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# Sale of university land in Clark Fork raises questions

BY JESSIE BONNER  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UI officials are facing questions after the sale of the Clark Fork field campus to a private individual. The decision by UI officials to not list the property with a local realtor or open a bidding process has drawn criticism from lawmakers around the state.

In an unadvertised sale that closed last Monday, Clark Fork resident Mark Berry purchased the 35-acre campus for \$450,000, two-thirds of the land's appraised value.

The field campus was initially

purchased in 1995 from the U.S. Forest Service. The satellite campus featured extended research opportunities for the university in areas of forestry and wilderness education.

During the past seven years the campus has become a large part of the Clark Fork community. Because the university did not list with a local realtor, the sale of the campus came as a surprise to local residents.

"I have friends who live in the Clark Fork area who are absolutely baffled by the university's action," said Rep. Tom Trail in a message on the local Vision 2020 listserv.

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GARY MICHAEL  
UI INTERIM PRESIDENT

Berry, owner of Clark Fork Outfitters, is expected to maintain an outdoor recreation business on the campus. Berry has indicated he will continue to make the campus available to

the public.

UI forestry professor Fran Wagner said the university's choice of buyer for the property seemed ideal for the community. "Quite frankly, we thought people would be happy," Wagner said.

Despite the university's intentions, the residents of the Clark Fork community are not happy. The campus was a place where elementary students took field trips and local residents could find outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and hiking.

Trail said he knew a group of Clark Fork citizens who had been discussing the purchase of

the campus with the university. The group planned on turning the facility into a community and art center.

Clark Fork residents are contacting their local legislators and voicing complaints about the sale. "It would appear to me that any property worth \$495,000 should go through a bidding process," Trail said.

By not listing the property, Wagner said regular channels were not followed by university officials who were being careful in selecting a buyer who would benefit the local community.

"It was an attempt by the college to be a good neighbor and it

kind of backfired on us," Wagner said.

UI officials said the decision to not list the property might not have been the best choice. "We opted to market the property initially through word of mouth throughout the region," interim President Gary Michael said in an open letter to the UI campus. "The university could have done a better job of formally engaging the residents of Bonner County in this process."

Legal experts suggest the university avoided listing the property with a realtor in order to

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Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute Director Tiffany Cooper introduces a group of children to one of PCEI's projects on the South Fork of the Palouse River.

## Children learn to preserve environment

BY TARA KARR  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Fourth graders Kati Grear and Jillian McGough knew planting a tree helped the environment, but Tuesday they learned it was also fun.

"I love digging and playing in the dirt," Grear said as McGough turned over a shovel of rocky soil.

The sapling they were digging a hole for was the second tree they planted along the South Fork of the Palouse River, and they were not alone in their work. Students across the nation participated in the "Make a Splash with Project WET" festival.

Project WET, Water Education for Teachers, teaches elementary school children how to conserve and protect water in their communities.

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute sponsored the local event, in which

nearly 200 Moscow fourth graders participated.

Along with planting trees, the students learned about insect and animal life along the river and local groundwater sources and problems. They also painted pictures of the water cycle.

John Pfeiffer of EcoAnalysts, Inc. was in charge of the insect life station. Students trekked down to the river armed with tubs and nets to collect specimens for study.

"Macro-invertebrates tell us about the conditions in the creek," Pfeiffer said. He said different organisms thrive depending on pollution and nutrient levels, and examining which species are living in the river is a way of studying water conditions.

Gabriel McMasters of Idaho Fish and Game ran the wildlife station. Students examined fox pelts and elk antlers and learned the differences between carnivores and herbivores.

McMasters said Project WET is beneficial because it helps kids understand the importance of a watershed and all its elements, including wildlife.

Lisa Stratford, a volunteer with PCEI, told students about the Grande Ronde Aquifer, the source of most local drinking water. Students' eyes widened when they learned the water they drink is 13,000 years old, and the aquifer levels are dropping by about two feet per year.

"We have no idea how much water there is, but we do know how fast we're using it," Stratford said. "It's not being replaced. We need to be conserving it."

This is the third year "Make a Splash" has come to Moscow, but the first year PCEI has held the event on the South Fork. PCEI is currently restoring a 2,800-foot area of the river, and the trees and bushes planted by the students have become part of the project.

## ALI leaders fear organization may wither despite success

BY CADY ALLRED  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Since its revival two years ago, the Association of Latin Americans and Iberians has sponsored award-winning programs and is now planning a large festival to showcase Latino and Iberian culture.

However, with a core membership of junior- and senior-level students, ALI's leaders fear it may die again.

ALI originally formed seven or eight years ago with students from Latin America and the Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal), said ALI President Jaime Yanez. It became inactive when all its members graduated.

Previously, ALI provided a place where Latin American and Iberian students could come for support in a new and sometimes intimidating environment. It sponsored Latino nights, nonalcoholic events where students could dance and socialize. It also raised money for disaster relief in El Salvador and Panama.

Two years ago, Yanez, a senior food science major from Peru, and two other students decided to revive ALI.

Yanez and Giancarlo Corti, a student from Ecuador, learned about ALI from Morella Sanchez, a postdoctoral fellow at the Aquaculture Research Institute. Sanchez told them about what ALI had done in the past, and the three decided to revive the club and write a new constitution.

The new constitution outlined a mission and a vision for ALI. The mission was to cultivate and project the Latin American and Iberian culture and language to UI and the United States. The vision was to establish a permanent interaction in the community, allowing ALI to fulfill its mission.

ALI tries to reach these goals by helping other organizations, being a part of the community and being a part of UI.

"In the beginning, it was a long process; it took us a lot of time," Yanez said. "We got

together and we started making events, started building up the organization again."

The first ALI-sponsored events were potlucks between the few members. Next it organized the Spanish Club, which received a "Program of Excellence" award in 2002 from ASUI. After the Spanish Club, ALI revived Latino Nights. These events won a grant from the Alcohol Alternative Program, which is associated with the Student Counseling and Testing Center.

ALI also met with bad luck when it sponsored a ski trip. A van transporting members was involved in a traffic accident. No one was injured, but ALI had to raise money to pay for the van's repairs.

"We got together because of that accident," Yanez said. "Now I think it's a pretty consolidated group. We have a name already in UI, I hope."

ALI Vice President Andres Garcia-Pretel, a junior microbiology, molecular biology and biochemistry major from Venezuela, joined the club in the fall of 2002.

"I went to the international barbeque and I met all of them," he said. At first, he wasn't really interested in ALI, but the club members asked him again and again to come to meetings.

"After December I started going. The Spanish Club was starting. Latino Night was starting. I got a lot more involved," he said. When ALI called elections at the end of April, Garcia-Pretel was elected vice president.

Now that the club has met with some success, it has decided to take on a greater challenge. ALI is sponsoring the Latino-Iberian Festival '03, an event that will include dinner, dancing, singing, a fashion show and surprise guest from Seattle on Oct. 11. Tickets cost \$8 and are sold at the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the International Programs Office. Tickets also went on sale Thursday at the book store.

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## AISP reaches out to tribes

BY BRIAN PASSEY  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

*Editor's note: This is the third in a four-part series examining the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Idaho. The first two parts covered the diversity of both faculty and programming. The last part will focus on how the program benefits the students involved.*

The American Indian Studies Program goes beyond simply offering a minor. It reaches out to area tribes by putting university resources at their disposal.

One example of reaching out to the local tribes is a Coeur d'Alene tribal history course offered during the summer on the reservation. It is one of the courses taught by tribe-selected faculty and was designed by elders and other tribal consultants in collaboration with UI faculty.

The tribal members who participated in the course felt as if they gained a better understanding of their history, said Diane Allen, education director for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. All the proceeds from the course went to the development of an Early Childhood Learning Center on the reservation.

The center, set to open Oct. 27, will provide early childhood

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Above: Douglas Jones debates at "Conflicting Visions of the Art of Living Well" on Tuesday in the SUB Ballroom. Right: Forrest Church took part in the Tuesday discussion.

## Religious leaders debate 'the good life'

BY ARRON S. BANNER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

An audience of more than 700 students, faculty, staff and community members gathered Tuesday night in the SUB Ballroom for a debate on how to live "the good life."

Society likes to "dance" around the issues, said Aaron Rench, an intern at Collegiate Reformed Fellowship, which organized the event.

"When someone comes out and says something true and bold, it is like a breath of fresh air," he said.

Forrest Church, representing the liberal position, took the right podium. Church is the son of former Idaho Sen. Frank Church. He is also an author and pastor of the All Souls Unitarian Church.

Douglas Jones, the conservative Christian counterpart, took the left podium. Jones is a fellow of philosophy at New St. Andrews College and senior editor of the Credenda/Agenda magazine. He is also the co-author of several religious books.

Church explained the multitude of religious perspectives held by different faiths, cultures and individuals as "many people looking out different cathedral windows at the same anonymous source of light."

He said people cannot know the source of the light and so should not argue who has the best "insider information" on the creator. Each window in the cathedral has its own tint and blend of colors, he said.

"We should be focusing on how

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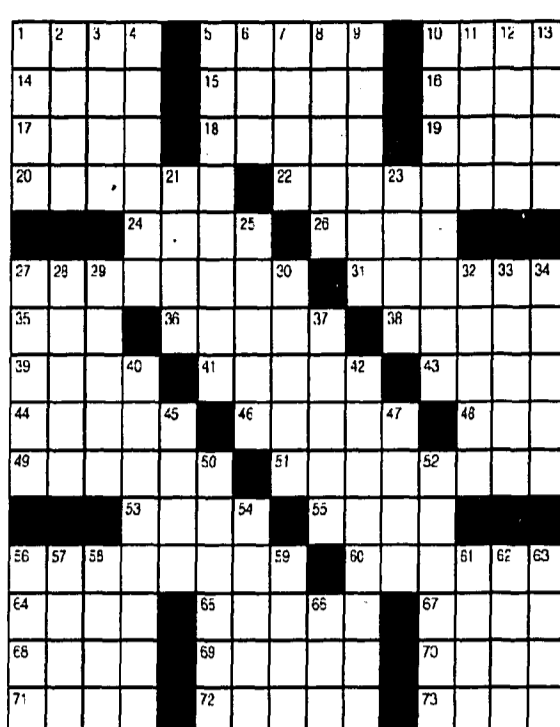
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Table with weather forecasts for Today, Saturday, and Sunday, including high/low temperatures and sun icons.

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A grid of crossword solutions with words like HAM, JULEP, STARE, AGE, ORONO, THROW, NED, EIGHT, RAISE, KNIT, SOAPP, POWDER, STOOL, SNOOP, COIF, CUR, OBIT, TOR, REVERT, WADE, ORIGAM, REENTER, BETA, ACTING, TAN, YOYO, LEA, TALL, KEVIN, DEEDS, METHUSELAH, OMIT, ACRID, RESIN, EVA, RHINO, SNAFU, NET, TOOTS, ADLIB, TSE.

NEWSBRIEFS

Crapo announces UI biofuel grant

Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo announced Wednesday the UI's Biofuels Research Program will receive a \$190,000 federal grant for work on a biofuel fuel education program.

Crapo toured the facility on the Moscow campus during a visit on Aug. 27.

The new federal funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture will help promote the use of biofuels and continue the research efforts blending alcohol fuels with agricultural products, such as soybean oil.

"This announcement is timely as we work in the Senate to push alternative fuel sources like biodiesel and ethanol," said Crapo, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

"Our national energy portfolio must expand to make better use of these agricultural fuels, and promoting the work being done right here in Idaho is right on target as we work on a comprehensive national Energy Bill in the U.S. Senate."

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Author Linda Hunt, an emeritus Whitworth College professor, began researching the story in 1984 after she read Estby's great-grandson Doug Bahr's eighth-grade essay, "Grandma Walks from Coast to Coast."

"We are fortunate to have a wonderful story told equally well by the author in print and in person," publisher Ivar Nelson said. The story has become popular among book groups and teachers.

Hunt will tour the Northwest this fall to talk about the book, frequently including dramatist Pat Stein of Whitworth College, who brings the story to life through her characterizations.

For more information contact, Susan S. Franko at 885-3305.

John and Olga LeTourneau Lecture today

Pennsylvania State University entomologist Gary Felton will examine the behavior patterns of caterpillars today in his lecture, "Salivary Signals from Caterpillars: Role in Evasion of Host Plant Defense."

Felton has proven caterpillars make enzymes to overcome chemical defenses and will present his findings at the 10th annual John and Olga LeTourneau Lecture at 4 p.m. in Renfrew Hall Room 112.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Palouse Discovery Science Center opens today

The new Palouse Discovery Science Center in Pullman will open to the public today, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and will include a reception for members.

The center will receive a \$15,000 grant from Verizon, part of nearly \$110,000 the company will award to Inland Northwest non-profits organizations. UI will also receive three grants, totaling nearly \$23,500.

The science center is at 2371 N.E. Hopkins Court in Pullman, next to Schweitzer Engineering Labs.

For more information, contact Bob Wayt at (509) 483-7750.

Work crew installs water line near UCC

A work crew will install a water line on the south side of the University Classroom Center through Monday. Vehicles will not be able to pass through this street section while the project is in progress. Only pedestrians will be allowed along the 80-foot area.

Amateur Radio Club to meet

The monthly meeting for the UI Amateur Radio Club will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the ham shack, located behind the UI power plant at the intersection of Sixth and Line streets.

Entrance to the meeting will be through a brown door located in the power plant parking lot, between the power and recycling plants.

Women's Center sponsors hike

The UI Women's Center will sponsor a hike up Moscow Mountain Oct. 11.

Carpooling begins at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Memorial Gym. The 5- to 6-mile roundtrip hike will begin at 9 a.m.

UI student Diana Proem will lead the hike. She has extensive knowledge and experience guiding trips and traveling through remote wilderness backcountry.

For more information, call 885-6616.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

TODAY

Women's studies luncheon and speaker UI Women's Center 12:30 p.m.

10th Annual John and Olga LeTourneau Lecture Renfrew Hall Room 112 4 p.m.

