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## Proposed increase would raise fees by 9.9 percent

BY TARA KARR  
ARGONAUT STAFF

A notice of intent released Tuesday proposes a 9.9 percent fee increase in general undergraduate fees for the 2004-2005 academic year.

This would raise fees by \$166 per semester. A final determination of fee increases will be made during the January meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education.

According to a memo from interim President Gary Michael, the proposed increase "will provide additional revenues that are essential to helping the university and various activity areas maintain and improve programs and services."

Michael, university officials and student leaders worked together to develop the notice and decide how revenue from fee increases would be distributed.

Leonard Johnson, vice provost of academic and student affairs,

said this did not necessarily mean there is total agreement regarding the proposal.

The proposed increase covers various areas of three categories: the general education operating budget, facility fees and dedicated activity fees.

Under the general education operating budget, the matriculation fee is raised 7.3 percent, from \$999.60 per semester to \$1,072.60 per semester.

Johnson said the matriculation fee is used for expenses regarding general financial issues. The fee covers student services such as the Counseling and Testing Center, Student Career Services and registrar's



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office. It also covers costs of administration offices, information technology services, and utility and maintenance services.

Increased facility fees include a 7.2 percent increase in funding for student computing and network access. A new general university repair and replacement fee will go toward maintenance projects that have been postponed due to budget reductions but are still in need of repair, Johnson said.

Examples of these projects include classroom repair and updated building fan systems.

Dedicated activity fees make up \$71.90 of the proposed \$166 increase. Activity fee increases cover ASUI activities, athletics and operations of buildings funded by student fees, such as the Idaho Commons, Student Union Building and Student Recreation Center.

Johnson said enhancing student activity programming is a

way to make the experience students have at UI more valuable.

"It's a challenge. You don't like to see the fees increase," Johnson said. "The other side is where we're faced with the challenge of meeting the budget need without cutting in certain places. [Student fees are] one of the areas of revenue we have."

ASUI President Mason Fuller, Vice President Nate Tiegs and other members of ASUI involved in developing the proposal were at the meetings in Pocatello of the Board of Education and were unavailable to comment on the issue.

"I don't think \$166 is that much," Julie Lund said. Lund, a sophomore architecture major, said she thought maintenance and activities were great areas for the university to spend money.

Sarah Ober, a business major and honors program student, said she was concerned her scholarships would not cover the

increase if the proposal is passed. Other students expressed similar financial concerns.

In the 1994-1995 academic year, general undergraduate tuition and fees were \$774 per semester.

This year tuition and fees are \$1,674 per semester. That's about a 116.2 percent increase over 10 years.

Since the 2000-2001 academic year, fees and tuition have gone up roughly 35.2 percent. Fees this year were increased about 10 percent from last year.

If the proposal is approved, nonresident tuition will also increase by 9.9 percent, or \$366 per semester. Part-time fees will increase by \$11 per credit hour, a 6.6 percent increase.

A student fee workshop will be held at 5 p.m. Monday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater/Clearwater room for all students who wish to express their opinions regarding the proposed

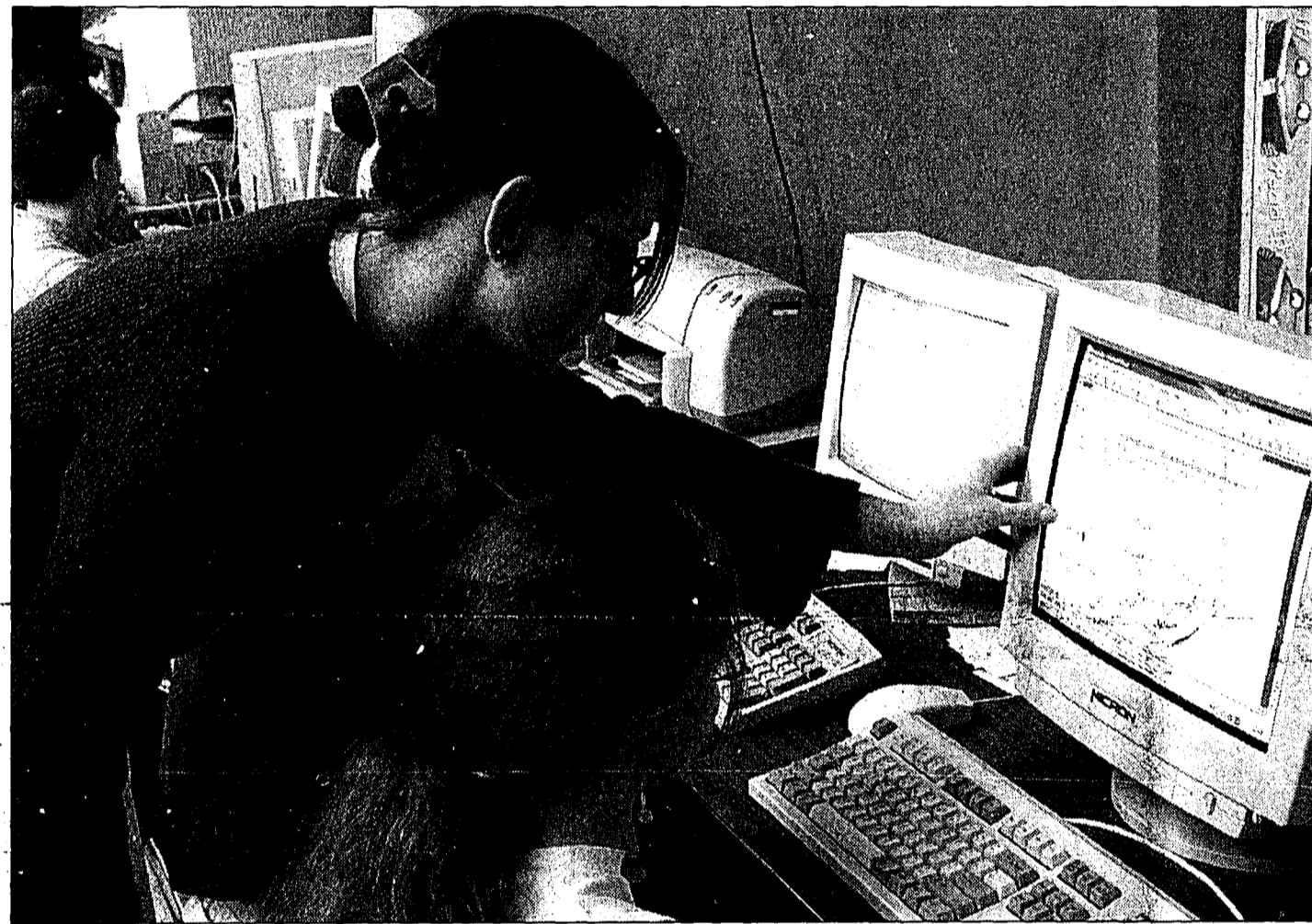
increase. Wayland Winstead, executive director of Institutional Planning and Budget, will lead the workshop. Winstead was not available for comment.

ASUI leaders will lead table discussions during the workshop, and student comments will be written down, Johnson said.

He said this will give students a chance to provide feedback to the president and the Board of Education, although the comments may not change the proposal that is presented to the board.

According to Michael's memo, the distribution from increased fees may be modified for the final increase. This is the first year the Board of Education meeting is taking place before the state Legislature decides on appropriation of funds for education.

After the board finalization has been made, there may still be some changes depending on the outcome of the legislation.



Student teacher Rebekah Comstock gives her sixth-grade student, Andrea Rane, a thumbs-up on her "People's Fair" project Monday at A.B. McDonald Elementary School.

## Student teachers take hands-on approach

BY JESSIE BONNER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The fourth and fifth graders beheading the snowman they just built on the playground of St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School have no idea that Mr. Cooper, their part-time teacher for the past three months, is still in school himself.

As the elementary students enjoy the first snowfall of the year, John Cooper spots someone breaking the principle rule of the winter playground: a student prepares to launch a snowball at an innocent bystander.

After the first snow fell on Moscow last month, Cooper said students were reminded of the rule by the private school's principal, Sister Margaret Johnson.

"The word is out: 'Thou shalt not throw snow,'" Cooper said.

The UI graduate student is one of the 124 student teachers earning up to 14 credits this semester as they practice beside local instructors in more than 10 high schools, junior high schools and elementary schools around the state.

While most students wait until they graduate to begin exploring their profession, education students get a close-up view of their future when they become semester-long teachers in local schools. Sixty students in the UI student teaching program will teach year round.

Cooper said the elementary school playground was the last place he expected to

be. With a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in law, five years ago Cooper was working as a lawyer in Washington.

"I hated it," Cooper said. "It's soul-destroying." Two years after leaving the profession, Cooper was earning yet another degree at Walla Walla Community College when he decided to take an education 101 course as a joke.

The class became a turning point for Cooper, who discovered that a job that required hanging out with people under the age of 12 was not as bad as he thought.

St. Mary's is only one of the five elementary schools in Moscow. Less than a mile down the road, Rebekah Comstock leads a line of exhausted sixth graders in from a rainy Monday afternoon recess at A.B. McDonald Elementary School. The school is home to more than 480 students or "ducks," as they like to refer to themselves. Comstock, who grew up in Moscow, is teaching in the very classroom in which she sat more than a decade ago. "Yep, I was a duck," she said.

Sixth-grade teacher Jerri Parce never thought the second grader she taught more than 10 years ago would one day be teaching beside her.

"She was just this tiny little scrawny thing," Parce said. "But she was a ball of fire then and she is now. I had no doubts in taking her."

On the first day of school four months ago, Comstock faced one of the toughest classes McDonald has to



St. Mary's Catholic School fourth graders wait in line to have student teacher John Cooper hot glue feathers and other parts onto their turkeys Nov. 21.

offer. Even though Parce has taught for more than a decade, she said the sixth graders can get out of control.

"They push her; overall it's a tough class of kids," Parce said. "She's done a good job with them."

Comstock has been teaching the sixth graders almost entirely by herself for the past six weeks and Room 25 is somewhat frantic as students try to finish a month-long project they have been

working on.

The sixth graders are currently preparing for the People's Fair, a project that allows students to become their heroes after weeks of research. Students write biographies and dress up as their hero for a three-minute presentation given in the third person.

Jason Fritz, a sixth-grade student from Moscow, has

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## University Place inquiry rings up hefty price tag

BY KATIE WHITTIER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

As the University of Idaho wades neck-high through financial problems and budget revisions, more than half a million dollars has been added to the crisis.

The investigation of the University Place scandal, which led to the resignation of former President Robert Hoover, has now produced a bill of \$536,000.

"It shocks me to hear that amount. ... It's about five times more than I would expect," said Rep. Jack Barraclough, R-Idaho Falls, chairman of the House Education Committee, according to the Lewiston Morning Tribune.

But others are not so surprised. Fran Wagner, UI Faculty Council chair, said he understood the price would be high. Costing more than double the \$200,000 the university budgeted for it, the investigation has also lasted twice as long as expected.

The State Board of Education ordered the university to investigate the issue following a lengthy closed-door meeting last semester. The board hired Boise lawyer Larry Prince, a partner at Holland & Hart, to conduct the investigation.

UI is bearing the costs of the inspection. And according to the board, Prince is being paid \$225 an hour, plus \$125 per hour for work done by associates.

According to the Idaho Statesman, Prince has billed the state \$245,915 for legal services and \$43,018 for document management. Another \$246,372 for "outside professional services" was also billed.

Prince's report of the investigation will be given today in a closed-door session of the board's regular meeting in Pocatello. According to the Idaho Statesman, Blake Hall, president of the board, said he will recommend the board waive its attorney-client privilege and release the report, but only after the attorney general's office reviews it and removes material exempted under Idaho's public records

law, such as personnel information. Wagner said he doubts the board will choose to keep the report secret, but how soon it will release the information is up in the air.

"The public must know and should know every aspect of what occurred in University Place," Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said at an Idaho Press Club meeting Sept. 27 in Lewiston, according to the Idaho Statesman. If the board decides to keep its findings secret, there are other ways to get the information out, Wasden said. "The Legislature has that ability."

Wagner said he doubts much more will come from today's Prince report than from the Presnell Gage investigation completed last April, so it could prove to have been a waste of time. But as the board required it, UI had no choice.

"I wouldn't say this was a punitive action though," Wagner said. He speculated it is possible the Prince report could find fault not only with UI, but also with the board.

The Presnell Gage report was made public in a partial waiver of attorney-client privilege and can be viewed on the university provost's Web site. The report outlined issues such as blurred lines of responsibility and authority between UI and the UI Foundation's organizational structures, management override and poor communication in managing major initiatives, and the role of the university's internal audit system in detecting and reporting risk-related issues.

The board hired Prince to investigate the concern after the report was published April 16.

According to the Idaho Statesman, Wasden appointed Prince on April 8 as a special deputy attorney to provide the board with "legal advice, counsel and consultation related to financial and other transactions" related to University Place. Then on June 11, after Prince completed the initial task, Wasden reappointed Prince "for the purpose of conducting and managing an investigation" of the project.

Half a million dollars later, Senate Education Committee chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said it "appears that the board is doing an excellent job

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## UI faculty members voice concern about recent firings

BY JESSIE BONNER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Several Faculty Council members during Tuesday's meeting asked Provost Brian Pitcher for explanations behind the dismissal of Glenn Grishkoff, assistant ceramics professor, and David Thomson, dean of the College of Engineering.

Pitcher was in Boise and participated via teleconference. The meeting lasted roughly two hours as faculty members discussed the meager information and the poor explanations given by the university administration regarding the recent firings.

Both Grishkoff and Thompson were notified this summer that their contracts would not be renewed at the end of the year. Though University of Idaho administrators said both dismissals followed university procedures and guidelines, several faculty members said this explanation is not good enough.

"Procedures and policies are not evi-

dence of good leadership," said Larry Forney, chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Robert Zemetra, academic faculty in the Department of Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences, questioned the processes being used to carry out the dismissals.

"Faculty decisions are overturned, without reason, by one person," Zemetra said.

Bill Woolston, a professor in the Department of Art and Design, said he was deeply troubled after a department meeting with Joe Zeller, dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, in which Zeller explained why he issued the termination to Grishkoff despite widespread support from the art department and a favorable third-year review.

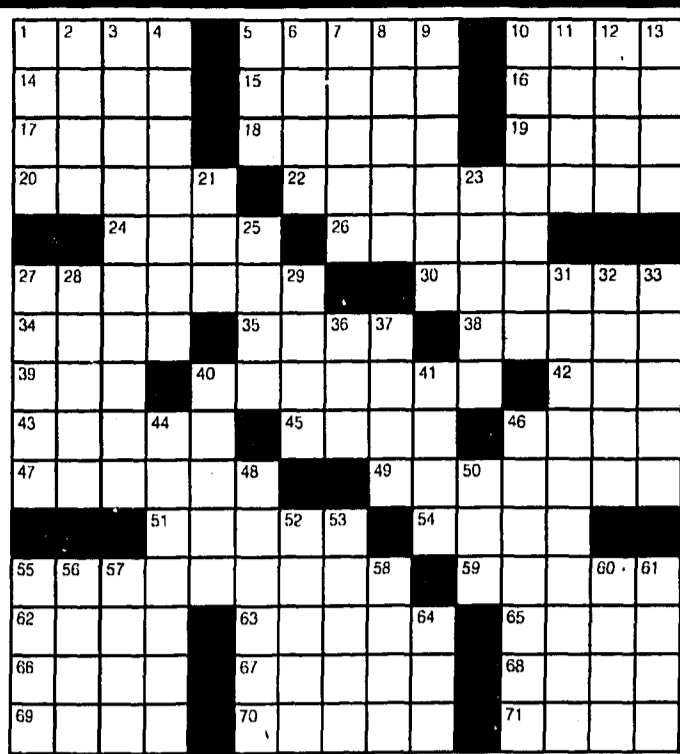
Although a positive third-year review usually leads to tenure at UI, Zeller said in the department meeting

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**CAMPUSCALENDAR**

**TODAY**

Lectur  
 Seattle architect Michael Jones  
 Idaho Commons Whitewater Room  
 5 p.m.

