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## Engineering dean's contract will not be renewed after school year

BY NATE POPPINO  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The College of Engineering dean will step down at the end of the academic year after being told his contract will not be renewed.

David Thompson, who will have served as dean for five years, will return to teaching mechanical engineering within the college.

"I have tenure and so I will simply go back to teaching," Thompson said.

Thompson said he is proud of

what he has accomplished during his time as dean, including tripling research expenditures and achieving a 66 percent recruitment rate of graduate students. Though he does not know why his contract was not renewed, he said he is sure performance issues are not the problem.

"Compared to deans from all over the country and here, what I've pulled off is pretty impressive," Thompson said. "There has to be some other factor."

Thompson also said deans serve at the will of the president

and provost and can therefore be dismissed for no cause.

UI Provost Brian Pitcher said he would not talk about why Thompson's contract was not renewed, saying it was a "personnel matter" and "a matter for the president, provost and dean to discuss."

Pitcher also said he is beginning to work out the details of finding Thompson's replacement.

"First we have to decide when to start the process," Pitcher said. "We anticipate we will probably appoint an acting dean until the search occurs."

Thompson's announcement follows a similar announcement regarding assistant ceramics professor Glenn Grishkoff. UI faculty and staff are upset with the recent decisions and have offered support to both Thompson and Grishkoff. A rally was held for Grishkoff several weeks ago and many faculty protested both decisions at the Faculty Council meeting Dec. 2.

"I think the faculty reaction has been spectacular," Thompson said. "I'm very proud of my faculty and staff for their accomplishments, but I'm equally proud of

their support of me."

Computer science professor Robert Rinker said Thompson's announcement took most of the faculty by surprise.

"Deer in headlights' is how it seemed for most people," Rinker said.

Rinker also said many of the faculty are not as upset with the fact that Thompson is stepping down as they are with the way the university handled the situation.

"The rank-and-file faculty haven't heard anything," Rinker said. "We've had no input, no rea-

sons."

Despite the controversy, Thompson is looking forward to teaching again.

"That situation is quite some distance away, so I'm not sure what I will teach, but I am looking forward to it," Thompson said. "Teaching is how I started my career."

Thompson said he has a few ideas regarding what he would like to teach.

"I wrote a book about design analysis I'd like to teach out of," Thompson said. "It's typically an advanced graduate level class."

## UI research team goes to Antarctica, monitors satellite

BY KATIE WHITTIER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

A four-man research team led by Von P. Walden of the University of Idaho Department of Geography traveled to Antarctica during the Thanksgiving break to follow up on previous research.

It is Walden's second trip to the South Pole following a similar visit last year. He is joined by graduate student Lance Roth, research scientist Bradley Halter and a scientist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"I am extremely lucky to have the opportunity to travel to Antarctica as it fulfills one of my many dreams," Roth said in a Nov. 19 press release. "I would compare this adventure to traveling to the moon. I am also happy to be able to gain field experience and work with many of the world's greatest scientists in such an extreme environment."

Geography graduate student Brian Harshburger said the daily temperature at Dome Concordia Antarctic Station, where the team resides, varies between -20 and -40 degrees Celsius. Currently it is summer and the sun never sets.

"I'm currently in McMurdo, Antarctica. We've been sitting in a blizzard for the last two days, waiting to get to our field site," Walden wrote in a Dec. 1 e-mail.

"It's like being on a different planet in a lot of ways," Walden said in an interview with the Associated Press. "It's an extreme environment. You have to be very careful of the weather. It's a real challenge to do field work under those conditions."

The expedition will check the accuracy of the Atmospheric Infrared Sounder satellite, Harshburger said. AIRS is a NASA project that flies aboard an earth-observing system satellite, according to the AP.

The expedition will measure infrared radiation from the snow's surface. Those measurements will then be compared to

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## UI names Holt next football coach

BY NATHAN JERKE  
SPORTS & REC EDITOR



Nick Holt speaks after being named football coach at a press conference Monday afternoon at Cowan Spectrum.

The University of Idaho named its 31st head football coach in the history of the University of Idaho Monday afternoon as University of Southern California linebackers coach Nick Holt officially accepted the position.

More than 100 people filed into the Cowan Spectrum at the Kibbie Dome to watch as interim athletic director Rob Spear and acting President Gary Michael announced the decision that brings Holt back to UI, where he spent six years coaching early in his career.

"I'm really fired up to be back here in Moscow," Holt said as he took the podium. "I'm so excited to be a Vandal and we got to get this thing going. I'm going to need all your help. It's going to be a tough job and I don't know how long it's going to take for us to win a conference championship, but we're going to do it."

Holt, who coached at UI from 1990-1997 and was defensive coordinator from '94-'97, has coached linebackers for the last three years under former NFL coach Pete Carroll at USC and spent three years with former UI head coach John L. Smith at Louisville from 1998-2000.

Spear said Holt possesses all the qualities the search committee was looking for when the university announced the search for a new coach after the Nov. 22 win over Utah State. Spear said the search committee focused on five areas that they wanted in the new coach: experience in a proven system; recruiting ties to the Northwest; a minimum of coordinator experience; the capability to put together a great staff of assistant coaches; and ability to energize the program and the football community.

"It wasn't easy, it was exhausting, but it was comprehensive," Spear said. "We did a great job with the process. It was so comprehensive that President Michael said he bought and sold \$20 million companies faster than we did this football job. But I told him that those things weren't as important as this football hire."

UI has signed Holt to a four-year, \$200,000 per year contract that is still up for review by the State Board of Education.

"I was very happy at USC," he said. "But I love this place; I love the people here. I think it's a very special place. ... It wasn't a hard decision when it came down to it," Holt said. "There was no question when I sat down and looked at the pros and cons. This is a great opportunity for me, so it was an easy decision."

Holt isn't sure how the next month is going to work out as he is still, technically, a coach at USC. Making things even more complicated is the fact that the Trojans are going to the Rose Bowl; he is not sure whether or not he will coach in the game.

"I think it's important to some of the kids that I coach that I stay there for the next month and coach them," he said. "If it doesn't work out that is fine with me and I'll just devote my energies here 100 percent. But I would like the opportunity to coach in the Rose Bowl and possibly for a national championship."

Holt won out over a group of assistant coaches from around the country, including TCU assistant coach Kasey Dunn, Baylor offensive coordinator Brent Pease and Utah assistant coach Brent Myers. There were few questions for the search committee that consisted of Spear, Michael and UI alumni Wayne Walker and Bob Cowan when looking at the possibilities.

"In corporate America, the six people we interviewed, I would hire all six," Michael said. "It's fun to see how committed they are to make a program successful and I'm pleased today to be part of this program. ... I think I'm going to put not in my resume but in my obituary that I'm the guy that hired Nick Holt that brought the University of Idaho back to prominence."

The biggest question mark for the new coach is his future staff.

"Some of these guys are coming from different parts of the country, they have families, they're in good positions themselves, they have good jobs and what I'm selling is myself and

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## Mentoring program searches for participants on both ends

BY TARA KARR  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Women's Community Coalition is kicking off its women's mentoring program tonight with a holiday social for potential mentors and people who want to be mentored.

The social will be from 4-6 p.m. in the Women's Center lounge and will include food, music and an orientation to the mentoring program.

Lee Fortunato, an assistant professor of microbiology, molecular biology and biochemistry, is the adviser for WCC. She said she has been involved in mentoring programs before and expects the holiday social to be a chance for everyone to get together and share their ideas for this mentoring program. Attendees of the social will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about their interests and what they would like to get from the program, Fortunato said.

Members of the WCC have been preparing and planning for the mentoring program over

the past few months, said WCC chair Dianne Mallory, a graduate student in neuroscience.