"UI: Idaho Gem and Other UI Stories" UTV-8 Programming 6:30 p.m.

ASUI Blockbuster film: "The Italian Job" SUB Borah Theater 7 and 9:30 p.m.

UI jazz bands and choir concert School of Music Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.

"ASUI Senate meeting" UTV-8 Programming 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Women's volleyball vs. Long Beach State Memorial Gym 7 p.m.

ASUI Blockbuster film: "The Italian Job" SUB Borah Theater 7 and 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Research colloquium with UI grad student Akaraphunt Vongkumhae Engineering-Physics Building 3:30 p.m.

Film: "In the Time of the Butterflies" SUB Borah Theater 7 p.m.

SENATEREPORT

BY ARRON S. BANNER ARGONAUT STAFF

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Open forum

Justin Eslinger, blood drive coordinator, updated the Senate on the progress of ongoing blood drives. He said organizers were happy with the 29 units of blood collected Wednesday, but fell short of their goal of 35 units.

Presidential communications

Vice Pres. Nate Tiegs spoke on behalf of Pres. Mason Fuller, who could not attend. Through Tiegs, Fuller advocated passage of the Pick-a-Prof Program. He also urged senators and students to visit the new ASUI Web site and set it as their home page because it can be a valuable tool.

Senate business

The Senate unanimously amended the Rules and Regulations to permit an easier understanding of policy regarding appointed ASUI lobbyists.

The Senate placed the position of elections coordinator under the guidance of the Civic Engagement Board.

The bill to free the \$1,500 needed to start the Pick-a-Prof Program was sent back to the finance committee for further deliberation. The finance committee failed to meet during the week to approve the bill. Senate by-laws require bills to pass in committee before said bills are tabled for a final vote.

CAPSULE FROM THE ARGONAUT ARCHIVES

From the Nov. 10, 1970 edition.

Nightline will go into operation if the telephone is installed, according to Mrs. Cortan (Corky) Bush, program coordinator. The number for the service is 882-0320. "We're read to start right now," Mrs. Bush said, "all we're waiting for is the telephone."

The office of the Nightline service is located in the basement of the Wallace Complex, near the recreation room.

The telephone service, which is being organized by the Mental Health Association, the ASUI, and interested citizens from the Moscow and University communities, plans to provide three types of services — information, rumor, and crisis.

Advertisement for Alan Jackson Live in Concert at Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum, featuring special guest Joe Nichols. Includes ticket prices and contact information.

Advertisement for UI Golf Course featuring Fall Student Golf Pass \$49 and Spring 2004 Golf Pass \$225. Includes details on pass usage and student ID requirements.

Advertisement for ASUI's Borah Blockbuster Series featuring the movie 'The Italian Job' at Nelson Chevrolet. Includes showtimes, ticket prices, and contact information for South Side Coffee House.

Advertisement for The University of Idaho Argonaut newspaper, including phone directory and membership information.

Advertisement for Argonaut Advertising, listing contact information for the Editor in Chief, Advertising Manager, and Representatives.

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# UI Recycling Center tries to trim the fat

BY LEIF THOMPSON  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The UI Recycling Center has a few ideas to save UI money and make it more environmentally friendly.

"There's a lot more to recycling than throwing the can in the bin. That's when the fun starts," said Jerry Martin, head of the UI Recycling Center.

Martin said many students, faculty and staff believe they are doing their part to be environmentally friendly when they use recycling facilities on campus. However, Martin thinks the major problem is flagrant wastefulness.

"People have a tendency to want to recycle," Martin said. "They should remember that your key savings is not to have it to begin with. ... People have got to learn not to generate stuff. If you don't generate something, then it doesn't have to be recycled."

Martin had several ideas for being less wasteful, including using double-sided printing paper and using e-mail for all UI correspondence.

Martin said recycling is only profitable in the sense that it decreases the UI garbage bill. The UI Recycling Center sells or gives its material to the Moscow Recycling Center. There are only four recyclable materials UI produces that are profitable: aluminum, cardboard, newspaper and white ledger. These materials combined are only worth about \$9,000 annually. Other materials such as office paper and scrap metal are given to the Moscow Recycling Center for free.

Recycling helps reduce UI's hefty garbage bill. Nick Nash, the UI Recycling Center foreman, explained the billing system for Latah Sanitation. UI is billed for the rental of each Dumpster, tonnage for each roll-off box, and tonnage and pickup fees for compactors, Nash said.

There are 49 Dumpsters

around campus, and they range in size from 2-6 cubic yards. Billing changes from month to month because the amount of garbage UI produces is extremely variable.

Latah Sanitation charges approximately \$10 per cubic yard for each Dumpster and \$17 per cubic yard for overflowed Dumpsters.

The recycling center processes approximately 3,000 pounds of waste per day, Nash said. He also said the center has saved some departments as much as 75 percent of their garbage bill.

"It's one of the few programs in the university that actually pays for itself and makes a little back," Nash said.

Martin said the largest problem with recycling at UI is contamination, which occurs when unrelated waste is mixed in with recycled goods. He said there can't be more than one-half of one percent of contaminants in recycled material. Martin said many people do not understand the importance of contaminant-free recycling.

"People's idea of recycling is opening a filing cabinet and throwing it in a box," Martin said. He said that many times recycling bins are so contaminated the recycling workers are forced to throw the material away because the sorting process would take too long.

"You're talking about three hours of work for 10 cents worth of paper," Martin said. "For 1,000 pounds of (white ledger) paper, only a handful can contaminate it, and oftentimes it's buried and you can't see it."

Martin said sticky notes on white ledger paper are a leading cause of contamination because the glue from the sticky notes separates in the recycling process and gums up paper recycling machines.

If a batch of recycling material has contaminants in it, the Moscow Recycling Center can downgrade the quality of that material and pay the UI Recycling Center less money.

If the recyclable material the UI Recycling Center sells and gives to the Moscow Recycling Center is consistently overcontaminated, the Moscow Recycling Center will reserve the right to not accept that material, so there is a vested interest in keeping the material contaminant-free, Martin said.

Other items are not economically feasible for the UI Recycling Center to collect. Martin said the Moscow Recycling Center pays for plastic, but it is a low-volume substance and they pay for plastic by the pound.

He said he could fill a flatbed truck with bottles, but they would weigh next to nothing and take overly long to collect. He also said the recycling center doesn't have anywhere to store them.

Books used to be recyclable but are now thrown away. Martin said there was a recycling center in Spokane that used to buy old textbooks, but the market for them dried up several years ago.

Some of the biggest costs the UI Recycling Center faces are the disposal of hazardous substances, such as old fluorescent bulbs and computer monitors. They both contain heavy metals, so they cannot go to the Latah County landfill.

Fluorescent bulbs are stacked in boxes of 600 to a pallet and shipped elsewhere. There is a 4-cent-per-foot disposal fee on fluorescent bulbs, so each bulb costs 20 cents, or \$1,200 per pallet. It also costs \$500 to ship them to their destination.

Disposal of computer monitors costs \$10 each, and it's approximately \$500 per container to ship the monitors to Seattle. Martin estimates that disposal of computer monitors costs UI approximately \$10,000 annually.

"There is a lot of time, effort and logistics to recycling," Martin said. "If recycling was so easy, we'd all be doing it, and it would be a piece of cake."

# Professor's 'blog' attracts controversy

BY MAUREEN RYAN  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO (KRT) — Should homosexuals be hired as teachers? One outspoken Internet pundit says no. But his opinion has fueled a controversy over academic freedom of expression because it is posted on a site maintained by the writer's employer, a state university.

Hiring gay teachers "puts the fox into the chicken coop," Eric Rasmusen wrote on his Web log, or "blog," Aug. 26. "Male homosexuals, at least, like boys and are generally promiscuous," he continued. "They should not be given the opportunity to satisfy their desires."

Rasmusen's blog resides on the server of Indiana University, where he is a professor in the business school. His posted musings on whether homosexuals should be allowed to be teachers, pastors or other kinds of "moral exemplars" have caused major campus uproar in the past few weeks.

"It's almost impossible to keep up with the reaction. It's been as strong from the faculty and staff as it has been from students," said Doug Bauder, the university's coordinator of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender student support services.

Writing a blog for public perusal has become the latest fad on the Internet, and students and professors across the country are taking advantage of the trend — and of the free Web pages provided by many universities.

Rasmusen's Web writings would probably have remained obscure had Eugene Volokh, a UCLA law professor who runs a popular group blog called The Volokh Conspiracy, not posted a link to the writings on Rasmusen's site Sept. 2.

Soon officials at IU were alerted to the content of Rasmusen's site, and on Sept. 4, Dan Dalton, the dean of IU's Kelley School of Business, had a meeting with Rasmusen, who offered to temporarily transfer his blog to a private server while university lawyers evaluated whether his writings violated school policy

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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE LAW PROFESSOR

regarding information posted on personal Web pages.

IU policy says the university doesn't monitor content unless someone files a complaint that a Web page "contains material that violates the law or University policy."

"Free expression of ideas is a central value within the academy," the written policy states.

If the writings "had appeared in any other forum except a university Web site, I would never have intervened," Dalton said. "I've had many phone calls and e-mails, and people have various views, but relatively few of them have criticized the individual (Rasmusen). The overwhelming majority have criticized the Kelley School of Business or IU (for allowing it to be posted), and that was the basis for my concern."

It didn't take long for the school's lawyers to decide Rasmusen's site did not violate any university policies, and it soon went back on the school's server. But at a faculty council meeting Tuesday in Bloomington, Ind., IU Chancellor Sharon Brehm, while confirming Rasmusen's right to make the statements on his Web page, called them "deeply offensive, hurtful and very harmful stereotyping."

Brehm also asked the university faculty council to look into possible changes to the university's personal Web page policies; putting disclaimers on each site is under discussion, Brehm said.

Such a move would be constitutional, though perhaps unnecessary, says Volokh, an expert on freedom of speech. "It might diminish the heat the university might get in future, and it would

just reinforce in people's minds what they probably ought to know already."

Perhaps the most famous academic blogger of all is Glenn Reynolds, a law professor at the University of Tennessee, who calls himself The InstaPundit on his popular Web site. Reynolds' site is on a private server, not one maintained by his university employer.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say I had a really conscious desire to maintain separation" between his academic career and his Internet punditry, Reynolds said.

"I thought some jerk might make an issue some day, so I decided to take that (possibility) away."

"The thing I love about blogging that you don't get from any other kind of academic work is real-time feedback from really smart people who aren't part of the academic world," Reynolds adds.

Despite the fact that some academic types have become Internet celebrities of sorts, Daniel Drezner, a professor at the University of Chicago who writes a blog about world events and current events, says there are big differences between scholarly writing and the shoot-from-the-hip immediacy of the blogging world.


"I would be reluctant to have blogging factored into tenure decisions," he says. "The whole idea of scholarship is to meditate on an idea, to test it critically and ... to gather evidence and to have your idea peer-reviewed. It's slow, but your ideas are tested in the most rigorous way possible. Blogs are often about spouting off what you're thinking without 10 minutes of reflection, and 30 minutes later you're sometimes wondering, 'Did I really write that?'"

As for Eric Rasmusen, he said via e-mail that as a result of the controversy, "I will be even more careful to only post things I really believe, and to correct any errors people point out immediately."

But in a recent post on his Web page, he also pointed out that his Web log now has "ten times the number of readers it used to have."

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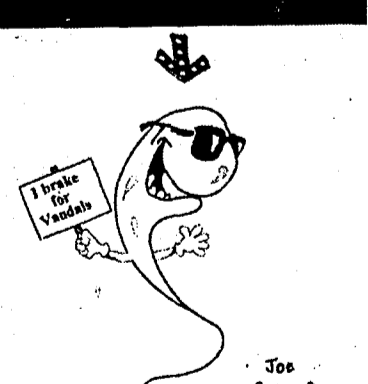
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save money. "A realtor is a step no one wants to go through," said Bob Wakefield of Wakefield and Dwelle.

Wakefield said a large percentage of the profits must be allocated for service fees when a business lists with a realtor. "The university is saving some money by not going through a realtor," Wakefield said.

Although the university is being criticized for not listing the campus, Wakefield said he does not know of any requirement that would force UI officials to list property on the market. "There may be a requirement of some type of advertisement for the sale," he said.

Although the university did not follow normal procedure, the sale was within university guidelines. The sale met the requirements regarding the selling of university property by receiving approval from the State Board of Education and having an appraisal by an independent party, said Laura Hubbard, UI vice president of Finance and Administration.

Although the value of the campus was appraised at \$670,000 last year, the land was sold to Berry for \$450,000. UI officials said the property was not sold at an unreasonable price.

Wagner said the campus was appraised at a much higher value than it was worth and faculty members within the College of Natural Resources were surprised at the appraised value.

"We kind of joked among ourselves, 'who would pay that much for a campus in Clark Fork?'" Wagner said. "We don't think it was oversold at all."

The College of Natural Resources has been trying to sell the land for the past two years. Wagner said he was surprised that local residents did not know the property was on the market. "I was not aware there was not general knowledge of the sale," Wagner said.

Officials within the college said the field campus was draining almost \$60,000 from their budget in maintenance costs. Michael said the college is already facing a 20 percent budget cut along with the loss of 14 faculty and staff positions. Faculty within the college have not received a pay increase in more than two years.

In the two years the land has been open for sale, Michael said the university has received interest from six different buyers. Only one of those buyers issued an offer, which the university rejected. "The offered price was too low," Michael said.

Senator Shawn Keough of Sandpoint has also questioned the sale.

"From the community's perspective, it wasn't an open process," Keough said, according to the Idaho Statesman. "Typically, that's not the way that public property is sold."

Keough, along with several other Idaho Legislators, are discussing actions to take and say they will begin to question the way UI officials do business at the university.

Wagner said he understood why Idaho legislative leaders would have questions about financial transactions taken by the university, considering the fallout of the University Place development in Boise. "The UI is suspect on almost everything now."

However, Wagner said it might be dangerous for legislators to take an active role in UI financial decisions. "I don't know that the state Legislature should necessarily dictate how the university sells property," Wagner said.