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

Jazz band concert  
 School of Music Recital Hall  
 7:30 p.m.

"Our Country's Good"  
 Hartung Theatre  
 7:30 p.m.

ASUI Senate meeting  
 UTV-8 programming  
 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

"Our Country's Good"  
 Hartung Theatre  
 2 p.m.

Student recital  
 Emily Davis  
 School of Music Recital Hall  
 2 p.m.

Gallery exhibit and auction  
 Pritchard Art Gallery  
 6 p.m.

Faculty-staff holiday dinner-dance  
 SUB  
 6 p.m.

"Our Country's Good"  
 Hartung Theatre  
 7:30 p.m.

Student recital  
 T.J. Eriksen  
 School of Music Recital Hall  
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"Our Country's Good"  
 Hartung Theatre  
 2 p.m.

University Chorus and Vandaleers  
 University Auditorium  
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Student recital  
 Brendan Gordon  
 School of Music Recital Hall  
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**CORRECTIONS**

The brief, "Diversity group to hold talent show," in Tuesday's Argonaut should have said the College Assistant Migrant Program Organization of Students is hosting its Third Annual Talent Show at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Janssen Engineering Building Room 104. CAMPOS is no longer looking for participants.

**NEWSBRIEFS**

**Human rights officer appointed**

In a position that now reports directly to the university president, Andreen A. Neukranz-Butler is the new human rights compliance officer at UI.  
 Provost Brian Pitcher announced the appointment last week. Neukranz-Butler is the first to hold the position since it was reconfigured and moved to report directly to the university president's office. The position previously reported to the Office of Diversity and Human Rights.  
 "Andreen brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this newly elevated position," Pitcher said. "I value the time she has spent working in the trenches to develop, direct, promote, implement and monitor policies concerning human rights and affirmative action."  
 Neukranz-Butler said she is looking forward to joining the UI community and will assume her new duties Jan. 5, succeeding Sylva Staab, who retired in July.

Former director of diversity, access and equity at National-Louis University in Chicago, Neukranz-Butler has nearly 25 years experience in developing affirmative action and diversity plans, policies and procedures, including statistical data on demographic and salary information.  
 She holds a master of social work degree and a bachelor of science in music education, both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also serves as a commissioner on the Village of Oak Park Community Relations Commission and serves as a board member for Project Unity in Oak Park, Illinois, where she lives.

For more information, contact Pitcher at 885-6368 or bpitcher@uidaho.edu.

**Graduate student named NIATT Student of the Year**

UI graduate student Dan Cordon will receive a check for \$1,000 and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., after being chosen as Student of the Year by UI's National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology.  
 Cordon, originally of Dexter, Ore., will travel in January to the Capitol for the National Transportation Research Board's 82nd Annual Meeting. A special ceremony will recognize the outstanding students from each of the University Transportation Centers.  
 Cordon is a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering and a research assistant for NIATT. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from UI.

His master's thesis dealt with modifying a transit van to operate on either gasoline or aqueous ethanol. He also developed a test to simulate driving-cycle emissions and fuel consumption using NIATT's steady-state chassis dynamometer.

Cordon oversees NIATT's Small Engine Research Facility that supports such projects as the FutureTruck, Clean Snowmobile Challenge and the Formula SAE open-wheel racecar. At SmERF he has helped produce a two-time winning Clean Snowmobile, develop electronic engine controls for the Formula SAE vehicle and convert a new Ford V6 engine to run on E85, a future alternative fuel composed of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol.  
 Cordon currently teaches an upper-division course in internal combustion and has published peer-reviewed papers with the Society of Automotive Engineers, Frontiers in Education and American Society of Engineering Education.

**Three finalists compete for associate vice provost position**

Laren Fins, Sandra Haarsager and Linda Morris have been selected as the final candidates to fill the administrative position of associate vice provost. Each finalist will make a 15-minute presentation on her experience and vision for the position at an open forum followed by a question and answer period.  
 The position reports directly to the provost in several areas including core curriculum, honors programs, ROTC units, the UI press and several university committees and advisory boards.  
 Haarsager will speak at 8 a.m. Monday in the Idaho Commons Crest Room. Morris will speak at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Commons Horizon Room followed by Fins, who will speak at 10:30 a.m.

**Local church hosts Taize Advent service**

Trinity Lutheran Church in Pullman invites local citizens to participate in a Taize Advent service at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The service will feature hymns from Taize, a French community, in which a short chorus is repeated by the congregation, accompanied by instrumental and vocal parts.  
 The church will hold additional Taize services, including Taize hymns, reflections on an Advent hymn or Christmas carol, scripture and prayer. Each service will close with a candlelight prayer.  
 Trinity Lutheran Church is located above McGee Park. For more information, call 332-1995.

**SENATEREPORT**

BY KATIE WHITTIER  
 ARGONAUT STAFF

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**Open forum**

Blood drive coordinator Justin Eslinger reported on Wednesday's blood drive. He said 30 units of blood were donated. The next blood drive will be Dec. 12 and he hopes more units will be donated, he said.  
 Eslinger, who also serves as ASUI parliamentarian, also reported on the progress of the newly formed Centennial Planning Committee. The committee was formed to organize events associated with ASUI's centennial in February. The committee met for the first time this week, but few people attended. The committee will begin meeting twice a week next week and will continue through the events in February. The meetings are at noon Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays.  
 Eslinger said the \$2,800 budgeted for Spring Bash might be reallocated to the centennial events. He said this would be possible due to the \$10,000 surplus ASUI expects to receive next semester as a result of increased student enrollment.  
 The events planned for the centennial

include a proclamation by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, a banquet for UI alumni, a time capsule to be opened in another 100 years and a commemorative T-shirt, Eslinger said.

Eslinger also announced his promotion to ASUI policy adviser. He turned in his official letter of resignation as parliamentarian.

Caroline Miner, Academics Board chair, reported on her board. She said Pick-a-Prof is up and running and urged senators to encourage students to fill out both the university teacher evaluations and Pick-a-Prof evaluations.

Miner also said she has been working with Faculty Council secretary William Voxman regarding combined curriculum and advising issues. She told senators to visit online forums for CORE to be ready to answer student questions about it.  
 She said ASUI awards are progressing due to Nicole Frank, who changed the format from PageMaker to Word. She said she expects the applications to be ready for students by the end of next week.

She also said she is expecting a promotion within ASUI and Kris Kido might fill her spot.  
 Aaron Blue reported on his Web site, www.uiunderground.com. He has been

advertising its features this week at a booth outside the Idaho Commons.

Blue said he is fed up with Bookstore prices and the meager compensation students receive by selling back their books each semester. The Underground is a site to post books for sale. The money from the sale goes almost entirely to the seller. Blue said the best part about the site is that if a student's books are not sold by dead week, he or she can still sell them back to the Bookstore.

**Presidential communications**

President Mason Fuller and several other ASUI officials were in Pocatello for the State Board of Education meeting.

**Senate business**

Senate Bills F03-55 and F03-56 were held in the Ways and Means Committee. The bills will be considered for vote next week. The bills modify the Rules and Regulations governing senators and other elected officials.

There were no senate communications. The senators were eager to set the record length of brevity for an ASUI Senate meeting: 14 minutes.

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# UI presidential candidate list stays private

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Though the State Board of Education has announced that just nine candidates remain under consideration for the University of Idaho presidency, the details of the selection process remain undisclosed.

With the new president expected to take office in February, faculty members are concerned with the lack of public involvement in the decision that will significantly impact the future of the university.

At a Faculty Council meeting Tuesday, council members said they have been uneasy since the board appointed the Presidential Screening Committee six months ago.

The committee is responsible for recruiting and selecting candidates, and has narrowed down a list of 70 candidates to nine finalists. There is one UI faculty member on the committee: Debra Frincke, an associate professor of computer science.

"I'm very concerned; I was concerned to begin with," said Robert Rinker, academic faculty in the Computer Science Department.

Rinker said the council should have expressed its concerns when the committee was formed six months ago. Rinker issued a motion at Tuesday's council meeting to present its concerns to the board in writing.

"We should at least express our concern about the lack of faculty representation in the process," Rinker said. "Especially with the selection down to nine."

Provost Brian Pitcher, who was unable to attend Tuesday's council meeting and participated via teleconference, said he would be willing to present any documents regarding the council's concerns to the board, which is scheduled to meet today in Pocatello.

When council members asked the provost why there had been little faculty input when the committee was formed, Pitcher said the decision had not been up to him.

"You'll have to ask the board," Pitcher said. "The committee was a board appointment."

After interviews with the remaining nine candidates, the committee will present three to five finalists to the board in January. The board is expected to choose the new head of administration in February or early March.

The UI community will not be involved in selection of the new president until January, seven months after the search began. Board president Blake Hall said a group of three to five finalists will visit the university in late January or early February to meet with campus groups and representatives.

At Tuesday's meeting, Faculty Council chair Fran Wagner suggested the final candidates also come before the council when they visit the campus.

Though the original list of 70 candidates was never made public, two presidential hopefuls have since been revealed, but neither candidate is still being considered by the committee.

Byron Dangerfield, dean of the College of Business and Economics, was appointed as a member of the screening committee in June. College officials confirmed Dangerfield is no longer on the committee after recent reports revealed the dean was one of 30 applicants who applied for the position.

Dangerfield has been notified he is no longer being considered as a presidential candidate.

Lewis-Clark State College President Dene Thomas was expected to put in a bid for the presidency after being contacted by her former UI colleagues.

Thomas, who spent 17 years at UI before moving to the LCSC campus two years ago, announced last week she would not be seeking the presidency.

ASUI President Mason Fuller, who is serving as a student representative on the screening committee, said in an earlier interview with the Argonaut that candidates being reviewed in the screening process will remain confidential because of human-resource matters.

# Students remember university traditions

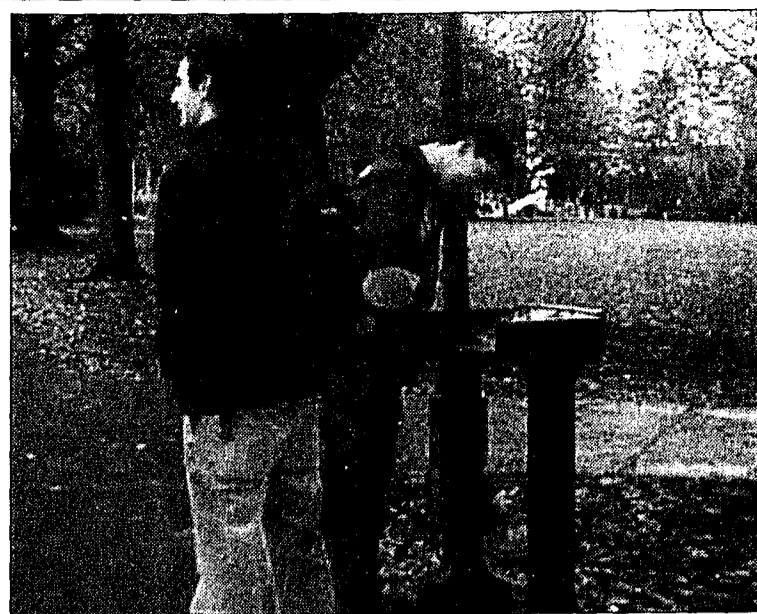
BY CADY ALLRED  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Students strolling down Hello Walk have a new landmark to look for.

The 2003 class gift, an informational podium highlighting the history of Hello Walk, Presidential Grove and the Administration Lawn, took its place along Hello Walk on Wednesday.

The marker was designed by Glenda Deitrick and built by Brad Schenck, both of whom work for UI Facilities Management. The class of 2003 chose the tradition marker as its gift because the students wanted to celebrate UI traditions.

In fact, the class gift itself is a tradition some students are trying to revive. The tradition of the class gift petered out in the 1930s, but senior class gift director Maggie Lasco wants to generate interest and revive the tradition.



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Mark Fineman and Matthew Woodington examine the marker on Hello Walk.

"(There are) lots of benefits, lots of cool reasons to be involved," Lasco said. She said the class gift is a reminder to students how important it is for students and alumni to give back to the university.

The class of 2003 considered a scholarship fund and improvements to a playground before settling on the tradition marker. Gifts from future classes might include benches, maps, scholarships or playgrounds, depending on how much the students donate. The senior class board will begin asking the class of 2004 for donations next semester.

Lasco hopes the class gift tradition will continue. "It shows how easy it is to [give back to UI] and how beneficial it is to the university," she said.

# World AIDS Day discussions receive lackluster turnout

BY CADY ALLRED  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Few students attended discussions held Wednesday and Thursday in observance of World AIDS Day, which was Dec. 1.

The discussions focused on the stigma of HIV/AIDS as a gay disease in the United States and as an adulterers' disease in Africa, the circumstances and problems surrounding the spread of the disease, and education and prevention of the disease.

During Wednesday's discussion, "AIDS in Our Lives: Personal Perspectives," Palouse residents involved with HIV/AIDS told their stories and answered questions. About 30 people attended the discussion.

The panel was made up of six members: Linda Pall, a Moscow City Council member and attorney whose legal work deals with civil rights; Jim Gropp, a man living with HIV; Judy Stone, a registered nurse who works in

infection control at the Whitman County Health Department; Jenny Beegle, an HIV prevention advocate in District Two; Toney Driver, a member of the Latah County Human Rights Task Force, the Coalition of Diverse Voices at UI and the Moscow Interfaith Association, and chair of the Moscow and Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is; and Ann Judge, a senior instructor in the Department of English who lost her brother to AIDS in 1998.

### BOOKS FOR TANZANIA

UI student Emmanuel Mwandosya is working to send clothing, shoes, books and school supplies to orphans in the Rungwe district in southwest Tanzania. Because AIDS mostly affects people between the ages of 18 and 45, the economy of Tanzania is being left in the hands of children and retirees. In order to be educated, the children there need help. Students who wish to donate to Mwandosya's effort — used textbooks can be donated, especially if the Bookstore will not buy them back — can contact him at 208-640-1330 or e\_mwandosya@hotmail.com.

takes Marinol, a synthetic form of marijuana. When he tried AZT, a drug commonly given to AIDS patients, it almost killed him. He said he feels tired and worn out much of the time, and he urged the audience to be responsible and use a condom during sex.

"Think before you act,

please," Gropp said. "There's no reason for you to go through what I'm going through."

Beegle said Idaho's HIV prevention funding will be decreased next year, despite the growing number of people living with HIV in Idaho.