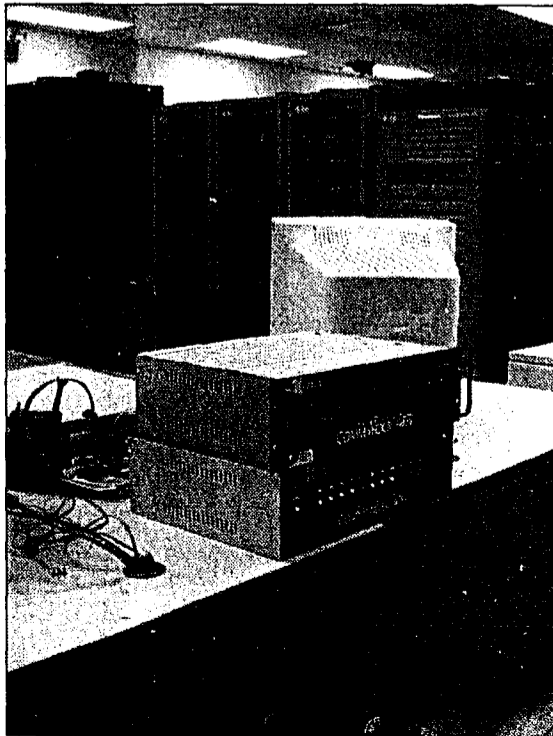
"We just saw a need for a very casual and personal mentoring relationship between women in the community," Mallory said. She said members of WCC hope the program will help build relationships between women who may not have developed independently.

Mallory said one goal is to help undergraduate women who are having difficulty adjusting to college.

"Increasing retainage of freshman and sophomores is a serious concern for the university overall," she said. "[Mentoring] might be one small piece of the puzzle that would help the problem."

Kari Galloway, director of the Women's Center, said people who are interested in being mentored do not necessarily have to be struggling in classes or confused about their future. She said a mentor can be a person with more experience or a peer. Mentors and the people being mentored can be students,

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The UI computer network has recently been hit with multiple attacks.

## UI network attacks weave tangled Web

BY NATE POPPINO  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho computer network is experiencing more Denial-of-Service attacks this semester in a rising trend that corresponds with more attacks on the World Wide Web.

"Six months ago we were having maybe one attack per month," said Tony Opheim, the associate director in charge of Networks and Systems.

"Now we are having between two and four each month," he said. Opheim could not say how effective the attacks are, due to security considerations.

A Denial-of-Service attack occurs when groups of computers are used to send large amounts of data to one point on a network. If the network cannot handle all the data, it crashes.

There are two categories of attacks that take place on campus, Opheim said. The first is an attack targeting the campus. This is the most serious kind as it directly affects students and cannot be stopped by the university once it begins. In this situation ITS must call the university's service provider, Pacific Northwest Gigapop, and ask to solve the problem.

"Since the source of the attack is the outside world, we can't do anything without unplugging the entire campus," Opheim

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CAPSULE FROM THE ARGONAUT ARCHIVES

From the Dec. 9, 1933, edition:  
Students at the university may not believe in Santa Claus, but they hold dear their campus Christmas and traditional carol singing.  
Each year, a week or two preceding the Holiday vacation, a stately fir tree near the center of the campus is decorated with hundreds of colored electric lights and topped with a shining white star. On clear winter evenings the lighted tree is visible for miles. ...  
It was around this tree that the tradition of singing Christmas carols originated many years ago at the suggestion of Miss Permeal J. French, Idaho's dean of women. This unusual college custom has survived the inroads of time and modern sophistication. Students still turn out on a designated Sunday evening before they leave for their homes to hear a group of carol singers. Quite often the entire audience sings such old favorites as "Silent Night, Holy Night," remembering remarkably well the words handed down from one student generation to the next.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1 Slender woodwind  
5 Ray of "Battle Cry"  
9 Riga populace  
14 Ramble  
15 Dinner course  
16 Aromas  
17 Vegetable with a heart  
19 Closet type  
20 Indian jacket style  
21 Punishments  
23 Fighting force  
25 Vow falsely  
26 Water slides  
29 Haphazard  
34 Tiptop  
35 States as a fact  
37 Eastern way  
38 Thick  
40 Start of a refrain  
41 Russian president  
43 Purpose  
44 Shrewd  
47 Blissful cloud  
48 Initiate  
50 Proclamations  
52 Court divider  
53 One of the Baldwins  
54 Rocket platform  
59 Damp  
63 Confused  
64 Fries or cole slaw, e.g.  
66 Goofy error  
67 Adored one  
68 Jules Verne's captain  
69 Comic David  
70 Went to the bottom  
71 Spoke

DOWN  
1 Algerian seaport  
2 Use a drill  
3 Solemn vow  
4 Abu Dhabi and Dubai  
5 Cinder  
6 Eccentric  
7 John Wayne's nickname  
8 Uncork  
9 Candy on a stick  
10 Revised  
11 Novelist Morrison  
12 Ancestral chart  
13 IRS IDs  
18 Heal  
22 All is lost!  
24 Pub.  
26 Author of "The Plague"  
27 Use a crane  
28 Beneath  
29 Pancake topper  
30 Wannabe ally's test  
31 Top room  
32 Church honorce  
33 Sharpens  
36 Westernmost Aleutian island  
39 Proceed with caution  
42 Mythical creatures  
45 Eve's third

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TODAY  
Partly cloudy  
Hi: 34°  
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WEDNESDAY  
Snow Showers  
Hi: 33°  
Lo: 26°

THURSDAY  
Few snows  
Hi: 32°  
Lo: 22°

CAMPUSCALENDAR

TODAY  
Historic recital series  
Steven Spooner  
School of Music Recital Hall  
12:30 p.m.  
"UI's 2003 Fall Dance Theatre Performance"  
UITV-8 programming  
8 p.m.  
Sept. 11, 2001 documentary  
College of Law Courtroom  
6 p.m.  
"UI Voices"  
UITV-8 programming  
7:30 p.m.  
"UI Martin Forum: America's Role in the World"  
UITV-8 programming  
8 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Assoc. vice provost finalist presentation  
Linda Morris  
Idaho Commons Horizon Room  
9:30 a.m.

Assoc. vice provost finalist presentation  
Lauren Fins  
Idaho Commons Horizon Room  
10:30 a.m.  
Environmental auditing presentations  
SUB Silver Room  
4 p.m.  
Student composers concert  
School of Music Recital Hall  
4:30 p.m.  
Twelve Days of Chemistry  
Renfrew Hall Room 111  
6 and 7:30 p.m.  
CPR refresher course  
Pullman Gladish Community Center  
Room 313  
6 p.m.  
"Arco outreach: Final presentation"  
Education Building Room 103  
6 p.m.  
Symphony orchestra  
University Auditorium  
8 p.m.  
"UI's 2003 Fall Dance Theatre Performance"  
UITV-8 Programming  
8 p.m.

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Red Cross offers CPR refresher course  
Whitman County Red Cross is offering a two-hour CPR refresher course at 6 p.m. Thursday in their office at the Gladish Community Center in Pullman. The class is \$20 and covers CPR for adults, children and infants, depending on the needs of class participants. No First Aid is covered.

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To pre-register, participants may call the office at 332-2304. Those with disabilities should contact the office early to request any special accommodations. The Red Cross will also be holding blood drives at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Gritman Medical Center, 10 a.m. Thursday at Washington State University and 10 a.m. Friday at UI. For more information, contact Denise Ortiz at 332-2304.