Although the UI fiscal emergency committee announced that the selling of UI land around the state would be on the list of options to solve the budget crisis at the university, Wagner said the college had been actively trying to sell the campus for years.

"This has nothing to do with the fiscal emergency committee," Wagner said.

UI Law professor Liz Brandt said she understands why the sale of the campus would be questioned. "It's reasonable for people to ask questions when it doesn't appear to have been sold at market value," Brandt said. "I think the university needs to answer some questions about this transaction."

The College of Natural Resources will be using money from the sale to purchase more land for the college's experimental forest project on Moscow Mountain.

President Michael said the university is currently making changes in UI property procedures. "Fortunately, we have learned from this situation and are making changes in our internal procedures," Michael said.

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our many views relate," he said. "Our differences are small compared to our similarities."

Jones challenged this assertion, likening the light Church spoke of to a "hermit god" who is secure in his loneliness at the top.

"Whatever we love, we grow to it," he said. The things humanity loves, such as community, playfulness, beauty, freedom and sexuality, are values that fall freely from the traditional Christian belief in the Trinity and naturally lead to living "the good life," Jones said.

The "hermit god," by contrast, does not lend itself to these same ideals, Jones said. Instead it highlights "oneness." Oneness, in turn, encourages conformity, power and structure, he said.

For much of the debate the two speakers seemed to have trouble connecting on topics, causing them to comment that it felt like they weren't even talking to each other.

All that went out the window during the question-and-answer session, when most of the differences in belief became apparent.

In a question from Jones, Church said he supported homosexuals as "God's children." Jones, on the other hand, believed that such sexual behavior is demeaning and contradictory to the nature of the Trinity.

Jesus serves as an "excellent guide" for Church, not because of who he was, but because of what he taught, Church said.

"The ultimate goal of life is to be at peace with oneself," Church said. "The best way to do that is to live with integrity so that you have no secrets to keep, as Jesus did. Deed over creed is what is important to me."

Jones again challenged this position, asking Church, "By whom do you receive the authority to make such claims?" Church never answered the question directly.

Church and Jones also had opposing views of the afterlife and how to get there. Church pushed for "deed over creed," while Jones said that a covenant status with the Trinity was the key.

Kelli Hochmuth, a horticulture major, summed up the age-old debate in a single sentence. "Nobody is ever wrong when it comes to religion, just different," she said.

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learning and a child-care facility with 24-hour service. The focus of the learning is immersion in the Coeur d'Alene language for both the children and teachers.

A major way the American Indian Studies Program is reaching out to the tribes is through a series of Web sites, or the On-line Educational and Cultural Resource Modules — Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, developed by Frey with members of the two local tribes.

The Web module, located at [www.L3-lewisandclark.org](http://www.L3-lewisandclark.org), con-

tains an in-depth look at each of the tribes' histories, cultures, languages and worldviews.

"On the surface, it looks like it was done for the university, but it was really done for the tribe," Allen said of the Coeur d'Alene site.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration funded the Web module and tribal elders, consultants and the tribal councils first approved all the material on the sites. Those affiliated with the tribes evaluated the material for authenticity and appropriateness.

Rodney Frey, program director, said there are nearly 12 hours of streaming video on the module featuring interviews with more than 45 elders and

tribal representatives. The Web sites also feature highlighted words in the tribal languages which, when clicked on, display a native speaker saying the word and/or sentence.

"There's no tribe that has as much comprehensive sharing than these two tribes on the module," Frey said.

He said the module is an example of the collaboration between the tribes and the program.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe's module was completed Dec. 5, 2002 and the Nez Perce module was completed March 26, 2002. A module for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is still in the research and development stage.

*Israel approves section of security barrier*

BY MICHAEL MATZA  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

JERUSALEM (KRT) — The Israeli Cabinet on Wednesday approved a controversial section of the \$1 billion security barrier that's under construction in the West Bank, but left at least temporary gaps in it to mollify the Bush administration's concerns that the fence prejudices border negotiations for a future Palestinian state.

Voting 18 to 4, with one abstention, the Cabinet approved the section of the fence east of the Jewish settlement of Ariel, about 12 miles into the predominantly Palestinian West Bank from the "green line" that was Israel's border with Jordan until 1967. Ariel, the second largest settlement in the West Bank, is home to 18,000 Israelis.

The proposal adopted Wednesday does not, however, authorize a connection between the newly approved section and the main span of the fence, which runs nearer the green line.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined to comment directly on the Israelis' decision, and reiterated the U.S. position on the issue. "It remains our long-standing policy to oppose activities by either party in the West Bank and Gaza that prejudice final status negotiations," he said.

Israel said it would discuss the issue again with the American administration in about eight

months, at which time it would decide whether to fill in the gap.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told the Cabinet it was best to defer a decision on completing the fence rather than cause friction with the United States, which has pledged \$9 billion in loan guarantees to Israel and threatened to reduce the pledge proportionately for every dollar Israel spends on West Bank settlements, including the fence. The U.S.-backed "road map" for peace calls for an immediate freeze on Israeli settlement activity.

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War and has been fighting a low-intensity war with the Palestinians over the land.

Faced with an onslaught of suicide bombers — more than 120 in the last three years — Israel says it has no choice but to build the series of ditches, barbed wire-topped enclosures and 25-foot-high walls to protect its citizens.

Sharon told Israeli media last week that the fence "is not a perfect answer to terrorism, but merely another means that assists the war on terror."

The United States accepts Israel's right to defend itself but has objected to the placement of the fence deep inside the West Bank.

Palestinians call it a "land grab" that separates them from their agricultural lands and jeopardizes an eventual Palestinian state.

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store. ALI will also sell tickets at a table from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 6-10 in front of the Idaho Commons Cedar Grove Room.

Yanez said part of the festival's objective is "to show our culture to the university and to the community so everybody can know about us, about our language and about what we are."

ALI members are excited about the event, their largest event thus far. With help from several organizations, including the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of Diversity and Human Rights, and Unity, ALI thinks the event will be a success.

In addition to showcasing Latin American and Iberian culture, ALI members hope the festival will bring in new members. Garcia-Pretel thinks ALI is a solid group, he but isn't sure

who will take charge when he and the other officers graduate.

"We need new people, because otherwise it's going to happen just like it happened before, and it's just going to die again," he said.

"That's why we want to start doing the Latino Festival," Yanez said. "Hopefully, if the event is successful, people are going to say, 'I want to help you because I like it and it was a success.' We need new people to continue the organization."



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**MAILBOX**

**Argonaut fails readers**

Dear editor,  
 Your tagline reads "The Vandal Voice Since 1898," and I'd like you to prove it. As of late, I am particularly appalled at the negligence of the Argonaut to report and present the information important and interesting to Vandals in a timely manner. I would like to specifically direct my remarks to the AmeriCorps opinion article so graciously given by Argonaut Editor in Chief Brian Passey. Passey, our "Vandal Voice," urges all students to stand up for their rights in a participatory democracy and petition their representatives to help AmeriCorps. A brave statement — or is it?  
 Approximately three months ago, the Civic Education Project at the University of Idaho did exactly what Passey urged us to do. The group wrote its Idaho congressional representatives and governor and encouraged more than 200 students to do the same.  
 At this time, the Civic Education Project approached the Argonaut about running its letter as a letter to the editor in order to encourage more action among students at a time when the fate of AmeriCorps had not yet been decided. At a time when the Vandal Voice could actually be heard and affect change, the Argonaut instead decided to not run an opinion section in its next issue.  
 Three months after the decision was made and cuts are being felt, the Argonaut has decided this issue impacts UI students enough to give it attention. Unfortunately, this is just another reactive opinion statement that won't help anyone do anything because, like most things in the Argonaut, it comes a day (or three months) too late.  
 The Argonaut should be a tool for students to use in finding out important information that could affect them before they are already affected by it. Instead the pages of the Argonaut read like the obituary section of other papers — sharing information that occurred so long ago it's now read to "remember the times" when the news actually happened.

Cassandra Byington  
 senior  
 finance and management

**UI continues to get worse**

Dear editor,  
 In light of our new president: I love the University of Idaho for its vast multicultural diversity ... Even though the Multicultural Affairs office nearly closed last semester. Some of my favorite professors are ... Oh right, they had to "retire." My favorite aspect in each of the departments is ... Oops, they were cut. I enjoy the fact that I have a choice of where to eat on campus ... Sodexho, Sodexho or Sodexho.  
 Above all, I love all the information the students were given when \$10 million plus mysteriously left the Moscow campus.  
 Oh, is that why it was so dark around here last year until somebody resigned?

Melissa Montgomery  
 senior  
 history

**Firing lacks good reason**

Dear editor,  
 In my 30 years of handling faculty grievances, I find the Glenn Grishkoff case unique and unprecedented. Ordinarily dismissal of a professor is initiated at the department level and usually has the support of a majority of the faculty.  
 Glenn's case is different. After a positive third-year performance review and the full support of his department, Glenn assumed that he was on target for tenure in two or three years. Instead, Glenn received a letter from his dean indicating that this would be his last year at the University of Idaho.  
 The UI Constitution states that the "immediate governance" of the university is in the hands of the faculty. Faculty members have the right to run their classes as they see fit and to evaluate students by their own standards. Professors also have the right to choose who their colleagues should be and what their academic units' goals should be.  
 Not only does the dean's decision undermine faculty governance, but it also constitutes a violation of academic freedom. This means that faculty members are free to pursue research projects that they deem worthy. The dean believes Glenn's work to be "insignificant," but his ceramics work is cutting edge and he has chosen very innovative ways to express his creativity.  
 Already as an assistant professor, he has established an international reputation. While at the UI he has participated in 12 juried and invitational art exhibitions and seven solo exhibitions, including exhibitions in Japan, California,

**OURVIEW**

**Many lose in Clark Fork land deal**

After the University Place fiasco, one would think our university officials would learn, but they can't seem to keep their hands out of real-estate problems. While it appears UI did nothing illegal in selling property near Clark Fork, it does not mean the university did the right thing.  
 New information about the sale comes out every day, and most of it seems to point to a variety of people who are now losers because of the transaction. In fact, the only person who appears to have benefited overall from the sale is the property's new owner, outfitter Mark Berry.  
 Steven Daley Laursen, dean of the College of Natural Resources, said it did not make any sense for the university to keep the money-losing property southeast of Sandpoint. While that is probably true during these financially rough times for the university, what doesn't make sense is how the sale went about.  
 If financial matters were the main concerns, why was the land sold for

\$220,000 less than its appraised value? Laura Hubbard, interim vice president of finance administration, said she thought the \$450,000 Berry paid to be a fair price for the property appraised at \$670,000 — but that is almost one third less than what the property is apparently worth.  
 The problem here is that the university did not openly make known the availability of the property. Officials said it was advertised by "word of mouth," which was within university guidelines. But seriously, how was that supposed to work?  
 Apparently the caretaker told groups using the property that it was on the market, but the two most income-producing activities at the site were family reunions and government agency retreats — most families having reunions there are probably not likely to spend anywhere near \$450,000 for the property.  
 With all the financial troubles the university has immersed itself in as of late, it might have been nice to actually

get what the property was worth. If the property is really as nice as it has been described, who knows how much it could have sold for?  
 Therefore, the college and the university are both losers in the financial implications. Sure they got rid of money-losing property, but they might have made \$200,000 more.  
 So the property was advertised by word of mouth to user groups who were not likely to buy it. Then, without openly advertising the property, popular for its availability to the public, it was sold to a private outfitter. UI said Berry will still make the property available to the public, but many things can change when property is privately owned.  
 The residents of the Clark Fork area, and anyone else with interest in the property, are now losers, too.  
 It's also interesting that the College of Natural Resources plans to use the proceeds from the sale to buy additional property for the experimental forest on Moscow Mountain, a revenue generator. But it seems that part of the reasoning

for the need to sell the property is because the college will lose 14 of its 68 faculty and staff due to budget constraints in coming years. If this is so, why isn't the money being used to pay for a few more teachers?  
 Faculty who will shortly be without jobs can now be counted among the losers as well.  
 Fewer teachers always translates to lower quality in education. It is unfortunate that missteps with real estate keep affecting the education of the university's real customers — the students.  
 Now UI students are losers in this mess, too.  
 While it is nice to see the university taking steps to save money by shedding property that may not be essential to the education of students, it also would be nice to see an outcome that did not result in a bunch of losers. Let us hope that in the future UI officials will be a little more open about decisions affecting so many people.

B.P.

**Do-not-answer preserves family dinner**

Picture this: a quaint, nuclear family sits down to eat its dinner of tuna casserole when the phone rings. Wondering who would possibly be calling at such an hour, Mom, wearing her pearls and her best apron, gets up to answer it with a look of maternal concern on her face. Dad ponderously puffs away on his pipe.  
 "Hello?" Mom says, tentatively.  
 "... [audible background noise] Hello, ma'am, I'm calling on behalf of the International Association for the Association of Internationals and I'm wondering ..." Click.  
 "Telemarketers," Mom says, now angry.

Now picture a more realistic scene. If the kids aren't at practice or lessons or appointments, and their eyes aren't glued to the TV, they're eating macaroni and cheese or hamburgers that Mom or Dad picked up from the fast food joint on the way home from another late day at the office. The rattle of the dishwasher, the washing machine and the TV with surround sound all make the ringing of the phone barely audible.

This is the American reality. Dinnertime around the table has become, for the most part, a thing of the past in a society that rewards fatigue more than family togetherness.