Stone spoke about poor funding in rural areas for HIV patients. Rural areas often don't provide the proper care for HIV patients, forcing them to live in larger cities where they may not have the support of their families.

Stone learned about HIV/AIDS from reading a newspaper article in the early 1980s about gay men in New York who were diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Her brother had been very ill, and they later discovered he had AIDS.

Stone's brother was ashamed of his disease and of his sexuality, and asked her to keep his disease a secret from the rest of his

family, which she did for many years. Eventually he told his family, which did not reject him, despite his fears.

Driver spoke about his work with the Zienzele Foundation in Zimbabwe. The foundation helps children orphaned by AIDS. In Zimbabwe there are an estimated 3,000 AIDS deaths each week and 600,000 AIDS orphans each year.

Driver said the same barriers that block the advance of civilization allow the spread of AIDS to continue. He said some of the barriers are racism, oppression and narrow-mindedness.

Discussion continued Thursday when graduate students Aimee Shipman and Simba Tirima led the discussion, "AIDS in Africa."

"If you're not infected, you are affected," Tirima said. Tirima, who is from Kenya, shared a story about his uncle, who died from AIDS. One of the

last times Tirima saw his uncle, his uncle told him, "When you come back, we will still be here." Tirima said seeing his uncle ill was a wake-up call for him that AIDS was in his community.

Shipman, who is traveling to Botswana in 2004 to conduct AIDS research, shared statistics from this year's UN AIDS update. According to the report, there are 40 million people around the world living with AIDS. About 60 percent of those people live in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2003, there were 5 million new AIDS infections and 3 million AIDS deaths. The report can be downloaded at www.unaids.org.

The audience participated in the discussion, which hit on topics such as the oppression of women, the level of poverty in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and other hard-hit nations, the spread of AIDS due to poor health prac-

tices and unprotected sex, and the discontinuation of free condom hand-outs at the Student Health Center. Kari Galloway, interim director of the Women's Center, said students can still get free condoms there.

Tirima also shared information about Uganda, a country that shows hope for stopping the spread of AIDS. After civil war and dictatorships destroyed Uganda's society and economy, the country had the highest level of AIDS infection worldwide in the early 1980s. However, due to a large-scale education and prevention effort, Uganda has cut its infection rate by more than 50 percent since 1986.

Tirima said the discussion was a step forward in educating people about AIDS, but the small number of attendees was disappointing.

"Even if there are big issues to deal with, people are fairly apathetic," he said.

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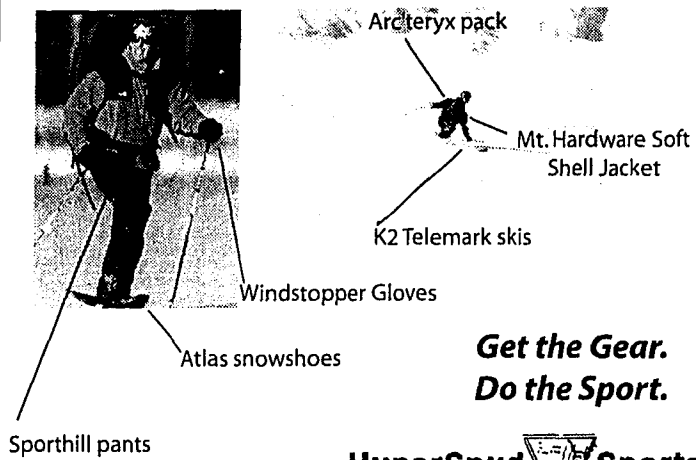
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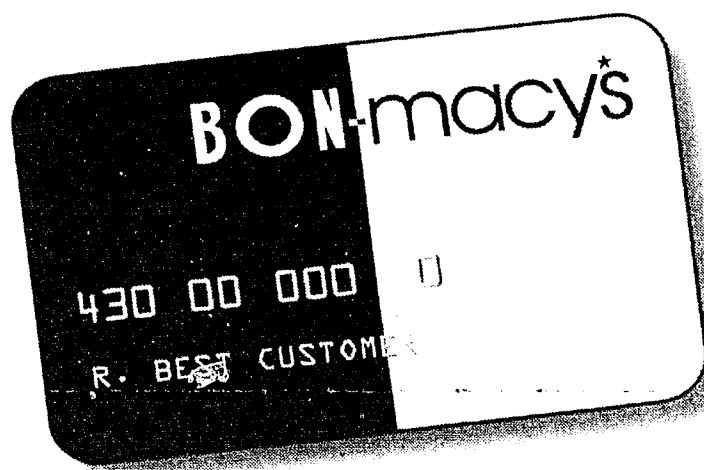
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## FACULTY

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that Grishkoff had enough experience in ceramics to be judged on different criteria and held to higher standards. Zeller requested the termination despite faculty appeals because he did not think Grishkoff's instruction would lead the ceramics department in the right direction.

"This decision is being made without the consent of faculty," Woolston said.

Faculty members have questioned why Grishkoff was not given a warning and was fired without the chance to correct any flaws in his teaching methods. "It was my impression the [third-year review] was a shaping process," Zemetra said. "It was not my impression that this would be the first chance to cut you."

Jeffrey Young, a professor in the College of Engineering, said several faculty members from his college became concerned two weeks ago when they were notified Thompson would be stepping down after being dismissed by university administrators.

"Many of us in the college are deeply concerned about this," Young said.

Computer science professor Robert Rinker said the statement released by UI officials last week announcing that the dean had stepped down from his office was not exactly accurate.

"The press release was misleading; the dean did not step down," Rinker said.

The provost was asked to explain the reasons behind Thompson's dismissal. Although progress within the College of Engineering has been made under Thompson's guidance, university administrators made what they felt was an appropriate decision, Pitcher said.

UI officials will meet with college faculty in the coming months to determine who the interim dean for the college will be.

Former Faculty Council chair Tom Bitterwolf said decisions being made by administrators lack rational explanations.

"This is a terrible way to run a large organization, especially a public institution," Bitterwolf said.

Law professor Monique Lillard said university officials need to be more open with decisions that are directly affecting UI.

"To get respect and get people to trust you, we need more information," Lillard said. "I think we keep getting information that makes us not trust."

**"This is a terrible way to run an organization, especially a public institution."**

**TOM BITTERWOLF**  
FORMER FACULTY COUNCIL CHAIR

Pitcher said he has worked hard over the past two years to strengthen the trust between faculty and administrators.

"I acknowledge there have been some breakdowns," Pitcher said. "But there is also policy and we follow policy."

As a result of faculty requests and concerns, Faculty Council chair Fran Wagner said council officials have asked the Staff Affairs Committee to look into the complaints and develop language that better defines the tenure track process in the Faculty-Staff Handbook.

Bitterwolf said one of the responsibilities of the council is to make recommendations to administrators based on faculty concerns.

"Administrators would have to have a very good reason to turn away the recommendations of the council," Bitterwolf said.

## INQUIRY

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of spending the University of Idaho's money in a wholesale fashion" at a time the school is facing budget problems, according to the Idaho Statesman.

"That's a lot of money at a time when the university is desperately strapped for money," Wagner said, speaking on behalf of the Faculty Council.

UI is carrying a \$5.6 million operating deficit from last year, coupled with a \$30 million shortfall that must be eliminated over four years, according to the Idaho Statesman. The \$536,000 fee, which exceeds the budgeted amount by \$336,000, will most likely be paid out of a \$1 million contingency fund.

The financial crisis created by University Place is equally as distressing to the UI Foundation, UI's nonprofit foundation. According to the Idaho Statesman, it spent about \$30 million on the project and owes \$25 million. It also has written off \$15.6 million invested in the project.

To deal with the debt, the UI Foundation has discussed several options, including bankruptcy. That option has been set aside.

The University Place scandal began last winter and led to the resignation of Hoover and other officials such as top financial officer Jerry Wallace. Without informing the Legislature about some critical financial maneuvers, Hoover made a \$10 million loan to the UI Foundation, which led to an "Enron-like implosion of our finances," as termed by Wayland Winstead, executive director of Institutional Planning and Budget.

The Boise-based project included erecting a three-building outreach campus in conjunction with Idaho State University. The project set out at a rapid-fire pace, in a manner that was described in the Presnell Gage report as "reverse from what would be ordinary and proper." Due to the events of the year, the project has been narrowed down to the planned completion of just one building.

According to the Lewiston Morning Tribune, Allison McClintick, the board's information officer, said although the board will meet this week, Prince's finishing date for the investigation is still unknown. Wagner said the report given at today's meeting may be just preliminary.

What happens at board meetings matters to students and faculty alike, Wagner said. He said he hopes the information will be made public soon.

## TEACHERS

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been preparing for the last month to become Michael Jordan this Friday. While Fritz has gotten in trouble once or twice with Comstock, he thinks she's going to be a great teacher.

"She's fun to be around," Fritz said. Cooper and Comstock are two of the UI students who were lucky enough to be selected for student teaching positions in Moscow elementary schools. There are not many local openings and some UI students teach in surrounding states.

As a local teacher, Parce knows just how selective the process can be. Comstock is the seventh student teacher she has had in her 15 years at McDonald.

"I can be pretty picky," Parce said. More than 300 students applied for one student teaching position at McDonald this year, Comstock said.

"It's all about getting your foot in the door and who you know," she said.

Besides having to relocate, the cost for students to teach in other states is considerable. The eight UI students teaching in Washington are paying about three times as much, said Cooper. Since the instruction is being done in Washington schools, student teachers are evaluated by WSU officials who report evaluations to the UI's College of Education.

While student teachers spend a majority of

their day with children, both Comstock and Cooper said their jobs are anything but easy. UI students find out quickly if their dreams of being teachers are what they expected.

"This is where you find out if you can do it," Cooper said.

As Comstock explained her nine-hour day at the elementary school, she said the amount of paperwork that needed to be graded threw her off when she began teaching. While handling the grueling schedule of a student teacher, Comstock also takes four additional classes at the university. She is taking 20 credits this semester, the maximum a UI student can take without requesting special permission.

For Comstock, who spent her weekend grading 64 sixth-grade writing papers, all the hard work is worth it.

"I've always known this is what I wanted to do; I even remember being little and thinking 'I want to be a teacher,'" Comstock said.

Cooper is also juggling life as both a teacher and a student. Taking 22 credits this semester, he plans to finish a master's degree this semester. While most students struggle juggling a normal schedule, Cooper had to seek special permission in order to take more than 16 credits as a master's student.

For Cooper, who is finishing a master's degree in just two years, the expected birth of his first child in May might have something to do with the frantic pace Cooper is keeping as he finishes his certification. As for the future, Cooper knows exactly where he wants to be.

"My dream of dreams would be to teach kindergarten," the former lawyer said. "In kindergarten, that's where you make the biggest difference."

At the end of his certification Cooper will be qualified to teach kindergarten through eighth grade. He will likely begin teaching in the Kansas City area, where his wife's family lives. For someone who used to dread his job, life for Cooper is now quite different.

"I love it here; I love coming to work everyday," he said.

Comstock, who is filling a year-long internship at McDonald, will move on to the second-grade classroom next semester and graduate in May. If there is a position open, Comstock plans to continue at McDonald after she graduates.

Although the average salary for a teacher in Idaho is about \$40,000, student teachers know they will enjoy one perk that is not offered in many professions: summers off.

## Supreme Court to hear arguments on funding religious education

BY JAN CRAWFORD  
GREENBURG  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Joshua Davey had been a freshman at a Christian college in Washington state for all of two months when he got the unwelcome news: State officials were yanking away a scholarship he'd been counting on to help pay for his first year.

It wasn't poor grades or misconduct that cost Davey the scholarship, but his course of study: Davey had declared a major in pastoral ministry, and state officials concluded they couldn't use taxpayer money to help finance his religious training.

Given the option of changing his major or giving up the scholarship, Davey walked away from the two-year state Promise Scholarship, which he had received based on his grades and family income. But he also contacted a public interest law firm about pursuing legal action against the state, kicking off a four-year battle that will reach the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday.

"I really felt it was an injustice," said Davey, 23, now a first-year student at Harvard Law School. "The kind of reasons I wanted to go into the ministry — to benefit society, help other people — are exactly the kind of things the government should be encouraging."

But the issues in the case go far beyond whether Davey will be reimbursed for the scholarship, which amounted to \$1,125 his first year. Many observers say the case has the potential

to bolster state school voucher programs as well, because a ruling in Davey's favor could remove barriers to including religious schools in those programs.

"There are a lot of students in Josh Davey's situation — where they've met the criteria, had excellent grades and needed economic help, yet were denied the ability to go to religious schools because of the religious affiliation," said Jay Sekulow, the chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, who will argue on Davey's behalf Tuesday.

To Sekulow and Davey's supporters, excluding those students from state aid programs penalizes them because of their religious beliefs — a clear violation of the First Amendment. They contend — and a California-based federal appeals court agreed — that Washington officials discriminated against Davey when they revoked his scholarship.

In its ruling last year, the appeals court said singling out a student because of his religious major and denying him a government benefit violates his ability to freely exercise his religious beliefs.

"The First Amendment declares: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,'" the appeals court said. "Thus, the state may neither favor, nor disfavor, religion. A law targeting religious beliefs as such is never permissible."

Washington state officials counter that they weren't discriminating against anyone.

They say they simply were complying with their state constitution, which erects a high wall to keep church and state separate. Washington and about a dozen other states have constitutions written to ensure an even greater separation of church and state than provided by the U.S. Constitution.

"We're defending the constitutional provision that provides that taxpayers should not be compelled to provide funding for religious activities, should not be compelled to fund religious activities with which they disagree," said Narda Pierce, the Washington solicitor general who will defend her state's policy before the Supreme Court.

But courts have held that the state constitutions are limited by the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause, which prohibits states from infringing on a person's right to freely exercise religious beliefs. In other words, they can't erect so high a wall that they interfere with a person seeking to freely exercise beliefs.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that the state had done just that when it denied Davey a scholarship. But a dissenting judge argued that Washington officials were not suppressing Davey's religious beliefs when they declined to fund his religious instruction.

"He is free to practice his religion without restriction," the dissenting judge wrote. "The only state action here was a decision consonant with the state constitution, not funding 'religious ... instruction.'"


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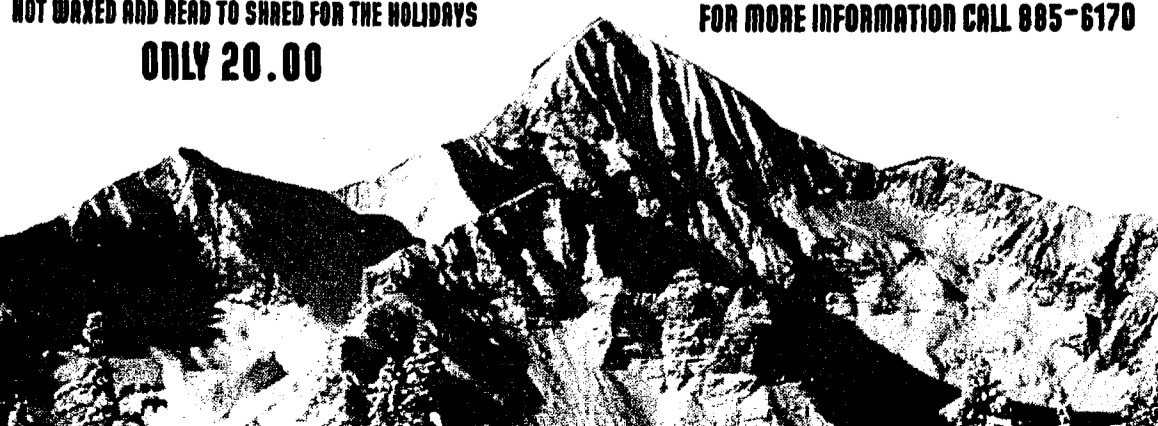


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# Powell praises African allies, urges leaders to protect human rights

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

ALGIERS, Algeria (KRT) — Secretary of State Colin Powell praised the North African countries of Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria for fighting terrorism, but urged them to do more to protect basic rights and advance democracy.