Humanities Council grants made available  
The Idaho Humanities Council invites grant proposals from individuals and organizations for consideration. The deadline for grant proposals is Jan. 15 and the staff also recommends prospective applicants submit a rough draft proposal for critique by Dec. 20. The council will consider requests for major and minor grants and Teacher Incentive Grants. IHC staff is available now to discuss ideas for grant proposals with prospective applicants. All prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact IHC staff in advance of the deadline to discuss their project ideas before beginning a proposal. The Council over the years has supported proposals for museum and traveling exhibits, oral history projects, heritage tourism projects, the preservation of historic photo archives, lectures, Chautauqua programs, city-wide reading programs, humanities-focused conferences, research and a variety of projects and programs that inspire community dialogue in the humanities. The council is especially interested in projects that explore diversity issues and encourages dialogue about community issues from a humanities perspective. A listing of recent grant awards, grant guidelines, and other information is posted on the IHC Web site, www.idahohumanities.org. Applications available for MLK Jr. Service Award  
UI and Washington State University are seeking nominations from college students and the Pullman and Moscow community members for the 2004 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Awards. The nomination deadline is Jan. 5, and awards are given to individuals who have embraced and practiced the principles of unity, collective work and responsibility, purpose and self-determination. Recipients must have demonstrated their commitment to racial harmony, equality and equity for all in their activities and in their interaction with others. "The awards are designed to recognize community members who work day to day on social equality and justice. For these people, it's a lifestyle," said Herb

Delaney, chair for the 2004 Dr. Martin Luther King Community Celebration. Winners will be announced Jan. 20 at the 17th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration and Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony and Banquet at 7 p.m. in the Compton Union Building's Carey Ballroom. A nomination form must be completed for each nominee. Forms are available online at www.wsu.edu/MLK/nomination.html and from the WSU Office of Multicultural Student Services, Lighty Student Services Building, Room 190 and the UI Office of Multicultural Affairs, Administration Building, Room 342. To receive a form by mail or fax, call 335-7852 or 885-7716. For more information about the banquet or to reserve a seat, call Delaney at 335-5711 or e-mail delaney@wsu.edu.

UI Landscape Team sets out to protect evergreens  
With the beginning of the Christmas season, the UI Landscape Team is protecting evergreens on the UI campus from being cut down by spraying them with a natural biodegradable repellent that will stay on the trees for about a month. The odor is barely noticeable outside, but if a tree is taken indoors into a warm environment, the smell will be repulsive. Signs will identify various campus sites where trees have been sprayed. For more information, contact facilities at 885-2624.

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## MENTORING

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faculty or staff. The WCC would like to provide opportunities for anyone to have a mentoring relationship, Galloway said.

Fortunato said that though some mentoring relationships might be academic, the pairs can also be involved in different activities. Mallory said those involved can share activities they already enjoy or do every day, like walking the dog or eating lunch.

"Hopefully they'll (also) be creative and do something they've never done before," Mallory said. Galloway suggested skydiving.

Mentoring can also be a way to help people get involved with intellectual activities on campus by attending speeches and discussions, Mallory said.

Sandra Wright, a senior physics major, said she wants to be a mentor to help other women who share her major. She said more women have been coming to the physics department, but there is a high dropout rate across the board. She

said she wants to offer help to both men and women in her department and encourage them to continue in physics despite the difficulty.

Recent graduate Elizabeth Scherling would also like to help women in her field. Scherling was one of only two female chemical engineering majors in her class, and she wants to share the knowledge that women can make an impact on the engineering world.

"I didn't have the privilege of a mentor throughout my college experience," Scherling said. "I've decided that I can fill the gap in someone else's experience."

Sara Bennett, a senior psychology major who also wants to be a mentor, said she is researching how other mentoring programs work to learn about different types of relationships and how to enhance them.

Right now the biggest concern for the women's mentoring program is letting people know it exists, Bennett said.

Mallory said there are already many women interested in being mentors, so the program is primarily looking for people who would like to be mentored.

## ANTARCTICA

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the measurements taken from space by AIRS, according to the Associated Press.

Harshburger said they will also study cloud properties over the Antarctic plateau using radio sounds and weather balloons.

Harshburger said Walden has been working on this project for a long time. This trip is longer than his initial visit and he plans to improve upon his previous studies.

The data collected from the project has not yet been compiled or published due to the "enormous amount of data" accumulated, Harshburger said. However, one of Roth's primary purposes in going to Antarctica is to complete his thesis, which is based on the research. Harshburger said Roth's place on the team was contingent upon nearing the completion of the thesis.

Harshburger said the expe-

dition is being funded by the National Science Foundation.

The station they are working from, which is jointly operated by the French and Italian Antarctic programs, is located at 3,280 feet, according to the press release. It is also about 1,000 miles from the literal South Pole.

According to the AIRS Web site, AIRS was flown into space in 2002 to make highly accurate measurements of temperature, humidity, clouds and surface temperature on a global scale. The data received by AIRS will improve weather prediction, monitor the effects of greenhouse gases and note trends in climate changes and variations.

Although Halter and Roth will stay through January, Walden said he will return to Moscow just after Jan. 1, 2004, to begin teaching next semester.

In the meantime, Harshburger is teaching Walden's meteorology class and may be the most excited of all for Walden's return.

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said. ITS does try to prevent incoming attacks. Opheim said the campus is protected with intrusion detection systems and filters on the routers that reject common hacker attempts. Opheim also said a new firewall is planned for the future.

The second kind of attack is one originating within the UI network and attacking a point outside UI. This can be detected by ITS and can be shut down by the university.

"We normally can stop this kind in a half-hour to two hours," Opheim said.

ITS has more technology at its disposal to stop sources within the university, but small attacks can still go unnoticed. The department monitors every single port connection on campus at all times, but only takes action if a warning is set off.

"A small enough source would not set off our warnings and we would probably not respond," Opheim said.

Opheim said other universities do not monitor all ports.

Opheim and the rest of ITS accept the rise in attacks.

"In general the Internet is becoming more and more a playground for people with too much idle time," Opheim said.

## COACH

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this great atmosphere, this great town of Moscow," Holt said.

Holt said he already has some members of the group lined up and committed to him on the UI staff. He said that within two weeks he hopes to have the group completed.

First on his list is getting to know his new group of players. Holt will try to meet with and get to know as much of the team as possible by the end of the semester and will hold the first team meeting Thursday as he also tries to address his staff, recruiting and the game with USC.

"When you've been doing this for 17 years, your goal in your mind is eventually you want to have your own program," Holt said. "I want to have my own program, I want to run my own show, I want to be my own boss and I want to get it done my own way. So when job opportunities come around you've got to look at those."

## Failure of Mideast plans leads to flurry of proposals

BY WARREN P. STROBEL  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON (KRT) — After three years of virtually nonstop Israeli-Palestinian violence and the failure of traditional diplomacy to stop it, former government officials, religious figures and others have moved to fill the vacuum with a blizzard of unofficial peace proposals.

This "track two" diplomacy reflects a deep despair on both sides of the Middle East conflict that the current drift, if not stopped, could lead to greater disaster for Palestinians and Israelis, current and former diplomats say. It also underscores how

President Bush's "road map" plan has failed to achieve a breakthrough.

The authors of one proposal, the Geneva Accord, which spells out in detail a final settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, will meet Friday with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

While Bush isn't endorsing the initiative, neither he nor his aides want to be seen as throwing cold water on any effort for peace, diplomats said.

The Geneva Accord is unlikely to be adopted as is, since it touches on the most sensitive points of dispute and would entail lengthy negotiations. Palestinian militants and Israeli hardliners

already have denounced the proposals as giveaways to the other side.