Yet somehow people have turned the debate over the legality of the national do-not-call registry into a blame game, where the telemarketers are the ones bearing the brunt of the abuse.  
 Telemarketers are not the ones to blame for the erosion of the family unit. They are not evil villains out to



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steal every last dime of the elderly. Telemarketers are salespeople, just like the employees of car dealerships and shopping malls. They're just people on the other end of the line, working on commission.  
 I'm certainly not defending all telemarketers. Some of them do take things too far, and a small minority of them is out to steal every last dime of the elderly. But, there is no such thing as a national do-not-sell-me-a-Buick registry, or a national do-not-try-to-spray-perfume-on-me-registry.  
 The fact of the matter is telemarketers only exist because most people can't resist the urgent beckoning of a ringing phone, and because some of those people who pick up the phone buy something from the person on the other end of the line.  
 If telemarketing wasn't profitable, it wouldn't exist. If telemar-

keting was not a several-billion-dollar-a-year industry, it would have gone the way of the Pet Rock and Crystal Pepsi long ago.  
 So, how will America stop telemarketers from interrupting whatever dinner ritual we might have?  
 The national do-not-call-registry, if it's even legal a few months from now, isn't the greatest start. It still allows the most frequent offenders, like credit card and phone companies, to call just as they did before, as can any company from whom you've bought something before, charities and politicians.  
 Here's a more realistic idea: don't answer the phone. If family dinnertime is to become a real and valuable thing once again, something that represents family, then kids have got to see their parents calmly ignoring the ringing phone during dinner. The solution: how about a do-not-answer policy?

**Cater conversation to introverts**

The September issue of Health magazine related that introverts process information through long-term memory, even when they're talking, making their brains work harder than those of extroverts, who process through short-term memory.  
 As a result, introverts are forced into conversational silence as they give their brains time to reflect. They may feel drained after five minutes of interaction. They may feel out of place in large crowds, where the problem-solving synapses in their brain either fill to the point of overflow or find nothing to focus on.  
 This research should birth a new era in the society. Who knows the countless times we've made introverts feel out of place by expecting them to reply to something quickly? Or by expecting them to empathize with us? They can't help being snobs; their brain chemistry makes them that way.  
 In extroverts' brain analysis, on the other hand, PET scans show wirings buzzing in the sensory regions during interaction, something that gives extroverts an edge socially. Interaction turns them on. Reasoning turns introverts on, and there's not a lot of reasoning involved in small talk.  
 Therefore, we should reinvent the entire system of conversation. Introverts have been slammed and avoided for too long. Nerds get tripped in the halls, whereas outgoing guys get the girls — and vice versa.  
 So, instead of hailing someone, as we do now, with "what's up?" we should say, "If your mental state of the moment had a patron saint, who would it be?" A problem is thus presented for introverts to solve, and interaction becomes interesting.  
 First, you have to figure out what the question means, and then you have to think of something to say. "St. James the martyr" to "Marcus Aurelius" to "Attila the Hun, who died of a nosebleed on his wedding night" are good responses, and all likely to come from an introvert. The response might take awhile to come out, so the new social order should do away with excessive homework to give people more conversation time.  
 Some homework should still be required, of course, or nobody would know who Marcus Aurelius was. This might make introverts all the happier, though. They love to show off the random information stored behind those quiet lips. And if you don't know what they're talking about, it just proves you're a dumb extrovert who sits around talking about hair bleaching.  
 The problem with this system, naturally, is that if two introverts thus hailed each other this way, neither would care what the response of the other was. Who wants to waste time listening to somebody else blabber? The second introvert would reply to the first, "My patron saint of the moment is Clint Eastwood," and walk off without further elaboration, unless the first introvert happened to be really hot.  
 So maybe the only new system that might work would be for introverts to stop acting like idiots. Brain chemistry can be worked around. If you hate to talk, do it anyway. You would probably hate ending up a bitter janitor confined to scrubbing toilets because you have no people skills as well.  
 Or else, introverts should all become hot so they can stand looking at each other. Then, once they've gotten over the novelty of saying a few words to attract a partner, they can be bitter janitors together.

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**MAILBOX**

Washington, Montana and Idaho. He recently won the top jurors award in sculpture in a national competition at the Paris Gibson Museum of Art in Great Falls, Mont.  
 Glenn's firing is a travesty of justice and the AFT is initiating a campaign to overturn this decision and to keep him at UI. We are circulating a petition on campus and urge all faculty to sign.  
 If any faculty member does not get a petition or is retired and living in this area, please contact me at 883-3360 (ngier@uidaho.edu) or Dale Graden at 882-0486 (graden@uidaho.edu).

Nick Gier, president  
 Idaho Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO

**Vandals break my heart**

Dear editor,  
 Ticket to a Vandal game: \$15. Ticket for an open container in the parking lot: \$200. Medium-sized beverage at the Kibbie (non-alcoholic): \$4.25. An O-5 record with a ranking of 116th out of 117 in Div 1-A: Worthless.  
 This just hurts.

Ty Swenson  
 UI alumna

**CAMPUSTALK**

**Homophobia in the sports world: Ed Gray comes out**

STAFF EDITORIAL  
 MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGIAN

AMHERST, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Ed Gray, sports writer for the Boston Herald, announced in his column Tuesday that he is gay. Gray said he finally decided to come out because he was tired of the "unabashed homophobia" that is tolerated in the world of professional sports, and he is hoping that his announcement will help people to reconsider their mindsets.  
 It is a bold and admirable move that Gray has made; very few sportswriters are open about their sexuality, partly because appearing macho is such an important part of professional sports. But this is one of the stereotypes that Gray is hoping to put to rest: A gay sports writer or athlete can be just as masculine as a straight one. Not all gay men are Robin Williams in the "Birdcage" or Jack from "Will & Grace," and the sooner people start to realize that, the sooner more people will feel comfortable about their sexuality, no matter what field they work in.  
 Another thing that makes coming out extremely intimidating to anyone involved in sports is the attitude taken by most athletes and

coaches. Homophobia runs rampant and anti-gay comments and slurs are often permitted without any reprimanding. This is another thing that Gray would like to put a stop to. He wants the "major league sports [to] address the issue of homophobia and people who make overt homophobic remarks or actions [to] be held accountable."  
 With his column, Gray has taken a courageous stand that will hopefully inspire others to follow. The more people that speak out, the more the gay community will benefit, and it is commendable that Gray was willing to be one of the first in the sports arena.  
 The reaction to Gray's announcement remains to be seen. His editor and fellow workers at the Herald support him, but the larger picture is still unclear.  
 Gray's column is fairly popular, and one would hope that his coming out will not change that. But there are many, especially in the world of professional sports, who may be turned off, not only by Gray's sexuality, but also by his desire to be open about it. There are many who will think that if he kept quiet about it, no one would care.  
 But the point is that no one should have to hide who they are in order to be accepted. No one should have to keep quiet just so that other people won't feel uncomfortable.

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BY ASHLEIGH HEBERT  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Student Theatre Organization presents "Medea" and "Some Things You Need To Know Before The World Ends: A Final Evening With The Illuminati" this weekend. The plays, directed by Luis Guerrero, show at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Shoup hall.

**REVIEW** "Medea," by Christopher Durang and Wendy Wasserstein, is a derivation from the Greek tragedy of the same name by Euripedes. The STO play ignores Medea's witchcraft, which Euripedes portrayed as Medea's downfall, and focuses more on the emotional state of modern Medea after Jason (leader of the Argonauts on the quest for the golden fleece) begins to have an affair with "Debbie."

It is both hilarious and heart-wrenching as the play follows Medea, played by Mary Trotter, on the rollercoaster of murderous despair. The chorus of five women chants Medea's conflicting emotions in perfect unison, heightening both the tragedy and humor. Medea's sons are saved from infanticide by a Johnny Depp look-alike, the self-proclaimed "deus ex machina," who promises that Jason has undergone a lobotomy and will thereafter be a "docile husband."

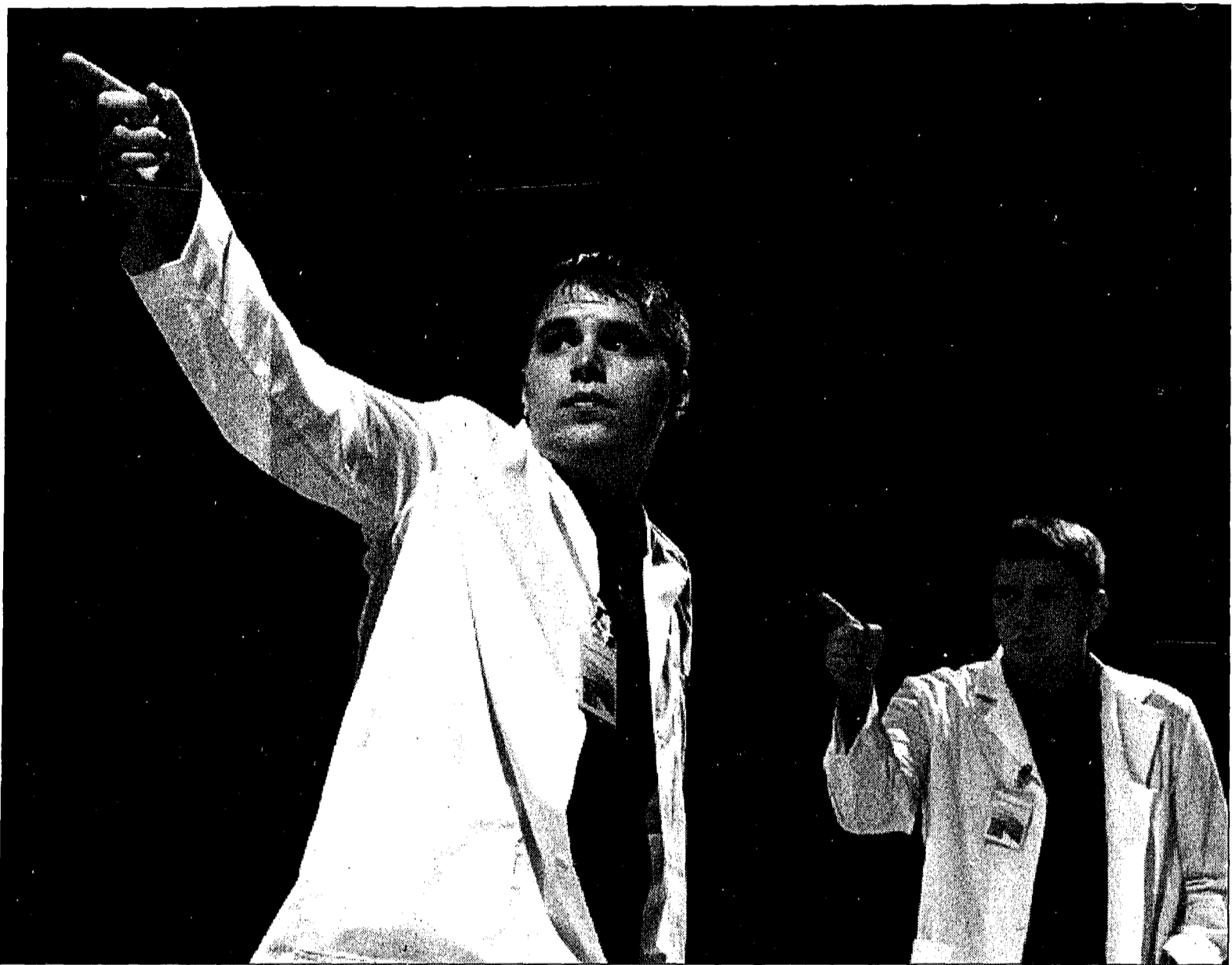
"Illuminati," by Larry Larson and Levi Lee, is intended to give a new perspective on old standards via blasphemy. Mentally unstable and egotistical Rev. Eddie, played by Curtis Ransom, screams in schizophrenic paranoia about congregational whispering and fear of nerve gas in the dark. Rev. Eddie is hypocritical and abusive to the hunchback Brother Lawrence, an endearing and vulnerable character played by Tuck Scott.

However, the play's attempts at irreverence fail because they don't address anything truly inherent to Christianity, the American government or anything else it tries to bash. The play sets up a row of stereotypical straw men and knocks them over mercilessly. Perhaps Christianity is no longer central enough to culture for it to be mocked accurately by someone who isn't an active participant.

The writers make fun of a medieval fear of demons, which died during the Reformation and the Enlightenment, and they also mock self-flagellation and the prevalence of canonization.

The one stroke of mockery that hits home hilariously is when two Lutherans with deep Mississippi accents burst onto the stage singing, "Jesus was a Lutheran, and I'm a Lutheran, too." However, even this jab doesn't strike faith itself, but rather people who overemphasize a single aspect of faith.

Overall, the plays are tightly knit and well-acted, and well worth an evening outing.



Students perform in the Student Theatre Organization's production being held this week in the Shoup arena.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Jazz bands kick off

BY ASHLEIGH HEBERT  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Come February, the Moscow-Pullman region will be swarming with jazz musicians, jazz singers, jazz dancers and jazz lovers from all over the world. The jazz pilgrims come faithfully, swelling the towns' occupancy limits for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

It is possible that the festival will become even more prominent since Lionel Hampton's death, because appreciation of artists often increases after they are gone. However, local jazz enthusiasts who are excited about the Jazz Festival do not have to pine until this winter. The UI jazz bands and jazz choirs will be giving their first major concert of the school year at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

The UI Music Department may be one of the strongest branches on campus, and this recital will no doubt be well-executed. One longtime Moscow resident said that though she does not like Jazz as a genre, the UI performances she has heard have been so solid that she can't help but love the music.

Dan Bukvich, professor of music, directs the two jazz choirs. Along with composing, he is a talented director. Groups that he has directed are known for being extremely well-prepared and professional and have won numerous awards and national recognition. Tonight, Choir I's repertoire will include "Bridge Over Troubled Water," by Simon and Garfunkle.