Visiting the three nations Tuesday and Wednesday, Powell promoted President Bush's call for greater democracy in the Middle East. Bush said in a speech in November that Muslims in such countries as Turkey and Indonesia have shown that democracy and Islam are compatible.

Human rights advocates say Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria are ruled by increasingly repressive regimes that have stifled dissent under the guise of fighting terrorism. Some said the priority that Powell gave to human rights in North Africa would be an important test of the Bush administration's commitment to promoting the principles of freedom and democracy.

Powell praised the leaders of the three countries for steps they've taken to protect some rights. He said the people in those countries and the rest of the world expected the leaders to accelerate political

reforms, and he warned that they should avoid excesses as they fight Islamic extremism.

"The United States ... always conveys to those who want to have a better relationship with us the need to have the highest standards of human rights," Powell said at a news conference Wednesday in Algiers.

Some members of Congress and many human rights advocates contend that Bush has ignored or downplayed human rights abuses by some countries to avoid jeopardizing cooperation on counterterrorism.

Tunisia and Morocco have been hit by bombings staged by al-Qaida-related extremists over the past two years.

The Algerian government has been embroiled in a brutal civil war with Islamic militants since it canceled parliamentary elections that an Islamic party would have won. More than 150,000 people, many of them civilians, have died and thousands are missing.

Algerian extremist cells have provided crucial support to al-Qaida operations in Europe.

In Morocco, Powell said Wednesday that he told King Mohammed VI that "as one moves forward with political reforms, one has to remain committed to the

concept of openness, freedom of expression. And as one cracks down on terrorism, it has to be with the full understanding of the basic principles of human rights."

He praised the king for recent regional and parliamentary elections that were judged to be free and fair, and for proposing changes in family law that would greatly enhance women's rights.

Powell announced that the United States would quadruple financial aid and double military assistance to Morocco over the next few years to encourage further reforms and help the government fight terrorism.

Human rights experts said Morocco's substantial improvements in human rights were being seriously eroded by the use of counterterrorism legislation against opposition activists and journalists. Algeria and Tunisia have been following the same practice, they said.

There has been an "increase in human rights violations ... usually in the name of fighting terrorism, including arbitrary arrest and detention, lack of due process, unfair trials and persecution or limits on freedom of religion and expression," Karen Hanrahan of Amnesty International said during a congressional hearing Oct. 3.

# Suspected bombers had capability to carry out more attacks

BY DAVE MONTGOMERY  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (KRT) — The terrorists who bombed a Riyadh housing complex Nov. 8 had enough military-grade high explosives to make 132 more car bombs of the same size, according to information released Wednesday by Saudi officials.

A raid last week on a house believed to have been used by the bombers turned up 84,480 pounds of a material known as RDX and 3,000 pounds of an unidentified explosive, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

RDX is a high-quality military explosive used in bombs and torpedoes.

Authorities also recovered an impressive array of weaponry that included a surface-to-air missile, grenades and grenade launchers, 80 Kalashnikov automatic rifles and 168,000 bullets, officials said, as well as dozens of fake IDs, computers and other equipment.

The haul underscores how well armed, and probably well financed, the terrorist organization in Saudi Arabia is. Authorities have said the car bomb, which killed 18 people and leveled at least five houses in the Muhaya compound, contained 660 pounds of explosive.

Interior Ministry officials, announcing their first arrest in the case, said they apprehended a suspect during the raid Nov. 27, but they declined to release his name while the investigation is underway. The arrest could help security forces pursue other alleged participants.

Saudi Arabia is on alert for more terrorist violence after disclosures this week that militants recently had staked out a Western-style residential compound and were plotting attacks against the royal family. More than 50 people have been killed in bombings in the last six months.

Authorities said they also confiscated 890 electric blasting caps, 40 "wireless devices" that were not otherwise identified, three computers, \$25,000 in cash, various identity cards and pamphlets "calling for perpetrating terror acts," the Saudi Press Agency said.

The stockpile resembles dozens of others uncovered by Saudi investigators in a six-month crackdown resulting in the arrests of more than 600 suspects.

The campaign began after a May 12 triple bombing that killed 35 people in Riyadh, including nine Americans.

Authorities say al-Qaida operatives have launched a wave of terrorism to destabilize the Saudi monarchy and strike at Western interests in the kingdom.

Saudi investigators are also hunting for suspects who escaped a police raid that foiled a potentially larger suicide bombing Nov. 25, the first day of Saudi's Eid al-Fitr holiday following the holy month of Ramadan.

Two suspects were killed during the raid, but several others escaped. A car that had been painted with security markings was rigged with explosives, investigators said. Authorities also confiscated rocket-grenade launchers, machine guns, electronic equipment and propaganda pamphlets.

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## Education is key to AIDS awareness

STAFF EDITORIAL  
DAILY NEBRASKAN

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — On Monday, vigils, celebrations, TV specials and other ceremonies marked World AIDS Day.

Here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt is on display all week in the Great Plains Room of the East Campus Union. The quilt was dedicated Monday in a ceremony featuring Lincoln Mayor Coleen Seng.

World AIDS Day is a mixture of remembering those who have died from AIDS and raising AIDS awareness to help stop its spread.

Sobering statistics illustrate just how important those messages are:

An estimated 37 million adults and 2.5 million children are infected with HIV, with 5 million new cases this year.

Half of HIV infections happen to people 25 years of age and younger, and half of those who die from AIDS are 35 years old or younger.

Approximately three million deaths from AIDS occurred in 2003, and since the beginning of the epidemic, approximately 22 million people have died from the disease.

Out of HIV/AIDS infections, roughly 95 percent are in developing nations. Last year on World AIDS Day, several celebrities — including Bono, Ashley Judd and Lance Armstrong — spoke at UNL. They brought a message of the widespread AIDS epidemic in Africa and how important it is to raise money to bring education and preventative measures to help stop AIDS in Africa.

We certainly mean in no way to devalue that ideology, but today we have a different message.

This message is for the "Average Joe" in Nebraska. The college student. The heartland's 20- or 30-somethings.

We just want to take the time to say to these people, our peers, that when you hear all of these statistics about AIDS running rampant in developing nations, don't forget you are still at risk.

Pamphlets handed out at UNL's events listed the first known case of HIV in Lancaster County being in 1995. Now, it says, there are 121 reported cases in the county.

Those numbers are not especially significant, particularly when you hold them up against the conditions Africa faces. But, that still doesn't mean we are safe in Nebraska.

Now, what we don't wish to do is act as proponents for a particular type of AIDS avoidance. Different sources are available for AIDS education, such as the University Health Center. All we would like to say is please take the time to become educated.

We all need to understand what the risks are, and that the risks are more prominent for younger individuals. Of the HIV/AIDS cases reported in Lancaster County, 22 percent are in their 20s and 49 percent are in their 30s.

Since 1985, 108 Lancaster County residents have died from HIV/AIDS.

Our message: Try your best to not add to that number.

## Roman Catholics once again put birth control in limelight

STAFF EDITORIAL  
THE LANTERN

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — The Roman Catholic Church is once again trying to affect public policy that doesn't follow the church's morality. Courts in New York and California are hearing cases that would exempt branches of the Catholic Church from state laws that include contraceptives in employee prescription-drug plans. Under church doctrine, contraception is a sin.

The case was sparked after the California law was passed in 2000. Catholic Charities of Sacramento unsuccessfully sought to bar contraceptives from the health care plan. A state appeals court also refused to hear the case, and the California Supreme Court heard the case Tuesday.

Going by previous rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, the state has every right to rule against the Catholic Charities of Sacramento. Religious organizations should not be exempt from state laws just because they don't believe in them. The court ruled in favor of a ban on polygamy, despite objections from Mormons, and it ruled against a group of American Indians who were denied unemployment after they were fired for using peyote during ceremonies.

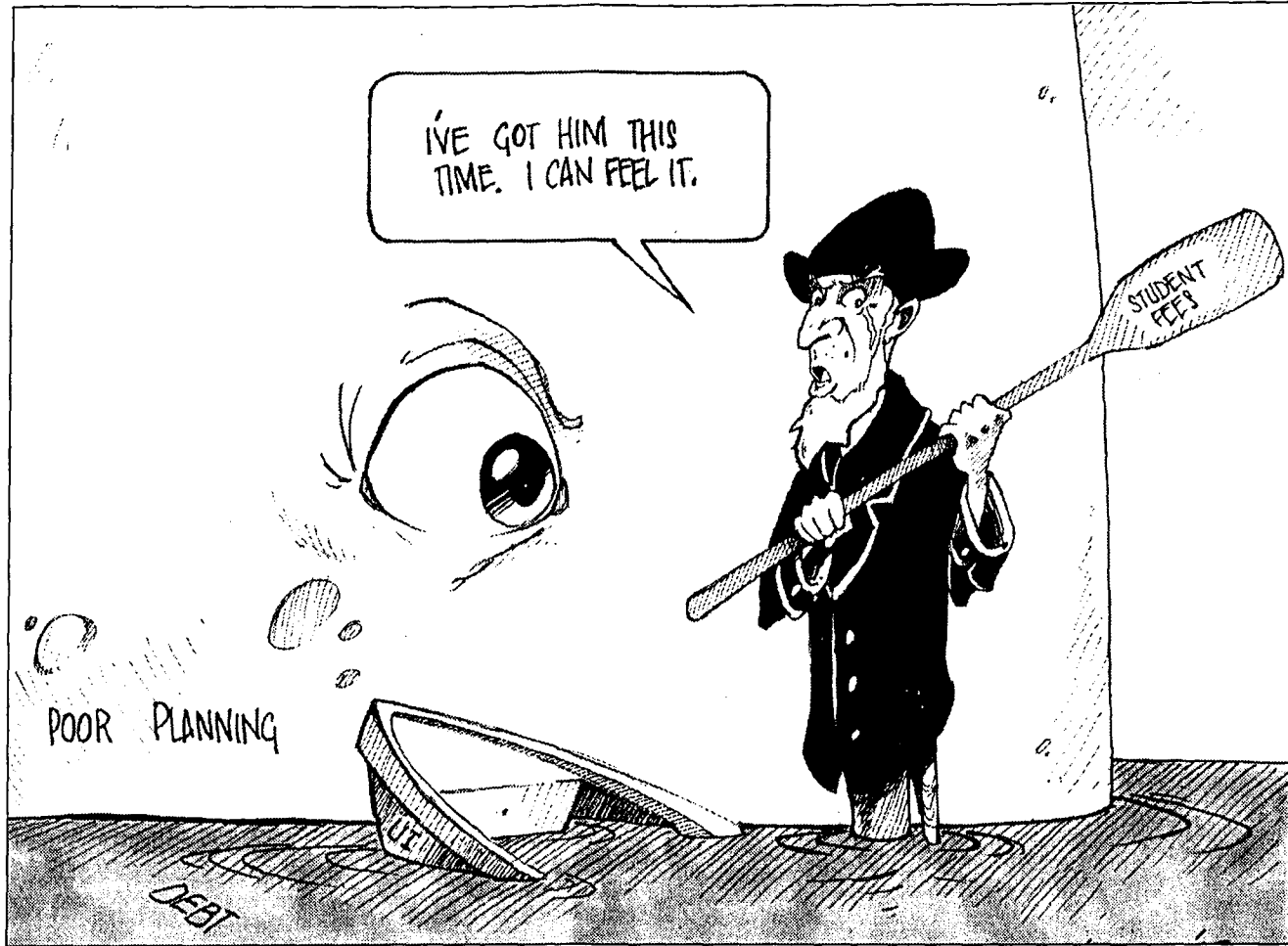
The other problem facing the Catholic Charities of Sacramento is that not all of its employees are Catholic. With a \$76 million budget last year, the charities provide social services to people of all religions, not just Catholics. Nor do they demand their workers be Catholic. If one of the non-Catholic employees needs to purchase contraceptives, it's wrong to exempt them from getting them paid for by their employee drug plan.

While the most common use of oral contraceptives is birth control, a sin in the eyes of the church, that is not their sole use. Contraceptives can also be used to regulate the menstrual cycle and treat symptoms of menopause, like hot flashes, mood swings and osteoporosis. Doctors may also prescribe contraceptives to treat other conditions, like skin problems.

Arguments have been made that say some religious groups have been exempt from laws in the past. The U.S. military recognizes the religious views of conscientious objectors by keeping them off the front lines. Traffic markings on the back of Amish horse carts have also been removed because they do not fit the Amish lifestyle, but these are extreme conditions that apply to religious groups as a whole. Because not all Catholics agree on the subject of contraceptives, it doesn't make sense to exempt all organizations from the state law.

While Ohio does not have a law on its books requiring contraceptives be part of prescription-drug plans, the state could easily join the growing number to adopt such laws. While the Catholic Church should be free to have its own beliefs, it should not be able to push those beliefs on the thousands of non-Catholic women who work for Catholic organizations.

## OURVIEW



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

# Hook, line and sinker

## Possible fee increases continue the trend

Amid all the cutbacks and controversy, a Dec. 2 memo on student fees and tuition for the 2004-2005 academic year proposes an increase of 9.9 percent in student fees. This increase would raise student fees from \$1,674 a semester to \$1,840 for a total difference of \$166. The heaviest increases by dollar amount are an additional \$73 per student for the matriculation fee, or the general education operating budget, and a \$35.70 increase per student for the Associated Students activity fee, a 72.9 percent increase.

Undoubtedly, the fee increase is of major concern to students. This 9.9 percent totals an estimated \$3,104,200 total increase in revenue for the 2004-2005 academic year. And this could be just the beginning, depending on the legislative appropriations.

There is no doubt that costs are associated with operating a university. With factors like the current economic situation and faltering support from the state and national legislature, the university has to fill the monetary gap. However, this fee increase covers facilities and activities (Commons and Union Operations, ASUI, Intercollegiate Athletics), leaving complaints of increased class sizes, decreasing staff and faculty numbers, and fewer course offerings (you know, the educational stuff) unaddressed.

While students come to UI with the expectation of receiving a quality education, which undeniably involves extra curricular activities as well as academic pursuits, this is an academic university first and foremost. Yet the priority rests in activity fee increases?

Proper management of programs and budget should take priority over raises of fees at the whim of ASUI. Even with the fee increases, UI is a good deal for the money. But a first-rate reputation cannot continue

to grow with unsatisfactory spending on activities, lack of support from the government and declining quality, coupled with increased fees.