A vaguer set of peace principles has been drafted by Sari Nusseibeh, a well-known Palestinian intellectual, and Ami Ayalon, former chief of Israel's internal security service, the Shin Bet. The two have collected 170,000 petitions supporting their principles, which, like the Geneva Accord, call for a land-for-peace compromise.

Other plans are being prepared by several Israeli political parties. This week more than 30 U.S. Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders stepped into the ring, announcing they would mobilize

their constituents to urge greater U.S. involvement in peacemaking.

"It shows there's a lot of frustration on both sides with the absence of any hope," said William Quandt, who helped craft the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt as an aide to President Jimmy Carter.

Bush, when asked about the Geneva plan Thursday, said, "We appreciate people discussing peace. We just want to make sure people understand that the principles to peace are clear."

He repeated his insistence that an end to Palestinian violence is a precondition for peace talks leading to an independent Palestinian state neighboring Israel.

## NATO resists Powell's entreaties for greater role in Iraq

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

BRUSSELS, Belgium (KRT) — Secretary of State Colin Powell on Thursday urged NATO to consider playing a larger role in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, but the alliance declined.

Instead, NATO foreign ministers decided to focus on overcoming problems hampering the expansion of a NATO peacekeeping force in Afghanistan beyond the capital, Kabul, amid a resurgence of attacks by Islamic extremists.

The development was the latest setback to the Bush administration's efforts to expand international involve-

ment in Iraq.

Powell told reporters later that "not one single NATO member ... spoke against the possibility of an expanded role for NATO in Iraq," suggesting that NATO might do more in Iraq in the future.

But the resistance to Powell's call for immediate help underscored some NATO members' disapproval and uncertainty over the U.S.-led occupation and its plan to restore Iraqi self-rule. NATO members France and Germany led international opposition to the U.S. invasion.

NATO decisions are made by consensus.

"The issue of NATO and Iraq is not an isolated one," said a

European diplomat, who requested anonymity because his government is highly critical of U.S. policy on Iraq. "It must take into account the broader situation in Iraq."

France, Germany and other allies are concerned that a U.S.-backed plan to put an interim government in place, by July 1 fails to restore Iraqi sovereignty quickly enough. They also want the United Nations to be given more responsibility for Iraq's political and financial reconstruction.

NATO's reluctance to consider an expanded role in Iraq also reflected a widespread view that the alliance must concentrate on expanding its 5,700-strong peacekeeping force in

Afghanistan before the growing instability threatens the government of interim President Hamid Karzai.

"We've got to get Afghanistan right first," said a senior NATO official who declined to be further identified. "You can't fail at two missions or do two half-baked missions."

In his address to the North Atlantic Council, NATO's decision-making body, Powell didn't formally request that NATO

expand its role in Iraq beyond the logistical support it now provides to a multinational division led by Poland.

But he made it clear that the Bush administration is anxious for help in halting attacks that are threatening its goal of building a stable democracy and allowing most of the 130,000 U.S. troops to leave Iraq as quickly as possible.

"The United States welcomes a greater NATO role in Iraq's stabilization," Powell

said. "We urge the alliance to examine how it might do more to support peace and stability in Iraq, which every leader has acknowledged is critical to all of us."

NATO Secretary-General Lord George Robertson said that ideas for a larger NATO role could be considered at a June summit of alliance heads of state in Istanbul, Turkey.

"No one is ruling out a wider NATO role when the time is right," he said.

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# Life on campus is worth the extra expenses

BY ANDREW GARBER  
THE SEATTLE TIMES

(KRT) — With one simple act, Danny Tremblay could cut the roughly \$17,000 tab for his first year at the University of Washington by several thousand dollars. He'd rather not. It would mean giving up his dorm room and commuting from his home in Issaquah.

"I really like living on campus and doing stuff in the city and making friends," says Tremblay, a ruddy-cheeked freshman with close-cropped hair and a football player's build.

He's certainly not alone. About 69 percent of the 4,060 in-state freshmen at the UW come from homes within commuting distance — some within walking distance — of the university. Yet the majority of the students who live nearby prefer living on campus.

It's an expensive choice. Although Tremblay will spend more than \$4,000 on tuition — money that pays for classrooms, libraries and professors' salaries — most of his expenses go to things that have little to do with learning.

He'll dole out more than \$7,000 this school year for shared space in a cramped dorm room, a meal plan that lets him eat on campus, and a host of other items such as a computer, bedding, lamps, posters and the ubiquitous cell phone.

Add up the expenses, in fact, and it turns out much of his money goes for the privilege of living on campus.

Why not cut costs and live at home? Ask students and you'll likely hear them say they want the "college experience." There's something about living on campus with thousands of other students that makes college click.

At a time families are increasingly worried about how much money they'll have to scrape together to put their kids through college, The Seattle Times followed Tremblay around campus to see where his money goes and what he gets in return.

The UW has studied freshmen and concluded that those who live on campus seem to have a richer learning experience than students who commute. They're more likely to form study groups, meet with professors to help with research and forge connections that last a lifetime.

Commuter students often "miss out on all that," says George Bridges, the UW's dean for undergraduate education. Tremblay didn't make the choice to live on campus lightly.

He knows how much his education costs, almost down to the dollar. He had opportunities to attend out-of-state universities but chose the UW because it would cost less. His mother works two

jobs to put him and his sister through college. He works summers to help out.

Yet Tremblay, like most students, believes living on campus enhances everything he does. "So far," he says, "I think it's worth it."

Tuition and books: \$4,923  
His single biggest expense, and one he'd pay whether he lived in a dorm or at home, is the \$4,458 tuition. This is the money that pays for the nuts and bolts of a degree. He's paid an additional \$465 for books, so far, including \$120 for one math book.

About 40 percent of tuition goes to pay for faculty salaries and benefits at the university. The Seattle campus has about 1,700 full-time faculty members plus several hundred graduate teaching assistants.

Tremblay, who wants to be a dentist, is taking two tough classes in math and chemistry, what the UW calls gatekeeper courses. It's a big change from high school. Take his chemistry class at Kane Hall: It is held in an auditorium that looks like it belongs in a multiplex theater instead of a classroom building. It even has movie screens.

Tremblay files into the room at 9:30 a.m. and grabs a seat amid a sea of 520 students.

The professor, James Callis, does several experiments, plopping materials in water that fizzle and pop. He jokes with the audience over the loudspeaker system. "If you in the front row catch fire, remember to stop, drop and roll."

But the experiments lose some pizzazz magnified on movie screens with a black and white overhead projector. And the lecture isn't Shakespeare. "The cation is always named first and the anion second..."

Callis acknowledges the class is large but notes comparable universities have larger lecture classes. The course he teaches is also hard, he says: "We insist that students know their stuff. We grade typically harder than other departments."

Tremblay says he was a little shocked the first time he walked into the auditorium: "There are so many students and the classes are so big."

At Mercer Island High School, he was able to become friends with his teachers; at the UW, he spends more time with graduate teaching assistants, or TAs, than the professors teaching the courses. "It's not a bad thing," he says. "It's just different."

Callis says he'd like one-on-one time

with students but doesn't have the time, given his other duties, such as research in molecular spectroscopy.

As a result, Callis says, he's more of a remote authority figure. "Most of them don't confide in me," he says. "They relate to the TAs."

Dorm life: \$3,887  
This is where living on campus seems to play a key role, by providing students easy access to help and study partners.

"If you live off campus, you need to go home and it's going to take you an hour bus ride to get there. That means an hour later you start studying," says Harmony Schloer, a senior who lives on campus. "Here, you're surrounded by people who are doing the same thing as you."