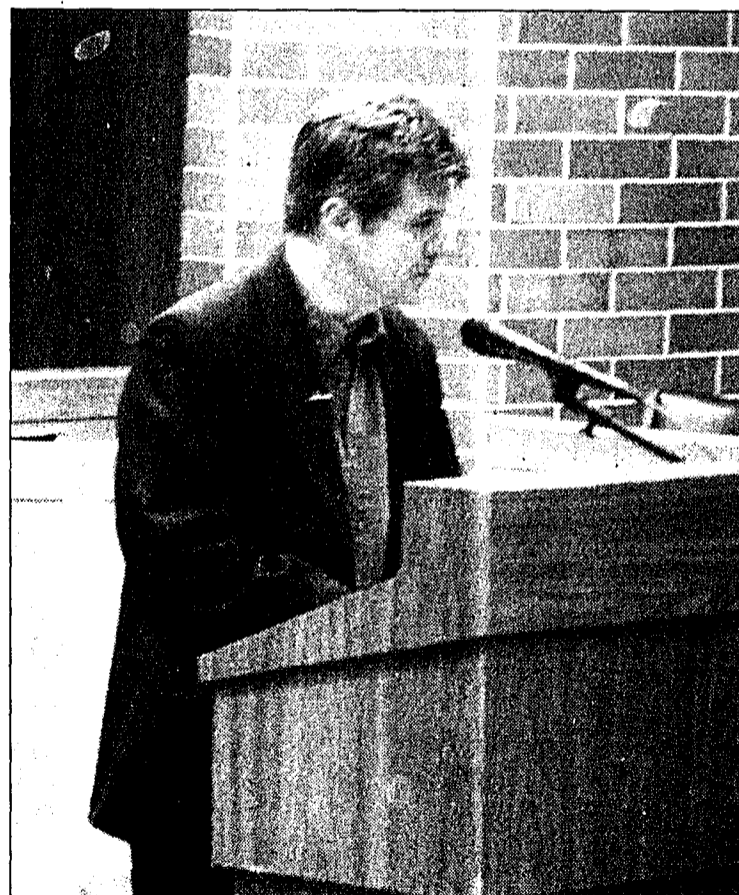
In Choir II, Christine Clevenger will be soloing in a song called, "A Day in the Life of the Fool," which was written by Justin Horn, a member of the choir. Michal Wilson will be soloing on the ever-wonderful "Summertime" from Porgy and Bess, and the choir will also sing "That's Life" and "Night and Day."

Jazz Bands I and II are directed by Robert McCurdy, and Jazz Band III is directed by Al Gemberling and Spencer Martin. Jim Pisano, a faculty member, will be soloing on the saxophone.

The performance will take place at the School of Music recital hall, and tickets will be sold at the door. Student tickets are \$3.

## Poet's work features animals, people

BY SEAN OLSON  
ARGONAUT STAFF



KATIE BOTKIN / ARGONAUT  
Robert Wrigley reads in the school of Law courtroom Wednesday night.

Poet and UI professor Robert Wrigley gave a reading from his new book "Lives of the Animals" to a packed Law School Courtroom on Wednesday evening.

Wrigley, the director of creative writing in the English department, read 12 poems over a period of 40 minutes. "Lives of the Animals" is the sixth book of poetry Wrigley has published. Wednesday was the official release date for the collection.

All of the poems Wrigley read were from the new novel, which focuses on the human animal as much as the more recognized versions in his poems.

"I like the animalness in all of us," Wrigley said at the reading.

Poem titles included "Dog," "Fish Dreams," "Progress" and "Sweetbreads," to name a few.

Following the poems, Wrigley answered a few questions. He told stories about his pets and joked with the audience: "All my poems are based on personal experience, whether I've had it or not."

Audience reaction to the event was very strong. Moscow resident Clark Karoses said, "I think he's got a talent for lyrically expressing the amazingness of a moment as well as capturing people, animals and inanimate objects." Karoses was especially fond of a voice piece on what he

called "down-home hillbilly folk." The piece was "Thatcher Bitch Boy." He said he was captivated at how Wrigley encapsulated the essence of the characters in only a few words.

Nate Lowe, a second-year graduate student working with Wrigley, said it was the first time he had heard Wrigley speak. "The way he reads his poetry changes it," Lowe said. "It makes it new and complex."

Wrigley was also pleased with the reading. This was the second time he had read his new work, the first being in Missoula two weeks ago.

"I get nervous reading at home," Wrigley said. "It's hard to be a poet when people know you as a person." But Wrigley never skipped a beat. He said once he got started everything went along very well.

Wrigley has amassed a collection of awards over the years, including two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, a Guggenheim fellowship, a Kingsley Tufts poetry award, a San Francisco Poetry Center book award, a Wood Prize from Poetry Magazine and a Wagner award from the Poetry Society of America.

The new book contains 42 poems, some of which have been featured in magazines such as Poetry Magazine, the Georgia Review and the Atlantic Review. It is published by Penguin Books.

The reading was sponsored by the UI English department.

## Country giant Alan Jackson makes rare stop on the Palouse

### WEEKENDUPDATE

BY AARON BLUE  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Lately I keep asking myself, "Can it really be October?" As I recall, there was snow on the ground in September my freshman year, and global warming isn't supposed to work that fast. Somehow, though, Mother Nature has given us yet another stay of execution; the forecast is calling for another clear 80-degree weekend here in Moscow.

Of course, this sort of meteorological oddity couldn't really be foreseen in

scheduling, and as the Palouse should be cooling down the hot acts are starting to roll in.

At the top of the oft-forgotten country music fans' wish list is sure to be Alan Jackson's performance tomorrow at the Beasley Coliseum in Pullman. With career record sales topping 40 million and a newly released second greatest hits album in stores, Jackson is a hot ticket.

He's stopping on the Palouse on his way from Boise to Seattle before taking his show south for the rest of October. Tickets are \$44.50 and \$49.50.

If country music isn't your thing, no matter; you still have some options for live music this weekend. Friday

evening the UI jazz bands and choirs are having their first major concert of the year. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. at the Lionel Hampton School of Music recital hall, and it is likely to go late into the evening with great jazz, courtesy of our friends in the music department.

For those 21 and over, John's Alley is bringing in the Danny Godinez band Friday night, which will take the stage at 10 p.m. If you've never heard of him, Danny Godinez is a guitar phenom who is originally hails from Virginia, where he played with musicians such as Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds. The band has just returned to its native Northwest from a seven-

week East Coast tour and is getting ready to head to the studio in November to lay tracks for a new album.

Also at the Alley, Little Big Man is set to play Saturday. The reggae band has been to Moscow recently, playing the Commons Lawn a few weeks back as part of the Diversity Rocks program, and will undoubtedly draw a crowd.

As far as other activities this weekend, the CUB auditorium in Pullman is having double features of "The Matrix" movies all weekend, with a ticket for both movies only \$5. At a place sure to be full of obnoxious college students, here's your chance to see the movies at their best. Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday

and Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

If movies are your thing, you could also try the British film "Dirty Pretty Things" at the Kenworthy, starring Audrey Tautou of "Amelie" fame, or "The Italian Job," this week's Blockbuster series offering at the Borah Theater. If by Sunday afternoon you've had your fill of football and aren't yet ready to delve into the mounds of put-off homework, check out the American Indian Dance Theater at Beasley Coliseum.

The performance includes native dances of 16 different tribes, both spiritual and social, that have been passed down for generations. The performance begins at 3 p.m.



# 'Rundown' relies on randomness and one-liners

## TAG-TEAM TAKES

BY CHRIS MARTIN AND JACOB DENBROOK  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Mindless action comes in many shapes and sizes. "The Rundown" comes in a rock-sized container filled with many ideas we've seen before,

## REVIEW



"THE RUNDOWN"

J.D. ★★½ (of 5)  
C.M. ★★½  
Starring The Rock  
In theaters now

the wrong people, killed the wrong people and basically gotten himself knee-deep into Brazilian dookie.

But to get Travis out of the jungle means to go through Hatcher, played by Christopher Walken, and an angry band of revolutionaries.

### The Good

C.M.: "The Rundown" floats on personality alone. The Rock's lines are full of a humor and sarcasm that will capture many a moviegoer's heart.

But what The Rock does best is make it difficult to look away from him. He's a lovable, enjoyable hunk, the polar opposite to Schwarzenegger's latest emotional action movies like "The Sixth Day" and "End of Days."

There really is no rhyme or reason for it, but The Rock just kicks ass.

Seann William Scott's character Travis, plus The Rock, makes for enjoyable moments surpassing the generic action sequences we've come to expect — although there is lots of action, too.

But the standout part of "The Rundown" is the absolute randomness that occurs throughout.

You'll be laughing silly when Travis is shouting "Establish dominance! Establish dominance!" Christopher Walken is the bad guy who must be overcome. He is definitely one of the most evil bad guys you love to hate, and the metaphors he throws out will have you busting stitches since they make absolutely no sense whatsoever.

J.D.: Let's be honest. Hollywood's most famous action personas are as old as dirt. Bruce Willis is clinging to M. Night Shyamalan, Schwarzenegger is trying to play governor in his latest role and Sylvester Stallone must be somewhere in the Midwest having afternoon tea with Vanilla Ice. Thus, Hollywood and audiences are desperately searching for marquee action stars to ignite new franchises that won't just fade from memory.

Enter The Rock. Maybe it's a sign of the times that our newest palatable action star doesn't even acknowledge his legal name, Duane Johnson.

Maybe studios are simply gently assisting critics who need crappy puns: "The Rock ... rocks!" or "This movie is Rock-solid action!"

Whatever it is, we can't help but be delighted while watching The Rock in "The Rundown." Johnson plays a more subdued

character in the film. Whether or not he actually cognitively controls emotions like "subdued" at this point in his acting career remains to be seen.

What The Rock does do at this point is control the screen with his dark complexion and massive build. Throw in some irony — the hulking, intimidating Johnson doesn't like to use guns — and we have more than enough formula for entertainment.

Add in Sean William Scott, who will most likely never digress from his Stifler character in "American Pie," and now we have slapstick comedy. Scott aptly emulates Jim Carrey's body and facial contortions and adds in his own rebelling-teenager spice.

It's such a delight to witness The Rock tear it up with a nice-guy demeanor. Though we cannot call it acting, it certainly is performance.

### The Bad

C.M.: It's not a great movie, but it is fun. And, like "Pirates of the Caribbean," the characters will engulf you and make you forget the mind-numbing story. As enjoyable as it is, the story is awfully predictable, and the dialogue — aside from Scott's, the Rock's and Walken's — is terrible, albeit amusing.

When the group of adventur-

ers composed of Beck, Travis and Mariana finds the artifact Gato Del Diablo, meaning "cat of Satan," Travis makes the comment he's going to "put it in a museum" a la Indiana Jones. Most of the plot points feel like this: stolen from other movies.

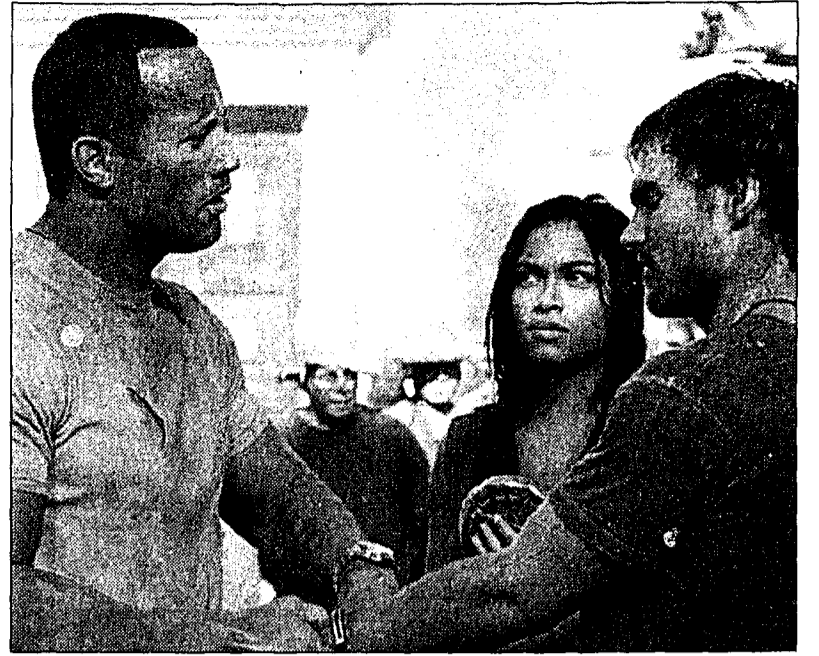
One main thing that could have saved this movie from the "see it once" category is the cinematography, which removes the audience from the movie — too many medium close-ups and not enough variation.

J.D.: Here's the standard list of "The Rundown's" miscues. The plot is virtually nonexistent and is solely dependent on Scott and Johnson's ability to take our minds off logic. The plot revolves around a quest for some holy relic reverently known as "Gato."

The characters certainly weren't cast with plot in mind. When we lay eyes on Scott, our first reaction is, "This guy's a frat boy." That's before we hear him speak.

Thus, it might not have been prudent to cast him as a Stanford Ph.D dropout who frequently reminds us, "Dude, I have a Ph.D. Trust me."

The editing is done with the frantic pacing of a music video on MTV. The longest shot is probably about three seconds, thus the action sometimes



The Rock stars in "The Rundown" with Rosario Dawson and Seann William Scott. COURTESY PHOTO

lacks the stylistic qualities of "The Matrix."

### The Final Say

C.M.: "The Rundown" doesn't have the polish and poosh of "Pirates of the Caribbean," but it has the Rock doing what he does best: entertaining. The movie maintains such a nice balance of action, humor, one-liners, and villainy, it never falters even when it tries to get all sentimental on you. I loved it.

J.D.: If one walks into the theater having lanced all intellect from his or her grey matter, then they can thoroughly enjoy this quirky, shallow romp.

Even when the film tries to take itself seriously at the end, the audience is never in danger of being jolted.

Why? Because Christopher Walken, the Rock and Sean Williams Scott know not to dig too deeply when all they have is a spade in hand.

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# Game-maker rides trends by going back to the board

BY VIRGINIA BALDWIN GILBERT  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS (KRT) — Stuart Montaldo didn't set out to make the science version of Scrabble or anything like that. Montaldo was working in marketing and publishing in Boston in the midst of the cyberspace explosion of the mid-to-late 1990s. He specialized in developing new products and was eager to put his experience to use in the dot-com world. He thought he'd develop an online game about space aliens, based on accurate science.

But nearly three years after his first idea, video and computer game companies are struggling. Few investors are putting their money into splashy roll-outs of the latest battle-laden game or other computer-based entertainment.