Furthermore, while 9.9 percent seems pretty hefty, it may not be the final figure. In a befuddling move, the board responsible for setting fee and tuition rates sped up the decision-making timeline to occur before legislative appropriations are determined for 2004-2005. It's likely that 9.9 is only a preliminary figure set to go up, given the past track record of the Idaho Legislature's lack of education priority.

Additionally, in the university's tradition of tucking important press conferences and financial decisions into the most stressful time of a student's year, dead week and finals week features a campus fee workshop scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday. In a throwback to 2002, the now ex-university President Bob Hoover held a campus-wide budget meeting on the Friday of dead week. Among the issues discussed were important budget concerns, faculty cuts and even a quick incursion on University Place two months before it reached scandal proportions.

Of course, as with the budget talks of last year, administrators count on controversy and anger to fade with the four weeks between finals week and the start of spring semester.

Just like last year, and the years prior, student fees are going up, the quality of education is going down and the students, focusing on the stress of finals, will allow the ringing in of another New Year without a concerted effort to stop the cycle of a top-heavy administration force-feeding them less educational quality for more money.

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# Special ed students shouldn't be asked to do what they can't

The American idea of inclusion in education is one that has expanded throughout the history of our country. The idea of barefoot students learning to read

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in log cabin schoolhouses in the mountains, or the little red schoolhouse on the prairie, is one etched in the minds of most. We have gone from an education system catering to wealthy white males to one where women, minorities, soldiers and the disabled are entitled to an education equal to that of their peers. This is amazing, considering our nation has not even celebrated its 300th year. Countries twice our age are still struggling with providing rudimentary education to even a small minority.

Special education students, too,

have been integrated into classrooms around the country. Having special education students in schools has given classrooms a distinct feeling.

But let's face it: Special education students have special needs, hence the name. Many can't write their own names, or sit for more than a few minutes without throwing a temper tantrum. They should certainly not be excluded from receiving an education because of this, but the government must also realize their unique needs.

The No Child Left Behind Act is an example of a failure to realize these needs. It requires, among other things, 99 percent of all students to perform at or above their grade level by 2014. Currently, special ed students are also expected to pass these tests.

Schools failing to pass the government-mandated tests risk being taken over by private companies, and losing their funding and staff. Special ed teachers, whose supply of patience is vast, risk losing their jobs, too, if their students fail.

Requiring testing of students who don't have the mental capaci-

ties to read or write their own names is ridiculous. How does a student who can barely stand still long enough to count to 10 learn to do simple geometry or algebra? What does this requirement hope to show? Perhaps the law labors under the delusion that these students aren't truly disabled, just unmotivated?

In an article by CNN, Ronald Tomalis, the Department of Education's acting assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education, said many special education students have simply received poor instruction and need a more challenging program to bring them up to grade level.

The parents of these students no doubt would love to have their students achieve, but when it is physically impossible for them to do so, what does testing achieve? It merely serves as another reminder to the students, teachers and families of these students they may never get beyond the alphabet, if that.

The law needs to address the needs of these students and not penalize those schools that include every student in their federally mandated right to an education.

# Tolerance won't tolerate Christianity

There's an invisible sign hanging outside the new Tolerance Club: "No Christians allowed." Isn't it ironic?

In the massive push to include everyone, promote diversity and tolerate everything, Christians have emerged as the glaring exception.

This is not to say they are an overlooked minority — it's obvious they're not — nor that they are victims. Put plainly, Christians just couldn't be less en vogue.

They're "uncool" by social standards, backward and "so last year." Why? Because of their beliefs.

In this day and age, in our culture, we're all asked to tolerate the beliefs of others, and rightfully so. But popular trends often extend tolerance past its definition to meaning 100 percent OK with everything.

Newsflash: Christians aren't the only ones not OK with everything. And it's becoming more apparent that non-Christian society is certainly not OK with them.

There is a concerted effort to lump all professing Christians, regardless of denomination or public activism, into one big group of antiquated sticks in the mud whose convictions border on bigotry.

You only need to turn on one of the latest episodes of "Law and Order: SVU," for instance, to see what I'm talking about. The suspect in a gay murder case is of course the yellow-teethed old "minister" with a background in terrorism who's seething with hateful (and needless to say inaccurate) rambblings of how God hates homosexuals.

This is by no means an isolated instance. Christians are consistently portrayed in that light, now particularly with the gay issue.

Never mind that the vast majority of Christians are nonviolent, loving and accepting, as taught by the founder of their faith, Jesus Christ. They believe homosexuality is a sin, and contrary to what more ignorant letters to the editor would have you believe, they can't separate that from their faith because it's part of the New Testament.

Biblical condemnation of homosexuality is not limited to the food-washing rituals of the Old Testament. Paul talks about it in his letters to the early church so it becomes hard to ignore.

Society would have Christians rewrite their sacred texts, or at the very least edit out whatever does not fit in with the times. Would we ask this of another group?

The other problem is that the label "Christians" is applied broadly in history, philosophy and political sciences courses to practically any group who's ever claimed the name of Jesus.

"Wow," they'd have you think. "Christians sure can be bad."

Newsflash: People sure can be bad. It's a neat trick to ostracize modern Christians by putting them in the same category as every crusader, explorer, witch-hunter and cross-burner in time.

Never mind that Christianity is arguably the most diverse faith in history and features dozens of denominations, or that there were actually differences between Protestants and Catholics, Puritans and Separatists.

Yet they're all thrown into the same misguided, hate-mongering, blood-thirsty boat as every other one of the charity-giving, difference-making, peace-seeking Christians.

If there's one thing the new wave of tolerance has taught us, it's that you can't judge an entire group by its outspoken minority. But it's also taught us to respect the beliefs of others enough to allow them to preserve those beliefs.

Christians can't rewrite the Bible or undo the acts of their coat-tail ancestors, and that's something the rest of the world will have to tolerate.

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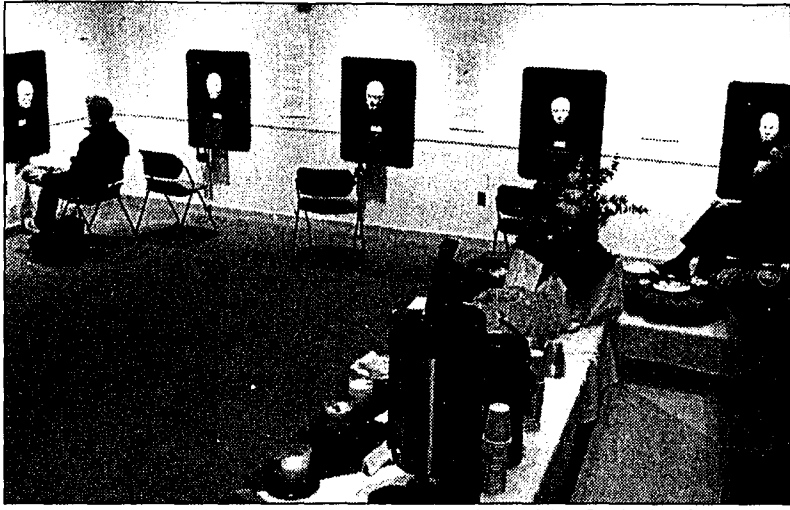
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# ARTS & CULTURE



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Students take time out of their schedules to experience the Face-to-Face display in the Reflections Gallery Thursday in the Idaho Commons.

## Artist brings UI students Face-to-Face with AIDS

BY CHRISTOPHER MARTIN  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Cheeks, eyelids and brows stare from the masks of Project Face-to-Face. As you sit down, don the headphones and listen to the voices from the mask, the stories connect in a common theme: the theme of living with a terminal disease.

Project Face-to-Face will be in the Reflections Gallery of the Idaho Commons through Dec. 12 and is one of many events commemorating World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

Project Face-to-Face is an exhibit of 16 finely detailed face castings and oral histories of people living with HIV and AIDS. It began in 1990, said Jason Dilley, artist and sculptor for Project Face-to-Face. Project Face-to-Face is in a national tour to colleges across America.

"The idea behind this is very similar to the Greek tragedy or play," Dilley said. "Taking the story - (or - masks) - out into the streets and [demonstrating] about the politicians or unfair times. So we've brought 16 people with HIV or AIDS, and it's their story they're telling you."

The project has brought many different organizations on campus together to support and work for this cause.

"We wanted to do something collaborative that could commemorate World AIDS Day and also raise awareness on campus," said Amy Newcomb, coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership Programs for the University of Idaho. "We've brought speakers in the past and that's nice, they share some good information, but it doesn't get a dialogue going on campus the way we want. What we want is to look at something, see something,

have it be something that is meaningful and empowering."

The masks provide stark visuals. "We've heard about AIDS for so long that people have forgotten that it is still here," Newcomb said.

"Here are all of these people; they come into this exhibit, they see 16 people with AIDS, and they leave saying, 'oh my gosh,' it can happen to a 6-year-old boy, it can happen to a college professor, it can happen to a prostitute."

Newcomb said the exhibit drops stereotypes about race and sexual orientation. "It dispels all of those myths."

This is the first Face-to-Face exhibit of 2003 and the first time the mask of Jim Gropp, a Pullman resident living with AIDS, will be displayed.

"We call these 'Life Masks' rather than death masks," Dilley said. "The intention was to show people that HIV is not a death sentence — the world has enough technology that people can actually live with it. And there is a hope for a cure that there wasn't many years before."

Also for World AIDS Day, a collection of films focused on HIV and AIDS were shown Monday and Tuesday in the Clearwater Room.

An AIDS quilt, patched from friends and family of AIDS victims, will be viewable in the Law School Courtroom through Friday.

Jason Dilley also put on a free program for the residence halls at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Fine Arts Hall, where he did a plaster mask of one of the students.

The Reflection Wall posted next to the exhibit in the Commons allows students to express their feelings about the masks and the stories throughout next week.

## HARTUNG DOWN UNDER



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What: "Our Country's Good," UI Theatre department's end-of-the-year play, is the account of the first shipload of British convicts to arrive in the new land of Australia in July 1788. To boost morale and reform the exiled prisoners, a young lieutenant is charged with staging a play for a celebration of the King's birthday.

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## Local prof, Pulitzer finalist holds book signing Saturday

BY SEAN OLSON  
ASSISTANT A&C EDITOR

North Idaho native and UI professor Kim Barnes will be available for a book signing Dec. 6 at Hastings in Moscow.

Barnes, an associate professor of English, is signing copies of her three published books from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Her work includes two memoirs and a fiction novel published last spring.

Barnes was a 1997 finalist for a Pulitzer Prize for her first memoir, "In the Wilderness," losing out to "Angela's Ashes" for the award. "Wilderness" covered her childhood in the logging community of northern Idaho under the rule of her fundamentalist Christian parents.

The book explores her experiences that led up to her leaving both her family and church on the night of her high school graduation. Barnes said she had a hefty amount of positive feedback from fans of her first book. Many people felt they had experienced the exact same childhood outside of Idaho, she said.

Her second memoir, "Hungry For the World," began where "Wilderness" left off. It focuses on her 20-something years, when she attempted to reconcile with her parents and also survived an abusive relationship.

Barnes said "Hungry" garnered the attention of more women than her first, more universal memoir. She stresses, however, that she hates having her work categorized.

Barnes planned to write a third memoir, but she abandoned the project to write her first novel. "Memoirs are hard to write," she said. "They are very, very emotionally intense."

Citing that and the difficulty of writing a happy ending (since her first two were not so happy), Barnes instead drew upon her own family mythologies to write fiction.

The result is "Finding Caruso." Using stories she heard about her uncle, country western singer Ronnie Barnes, she wrote a story about life in the '50s around Lewiston.

"I draw on family mythologies, but not the real ones," she said.

Along with her uncle, Barnes used Lewiston historical fixture Stables. Stables was once the largest country western dance hall in the Northwest and a frequent venue for her uncle. Barnes said this was the setting for her parents' youth and the notion was romantic to her.

Issues of orphans and the strength of family ties are investigated in the new book, which follows immigrants from Oklahoma looking for a better life in Idaho.

Barnes said the pre-release hype for "Caruso" was excellent. However, Bush declared war on Iraq just before the novel hit bookstore shelves. Hardcover fiction immediately dropped 35 percent in sales.

Barnes said radio stations and other media simply didn't have room for book promotion when trying to cover the war. Despite the setback, Barnes said she has been happy with the reader feedback she has received so far.

"What's most important to me about my fiction is that readers come away from it with a heightened sense of their own emotion," she said.

Barnes has won a PEN/Jerard award for an emerging woman writer in nonfiction, a Pacific Northwest Booksellers award, two Idaho Commission on Arts fellowships and has been a finalist for many other awards.

"Memoirs are hard to write. They are very, very emotionally intense."

KIM BARNES  
AUTHOR

## MAC youth choir kicks off the season with series of concerts

BY JONATHAN ROSS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Moscow Arts Commission Youth Choir, made up of area elementary school children, kicks off the holiday season with a string of weekend concerts beginning tomorrow.

The youth choir will sing at the Palouse Empire Mall at 12:45 p.m. and will join the University of Idaho Jazz

Choir 1 and area high school choirs Dec. 12 for the annual Christmas concert in the Kibbie Dome at 8 p.m.

The concert gives the youth choir the opportunity to sing with older musicians who serve as role models to their younger counterparts.

The choir also opens the festivities at next Saturday's holiday parade in downtown Moscow at 5 p.m.

The 50-member choir consists of stu-

dents in the third through sixth grades at Moscow elementary schools. Children join the choir because they are interested in music and the Arts Commission provides an outlet for this budding curiosity.

"Russell Elementary School has a choir, but that is about the only other formal opportunity in the community," said Deena Heath, director of the Moscow Arts Commission.

After an open audition in the fall, the

choir, under the direction of Ladene Edwards, rehearsed twice a week.

The choir's main performances are the Christmas concerts, but other informal concerts at Good Samaritan and around the community occur during the semester.

For the coming concerts the choir will be singing traditional Christmas songs along with a few novelty numbers, Heath said.

## Looking scruffy was Tom Cruise's call in 'The Last Samurai'

BY STEVEN REA  
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

If Tom Cruise looks kind of bloodshot and disheveled in "The Last Samurai," don't blame Marshall Herskovitz or Edward Zwick. The producer, cowriter and director, respectively, of the \$100 million historical epic were just heading their star.

"It was all his impulse to mess himself up," explains Herskovitz. "To wear a beard, to have the long hair, to have Lois Burwell, who was our wonderful makeup artist, add years to his face. ... Tom wanted that. He said that's who the guy is."

The guy Cruise is, Nathan Algren, is a Civil War veteran and career military man hired by the Imperial Army of Japan to train its troops in Western-style combat to deal with an uprising of the tradition-bound warriors, the samurai. Turned sour by his involvement in the Indian Campaigns that decimated tribes across the American West, Algren has become a drunken,

cynical mercenary. His time in 1870s Japan changes Cruise's Algren — as he finds himself living among the samurai, learning "bushido," the way of the warrior: The bloody, R-rated "The Last Samurai" opens in theaters Friday.

"Tom was really fascinated by the whole concept, and how the samurai lived. It spoke to him, I think, very personally," says Herskovitz.

"I think people have an image of Tom from some of his films, like 'Mission: Impossible,' but then there's the Tom who did 'Born on the 4th of July' and 'Magnolia.' As Ed likes to say, he's really a character actor deep inside. He actually really wants to immerse himself completely in a part and transform."