The UW has 6,600 students living on campus, with about three-quarters of them in dorms and the rest in apartments. Costs range from about \$2,700 to \$4,500 a year, depending on where students live.

Tremblay paid \$3,387 for a cramped room in Lander Hall he shares with a roommate. It has a fake fur rug on the floor, basketball posters plastered above his bed and a window overlooking Lake Union. And \$500 went for personal items such as bedding and a lamp.

Tremblay spends most evenings, from 8 p.m. to midnight, in formal study groups organized by the university in which instructors help students with their homework. He also spends a lot of time studying with other students who take the same classes.

"I feel like I'm working a lot harder than I did in high school," he says. "I think part of that is that you have to. Some of the concepts are more advanced."

Living at the university, he says, makes it easier for him to put in the hours he needs to study and connect with the right people to help him with the work. A bulletin board in the dorm hallway, for example, lists every resident and what classes each is taking so students can study together. The evening help sessions with instructors are a short walk away.

Plus, Lander, crammed with 795 freshmen, is essentially a self-contained city. Students don't need to leave.

The 46-year-old building has kitchens, a convenience store, a cafeteria that's open until 11 p.m., a coin-operated laundry room, a small gym, a computer lab and an arcade with pool tables and

video games. "I don't think I would be able to get enough studying done if I did not live on campus," Tremblay says.

He also sees life in the dorm as a transition into living on his own, teaching him responsibility because there's nobody there to make decisions for him. "Living on your own you have to do your own laundry, decide whether to eat in or eat out," he says.

Food: \$2,994  
Eating in, generally, means going to the cafeteria in the basement and grabbing a sandwich, Tremblay says. But the university has 22 places to eat, serving tons of food each year, including 77,180 pounds of bananas, 68,846 pounds of rice, 45,716 pounds of turkey and 1,207 cases of ketchup.

Tremblay pays \$2,994 during the academic year for a "Husky card" that lets him eat anywhere on campus.

One of his favorite places is about a 10-minute walk from his dorm at McMahon Hall, which has a new, \$10 million cafeteria designed by the same person who created the interiors for P.F. Chang's China Bistro, a national restaurant chain.

This isn't the cafeteria most people remember from college.

"They've got everything here," Tremblay says, wandering through the dimly lit restaurant with cushy booths and an open fireplace. There are even Ethernet ports where students can hook up their laptops.

The restaurant has eight "concept stations" ranging from a Mongolian grill and vegetarian fare to a Pagliacci Pizza franchise run by the university.

Items on the various menus include chicken enchiladas, shrimp quesadilla and a "seasonal bruschetta plate with curried shrimp and goat cheese." Only \$5.95.

One of the chefs, Tracey MacRae, says the cafeteria serves about 9,500 people a day. It may look like a restaurant, but "you see people in their pajamas and slippers" who come in from the dorm, she says.

The chefs also cater to student desires, cooking food they crave from home, MacRae says. "This girl came in today and said 'I want peas.'"

Tremblay likes to eat here with his buddies and watch sports on the big-screen televisions hanging from the ceilings.

For Tremblay, meeting people is almost as important as going to class. "These are friends I'm going to have for life."

Personal expenses and student fees: \$5,520

Ask students what they like most about living at the university, and meeting people often tops the list.

In 1999, the UW interviewed freshmen and asked what personal skills they wanted to develop while attending the university. "Make friends/be more outgoing" was mentioned most often.

"When you live on campus, you are constantly surrounded by people," says Kristan Lorraine, a sophomore. "You have so many opportunities to get involved and to experience so many other things. They're just in your face all the time."

Tremblay budgets \$1,750 a year for discretionary spending, such as going out to eat at inexpensive restaurants on University Avenue or seeing an occasional movie with friends. He spent \$2,900 for a laptop computer, almost a prerequisite for students nowadays, and will spend \$360 during the school year for a cell phone to keep in touch with people he's met.

But most of Tremblay's social life is wrapped up in sports, playing on the intramural teams and using the newly remodeled sports facility on campus. All that is paid for as part of his student fees, which amount to \$510 this school year.

"I'm a big sports guy," says Tremblay, who played basketball for Stroum Jewish Community Center during high school. "I try to go down to the IMA (Intramural Activities Building) three days a week. It's really cool to go down there because they have four basketball courts there and there are always five-on-five games."

The IMA is an enormous sports complex — 750,000 square feet — that's undergoing the finishing touches of a \$50 million expansion and renovation. There's a running track on the third floor. The second floor has basketball and racquetball courts, a workout room with rows of weight machines, treadmills, stationary bikes and big-screen TVs, plus a rock-climbing room with 42-foot-high cliffs.

Tremblay mainly sticks to the basketball courts, charging onto the floor to see if he can squeeze into a game. "Hey, you need a player? You want a game?"

Within 15 minutes, he's often darting down the court, helping fill the gym with the sound of squeaking shoes.

Add up everything Tremblay is spending on his first year — \$3,387 for the dorm, \$2,994 for food and hundreds more for things like a cell phone — and it quickly becomes clear he's paying for more than learning to become a dentist.

Attending college, of course, is more than classes, dorm life, eating in a cafeteria and working out in the gym.

There are also the intangible things, such as protests in Red Square, animal-rights booths, Lyndon LaRouche supporters and the throaty sound of a cello filtering out of the School of Music.

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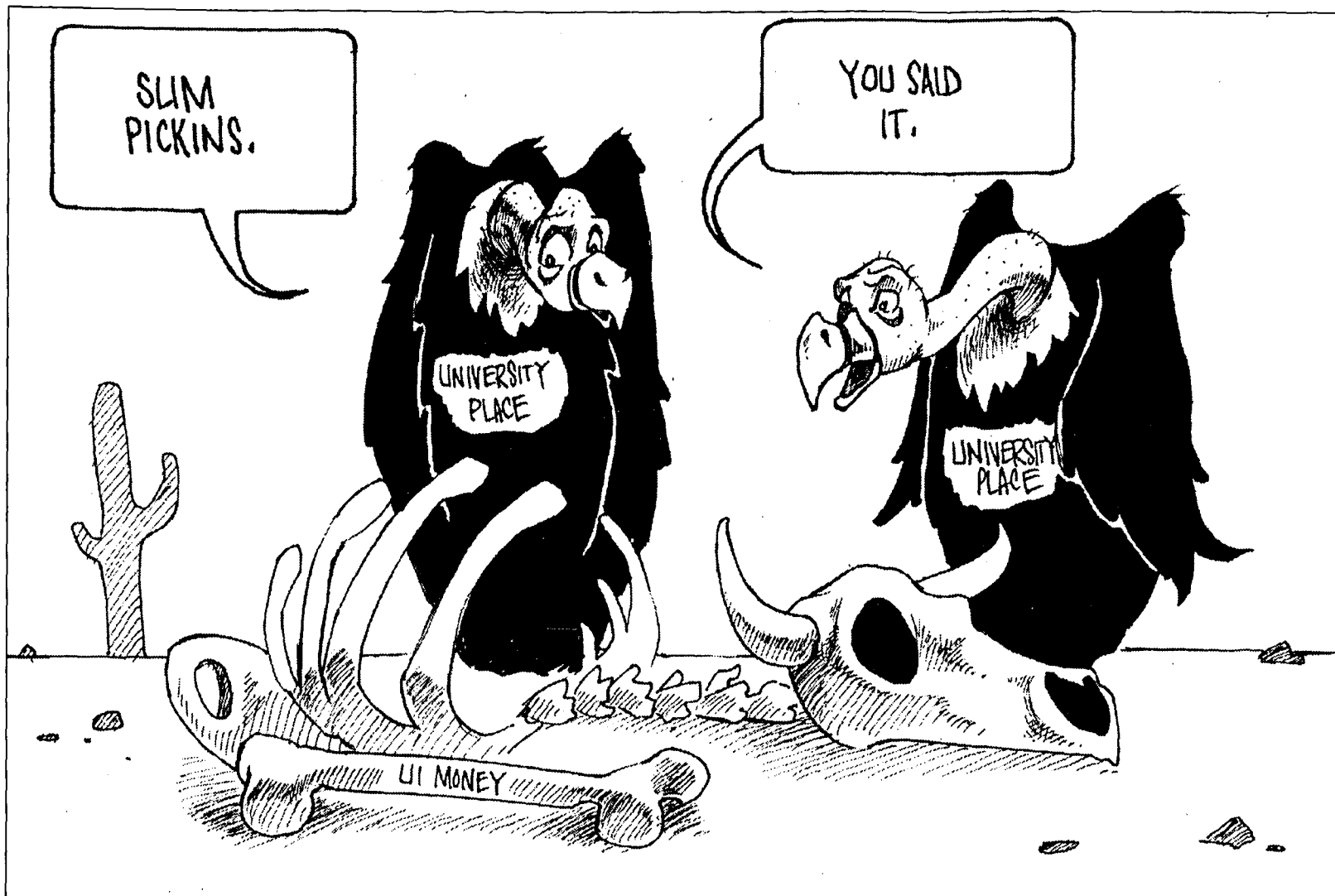
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## Taxpayers in dark about U Place investigation