Montaldo, 39, is back home in St. Louis getting ready to launch a board game called *Cogno: The Alien Adventure Game*.

He believes he's riding new-old trends back to the Heartland, back to family activities, back to products with affordable price tags, back to shoestring ventures that substitute marketing savvy for lavish hype.

"This game has no explosions, no violence, no conflict," Montaldo said. "There's competition, definitely. But it's a fun, good-natured 'I'm-gonna-beat-you' kind of competition."

Montaldo designed the game for children and adults to play together, using echoes of the tactics in such popular board games as *Sorry!*, *Chutes and Ladders*, *Monopoly* and *Trivial Pursuit*. A lifelong fan of the late Carl Sagan, Montaldo believes that science, especially physical science related to space exploration, is more exciting than mythological other-world creations.

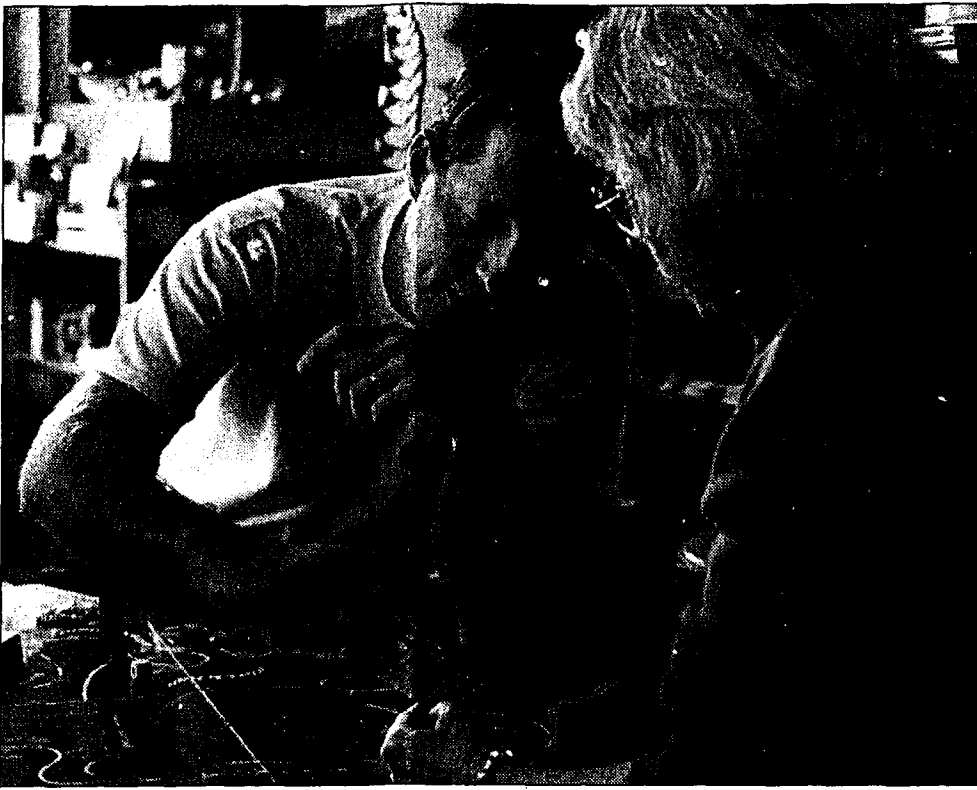
After testing and refining the game with the help of about 100 children, Montaldo founded DoubleStar LLC, raised a modest \$110,000 in startup capital and crafted a marketing plan.

He will launch the game Oct. 10, at Family Game Night at The Magic House children's museum in Kirkwood, Mo.

"There are a tremendous amount of games being made each year," Montaldo said. "They range from the type you sell to a couple of your friends to Milton Bradley's new launch."

"There are so many ways to fail along the way."

Some of the missteps he knows to avoid involve product development, such as falling so in love with your creation you can't hear feedback, not focusing on the end



Stuart Montaldo explains the board game he invented, *Cogno*, to Ann Foy at a store in Webster Groves, Mo., Sept. 22.

user and ignoring production and materials costs.

He spent most of his startup money on the product and packaging.

For the last six months Montaldo has been concentrating on marketing. He's starting small, calling on independent merchants such as Ann Foy, owner of the Webster Groves Book Shop, and working with institutions such as the Magic House and the St. Louis Science Center.

"If you want to be successful in a big way, you have to focus on distribution channels," Montaldo said. "I want to sell in places that would be expandable nationally," such as grocery stores, video rental operations, toy and game stores and the Internet.

Montaldo was eager to spend time with a small operator like Foy because, "I'm trying to prove I can sell *Cogno* in bookstores here," he said. "Then I can take it to the larger chains and say, 'Look what we did in two or three stores in St. Louis. Imagine what we could do in (a large national chain).'"

Montaldo used his connection as a member of the board of the St. Louis Science Center to get a test

run in the Science Center's gift shop, operated under contract by Event Network Inc., of San Diego.

"We buy for a lot of institutions," said Lorena Theilacker, senior buyer for Event Network. "Our first goal is to have (a product) tie into an exhibition [that] is supported at the institution or venue. In St. Louis, which has the Planetarium, the game ties into space products."

Theilacker looks for products that "extend the experience" of the museum, gallery or venue sponsoring the gift shop. "A child or adult likes to buy something that teaches me more, helps me to remember it or helps me enjoy the subject matter," she said.

The launch is timed well, she said. "More board games are purchased in the fourth quarter." Her company will watch the game's sales through the holiday season.

"We're looking at a 60-day window," Theilacker said. "If it sells, we would expand it to other museums with science-related exhibits."

Theilacker declined to specify how many units or what dollar amount she would consider successful, except to say, "It's got to sell and make me money, too."

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## ARTS BRIEFS

### Lowry named UI's Distinguished Visiting Writer

Non-fiction writer and novelist Beverly Lowry will present her work during a public lecture at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in the UI College of Law Courtroom.

In addition to the reading, Lowry will lead workshops for UI's student writers Oct. 20-24.

Lowry has written six novels and two books of nonfiction, including *Crossed Over: A Murder, A Memoir*, which documents how the author dealt with the death of her son in a hit-and-run accident.

Her latest book is *Her Dreams of Dreams: The Rise and Triumph of Madam C.J. Walker*. Walker was one of the most successful African American businesswomen of the early 20th century.

Lowry teaches nonfiction at the MFA Program in creative writing at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Her visit is sponsored by the Department of English.

UI's Distinguished Visiting Writers Program was instituted in 1978. The program brings between three and five nationally recognized authors to campus each year to provide graduates and undergraduates with one to two weeks of intensive instruction in poetry or fiction writing, both in workshop settings and in one-on-one sessions.

### Children invited to pick out pumpkins

The Moscow Arts Commission invites area children (no parent substitutes please) to come to the first floor of City Hall to pick out a miniature pumpkin to decorate. Those returned for display in the building will receive a special Halloween treat.

Children aged 3-10 are eligible to participate. Pumpkin supplies are limited. Hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the MAC at 883-7036.

### Pullman Civic Theatre announces 'This Day and Age' cast

Nagle Jackson's comedy about family relations, *'This Day and Age'*, will be presented by Pullman Civic Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6-8 and 13-15 in the Gladish Little Theatre with the following cast: Troy Sprengle as Marjorie, Tracie Brelsford as Ann, Matt Ellison as Brian, Ron Sliot as Tony, Lori Batina as Joy and Ron Poshusta as The Man. The production is directed by John Rich.

### Schedule for Eastside Cinemas

"Pirates Of The Caribbean" PG13 — (noon and 3 p.m.) 6 and 9 p.m.  
"Matchstick Men" PG13 — (1:50 and 4:20 p.m.) 6:50 and 9:20 p.m.  
"Once Upon A Time In Mexico" R — (12:30 and 2:45 p.m.) 5, 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
"The Order" R — (2:30 p.m.) 9:40 p.m.  
"Open Range" R — 6:15 and 9:10 p.m.  
"S.W.A.T." PG13 — (noon) 4:45 and 7:10 p.m.  
"Finding Nemo" G — (1:35 and 3:55 p.m.)

Showtimes in ( ) are for Saturday and Sunday only.

### Schedule for U4 Cinemas

"School of Rock" PG13 — noon, 3, 7 and 9:15 p.m.  
"Duplex" PG13 — 1, 3:30, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.  
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# Competitors go head-to-head for virtual football crown

BY JONATHAN BOHO  
SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

(KRT) — The annual battle for virtual gridiron supremacy once again boils down to a two-way race between the reigning king, Madden, and Sega's newly named ESPN Football. Which of these powerhouse franchises is best is never clear-cut, but some surprise additions to most of the contenders have at least made this year's field less homogenous. Here are the four top contenders for this year's football crown. Scoring in four categories is on a scale from 1 to 10.

## REVIEW

### MADDEN 2004

The question isn't whether Madden 2004 is the best football video game ever made — it undoubtedly is — but whether it is the best sports game ever made.

There is one big reason why: owner mode. You've seen franchise modes before, but you've never seen one this deep. As club owner, you control every facet of the team's finances. You control player salaries and sign free agents; you hire coaches and set prices for concessions, tickets, parking and advertising. Your success is measured in wins, losses and fan support; attendance affects your bottom line.

The new mini-camp mode lets you play the skill games that debuted last year to improve your players' attributes in the offseason. The skill games are a serious challenge in their own right and you need to be on your game if you hope to improve skills in any significant way.

Compared with last year's version, Madden 2004 boasts slightly more realistic player models and animation, as well as much livelier commentary from Al Michaels and John

Madden. But the sights and sounds still aren't on par with Sega's ESPN Football 2004. Madden's depth trumps any flaws in presentation. Simply put, no football game is as immersive, fun or challenging as Madden 2004, proving again that the only football game that can beat Madden is next year's Madden.

- Graphics: 8
- Sound: 9
- Gameplay: 10
- Fun factor: 10

### ESPN FOOTBALL 2004

If you look at Madden's owner mode and ask yourself, "When would I have the time for all that?" then you should be playing Sega's ESPN Football 2004.

This is the latest in Sega's 2K series (renamed to reflect the broadcast license), which has consistently been Madden's stiffest competition due to its superior presentation and accurate on-field play.

That's why ESPN is the top choice for those who prefer their football to be played on the field and not in the front office. Its visuals are the best in the game, from its depiction of ESPN on-air broadcasts to its astonishingly accurate player models and animations.

This is still the only football franchise where you can recognize the virtual versions of the real players on sight.

And as a simulation of real football, ESPN edges out Madden in its player artificial intelligence (AI) and overall game physics. The difference is seen best when players collide — no two tackles seem to look alike, and running backs never get stuck on their own linemen when running through a hole.

Also, ESPN's base controls are the more comprehensive of the two, giving players more to work with than the standard juke and spin moves. The revamped playcalling interface makes it much easier to call plays, audibles and adjust pre-snap formations.

ESPN also introduces the ultimate simulation: first-person player mode. This is clearly a feature with incredible potential.

Although ESPN's franchise mode is no slouch, it cannot compare with Madden's owner's mode, which gives Madden its dominating edge. As a simulation, ESPN is the more realistic of the two.

- Graphics: 10
- Sound: 10
- Gameplay: 9
- Fun factor: 8

### NFL FEVER 2004

NFL Fever's 2002 rookie season on the then-new Xbox was as impressive a debut as any in football. It was nearly as good as Madden, with incredible graphics, a brilliant tutorial mode and some of the best game physics ever seen in a football game.

Then came the sophomore slump. NFL Fever 2003 took a giant leap backward by abandoning its solid simulation-style play in favor of a more cartoonish arcade-style approach.

Microsoft's excuse for this poor performance was that it was concentrating on perfecting the online play for the debut of the Xbox Live service and, consequently, the gameplay suffered. For NFL Fever 2004, they promised serious improvements. And Microsoft has come

through. Fever 2004 does recapture the magic of its stellar rookie year while loading up on the options. These aren't options of the front-office kind, though. Instead, Fever's hook is on-field game customization that lets you tweak the game in ways that aren't possible in other football games.

For example, Fever lets you select three different styles of passing game. The most difficult is the read-and-lead option that lets you throw to a spot on a field rather than to a receiver. It's hard to master, but it's probably the most realistic way to throw a virtual football in any game. And Fever takes audibility one step further with hot routes that can be called not just for receivers but running backs as well. In the style of cover athlete Peyton Manning, you can practically audible an entire play from scratch at the line of scrimmage.

Of course, you can choose to go the other route and dumb the game down ... it all depends on your football IQ, which, with its still-excellent tutorial mode, makes it perhaps the most beginner-friendly football game around.

But Fever's chief draw is its compatibility with Microsoft's latest offering, the XSN, a part of the Xbox Live online service dedicated for the console's sports titles.

- Graphics: 9
- Sound: 7
- Gameplay: 10
- Fun factor: 8, 10 online.

### NFL GAMEDAY 2004

You've heard the saying: "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride." That is Sony's NFL Gameday series in a nutshell: a franchise that improves each year but still can't take its game to the highest level.

Since PlayStation 2's debut, NFL Gameday has been a third-tier series, still trying to rebound from its next-generation woes. Worse, even when you exclude its superior competitors, it would be hard to call NFL Gameday 2004 a good game.

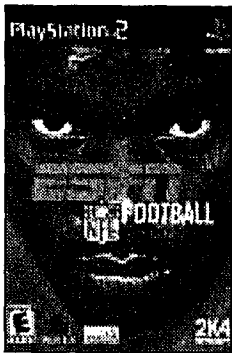
So that's why it seems moot

to say Gameday 2004 is the best Gameday ever. Yes, improved player models, refined controls and nice online options all make this a far better game than its predecessors. But Gameday still struggles with serious AI problems.

Even at the top difficulty settings, computer opponents are ridiculously easy to beat. That's because you can complete nearly any long bomb, stand in the pocket for days without feeling any defensive pressure, and the secondary won't react to an oncoming running back until he is within spitting distance, which, needless to say, is way too late.

That said, Gameday's online play does bring to PlayStation some of the options Xbox Live players enjoy, such as stat tracking, tournaments and headset support so you can talk directly with other online players during a game.