Bringing the changing world of 19th-century Japan to the screen was something both men were keen to do.

"It was really a remarkable time in Japanese history," says Herskovitz, who, with screenwriter John Logan, delved into

the history books and archives.

"Japan had just opened itself up to the West in 1854, and in the space of 20 years they had completely transformed the society and a lot of people were having trouble with that. The samurai class was being dispossessed, and a bunch of them were rising up in revolt. It was a very dramatic period."

It was also a very dramatic shoot. Production crossed three continents, with two weeks in Japan, seven weeks in Los Angeles and five months in New Zealand, where a team of 200 carpenters built a 19th-century samurai village outside of New Plymouth, on the country's North Island. Filming began in 2002 and went well into 2003.

"When Tom turned to us one day and said, 'Well, this is the biggest movie I've ever worked on, we all got a little bit scared,'" Herskovitz recalls, laughing. The decision to shoot in New Zealand, home of the Hobbits and warriors of Peter Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was based on

economics and landscape.

"Japan today is very different to how it was in 1876," says the producer. "And although there are unspoiled areas, they're very remote. It was difficult, just in terms of the logistics, to make it work."

"Ed did a lot of scouting in Japan, and then a lot of scouting in New Zealand, and there were a lot of things to recommend New Zealand — obviously the open spaces, which are remarkable there. Where we built the village, you could turn the camera literally 360 degrees and not see anything of the modern world."

Cruise, who speaks some Japanese in the film, is surrounded by a cast of great Japanese actors: Ken Watanabe, Hiroyuki Sanada and Koyuki, the popular model-turned-actress who portrays a widowed villager at first repelled by the Westerner ("He smells," she says with a frown) and then compelled to throw a lot of moony glances his way. Brits Billy Connolly and Timothy Spall and

American Tony Goldwyn also star.

Logistically, the most difficult undertaking for Herskovitz and Zwick was the picture's climactic battle, in which a mass of rifle- and cannon-equipped Imperial soldiers face the noble, sword-slashing — and seriously outnumbered — samurai. More than 50 horses were deployed.

"The battle scene had every single department head very nervous for many weeks," says Herskovitz. "There was a lot of physical danger in it from the weapons and in terms of the horses. It was just on such a huge scale."

"And also, it was such an articulated battle. It wasn't a battle scene where they come, they clash, and it's over. This was a battle scene that had, basically, three acts and told a lot of story. So, that raised the level of difficulty tremendously. In the end, it took us 31 days, with two units working all the time, to film that one sequence. I get tired just thinking about it."





Billy Bob Thornton stars as a thief who by day plays Santa in the offbeat holiday comedy "Bad Santa."

# 'Bad Santa' blows stereotypes to pieces

BY SEAN OLSON  
ASSISTANT A&C EDITOR

Billy Bob Thornton isn't renowned for his cuddly puppy roles. So it isn't surprising he plays the title character in the new "Bad Santa." Not surprising, but, well ... wow.

As a staple of Christmas film, Santa movies have seen a myriad of different looks and stories. Santa even had a few horror films soil his already-red suit. Even so, "Bad Santa" makes the first appearance of an alcoholic, foul-mouthed thief of a Santa who works primarily with children.

Sad as it may sound, this is the big draw of the film. Thornton's antics give new meaning to bad role model. He drinks his way through every scene as he perverts everything sacred about the Christmas tradition. He yells obscenities at mothers and young children and passes out behind the mall displays.

The strangest part of "Bad Santa" is that these atrocities are really, really funny. The lighthearted, anything-goes attitude adopted by director Terry Zwigoff helps viewers look past what they are really seeing (felony after felony) to a darkly comedic core.

The plotline follows Thornton and his dwarf sidekick as they rob department stores every Christmas after working there

as Santa and an elf. During their eighth year, Thornton is so deep into alcoholism and so far away from basic hygiene that problems begin to arise.

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"BAD SANTA"

★★★★ (of 5)  
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minutes of film. On the flip side, the boy is so sheltered and strange that it puts Thornton off guard. The kid might as well be Ralph Wiggum from "The Simpsons." Often Thornton asks, "What the fuck is wrong with you?"

Subplots include Bernie Mac playing a crooked security chief for the department

store who tries to get in on the con, and a moronic store manager, played by the late John Ritter. Thornton's love interest is a young bartender with a Santa fetish. Obviously, nothing is sacred in this film.

"Santa" never would have worked if the film had backed down. Its strength is in its ability to throw the family film clichés back in the audience's face with a twisted angle. Thornton claims his turning point in the film is when he beats the hell out of some young skater kids. It's easy to tell that it really makes him feel good about himself.

As "Santa" moves along it starts to make a point, in its own twisted way. Thornton needs some sort of redemption to his worthless ways, and the kid is the key. But "Santa" doesn't cop out with a touching easy turnaround for the socially challenged Thornton. The movie sticks to its guns right up to the final scene and fade to black.

All of this would be pointless if the movie didn't have some good laughs. "Santa" goes beyond the call of duty with scenes that will keep viewers laughing days after the film has ended. If they can handle it, of course.

Bottom line: don't take the grandkids to see this one. It might not even be appropriate to take a significant other. Find the person who you enjoy a sick joke with from time to time and share a tub of popcorn; this one is worth it.

# Sci-fi flick is waste of 'time'

BY JACOB DENBROOK  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Richard Donner has had the pleasure of directing a couple universal action stars. He's guided Mel Gibson — with a Mullet — and Sylvester Stallone. However, one question arises as we watch his latest action flick, "Timeline": Does actor Paul Walker come to mind when we picture a Scottish archaeologist's son? And the answer, of course, is no.

In one of the most foolish casting decisions since Denise Richards became a nuclear physicist in a James Bond movie, Paul Walker whips up his freshest California surf dialect for his medieval debut. "Timeline" is an uninteresting B movie that crashes like a knight jousting without armor.

The story reads like this: When Chris Johnston's (Walker's) professor father becomes missing, several archaeologist students confront the large corporation that is funding their dig to find out his whereabouts. They discover he's been trapped in 14th-century England, and the corporation uses a time machine to send several of them back to recover him.

It is almost beneath dignity to be harsh toward a movie that is so blatantly commercialized and watered down. Almost. The fact is, "Timeline" doesn't have the technical complexity of Michael Crichton's best seller on which it is based; if it did it would at least provide something interesting with which to combat the clichéd plot.

Instead, nearly all of Crichton's well-researched quantum physics and multiverses are abandoned in order to have the students screaming and running from belligerent knights as soon into the second act as possible.

Perhaps some appeal rises from the comical prospect that Paul Walker is seen in a leather jerkin. However, even with poor acting aside (of which there is plenty enough to fill Arthur's round table and some of the cloisters), Walker's love interest, Kate Eriksen, played by Frances O'Connor, is bland and detestable. Walker's best sense of chivalric courting is slouching like a sloth at a high school kegger while he woos her with verbal juggernauts such as "I won't live in the past."

In terms of story, the film dutifully follows Crichton's other plots. The evil corporation experiments with new science and can't contain it. People die, experiments go awry and there are a few swordfights along the way. We can expect the plot to lead in a predictable direction, but when actors portray melodrama as though they're bored, it's never a good sign.

Some of the action is suitable. We get to see trebuchets hurling fire at castle walls. Fire is always welcome in action films. In this case, we'd rather have the sound of flame as opposed to cheesy dialogue, and this film is definitely best when people aren't speaking.

As a general rule that we've all learned from "The Matrix," the less poor actors speak, the more palatable the movie. Perhaps Paul Walker should be Keanu's understudy in the future, or else stick to street racing.

In the meantime, filmgoers might want to travel back in time and reclaim the two hours they've spent on this, unless escapism is his or her destiny. In that case, enjoy a flawed B movie that you can forget like a history exam.

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"TIMELINE"

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**Exhibit celebrates holiday season**

The Moscow Arts Commission will open its 2nd Annual Winter Solstice Exhibition Dec. 12 at the Third Street Gallery. An opening reception is scheduled from 5-7:30 p.m.

A variety of media will be featured in the exhibit including fiber, photography, oils, watercolors, metal, ceramics and mixed media. Twenty-eight artists are featured in the exhibit.

The exhibit runs through Jan. 16. The Third Street Gallery is located in Moscow City Hall, 206 East Third Street. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**WSU 'Dance Carnival' set for Saturday**

Washington State University's School of Music and Theatre Arts will feature its fall dance concert, "Dance Carnival," at 8

p.m. Saturday in Daggy Hall's Jones Theatre. Admission is \$4 per person.

The event features members of the Elite Dance Company along with jazz and modern dance classes who will perform works by WSU dance instructor Phyllis Gooden-Young.

Fifteen student-choreographed works will also be presented in this year's concert. Dances range from a sailor dance set to Celtic music to a modern piece based on a hip hop-rap mix.

Tickets can be purchased the night of each performance at Daggy Hall Box Office beginning at 7 p.m.

**Left Hand Smoke returns to John's Alley**

Touring band Left Hand Smoke will perform at John's Alley at 9:30 p.m. tonight. The band last played in Moscow in October to promote the release of their new album, "Nonsense Parade."

Tickets are \$5 at the door and the show is open to people 21 and older.

**Eastside Cinemas Schedule**

"Gothika" R — (2:50 p.m.) 9:20 p.m.  
 "Love Actually" R — (1 and 3:50 p.m.) 6:40 and 9:30 p.m.  
 "The Missing" R — (12:50 and 3:40 p.m.) 6:30 and 9:20 p.m.  
 "The Last Samurai" R — (noon and 3:10 p.m.) 6:20 and 9:30 p.m.  
 "Master and Commander" PG13 — (1:40 p.m.) 4:20, 7 and 9:40 p.m.  
 "Elf" PG — (12:40 p.m.) 5 and 7:10 p.m.

**U4 Cinema Schedule**

"Cat in the Hat" PG — (noon and 2 p.m.) 4, 7 and 9 p.m.  
 "Bad Santa" R — (1 p.m.) 4, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.  
 "Haunted Mansion" PG — (1 and 3:10 p.m.) 5:20, 7:30 and 9:40 p.m.  
 "Time Line" PG13 — (1 p.m.) 4, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Showtimes in ( ) are for Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

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**Paltrow Pregnant**

Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow is pregnant, and she and her British rocker boyfriend Chris Martin will become parents next year, according to the entertainment program "Extra."

"Extra" quoted unnamed sources as saying the movie star and Coldplay's frontman, who have been dating since July last year, were expecting. The show did not say if the pair planned to wed.

Paltrow, 31, the daughter of filmmaker Bruce Paltrow and actress Blythe Danner, was previously engaged to Brad Pitt and dated Ben Affleck, but she's never tied the knot. She won the best actress Oscar for "Shakespeare in Love" in 1999.

Her romance with the 26-year-old Martin became public in August last year, when he dedicated a song to her at a Coldplay concert in New York.

The actress, who also starred in the movies "Sliding Doors" and "Great Expectations," returned to the screen last month as American poet and novelist Sylvia Plath in "Sylvia."

**Keith steams over Mick's knighthood**

Keith Richards has criticized his old friend and fellow Rolling Stone Mick Jagger for accepting a knighthood.

In an interview published in the December issue of the music magazine Uncut, the Stones' guitarist was quoted as saying, "I thought it was ludicrous to take one of those gongs awards from the establishment when they did their very best to throw us in jail," in a reference to his and Jagger's 1967 conviction on drug offenses, later overturned on appeal.

"Just as we were about to start a new tour, I thought it sent out the wrong message. It's not what the Stones is about, is it?" he said. "I told Mick, 'It's a ... paltry honor.'"

"He defended himself by saying that Prime Minister Tony Blair insisted that he took the knighthood. Like that's an excuse. Like you can't turn down anything. Like it doesn't depend how you feel about it."

Jagger, 60, said Tuesday that his busy touring schedule has finally allowed him to collect his award from Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Dec. 12.

The 59-year-old Richards, who was once briefly imprisoned for allowing marijuana to be smoked in his home — another conviction that was later overturned — said he doubted he would ever be offered a similar honor.

"Because they know what I would've said ... they knew I'd tell them where they could put it," he said.

**The Hollywood Reporter names top 100 most powerful women**

Sony Pictures vice chairman Amy Pascal tops this year's list of The Hollywood Reporter's 100 most powerful women in Hollywood.

"Amy Pascal has developed a knack for producing projects both

big and small, intimate dramas and all-out popcorn fare," said Christy Gross, editor of the Women in Entertainment Power 100 issue. "Not only has this given her an interesting state every year, but her creative sensibilities and financial acumen have made her the first stop for some of Hollywood's biggest talent."

The list is part of the trade publication's 12th annual celebration of the top 100 women in motion pictures, television, music and other entertainment industries.

Celebrities on the list include talk-show host Oprah Winfrey (sixth); actress Julia Roberts (13th); Harry Potter novelist J.K. Rowling (55th); singer Madonna (67th); actresses Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen (84th); and Screen Actors Guild president Melissa Gilbert (89).

**Bowie's dream comes true**

David Bowie will headline two summer music festivals next year. The 56-year-old rock star will perform at the Isle of Wight Festival in June and at the T in the Park at Kinross, Scotland, in July, his publicist, Stuart Bell, said.

Bowie said he had longed to play at the famous festival on the Isle of Wight, off the south coast of England. The Who, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix and The Doors were among those who performed at the event during its first run from 1968-70.

"I was so envious of other acts that got to do the other Isle of Wight Festivals — it is really coming back," Bowie said on his Web site, referring to the June 11-12 event.

T in the Park, Scotland's biggest music festival, will be held July 10-11. The White Stripes also will perform.

**Bryce Howard may fill Kidman's shoes**

Bryce Howard, the 21-year-old daughter of director Ron Howard, will likely replace Nicole Kidman in Danish director Lars von Trier's next two films that make up the trilogy he started with "Dogville," the film's producer, Vibeke Winding, said Wednesday.

Howard, who's shooting M. Night Shyamalan's new movie "The Village" with Joaquin Phoenix, William Hurt and Sigourney Weaver, is negotiating a contract with von Trier, said Winding.

"We are currently getting the last pieces to fall in place," she said. "These are only details, so I am very confident that she will be on the team" when shooting on "Mandalay" starts March 1 in Sweden.

Von Trier's Depression-era fairy tale "Dogville" generated excitement at this year's Cannes Film Festival but didn't win a prize. Some found the three-hour film about sadism in small-town America too long and torturous.

Kidman couldn't continue in the trilogy because of scheduling conflicts with "Mandalay."

The eccentric Danish filmmaker has won a string of prizes at the Cannes festival, including the Golden Palms in 2000 for "Dancer in the Dark" with French icon Catherine Deneuve and Icelandic pop star Bjork.

"Lars picked Bryce Howard because of her fantastic radiation," Winding said. "She also said she and von Trier believe Howard will become a big star."

The little-known actress appeared in her father's 1995 movie, "Apollo 13," and in his 2000 film, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," with Jim Carrey.

**Twin tycoons are worth \$300 million — and they're just 17**

BY REBECCA LOUIE  
 NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

(KRT) — Double the pleasure, double the funds.

Wonder twins Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have come a long way from earning scale wages as goopy eyed babies on the sitcom "Full House."