**"T**he public must know and should know every aspect of what occurred in University Place."

That is what Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said earlier this fall. At least one of Idaho's top officials is looking out for those of us affected by the University Place fiasco. It is not so clear if the State Board of Education is as concerned as Wasden about those affected by what happened.

On top of the deficit created by the failed University Place project in Boise, the investigation into why UI lost so much money is costing the university even more. The board hired Boise attorney Larry Prince to conduct an investigation into what happened.

Now, \$536,000 later (and much more than the \$200,000 budgeted for the investigation), we still may not find out what happened if the powers that be have their way. At

least if we are not going to get any answers we should have found a cheaper lawyer.

Board chair Blake Hall said he will recommend the board waive its attorney-client privilege and release the report after the attorney general's office reviews it and removes things like personnel information, which is exempted under Idaho's public records laws. The report should be released today.

What does not make sense is the need for secrecy at all.

The Argonaut editorial board previously argued that this attorney-client privilege nonsense is a bunch of ... well, nonsense (Argonaut, Vol. 105, No. 4, Sept. 3, 2003). Idaho taxpayers are the real clients here, not the State Board of Education and not the University of Idaho. It is the taxpayers who are ultimately paying for someone else's mess-ups and current financial blunders.

So if the report is released, why

should anything be removed from it? Wasden said the public must know "every" aspect of what occurred. That means personnel information, too.

What is the board or the state or the university trying to hide? If something is missing from the report it probably means some hush-ups are protecting their friends, or themselves.

This scandal has already cost Idaho taxpayers money and if they have to fork out more for this investigation, they should get their money's worth.

As we wrote before, we have been wrong and we want to know why, how and by whom.

We do not believe in that attorney-client privilege line. Many of us are tax-paying citizens — this is our investigation.

And to top things off, the Board of Education is also keeping secret the nine finalists for the position of

university president. The reasons for this are beyond us. As students, faculty and others in the university community, we have a right to know the details of the search for our next president.

This little University Place snafu cost our last president his job, leading most to believe he did not oversee the project as well as he should have. Now we are looking for someone to replace him, and the university community as a whole — those truly hurt by whatever went wrong — is being kept out of the loop.

It is time for the secrecy to end. The State Board of Education, the state of Idaho and the university need to come clean about some things. And hopefully by remaining open about things like the presidential search, problems such as University Place can be avoided in the future.

B.P.

## Dime-store legislation?

Sometimes politicians are so ridiculous that our only options are laughing hysterically or sobbing copiously. I'll choose laughing over this one.

While legislation over the budget and a multitude of other important matters is national priority are stalled in one or both parts of Congress, our elected officials have taken it upon themselves to stall by putting forth legislation to change the face of American coinage.

The legislation, co-sponsored by 89 Republicans, proposes to remove the image of Franklin Delano Roosevelt from the dime and replace it with that of Ronald Reagan.

If the legislation were merely a gesture to honor Reagan, perhaps it would not seem so silly. Reagan was one of the most important world figures during his eight years in office and deserves some form of recognition. But, the bill was authored shortly after the brouhaha over the CBS mini-series "The Reagans," in which Ronald comes off as a bit bumbling and Nancy is portrayed as a tad shrewish.

Democrats are fighting the legislation, arguing that FDR showed leadership during another time of economic crisis, namely, the Great Depression.

And Nancy Reagan, who stays away from politics, is siding with the other side of the aisle on this one.

In a brief statement issued by the former first lady Friday evening, Nancy said that while she understood the intent of the bill, she did not support it, and she did not believe her ailing husband would either.

"When our country chooses to honor a great president such as Franklin Roosevelt by placing his likeness on our currency, it would be wrong to remove him and replace him with another. It is my hope that the proposed legislation will be withdrawn," she said.

FDR should stay just where he is. He was the inspiration behind the March of Dimes, which in his day was an effort (and a highly successful one) to stamp out polio. The only connection Reagan has to the dime, other than actually using the FDR dime as currency, I would assume, is the dime-sized scar on his body from his attempted assassination in 1981.

There is no need to cast aside the legacy of such an important president merely to defend the (supposed) wounded honor of another important president who is not especially desirous of such an honor anyway.

If only we had a dime for every time politicians chose to take up such a quixotic quest.

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MAILBOX

### Christ Church will hold town hall meeting

Dear editor,  
The public is cordially invited to a town hall meeting on the recent controversy surrounding Christ Church. After a brief 10-minute introduction, three of the elders of Christ Church (Douglas Wilson, Douglas Jones and Csaba Leidenfrost) will be available to answer questions from the public. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Kenworthy theater in downtown Moscow, Dec. 11, 2003. Priority will be given to questions from outside our church community, and every effort will be made to get to all the questions. Thank you.

Douglas Wilson  
Moscow

### Column misrepresents

Dear editor,  
As the very proud father of an amazing 3-year old, who happens to have Cerebral Palsy, I found Annette Henke's article very demeaning in tone and segregationist in theme. I trust by certain phrases in your article that you wrote it with good intentions toward developmentally delayed children, and if this true, I commend you for that.

That being said, however, your article seems to put the onus for care on the parents and children themselves, which is not what DD advocates have been fighting for for at least three decades. It is society that needs to make adjustments to children, not the other way around. This idea involves inclusion, accommodation, education and training for schools and other public agencies. So, in answer to your question, "how does a student who can barely stand still long enough to count to 10 learn to do simple geometry or algebra?" the answer is this: The community

and school find a way to help him. Recent rehabilitation and medical advances, as well as inclusion into mainstream schooling, shows that this can be done.

Further, I found your statement, "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," to be naive and misinformed. Although my child cannot walk and has difficulty with fine motor skills, I expect her to achieve and become a successful and well-rounded adult. Please don't tell me what's best for her, or what she's capable of, because history has shown that humans are capable of amazing things despite enormous odds (and, especially, despite societal obstacles and oppression). My daughter lives up to my expectations of her, not down to them. Do you really want us to return to a time when these kids were given up on?

Probably not. I think the saddest part of your article is that you were unsuccessful in articulating your point, probably due to a limited exposure with DD children and their parents. Or perhaps you've had this exposure and are sympathetic, but have difficulty expressing this in a written column. I hope that in the future you examine your values toward this population in greater depth before attempting to profess a public opinion on the subject. I challenge you to test my child; she will surprise you.