- Graphics: 7
- Sound: 8
- Gameplay: 4
- Fun factor: 6



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High-performance motorcycles are a popular mode of racing at Spokane Raceway Park.

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## Struggling offense turns to Lindgren

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

After a 0-5 start for the second time in his UI coaching career, Tom Cable has decided to change things on the field to give a different look and feel to the faltering UI offense.

With a solid performance last week, senior Brian Lindgren will start at quarterback for the Vandals when they begin Sun Belt Conference play at New Mexico State on Saturday.

Cable made the announcement Monday to replace sophomore Michael Harrington as the starter. In his weekly press conference Tuesday he elaborated on the change.

"The bottom line in football is points ... scored and scored against," Cable said. "So we've struggled to score points and we have not, for whatever reason, gotten Michael settled in to where he performs [in practice]. For all the reasons that he won the job, we're just not getting it in games."



### FOOTBALL (0-5)

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Las Cruces
- North Texas  
Oct. 11, 4 p.m.,  
Kibbie Dome

"Yet Brian went in ... played in the second half there and was able to get the ball across the goal line three times."

Lindgren, last year's starter and the preseason all-conference selection, was beaten out in fall camp and lost the starting job to Harrington for the first five weeks of the season.

Now, after throwing for 200 yards and two touchdowns in relief duty against Montana, the senior finds himself back in the starting role.

"I'm just glad coach Cable gave me the opportunity to start; now I've just got to go out there and take advantage of it," he said.

Like his coach, Lindgren said the key for him to remain the starter is based on his ability to move the offense, something the Vandals have struggled with so far in the season.

"I think coach Cable is just looking for consistency," he said. "Whoever's doing that is who he's going to go with."

UI's lack of consistency has led to few points on the board this season.

The Vandals sport a team scoring average of just 14.3 points per game, which ranks 109th out of 117 Division 1 teams in the nation and is worst in the Sun Belt.

Harrington said that while he has confidence in himself, he will support Lindgren.

"Brian got a shot, did really well, I'm proud of him and I'm going to encourage him just like he was there for me," Harrington said. "No matter what other people say, I have confidence in myself and I took a lot of grief from a lot of people saying I shouldn't be in there. I think I did my part ... I could have done it better, but if we catch a few breaks it could have changed the season around."

Harrington said the criticism from fans and media alike did have an effect on him, but he vowed not to give in to the pressure.

"I'm not going to let them win," he said. "I'm not going to let the outside break me."

One player that may be able to help the UI offense is senior wide receiver Orlando Winston. A team captain, Winston had a breakout game against Montana, catching nine balls for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

"I was blessed that game and I'm really grateful for that," he said. "(It was the) first time this year that I wasn't real nervous ... I just let the game come to me."

Winston said the offense will be fine with Lindgren in at quarterback.

"With Brian it doesn't feel like a new team, Winston said. "As soon as he came in last Saturday, I told him 'We've been here before.' There's nowhere to go but up."

In a season that has provided very little good news, the Vandals finally received some on Tuesday with the announcement that sophomore fullback Keith Greer has been released from Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Greer developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome following surgery on his broken right leg Aug. 31. He withdrew from his classes and will return home to Santa Ana, Calif., to recover before returning to Moscow in January. Cable said Greer has the full intention of eventually returning to play.

#### Notes:

The Vandals will face another pair of running quarterbacks Saturday in junior Buck Pierce and sophomore Paul Dombrowski. Dombrowski leads New Mexico State in rushing yards with 245 and will be facing a Vandal defense that struggled to stop Montana's option attack for most of last week's game.

The results on Zach Gerstner's MRI, who turned up with an injury during the UM game, showed no problems and the senior tailback should be available for this weekend.

Saturday's game will kickoff at 5 p.m. and will not be televised, but the game can be heard on 104.3-FM KHTR.

## OVERDRIVE

### Spokane Raceway gives alternative to illegal street racing

BY EMET WARD  
PHOTO EDITOR

Somewhere between a state penitentiary and the largest airport in the Inland Northwest lies 1,320 feet of high velocity insanity.

On a typical day, Spokane Raceway Park is quiet and no different from any other stretch of sweltering tarmac. However, every Friday night the raceway comes alive with the sounds of screeching rubber, modified engines and the cheers of fans.

It is hard to pick an exact point in time when drag racing really went mainstream. While forms of drag racing have been around since the dawn of the automobile, some might argue it was popularized by the muscle cars of the 1960s and '70s. Others would disagree and point out that movies in recent years have really boosted the sport to the popularity level it currently enjoys. Either way, more than 100 racers can't be wrong; drag racing is now very much a part of today's society.

Drag racing in many cities across the United States has grown out of control as people illegally use residential roads as hot-rodging grounds. Many cities have fought back, offering organized racing as a safe alternative to life-threatening "street racing."

San Diego was one of the first cities to offer this service. For a small fee,

people can bring their cars to race against others in the same stadium the San Diego Padres play in. And now that the Padres have moved to a new stadium, legal street racing is offered to the people of San Diego County every Friday night all year long. Not only does it attract thousands of participants, but illegal street racing has also dropped by 99 percent in San Diego County.

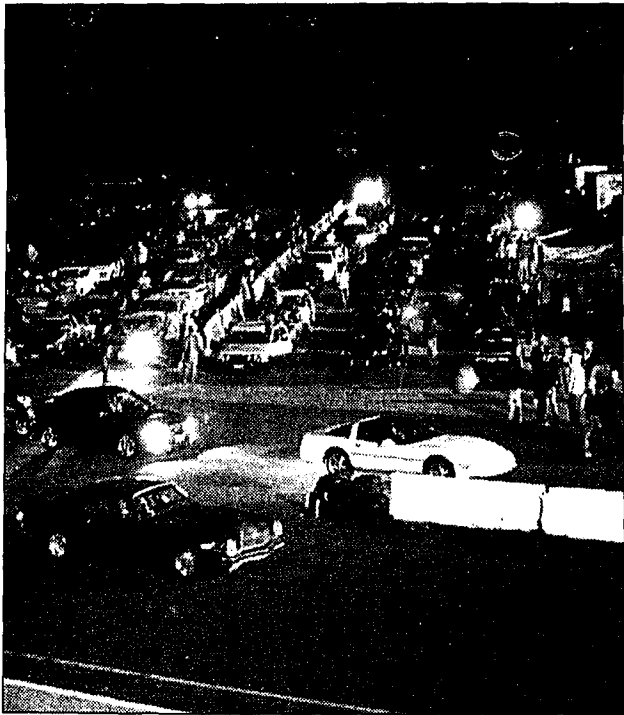
Spokane has taken a similar direction in its handling of illegal street racing. Although not as populous as San Diego, Spokane has seen problems with street racing in the past few years. With help from Spokane Raceway Park and the going price of a street racing violation at \$500, Spokane now has a viable solution to illegal street racing.

For \$5 to get into the park and another \$1 to race, Spokane's "Friday Night Street Racing," or "FNSR," is easy on the wallet and high on adrenaline.

"I could get addicted to this!" said Ryan Williams of Moscow after racing in his 2002 Chevrolet Camaro. It was Williams' first time racing in his new car, and he had come at the invitation of some fellow car fanatics. He said he will definitely be coming back again.

The event begins at 9 p.m. every Friday night from the first week in April to the first week in October

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More than 100 cars line up to race during Friday Night Street Racing on Sept. 30.



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UI junior and auto enthusiast Ryan Williams waits for the "go" signal from the race master in his LS1-powered 2002 Chevrolet Camaro.

## Volleyball breaks losing streak against Anteaters

### UI captures three straight over conference leaders

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Down two games to none at one point, the University of Idaho volleyball team rallied to win three straight games and gained its first Big West Conference victory against UC Irvine on Thursday in Memorial Gym.

The Vandals struggled in the first two games against the Anteaters, dropping the first 30-25 and the second 30-22.

"What you saw in the first two games was not our team," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "It wasn't the team we saw in practice and it wasn't the team we expected to come play this match. We were better than what we showed."

That all changed in the third game, when the Vandals came alive to dominate Irvine 30-15. The momentum was all in UI's favor for the rest of the match.

"We chewed them out," Buchanan said of what she told her team before the third game. "They played like they know that they can ... from our Northridge loss they were kind of in a little slump and I think it showed in the beginning, and then finally they got themselves out of that."

The fourth game was closely contested throughout, with neither team able to build a substantial lead before the Vandals were finally able to gain a 31-29 win and force a decisive fifth game.

With the crowd and momentum

on their side, the Vandals were able to edge out the Anteaters 17-15 and snap their three-game conference losing streak. The comeback marked the first time this season that the Vandals were able to emerge from a 2-0 deficit to get a win.

Despite the Vandals having a 9-3 edge in the overall series against Irvine, they were hardly the favorite against the conference-leading Anteaters, whose record dropped to 13-4 with the loss.

The Vandals were led by Anna-Marie Hammond, who finished with a team-high 18 kills and four blocks. Amanda Bowman had a breakout game with 14 kills, and Mandy Becker had 63 assists.

"I think Amanda Bowman ... this is really her first match of playing the whole time and she did a great job," Buchanan said. "Anna did a great job and Sarah (Meek), they've

all done a great job of running this team."

Idaho improved to 17-5 overall and 1-3 in conference.

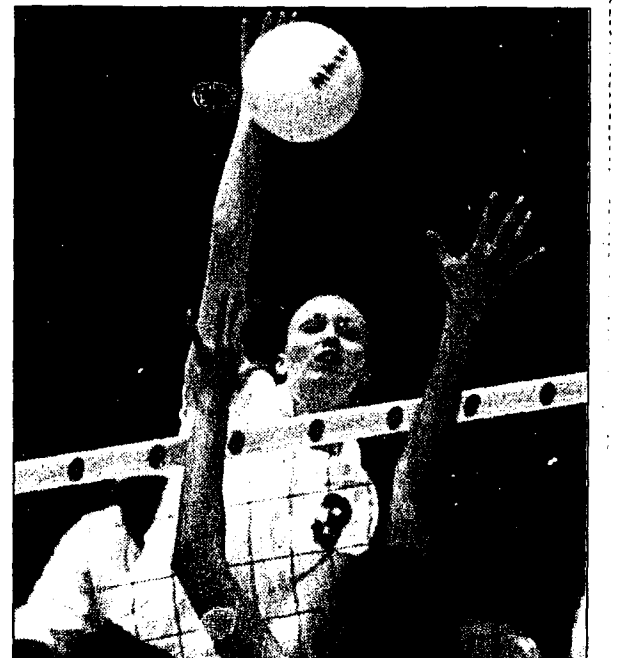
Saturday the Vandals face off against Long Beach State at 7 p.m. in Memorial Gym. The 49ers, 8-3 overall and 3-1 in conference, have never lost to the Vandals, winning 10 straight since joining the Big West. They moved up to No. 19 in the Volleyball Magazine poll last week.



### VOLLEYBALL

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Memorial Gym
- Gonzaga  
Oct. 14, 7 p.m.,  
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Freshman Amanda Bowman spikes the ball at the UC Irvine volleyball game Thursday at Memorial Gym.



SPORTSBRIEFS

Marakurwa named Athlete of the Week

UI cross country runner Letiwe Marakurwa was named the Big West Female Athlete of the Week for her performance at the Sundodger Invitational last weekend.

Marakurwa, a junior from Dorowa, Zimbabwe, completed the 5K course in 17:01 and was the second collegiate finisher, third overall. She led the Vandal women to a second-place finish at the meet.

This is Marakurwa's first Athlete of the Week honor this year. Last season she earned the honor four times.

The men's and women's cross country teams are preparing to participate in the WSU Invitational on Oct. 11 in Pullman.

Men's golf wins Bulldog Invitational

Bill Witte led the UI men's golf team to the championship of the Bulldog Fall Invitational at Hangman Valley Golf Course in Spokane.

Witte earned medalist honors with his eight-under-par 208, five better than runner-up Adam Syverson of Gonzaga. It also powered the Vandals to a team total 864, four strokes better than Weber State's 868 for second.

Witte's victory was his second in his last five tournaments and, Rickel said, a sign of what he believes is to come.

The Vandals' next tournament is the Matador Invitational Oct. 19-20 in Simi Valley, Calif.

Team standings: 1. Idaho 864; 2. Weber State 868; 3. Gonzaga 873; 4. Southern Utah 876; 5. Portland 879; 6. Loyola Marymount 893; 7. Simon Fraser 901; 8. Idaho State 904; 9. Utah Valley State 908; 10. Utah State 911. Idaho golfers: 1. Bill Witte 208; 2. Jason Huff 217; 3. Christian Akau 220; 4. Jason Bidegarana and Brett Krebsbach 222; 5. Pete Williams 225; 6. Gabriel Wilson 226; 7. Matt Williams 231.

Women's golf falls in Lady Vandal Invitational

The UI women's golf team concluded the Lady Vandal Fall Invitational in seventh place.

The Vandals shot 324 Monday on their home course to finish with 947 overall.

Freshman Ayumi Hori clinched sole possession of third place with a 79 in the

third round. She finished with 227. Hori competed as an individual. Jennifer Tucker shot 77 on the final day to finish with 230 and move into a tie for sixth. She also competed as an individual.

Ruth Jensen shot 80 in the third round and tied for 15th with 234. Oregon won the tournament with 918. The Ducks were led by Erin Andrews who took the individual bracket with 219.

Team Standings: 1. Oregon 918; 2. Cal State Northridge 926; 3. Portland State 930; 4. Boise State 937; 5. tie, Cal Poly and Washington State 946; 7. Idaho 941; 8. Eastern Washington 951; 9. Northern Arizona 953; 10. UC Riverside 965; 11. Gonzaga 966; 12. British Columbia 979; 13. Santa Clara 992; 14. Portland 1010; 15. Idaho State 1013.

Vandal Scorers: T15. Ruth Jensen 80-74-80-234; T20. Kate Parks 76-79-80-235; T34. Cassie Castleman 78-78-84-240; T42. Carlee Hanson 79-82-81-242; T42. Jenna Huff 80-79-83-242.

