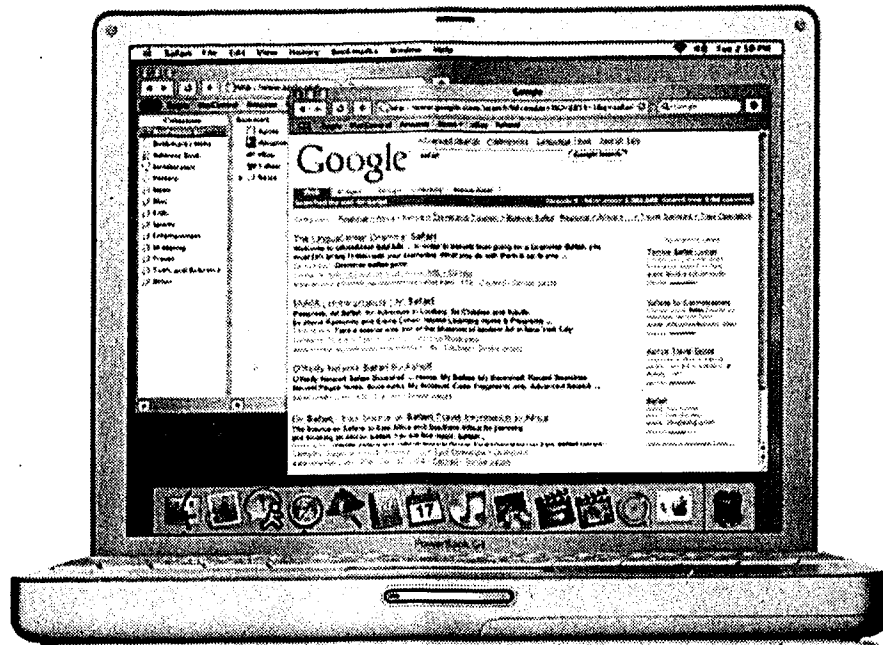
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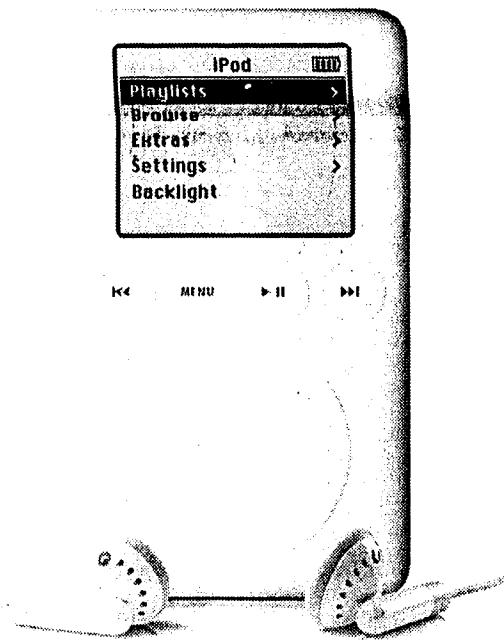
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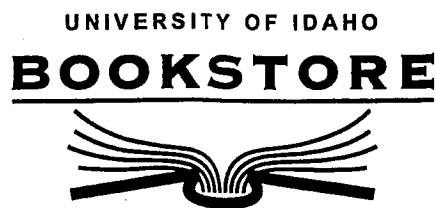


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