Douglas Salada  
Moscow

### Pennys are the ticket

Dear editor,  
I love America. I love teams. I hate getting parking tickets. In fact, today I paid a \$17 parking ticket in pennies. Yep, I first prompted the nice and polite lady if they accepted cash; with an affirmative answer, I plopped down 1,700 pieces of

good, hard American cash. With wide eyes and a sigh, she refused to waive the ticket or give me my receipt until she finished counting the coins, so I left my phone number and asked for her to call me when she was finished.

With this letter I am encouraging passive civil disobedience to challenge the parking team. If you get a parking ticket, pay it in pennies or ask them to waive the ticket. If they don't waive the ticket, they will gladly take your money because they have no choice. Oh, by the way, any bank in town will exchange for pennies, just don't forget to unroll the coinage. Good luck and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sam Goff  
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### Homophobia isn't a prerequisite for Christianity

Dear editor,  
The most recent advertisement (Dec. 5-2003 "Argonaut") from Christ Church resorts to grade school insult to deflect the widening criticism of Doug Wilson and those who support him. Rather than doing the hard work of addressing the growing sense of outrage against Doug Wilson and his views, Christ Church simply declares it "boring."

Christ Church claims the "Not in Our Town" campaign is "boring" and is itself intolerant because it does not embrace the beliefs of Doug Wilson and his church.

But be careful here. Let us remind ourselves that valuing diversity and tolerance does not require that one accept and/or be tolerant of all beliefs.

We tolerate things based upon independent standards of right and wrong, not simply for the sake of being tolerant. In the same way we don't tolerate murder and cheating, we do not tolerate racism

and homophobia because we have done the hard work and determined that they are wrong.

Tolerance and diversity are not blank checks for all beliefs. To claim, as Wilson does here, that tolerance and diversity require we tolerate his racism and homophobia, is to say that the desire to celebrate diversity should be mindless in the face of wrong, something it certainly is not, nor will be.

The ad contains another dangerous error, which Joy Barbour compounds in her Dec. 5, 2003, editorial on Christianity and tolerance. Christ Church suggests that you need to accept its homophobic and racist views to feel the joy of Christ, while Barbour states similarly, without qualification, that "Christians" believe that homosexuality is a sin.

All Christians do not believe homosexuality is a sin, and you can find the joy of Christ without being homophobic. Christian denominations take a range of positions on the subject, as is clear from the recent developments within the Episcopal Church. Equally, The United Church of Christ has rejected the "homosexuality as a sin" position for 30 years. There are many good Christians who do not believe that homosexuality is a sin. In fact, there are many good Christians who believe that it is a sin to be homophobic.

The bottom line is that you can reject conservative Christian homophobia and Neo-Confederate Christian racism and still be a Christian. In fact, it is precisely a deep belief in Christ that drives many to speak out against Doug Wilson and those like him. Those of you who feel or have felt uneasy about subscribing to bigoted views in the name of Jesus Christ might want to seek out another way to practice your Christianity.

There is a sadly ironic note to all of this. In the center of its ad, Christ Church quotes Oscar Wilde. Isn't it a bit queer for a homophobic church to quote Wilde, a great (homosexual) artist who was

destroyed by the homophobia of his day? Maybe they just have a twisted sense of humor.

Jay Feldman  
graduate student and instructor  
philosophy

### Columnist steals the Christian title

Dear editor,  
It seems Joy Barbour has a gripe to pick with the non-Christian public. She believes Christian views are treated as out of style. To quote: "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." She argues "Christians are constantly portrayed in that (a hateful, extremist) light." I agree with her on the view that nonviolence, loving and accepting are principles of Christianity as a whole. Further along down the article, she points out the diversity of the Christian church and points to a diverse and culturally rich history.

Then comes the beauty of her argument. She goes and lumps all Christians together just like everyone she's complaining about. You missed it? "They (Christians) 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 its part of the New Testament." Newsflash: Not all Christians will agree with her statement. I certainly do not, and I believe Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior! I have been baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist church. I have been highly involved with my church since I graduated from high school. I study the Bible on a daily basis. Why do I have to give my faith resume? Just so I won't be labeled "ignorant," or "not a REAL Christian!"

I don't have a beef with her believing homosexuality is a sin; she has a right to interpret the Bible the way she wants to. But it is an interpretation! It is not a fact. She wishes to present it as a fact. And I have the right to disagree with her. So does the diocese of New Hampshire, which approved an openly gay bishop this year, or perhaps this has been forgotten about by now.

The next trick pulled out of the bag is to label myself and those who disagree with her in some negative light, perhaps claiming her interpretation to be true because it is a literal and indisputable fact because it is written in black and white, clear as crystal. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." Leviticus 18:22. So men cannot sleep with other men; got it! How about women sleeping with women? Oh, not that either? Why? It doesn't specify. Oh, you have to take it in context! Guess what? Newsflash: That's interpretation.

Interpretation is the act or the result of interpreting. Interpreting is defined by Webster's dictionary as this: 1. To explain or tell the meaning of; to present in understandable terms. 2. To conceive in the light of individual belief, judgment or circumstance: To construe. Of course, I'm not using every passage that has ever been quoted against homosexuality, but I'm not debating homosexuality. I'm debating whether I have the right to disagree with her, and still call myself a faithful Christian. I believe I interpret the Bible every time I read it, and I believe Ms. Barbour does as well. I'm not trying to prove I'm correct, although I do believe I am. I feel Joy Barbour has a right to believe she is right. But I hold exception to her claiming all Christians believe homosexuality is a sin.

I agree with her on one point: We shouldn't be lumped together.

David M. Morse  
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# ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

## Transcendence performs different type of love songs

### Q&A

BY CHRIS KORNELIS  
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Indie-rock band Transcendence's latest album, "Sleep With You," has been making its mark on 135 college radio stations across the nation.

The album is made up of love songs gone wrong — not so much the love but the songs.

Transcendence's 31-year-old bandleader/songwriter Ed Hale is single and feels liberated. Taking a break from new-age metaphors and religious themes, the rocker skips the flowers and the glass of wine and goes right for the bedroom with "Sleep With You."

"What can I do to sleep with you? I can give you money. I can give you a car. I can call my agent and he'll make you a star ... just let me in your pants, I'll give you anything."

"So, the album's about getting chicks, right?"

I consider the whole album a love poem, an idea or expression of the heart. "Rise and Shine" was much more focused on spiritual matters. With "Sleep With You," it was more like relationships, love, sex and that type of thing. These are things I hadn't explored for a long time. All of a sudden I was single and started writing this stuff. It was nice.

"Who is the song 'Sleep With You' about?"

One night I was out at a club and I saw this singer and I thought, "It would be great to say that ('What can I do to sleep with you?')."

"Did you ask her?"

No, I didn't. I found out later that she was dating another

guy. She took it as a compliment that the song was about her, though.

"You told her?"

No, a producer blew my cover. She was making an album at a studio where we were doing some work and he played the track for her. She said, "That sounds like Ed." He was like, "And guess who it's about."

"How many times have you told a girl that you wrote the song about her?"