They're now worth \$150 million each, and their "mary-kateandashley" brand — sporting everything from clothes to videos — will bring in about \$1 billion this year alone.

Among the hundreds of Web sites devoted to the Olsen twins are dozens counting down the days until Mary-Kate and Ashley turn 18 years old, becoming adults in the eyes of the law, and also a universe of boys.

We'll save you the computer search: 195 days to go until June 13, 2004.

And Ashley will get there a good two minutes before Mary-Kate.

"Boys will be boys, right?" Ashley told "48 Hours Investigates" when asked about the countdown sites.

"Yeah," Mary-Kate said. "Pests."

That day will be important for much bigger reasons, too.

On their 18th birthday, the girls will become co-presidents of Dualstar Entertainment Group, the umbrella operation that oversees their videos and merchandising.

They're stepping up from executive producers, their titles since the company was started with their lawyer and manager, Robert Thorne, in 1993. (Thorne serves as CEO.) At the time, they were 7.

Last week the twins' movie "The Challenge" arrived in video stores.

It's the last of 47 straight-to-video films they've made since earning fame sharing the role of the baby Michelle on "Full House."

"We've enjoyed a decade in video and DVD movies for younger audiences," Mary-Kate said recently. "Now we're ready to make the big screen our home as producers and actresses."

Next spring they make their theatrical-movie debut in "New York Minute," about two sisters — one studious and one into punk rock — who band together in a series of mishaps. Jack Osbourne, son of Ozzie and Sharon, is also in the cast.

Shortly thereafter, the Olsens will be setting aside a few New York years as they move from California's San Fernando Valley to attend college. The twins have yet to reveal where they'll be studying — they swear they won't attend separate schools — but they will say that Ashley plans to go in for psychology and Mary-Kate wants to pursue culinary courses.

Conveniently, Ashley's boyfriend, Matt Kaplan, is a quarterback for the Columbia University Lions.

"He visited her in Mexico while we were on set filming," said Craig Shapiro, director of "The Challenge." "A lot of these stars have bad-boy boyfriends, but this guy is every mother's dream. Very nice, very good-looking."



Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen are shown at the filming of "New York Minute" outside Radio City Music Hall in New York, in October 2003.

Having a nice beau isn't the only way to avoid becoming a child-star cliché. People who know the Olsens insist that, unlike a lot of their peers in show business, they have skipped the power trip and party-hearty ways that have destroyed many young careers.

The twins, who have spent nine years shuttling between the homes of their divorced parents, have been known to keep to themselves, study a lot and do regular teen things like shopping and having sleepovers.

"People are always looking for the dirt on them, but there isn't any," said Elizabeth Kruger, who has written three of the twins' films. She often sees Mary-Kate and Ashley hanging out with high school friends (yes, they attend a regular school) at a Coffee Bean shop.

"They are just normal girls who try to lead a regular teenage life," Kruger said. "These two girls have been working since they were little and know the value of hard work. They are very responsible."

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**Why the "Not in Our Town" Campaign is So Dreadfully Boring**

"HE IS NOT ONLY DULL himself, but the cause of dullness in others," worried the dramatist Samuel Foote. The same concern arose from us when the local human rights group Equality announced its "Not in Our Town" petition against Christ Church, Moscow.

We had hoped to hear some spicy pizzazz, some cutting-edge criticism, but all we got were the same humorless clichés secularists have lobbed at Christians for centuries. Even the accompanying scowls hadn't changed. Secularism needs new writers, new blood, new scowls.

Leading with a petition is so passé. Been done to death. Where is the creativity? It's even a petition to show that some locals reject historic Christianity. Old news. And petitions are so self-congratulatory. It gives signers a cheap thrill of holiness. But who wants to hang around the self-righteous? Yawn.

An inability to grasp irony is key proof that a vision is boring. This campaign presents us with a human rights group—we note: a human rights group—trying to silence the opinions of a minority group in the name of Diversity. Now that's comedy that can't be bought for ready money.

The dogmatic directive "Not in Our Town" is not exactly an invitation to dialogue or a celebration of difference. It's a blocking of the ears. "Not in Our Town" means shut-up, shut-up, go away. Only the most austere human rights group could pull that off with a straight face. As Oscar Wilde said, "A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal." Secularism used to be a little more fun than this.

**Guard Your Children from the Humorless**

We worry that this dullness of life will spread throughout our region. Without a check on this, infants, too, will soon wag their fingers like prairie school mams, and high schoolers will fail to get punch lines. Parents should pay special attention to each signature on the "Not in Our Town" petition and not allow these people to attempt comedy near their children.

We understand the campaign's burden. Many of us are recovering Darwinists ourselves. We remember how naturally humorless Darwinism is, what with its core values of survival, domination, subjugation, force, and infomercials. Darwinists have such a sordid history of violence that for them to defend human rights is like Grizzly bears promising to defend salmon.

**Triumphing Over Pettiness**

We wish it were as easy as saying lighten up, get a life. But sin and guilt make people do weird and tragic things. We don't say these things as personal taunts but rather as a call to repentance—the living God summons us away from this soul-deadening dullness of life (Matt. 13:15). Sin is a deceptive web of excuses that we use to block out the profound joy at the heart of the Christian God, that most intriguing, unpredictable, and fascinating God. Secularism offers only pettiness and resentment.

Jesus Christ said He came to give life and to give it abundantly (John 10:10). The path to life involves an odd reversal: life comes through trusting in the person and sacrifice of Christ on the cross, the removal of the prisonhouse of sin from our lives. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, the Christian gospel becomes, "Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already accepted your works" (Eccl. 9:7).

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# ARGONAUT SPORTS & REC

## Northwest newspapers: UI will hire USC's Holt as football coach

BY BRENNAN GAUSE  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Defense wins games, and apparently the University of Idaho has decided to follow this mantra by switching from an offensive-minded coach to one with more of a defensive mentality.

The Spokesman-Review and the Lewiston Morning Tribune both reported Thursday that UI has offered the Vandal football head coach position to University of Southern California linebackers coach Nick Holt.

Neither UI nor Holt has officially confirmed the decision, but The Spokesman-Review has reported that Holt said he (and his wife Julie) will

make a decision regarding the position after USC's final regular-season game Saturday. Official word may come as late as Monday.

While new to the head coach position, Holt will not be new to Idaho. Fans may remember him from the early to middle '90s, when he was an assistant coach for the Vandals.

Holt came to UI after assisting at UNLV from 1987-89. In 1990 Holt accepted an assistant position at UI and continued to be a part of the football staff through 1997, spending his last four years as defensive coordinator.

Holt moved into a position behind former UI coach John L. Smith at Louisville from 1998-2000, coaching the defensive line before spending his last

three years at USC, the last two under former NFL coach Pete Carroll.

The Trojans are currently ranked No. 2 in the nation and are in contention for a spot in the national championship game.

Holt will come in to replace Tom Cable, who is on contract with UI through mid-January but was told prior to the end of the season his contract would not be renewed.

Cable ended his UI coaching career with an 11-35 record over four years. UI interim athletic director Rob Spear said assistant coaches will have the opportunity to reapply for their jobs under the new coach.

With Holt's help, the USC defense has played a major role in the Trojans' 10-1

record. While they are ranked 21st in total defense, their run defense is second best in the nation.

Meanwhile, UI's run defense is currently ranked 108th out of 117 Division I-A teams.

The Vandals' final rushing defense statistics on the season were not very good. On 539 carries they gave up 2,601 yards (4.83 yards per carry) and 29 touchdowns. In comparison, USC's defense has currently given up seven touchdowns on 675 yards (354 carries, 1.91 yards per game).

Darrel Dickey, coach at Sun Belt counterpart North Texas, appeared to be the first choice for UI, but he dropped out of the running early this week after deciding to stay with the Mean Green.

Along with Holt, TCU assistant coach Kasey Dunn, Baylor offensive coordinator Brent Pease and Utah assistant coach Brent Myers were all considered for the position.

Spear was in Salt Lake City on Tuesday conducting interviews of Dunn, Holt and Myers. According to Thursday's Spokesman-Review, Dunn said he received a call from UI officials Wednesday informing him he was no longer in consideration.

Myers is still considered the second choice if Holt changes his mind, according to the article.

Julie Holt was the UI women's basketball coach from 1994-98 and is presently the coach at Los Angeles Harbor junior college.

## Vandals hope to rebound after rough start

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

After three straight losses the University of Idaho men's basketball team is trying to regroup before facing in-state rival Boise State on Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

The losses to Gonzaga and Montana State over Thanksgiving break dropped the Vandals to 1-3 so far this season. Coach Leonard Perry said he hopes the losses will drop the Vandals back to earth.

"Leading up to Saturday's game, we had a really poor week of practice," Perry said. "I could see it coming as early as Monday. We never got out of that funk in practice. I think our team

thinks it's pretty good and thinks that it can turn it on when it needs to, and we can't do it. We're not that good."

"We definitely need to regroup," senior forward Rashaad Powell said. "We're not near where we need to be or where we want to be."

Perry said he didn't think his players were overconfident, but are still trying to find a comfort zone in games and with each other.

"I don't know if they think they've arrived, I just think that they think they're pretty good players," Perry said. "Which is a good thing. I don't want

them to think that they're bad. You don't become good without paying the price, and we haven't paid the price as a team ... this group has not faced adversity together, and that's one of the reasons we made the schedule as tough as we made it."

After a full week of practice to prepare for the Broncos, the players are being worked hard to mend any broken fences.

"It's been a lot more intense," Powell said of the sessions. "I think guys are really starting to focus now. With the losses hitting us and being 1-3, we know how intense we have to be now."

Saturday's game is the first of two meetings between the Vandals and Boise State this season, with the second match coming exactly a week after the first on Dec. 13 at the BSU Pavilion. The Broncos are currently 2-1 with wins over Portland and Eastern Oregon but lost their first game of the season Tuesday in a 75-69 loss to BYU.

But the Broncos have featured a balanced scoring attack that currently has four players averaging in double figures, thanks in part to its 113-67 drubbing of Eastern Oregon.

As a former Vandal player, the rivalry game still holds a lot of meaning for Perry, especially

**BASKETBALL, see Page B6**



Senior Dwayne Williams shoots for the basket while senior Rashaad Powell tries to block Thursday evening during practice in the Cowan Spectrum.

DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

*So much time,  
so little to rag on*

You know the feeling of wanting to go out and play a game of basketball with a group of friends, but realizing that they have all left for a vacation and you don't know what to do? That's kind of what I have been going

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Sports & Rec editor



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through the last couple weeks. Ever since the end of the football season, I have abruptly run out of good ideas for a column.

It seems every time I write one of these the last couple of years, it has been to bash on the University of Idaho football team. What can I say; I like to take cheap shots at the Vandals.

It's not that I want to be critical of the team, but I just can't

help myself. The Vandals have just been too easy of a target over the last three years, and if I can't voice my opinion as a student and a fan, who can?

But I digress. Over the last two weeks, since the Vandals last took the field, I've been short on topics to rant about.

Sure, there is the whole thing about a new head football coach coming to UI that I could speculate about, but from what I hear that is about wrapped up anyhow. And then there is the poor start by the UI men's basketball team, and vice versa fortunes for the women's squad, but their seasons are just too young for me to get into a deep discussion about them. So that leaves me with just one option ... yep, you guessed it, football.

UI prides itself on the desire to be a football school, so taking a sock in the gut shouldn't hurt too much. But the fact that UI considers itself a football school deserves a little crude humor.

Again, I digress (I should get a job as a professor). Now all I have to talk about is postseason awards, of which the Vandals pulled down a couple... good job boys.

Which brings me to another point; why the heck didn't Brian Lindgren get any accolades for his season? I mean, the guy threw for 2,077 yards and finished with 500 more passing yards, two more touchdowns and a better passing percentage than the guy who won Sun Belt first-team honors, and that's with sparse playing time for half the season. Is this just wrong, or is it me?

Anyway, good job to Zach Gerstner, the Sun Belt first-team running back. He looked unstoppable most games this season, with more than 1,100 yards and nearly 100 yards per game. I would bet that's the first time in a long time that has happened (in 2000 Willie Alderson finished with 1,245 yards — it seemed like a long time, anyway).

Dang, I fell off topic again. Somebody needs to stop me from doing this.

So now all we football fanatics have is the off-season to look forward to, and that means recruiting rumors, new coaches and players to get to know, spring football in a few months and then the long summer with nothing but baseball to hold me over until next fall. It seems so long away, it almost hurts.

That brings another thought: What about the merits of ballet during the off-season? Hey, I heard it worked for Refrigerator Perry and Lawrence Taylor, that is until food and cocaine got in their way. But what could be better than more agile and nimble football players? Plus I'm sure their girlfriends wouldn't mind, either.

I guess instead of writing bad things about the UI football team, I can start picking on the golf or tennis teams. That might be just what I need to get through the long off-season. While I'll miss the weekly opportunity to hit the Vandals where it hurts, I should be able to diversify to others enough to get through this tough time.

Besides, I remember what I used to do as a kid when my friends were out of town: go and beat up on my sisters.

**WOMEN, see Page B6**

## Women's basketball starts strong with 4-0 record

BY JAKE RÖBLEE  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho women's basketball team on Wednesday chalked up its fourth straight victory, downing Eastern Washington 80-75 in the waning seconds with key free throws from junior Heather Thaelke and true freshman Leilani Mitchell to finish off the hosting Eagles in Cheney.

"It feels awesome to be 4-0 because this was such a competitive game," UI coach Mike Divilbiss said. "When you can come out on top of a game like this it always feels great. I believe the best way to show respect to your opponent is to play your hearts out, and both teams definitely did that tonight."

The four-game win streak is the Vandals' best start since they won four of the first five in 1991, and it is their first four-game winning streak to start the season since 1989.

In their most recent victory, and for that matter the entire season thus far, the Vandals were not led by one of their four returning players from a year ago, but by the new faces on the team.

Sophomore transfer Emily Faurholt and Mitchell have been guiding the UI offense this season, and Wednesday was no exception as the tandem teamed



**WOMEN (4-0)**

**Next games**

- Boise State  
Sunday,  
6:30 p.m. PST  
BSU Pavilion
- Idaho State  
Dec. 13, 7 p.m.  
Memorial Gym

Mitchell and where her focus lies.

"We're just playing and her team is winning; that's all that she cares about," Divilbiss said. "Leilani is all about the team. All of these kids ... are about the

up for 49 of the team's 80 total points. So far this season Faurholt is averaging 24.3 points a game to lead the conference and Mitchell is No. 2 in the conference with 20.8 points a game; they're the only two players in the Big West who are averaging more than 20 points per outing.

"Emily is a hell of a player; she is a warhorse," Divilbiss said. "I have wanted her to play for me since she was in ninth grade ... and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that she is a kid that you want to build a program around."

When asked about Mitchell, Divilbiss responded by explaining the selflessness of

team. They don't care, not one of them gives a rip, and not one kid has asked me for a stat sheet, not one."

But Mitchell and Faurholt are not the only reasons for the tremendous play of the Vandals. After two injuries that knocked down sophomore Autumn Fielding for 4-6 weeks in the preseason and freshman Tacey Westbrook for the remainder of the season with a blown-out ACL in the first game, all the players have had to step up in different ways.