Individual Scorers: 3. Ayumi Hori 76-72-79-227; 76. Jennifer Tucker 76-77-77-230; T52. Jill Phillips 83-81-81-245.

Law finishes first in triathlon

Freshman Emmie Law turned in the fastest time on the women's side of the Whitman College Fall Triathlon on Saturday, finishing in a total time of 1:05:01 racing for the UI triathlon club.

Law finished ahead of the nearest competition, after a 500-yard swim, 12-mile bike ride and 5K run, by just over three minutes. Stephanie Heinz, a junior, finished in sixth place with a time of 1:19:24.

On the men's side, graduate student Doug Welling completed the course with a seventh place finish in 1:05:48.

LBSU's Mazzarella directs offense to 2-0 week

Long Beach State setter Jillian Mazzarella (Bonita, Calif.) was tabbed Big West Player of the Week after her team hit a collective .342 in wins over then-No. 20 Pacific and Cal State Northridge. For her efforts, Mazzarella also was named the AVCA/Sports Imports National Player of the Week.

Mazzarella, a 5'-9" senior, averaged 12.12 assists, 2.00 kills and 2.25 digs per game for the week. She posted a .484 hitting percentage with 16 kills and no error in 33 attempts, tying her career-high at LBSU with eight putaways in each match.

The transfer from Baylor recorded her

seventh double-double of the year with 48 assists and 12 digs in the 49ers' four-game victory over Pacific on Friday. She hit .500 (8-0-16) for the match and the team hit .349 overall.

On Saturday, in a four-game victory over the Matadors, Mazzarella dished out 49 assists and added six digs with a .471 (8-0-17) hitting percentage.

Feuz leads Utah State to 2-0 week

Utah State junior Nicole Fuez (Boise) was named Big West Conference soccer Player of the Week.

The Forward scored two goals last week in the Aggies' victories over Northern Colorado and Northern Arizona, one as the game-winning score. For the season, Fuez has three goals and one assist.

Sun Belt Players of the Week

Offensive Player of the Week: Johnny Quinn, WR, freshman, North Texas — Quinn tied a Sun Belt and North Texas record with three touchdown receptions and had 176 yards receiving which is a career-best and the second most in the Sun Belt this season. Quinn's three touchdowns were the first time since 1995 that a Mean Green receiver caught multiple scoring strikes. His 176 yards was the fifth best performance in the nation Saturday. He caught touchdown passes of 29, 54 and 37 yards to lead the Mean Green in scoring.

Defensive Player of the Week: Ronald Tupea, NG, junior, Utah State — Tupea recorded six tackles from his inside position, including being involved in three sacks. He also recovered a fumble that set up an Aggie touchdown. He was part of a defense that held Kevin Payne, the conference's leading rusher heading into the game, to just 41 yards on 17 carries.

Special teams Player of the Week: Sean Comiskey, PK, sophomore, ULL — Comiskey was a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals and 2-for-2 on extra points. He notched kicks from 23, 30 and 48 yards, marking just the ninth time in Sun Belt history a kicker has been successful on three field goal attempts. His 48-yard kick stopped a run of 26 points by North Texas, while his 30-yard boot brought the Cajuns to within 30-23 in the third quarter. It is the first three field goal performance of his career.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY

UI soccer vs. Pacific, Guy Wicks Field, 2 p.m.; Outdoor Program — Upper Priest Lake kayak-canoes trip (through Sunday)

SATURDAY

UI volleyball vs. Long Beach State, Memorial Gym, 7 p.m.; club sports — fast-pitch softball vs. Washington State, City Playfield in Pullman, 9 and 11 a.m.

SUNDAY

UI soccer vs. Cal State Northridge, Guy Wicks Field, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Outdoor Program — natural rock-climbing class, 6:30 p.m., SRC; open kayak pool sessions, 7-10 p.m., Swim Center.

Note: Intramurals — Entries for team sports will open one week before entry deadline. For more information call Campus Recreation Office at 885-6381. Outdoor Program — For more information call the office at 885-6810.

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# RACING

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and draws more than 100 participants, many of whom continue to race until 1 or 2 a.m. Even the Spokane FM radio station Wild 103.9 comes out to participate in the fun, holding contests for fans in the bleachers. Zoo 93 FM and Rock 94.5 FM also frequent FNSR for prize giveaways and to entertain the crowd.

With the help of these radio stations and Spokane Raceway Park, among other sponsors, FNSR is put on by the American Hot Rod Association. Although the AHRA is geared mostly toward professional drag racing, Friday Night Street Racing is becoming wildly popular and allowing amateurs of all kinds to test their skills against their peers.

Because FNSR caters to such a wide range of car enthusiasts, the lineup of vehicles is more diverse than all of the car lots on Sprague Avenue in Spokane combined. Cars there include Honda Civics, Mitsubishi Eclipses, Chevrolet Cavaliers and Corvettes, Ford Mustangs, Toyota Supras, Nissan 240sx's and 300zx's, and even an audaciously loud pickup truck or two. Older muscle cars and newer Japanese imports rub shoulders all night.

The excitement of FNSR ends today for the winter. But according to the 10 or so racers from Moscow who attended FNSR last week, it only means they have more time to build up their cars to triumph over the competition next season. And as long as this insane pursuit for velocity continues, FNSR will be open for business every Friday night.

# Arizona's timing isn't off in Mackovic firing

BY MICHAEL ROSENBERG  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

DETROIT (KRT) — College coaches aren't supposed to be fired in the middle of the season. It just isn't done. This is one of the last vestiges of purity in college athletics. Even if a coach is caught at a strip club, giving his star running back thousands of dollars in small, unmarked bills, all the while putting together a (gulp!) losing record, he usually gets to finish the season.

## COMMENTARY

On Sunday, Arizona broke the rule and fired John Mackovic. It was still September, and Mackovic was not cited for any NCAA violation or criminal act.

And how many complaints did we hear? Barely any.

That's because Mackovic deserved it. He deserved it last season, when players complained to athletic director Jim Livengood about Mackovic. It's common for a couple of players to complain about a coach, but in this case there were more than 40 players.

When he was confronted with the mutiny, Mackovic broke down and cried. That probably settled a few bets for his players, who must have doubted if Mackovic was capable of crying.

At the time, Mackovic said he accepted "full responsibility," but he quickly talked about "outside forces" that caused the mutiny. In other words, "I have flaws, but they are none of your business."

After more than two seasons, 12 consecutive Pac-10 home losses and a lot of unhappiness on his team, Mackovic is gone. The interim coach is Mike Hankwitz, who played linebacker for Bo Schembechler at Michigan.

The next question: How many job-hungry head coaches will make their interest in the Arizona job known in the next two months? With all the coaches who have their resumes on them at all times, how many will try to grab another job in the middle of their own season?

Eyes on the Irish: In its continuing effort to rule the world,

the Atlantic Coast Conference has an interest in adding Notre Dame as its 12th team. That report came last week from the Charlotte Observer. After Notre Dame, the ACC has its eyes set on wooing Germany and France from the European Union.

If Notre Dame leaves for full-fledged conference membership, the only conference that makes sense is the Big Ten. The Irish already play three Big Ten teams (Michigan State, Purdue and Michigan).

Clearly, Notre Dame prefers to stay an independent. The only hitch is that in years when the Irish don't make a Bowl Championship Series berth, they must scramble for another high-profile bid.

If the ACC wants to add Notre Dame, here's an offer to make: Notre Dame gets to take advantage of the conference's bowl affiliations and remain independent, but the Irish must play at least two non-conference road games per season against ACC teams. Then the ACC gets two guaranteed sellouts and a boon for its TV contract, and Notre Dame gets some security (Hey, it's just an idea).

# Association with Limbaugh proves bad business for ESPN

BY JOHN SMALLWOOD  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) — Give Rush Limbaugh credit. He took the high road after realizing his lowbrow comments had put ESPN in a quandary it didn't know how to get out of.

## COMMENTARY

There was no tucking the genie back in the bottle once things had gotten this big.

ESPN couldn't circle the wagons once CNN had already broadcast Donovan McNabb's weekly press conference live.

The network couldn't crawl into a shell and hide after it expanded "SportsCenter" to 90 minutes so it could devote special segments to the controversy its ill-placed commentator created.

When presidential candidates have jumped into the debate, there's no burying your head in the sand and hoping it goes away.

By midafternoon Wednesday, it was clear the furor over Limbaugh's comments Sunday on ESPN's pregame show was not going to go away quietly.

The political commentator pontificated that the Eagles quarterback is considered an elite player only because of a media agenda designed to artificially elevate the status of black quarterbacks.

By the time the evening news cycle hit and television crews were staking out the airport terminals here awaiting Limbaugh's expected arrival for Thursday's National Association of Broadcasters Radio Show convention, it was clear ESPN was going to have to make a no-win decision. Either it had to fire Limbaugh or face charges that it was supporting a racially charged and hurtful statement uttered on the air by one of its representatives.

Limbaugh took ESPN off the hook. At about midnight Wednesday night, the conservative radio talk-show host released a statement saying that he had resigned from "NFL Sunday Countdown."

ESPN quickly accepted the resignation, noting it was the appropriate decision.

Limbaugh bailed ESPN out. He saved the network from having to fire him or answer a string of questions about why not.

When this story first broke Tuesday, ESPN spokespeople quickly, and somewhat arrogantly, dismissed it as much ado about nothing.

Once it evolved into the hottest story in the country Wednesday, they had changed their minds.

"Although Mr. Limbaugh today stated that his comments had 'no racist intent whatsoever,' we have communicated to Mr. Limbaugh that his comments were insensitive and inappropriate," ESPN said in a statement released

early Wednesday night. "Throughout his career, he has been consistent in his criticism of the media's coverage of a myriad of issues."

You always know people are scrambling when they issue statements rather than answer questions.

More than football fans were watching to see how this unfolded.

"It is appalling that ESPN has to go to this extent to try to increase viewership," NAACP president Kweisi Mfume said, in condemning Limbaugh's remarks as "bigoted and ignorant."

"What's almost as bad as Limbaugh's comments is ESPN's feeble defense of putting him on the air."

"If this is the future of ESPN, I think fair-minded fans who tune in for sports news coverage, and not for racist views, should get their sports on other networks."

In a letter to ESPN and ABC Sports president George Bodenheimer Wednesday, Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark urged the network to fire Limbaugh.

"There can be no excuse for such statements," Clark wrote. "Mr. Limbaugh has the right to say whatever he wants, but ABC and ESPN have no obligation to sponsor such hateful and ignorant speech."

Later in the day, Democratic candidate Howard Dean issued a similar plea. Another candidate, the Rev. Al Sharpton, had scheduled a news conference for Thursday at ABC headquarters

in New York and said he would call for a national boycott of the network this weekend if Limbaugh was not fired. The Walt Disney Co. owns ABC and ESPN.

OK, with war still raging in Iraq and the economy in shambles, presidential candidates probably have more important things to worry about than a bigot talking football. But the NFL had to be concerned.

Association with racism is very bad for business — especially if you appear to be indifferent to it.

ESPN isn't beholden to the NFL, but you can be darn sure the big cheese of professional sports wields a mighty sword when dealing with any of its "broadcast partners."

Wednesday afternoon, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue called McNabb to express support, the Eagles said.

"Donovan's stature as a top quarterback reflects his performance on the field, not the desires of the media," league vice president Joe Browne said.

"This is true of Donovan as it is true of Brett Favre, Steve McNair, Jeff Garcia and others."

"ESPN knew what it was getting when they hired Mr. Limbaugh. ESPN selects its on-air talent, not the National Football League."

That's true, but the guys who run the Masters got CBS to relieve commentator Gary McCord of his duties after he said the greens at Augusta looked as if "bikini wax" had been used

on them.

You better believe the NFL has a bit more juice than a golf tournament.

Limbaugh certainly didn't help ESPN any by acting earlier in the day as if he was the damaged party.

"All this has become the tempest that it is because I must have been right about something," he said on his radio show. "If I wasn't right, there wouldn't be this cacophony of outrage that has sprung up in the sports-writer community."

"This is such a mountain out of a molehill. There's no racism here, there's no racist intent whatsoever."

But he chose to throw down the race card, and none of the ESPN personalities on air with him — Chris Berman, Michael Irvin, Tom Jackson and Steve Young — elected to challenge him on it.

Berman's hindsight explanation was weak, at best.

"I don't think Rush was malicious in intent or in tone," Berman told the Associated Press. "As cut and dry as it seems in print, I didn't think so when it went by my ears. I probably should have looked to soften it."

"As the quarterback of the show, I feel bad about it. I don't think it was meant the way it came out. I don't think that defines the way Rush feels about people."

It doesn't matter anymore. Limbaugh resigned and stopped ESPN from reaping the sour grapes it had sowed by hiring him in the first place.

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T03-137, Video Production Technician Assist the UI Video Production Center by part-time working on multi-camera production assignments on an as-needed basis. Work Schedule: varies, Start Date: ASAP, Ending Date: end of spring semester, Rate of Pay: DOE. Min \$12.50/hr, Department: ITS-Video Production Center

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04-099-off, 3 CNAs or NAs in Moscow: Caring for elderly individuals, activities of daily living (feeding, dressing, oral care). Will provide training if necessary. Preferred: CNA. PT or FT. Shifts are 6am-2pm, 2pm-10pm, or 10pm-6am. DOE.

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04-061-off, CNA in Coifax, WA: Assist elderly in long-term care setting with dressing, oral care, eating, toileting, transferring, and walking. Required: Able to lift up to 75 lbs., perform basic personal care, & possess range of motion. 8+ hrs/wk \$7.01/h (not certified), otherwise DOE

## EMPLOYMENT

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OCT. 4TH @ 7:00 PM

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OCT. 5TH @ 12:00 PM

04-089-off, Child Care in Moscow: Pick up an 8 yr. old at school, take home & wait for older brother. Help boys with homework. Needed from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Required: Some experience with children 8 hrs/wk 5.50/hr

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