"We have been challenged early with some injuries," Mitchell said. "There are some people who are being asked to play who maybe wouldn't play as much as they are, or their role has changed, and I think that they have done a really good job."

The entire team has been able to bounce back and some players have been able to come off the bench to fill some big shoes for the Vandals. Freshmen Karly Felton and Emily Halliday have both stepped into larger roles as either starters or solid bench substitutes for the team this year, and both have performed very well.

"Karly and Emily have stepped up and played



# Sun Belt expansion could foster other changes

BY NATHAN JERKE  
SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Sun Belt commissioner Wright Waters announced Thursday the addition of Florida Atlantic University to the league, a change that will slowly take place over the next three years.

The addition is only the latest in a year full of moves in and out of the Sun Belt Conference that extend from south Florida all the way to the farthest outpost, the University of Idaho.

Last spring the Sun Belt announced the addition of Troy State as a full-time member beginning in 2004, followed by the membership of Utah State and UI in 2005. The addition of UI at the time was contingent upon the plan of the league to move toward a western division that included UI, USU, New Mexico State and the University of Denver, but those plans fell through as soon as USU and NMS accepted invitations to join the Western Athletic Conference beginning in the fall of 2005.

The latest expansion in both leagues is bad news for UI as the Sun Belt has shown to be making moves to the east of its New Orleans-based headquarters rather than to the west, where schools like UI and the University of Denver sit out on an island.

Waters said in Thursday's teleconference that as the realignment process continues to unfold, he expects many of the schools in the Sun Belt to concentrate on moving to a more regionally based conference.

"So as the western schools migrate out of the Central time zone into a league that will no longer be a Central time zone league, it allows us to look geographically at a much tighter fit for our league," Waters said. "But definitely the ability to move to the Southeast is something that's been our ambition."

As of now, the future of UI looks to be in question as the final moves

in conference realignment play out.

Plans for any further WAC expansion — seemingly the only option for UI to be part of a regional Division I-A conference — have been put on hold as the league officials wait for further moves by other conferences. UI, however, looks to be one of few schools that will be considered if the WAC does choose to expand.

"I still think you're going to see some more conference movement out west, and I think you'll see Idaho as part of that movement," Waters said.

The shake-up of conference realignment started last summer as the Atlantic Coast Conference chose to pursue schools based in the Big East. The University of Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College all accepted invitations to the ACC, setting in motion expansion in many other conferences, including the Big East, Conference USA, the WAC and now the Sun Belt.

There is a pause in the national shift at this time as rumors abound about what Texas Christian University will do after its season is over. According to various reports, the school could join the Mountain West Conference if given an invitation. The Mountain West has also been reported to be considering WAC members Boise State, Fresno State and Hawaii as potential additions; the movement of any of these could open a spot in the WAC for UI.

UI interim athletic director Rob Spear could not be reached for comment on any possible moves by UI or the WAC, but assistant athletic director Becky Paul said she has not heard about any changes from the current conference alignment.

Nevertheless, changes are still a possibility for UI as much as they are for many other schools throughout the country. But the question of when further changes are to happen is still the biggest mystery.

## SPORTSBRIEFS

### Vandals garner postseason honors

UI senior tailback Zach Gerstner capped his Vandal career with first-team all-Sun Belt Conference honors; the awards were announced Tuesday. Joining Gerstner in receiving all-conference recognition with second-team honors were senior offensive tackle Jake Scott, senior center Matt Martinez, senior tight end Mike McCoy, senior defensive end Brian Howard and senior cornerback Roderick Bryant.

Gerstner finished the 2003 season with the seventh-best rushing season in UI history with 1,157 yards. His 256 carries rank third all-time on the single-season list. He made a similar impact on the career lists with his career rushing total of 2,081 eighth, the best in UI history.

Gerstner finished with 558 all-purpose rushing plays, which is fifth all-time, and his 2,891 all-purpose rushing yards are eighth-best all-time.

Paving the way for Gerstner were Scott and Martinez. This is Scott's second all-conference honor in his four years as a starter.

McCoy had 32 receptions in 2003, which tied him for second on the team with Gerstner. His 478 yards were second on the team.

Howard had the highest number of tackles for a defensive lineman in the Sun Belt. He finished the 2003 season with 80, third best for the Vandals.

He also had a team-high 11 tackles-for-loss, six quarterback hurries and two pass breakups. Bryant wrapped up his career with 40 tackles and two interceptions. He also had four pass breakups.

### 2003 Sun Belt Football All-Conference teams

\* = unanimous pick

#### First team

##### Offense

Offensive Line: Andy Brewster, Jr., North Texas; Kimani Jones, Sr., Arkansas State; \*Steve Subia, Jr., New Mexico State; Brandon Westbrook, Sr., Middle Tennessee State; \*Nick Zuniga, Sr., North Texas, Tight End: Chris Cooley, Sr., Utah State, Wide Receivers: \*Fred Stamps, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette; Kerry Wright, Jr., Middle Tennessee State, Quarterback: Scott Hall, Jr., North Texas Running Backs: \*Patrick

Cobbs, Jr., North Texas; Zach Gerstner, Sr., Idaho.

##### Defense

Defensive Line: Adrian Awason, Jr., North Texas; John Bradley, Sr., Arkansas State; Antonio Floyd, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette; \*Brandon Kennedy, Sr., North Texas Linebackers: Les Echols, Sr., Arkansas State; Chris Hurd, Sr., North Texas; Cody Spencer, Sr., North Texas Defensive Backs: Jonas Buckles, Jr., North Texas; \*Johnathan Burke, Sr., Arkansas State; Chris Harris, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe; \*Craig Jones, Sr., North Texas.

##### Special teams

Kicker: Sean Comiskey, So., Louisiana-Lafayette, Punter: Joel Stelly, So., Louisiana-Monroe, Return Specialist: Charles Estes, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe, All-Purpose: David Fiefla, Sr., Utah State.

##### Second team

##### Offense

Offensive Line: D'Anthony Batiste, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette; Bruce Hampton, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe; Trevor Hutton, Sr., Utah State; Matt Martinez, Sr., Idaho; Jake Scott, Sr., Idaho, Tight End: Mike McCoy, Sr., Idaho, Wide Receivers: Ronshay Jenkins, Sr., New Mexico State; Mack Vincent, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe, Quarterback: Travis Cox, Jr., Utah State, Running Backs: David Fiefla, Sr., Utah State; Kevin Payne, Fr., Louisiana-Monroe.

##### Defense

Defensive Line: Brian Howard, Sr., Idaho; Ronald Tupea, Jr., Utah State; Demetrius Walker, Sr., Middle Tennessee; Corey Williams, Sr., Arkansas State, Linebackers: Taylor Casey, Sr., North Texas; Maurice Sonnier, Sr., Louisiana-Monroe; Robert Watts, Jr., Utah State, Defensive Backs: C.C. Brown, Jr., Louisiana-Lafayette; Rod Bryant, Sr., Idaho; Terrance Washington, Fr., Utah State; Michael Woods, Sr., Middle Tennessee.

##### Special teams

Kicker: Brian Kelly, Sr., Middle Tennessee, Punter: Brad Kadlubar, Jr., North Texas, Return Specialist: David Fiefla, Sr., Utah State, All-Purpose: Ronshay Jenkins, Sr., New Mexico State.

Player of the Year: Brandon Kennedy, DT, Sr., North Texas.

Offensive Player of the Year: Patrick Cobbs, RB, Jr., North Texas.

Defensive Player of the Year: Chris Hurd, LB, Sr., North Texas.

Newcomer of the Year: Aubrey Dorisimo, DL, Jr., New Mexico State.

Freshman of the Year: Kevin Payne, RB, Fr., Louisiana-Monroe.

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey,

North Texas.

### Utah State's Brown hands out career high in assists

USU Senior Mark Brown earned Big West Player of the Week honors after playing a prominent role in Utah State's victories over Weber State and Illinois State.

The 5-foot-10 guard averaged 15.5 points, 7.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game as the Aggies defeated the Wildcats 66-60 and the Redbirds 89-84. He shot 53.3 (8-for-15) percent from the field and 87.5 (14-for-16) percent from the free-throw line.

### UCSB's Taylor breaks team career blocks record

UC Santa Barbara senior center Lindsay Taylor was named Big West women's basketball Player of the Week. Taylor helped the Gauchos to victories over Arizona and Illinois, scoring 23 and 20 points, respectively. She also blocked five shots in the two games, giving her 182 for her career, which is most in school history.

Taylor's career blocks total ranks ninth all-time in Big West history. For the week she averaged 21.5 points on 15 of 25 shooting, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks.

### Waterfowl bands will be reported

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## SPORTS CALENDAR

### SATURDAY

UI men's basketball vs. Boise State, 6:30 p.m., Cowan Spectrum.

### SUNDAY

UI women's basketball vs. Boise State, 7 p.m. MST, BSU Pavilion.

### TUESDAY

UI men's basketball vs. University of Great Falls, 7 p.m., Cowan Spectrum.

### THURSDAY

Outdoor Program: avalanche workshop class session, 7 p.m., Student Recreation Center.

Note: Outdoor Program — For more information, call the office at 885-6810.

Sports calendar items must be submitted in writing or e-mailed to [arg\\_sports@sub.uidaho.edu](mailto:arg_sports@sub.uidaho.edu) by Sunday or Wednesday before publication. Items must include a date, deadline or some other kind of time element.



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Cale Wingfield of Puck It! moves the ball away from competition during Wednesday night's competitive floor hockey game. Puck It! won the game 6-4.

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# The pucks stop here as intramural hockey season ends Wednesday

BY BETSY DALESSIO  
ASSISTANT S&R EDITOR

The Student Recreation Center was full of action Wednesday night as the intramural co-rec floor hockey teams vied for titles in both the recreational and competitive divisions.

In the competitive division, team Puck It! challenged the Big Sticks for the championship. Puck It! opened the first of two 15-minute halves with a pair of quick goals from brothers Cale and Ryan Wingfield. Ryan recorded two points as he also assisted Cale's goal.

Stellar defense from the Big Stick women kept the score at 2-0 despite a great effort from the Wingfield brothers on offense. Puck It! scored a third goal later in the first half that was quickly answered by the teamwork of Tammy Stowe and Jay Clark to bring the score to 3-1 with just three minutes left in the first half.

Ryan Wingfield used the last minute of the first half to capitalize on Puck It!'s lead as he scored the final goal, unassisted, to end the half. The second half was played with a greater intensity as neither team scored in the first

eight minutes of play. Clark finally broke through for the Big Sticks, but was quickly answered by a textbook give and go by the Wingfield brothers to bring the score to 5-2 in favor of Puck It!.

Big Stick's Karl Hefter's aggressive play lived things up a bit with back-to-back goals within 20 seconds of each other, bringing his team within one.

But in the end Puck It! sealed its lead in the last minute with another goal and captured the competitive division championship, 6-4.

"This is a great way for us to play hockey," Ryan Wingfield said. "We love intramurals; this rec center is awesome."

Puck It! finished the season 7-0 after defeating the Hooligans and Cool Breeze to advance to the finals.

"This is a great time to have fun with your friends," Cale Wingfield said. "We have had the same core group of people playing for four years and we won the championship last year, too."

In the recreational division, team Olesen 2 took on the Savages of the College of Natural Resources residence hall.

Defense kept the score low in the first half of play as the Savages' Jesse Davis and Stephen Crawford scored the only two goals of the half.

Olesen opened the second half with a quick unassisted goal by Nate Auth. Mark Valencia stepped up to the challenge and scored after the Olesen goalkeeper blocked his shot and accidentally kicked the puck in. Cale Valentine answered right back for Olesen 2 to bring the score to 3-2, Savages.

The Savages keeper made a great save to keep the score down with four minutes to play in the second half. Crawford then, on a breakaway, took out the Olesen goalie, knocked his helmet off and pummeled into him to score the Savages' final goal of the game.

Phillip O'Conner scored for Olesen 2 with 20 seconds left to play, but it was too little too late as the Savages hung on to win the championship, 4-3.

"We worked hard all season," said David Beatley, College of Natural Resources residence hall president. "It finally paid off."

## BASKETBALL

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since he has never defeated the Broncos during his tenure as the UI coach. He also said he isn't sure BSU coach Greg Graham understands the rivalry as well as he does.

"To be honest with you, does it (not beating Boise State) stick in my craw? Yeah it does," he said. "I think someone asked him (Graham) last year if he understood the rivalry and he said, 'Yeah, I know all about the black and yellow.' So he didn't mean any harm, but I don't think he understands this rivalry the way people that graduated from Boise State and Idaho do. I'm sure he's enjoying the wins; it's probably just not as personal to him as it is to me."

Powell said he isn't sure some of the guys on his own team understood what the rivalry is all about.

"I've been here for three years and we haven't beaten them, so from a personal standpoint I want to win," Powell said. "Every game is a big game, but I don't think some of the new guys understand how big of a rivalry it is. But I definitely understand after being here, seeing the football games and with basketball,

we haven't won in either of those so it would be nice to be the group that gets them."

Point guard Dandrick Jones will be one of the newcomers playing in his first BSU game. After struggling in the first three games, Jones may have finally found his groove in the loss to Montana State. He tied for the team high in scoring with 20 points and also led the way with four assists. The Vandals could use a similar performance from him against Boise State.

"I think it took me a couple of games to get used to playing Division I basketball, but I got comfortable and got going early, and that helped me a little bit (against MSU)," he said. "In junior college I was more a scoring point guard, I was used to getting myself involved before my teammates, and now I'm trying to get everyone else involved and still trying to get my shot off."

The game will tip off at Cowan Spectrum at 6:30 p.m. rather than the regular starting time, in order to help BSU avoid a radio broadcast overlap with the Bronco football game.

The game will be broadcast live on the Palouse on 104.3 FM KHTR.

## WOMEN

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some great defense," Faurholt said. "Halliday hit some big shots, eight points in a couple games, and has done a really nice job for us."

The returning Vandal starters, Taylor Benson and Heather Thoeke, have provided solid leadership and stability to the young team. The two average 10.5 and 11.8 points per game, respectively. But even though the starters are performing well on offense, they are also getting the job done on defense and with ball distribution. Mitchell leads the conference in assists with a solid eight per game.

"This is by far the best team that we have had here," said Benson, a senior captain. "We have had a completely different team here every time and completely different expectation every year. This has definitely been the most fun I've had playing basketball while here at school."

Aside from being dominant on the floor on both ends of the court, the team is outplaying its opponents and seeming to

have fun while it does it. The team is clicking both on and off the court.

And it does not hurt that four of the team's starters (Mitchell, Fielding, Faurholt and Thoeke) attended the same high school. But all of those girls were at one time members of the same Washington state championship girl's basketball team. The team had a 56-game unbeaten streak. All of those girls were under the tutelage of current UI assistant coach Debbie Roueche, who joined Divilbiss at UI three years ago.

"I think that we are coming along really well," Benson said. "I think that we are improving really fast. I think that we have a long way to go still. But I think we are playing really well together and for so early in the season I think that is a really good sign, and the young people are stepping up really well and we're just having a really good time."

As for the Vandals, they will be putting their four-game unbeaten streak to the test against perennial rival Boise State University at the BSU Pavilion. UI's second straight road game will start at 2 p.m. Sunday in Boise.



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