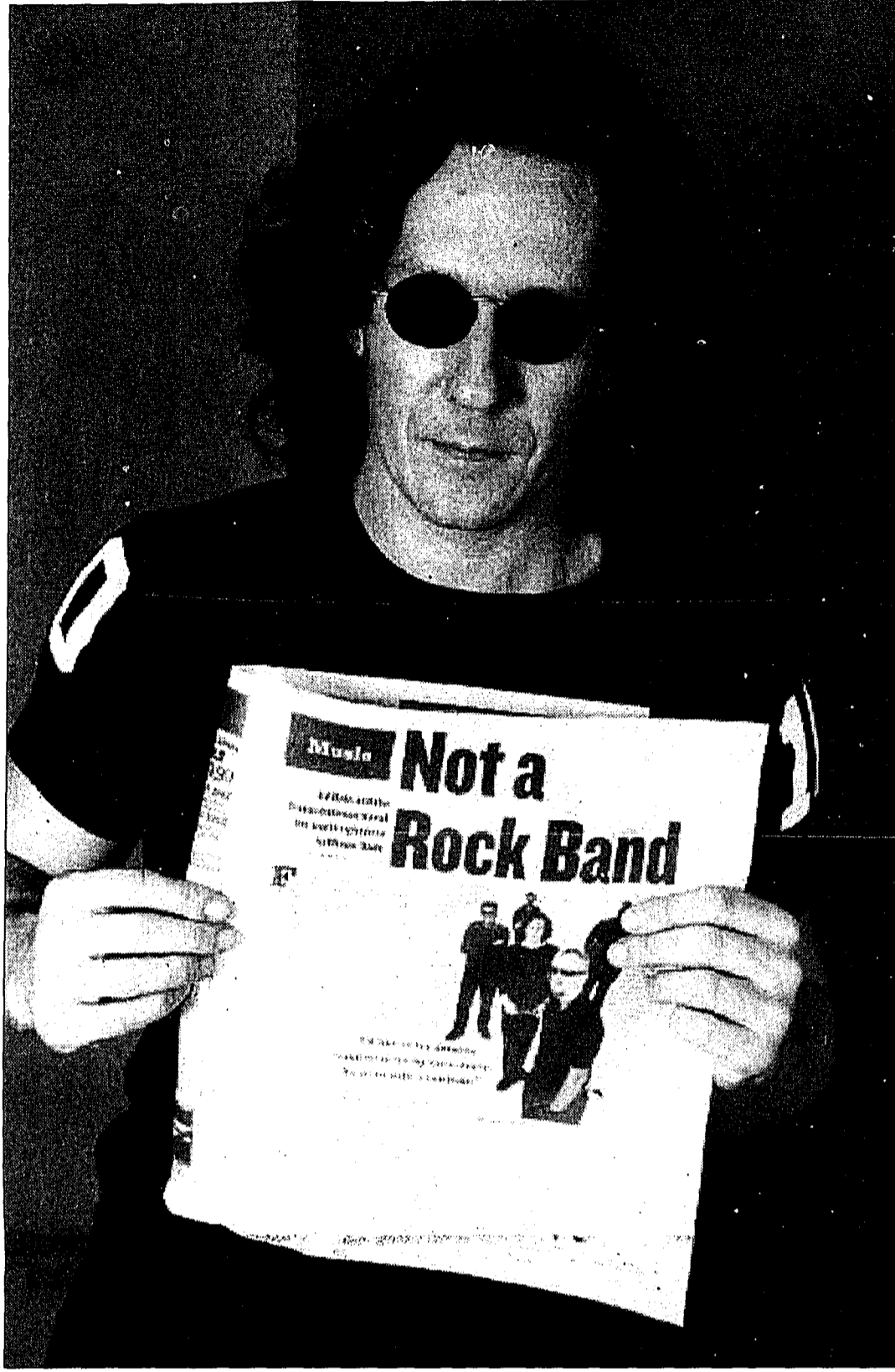
Actually I never have, but that's a good idea.

"Have you changed much from when you were 21?"

I try to wake up now before noon — when I was 21 that never happened. When you get older as a rocker you stop livin' on drugs. When you're younger you live on drugs. You get tired of being confused all the time. At 21 I liked the idea of being confused. Drugs are a major factor in that.

"Have you ever experimented with a man? Not in a homosexual way, but more of a Pete Townsend, 1973 sort of way?"

When you're young and you're rockin', you're experimenting. I think it's healthy, regardless of what side you're on. When I was in college I lived with all gay men. You get used to it really fast. Once you start making friends, you realize it's all the same thing. I think both sides should explore on all levels. Sometimes I think that's (bisexuality) the way humanity is going. In a way that's cool. We're becoming more balanced as people in our culture.



Ed Hale of Transcendence shows off some publicity.

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## Sex, lies and 'Man Show' tapes

Pop culture panders to worst of both gender worlds

So this is where decades of fighting for gender equality have brought us.

Walking through the video store, I couldn't help but notice the display shelf with video and

DVD covers of a bare midriffed woman (lots of cleavage and no head, of course).

Ironically, they bear the title, "The Man Show."

Man, huh? This particular program routinely

mocked the nature of women, but also used them

as provocative dancers as if to say, "they're really lame, but they sure are nice to look at."

I've seen parts of this show and while I have my doubts that it appeals to real men, the idea does reveal a certain conundrum in American society. Does anybody else find it strange that scantily clad women appear on both the covers of men's and women's magazines?

This column is going to make some generalizations and draw overall conclusions, but I definitely realize they don't apply to everyone of either gender. And I know men also feel great pressure to look a certain way. But for practical purposes of space, I want to address the objectification of women in its strange manifestation to men as well as women.

The objectification of women is harmful not only to them, but to men and society as a whole.

Most people would agree that the idea of women as visual sex objects is perpetuated by mass media. As long as the money rolls in, the trend will continue because our advertisers and media conglomerates serve a power higher than morality: the bottom line.

It's the reason they tell women about all the "improvements" they need and give them the "how-to" manuals for better wardrobe, makeup, pick-up skills, blemish concealing, figure enhancing, personality molding, etc. It's the reason why casual lesbianism is sexy if you can be straight when it really counts. It's the reason CBS has thrown rain-soaked studio (not sideline) cheerleaders into its NFL show introduction.

Two so-called desirable outcomes grow concurrently from this trend. Men are taught that to be manly they should see women this way and ought to buy products that prove they do; women are taught that to be womanly they should look like these images and buy products to make them appear so.

The dirty secret beneath the glitzy surface is a dark flip side: Men with already skewed ideas of a woman's worth consume the objectified images and regrettably act out on them sexually, or, best case scenario, have their ideas confirmed by the accepted mainstream.

Likewise, women with already skewed self images who don't limit their quest for perfection to product consumption may fall into despairing eating and psychological disorders, or, best case scenario, have their reasons for poor self image legitimized by nearly every magazine cover and TV around them.

Not only is a woman's usefulness measured disproportionately by her "sexiness," she also must be sexy in a certain way. Yes, women are sexy, but in more ways than the Playboy cookie-cutter.

Instead of prizing this overdone picture of what's sexy, let's applaud the men who go against the flow to appreciate women for the complex individuals they are. And bravo to the women who ignore the stereotypes and embrace what makes them beautiful from the inside out.

Men and women alike need to put down the magazines and send a message to the head honchos that attempt to define popular culture: We're not as simple-minded as you think.

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## Flowmotion is victim of bad jam influx

BY SEAN OLSON  
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They should really start issuing permits for jam bands.

The hordes of Phish-following devotees to the 20-minute live practice session are ruining it for everyone else. Take the perfect example of this grave injustice: the Flowmotion show last Saturday at John's Alley.

Flowmotion played a superb show, showing exceptional harmony in its abilities and accomplishing the most important goal for a live show: keeping the

REVIEW crowd happy and moving. It's a shame it couldn't be enjoyed more.

Flowmotion does it right. The band starts with good material that equates to a well-created song that few could argue doesn't drip with artistic vision. Then comes the jamming, five minutes of extras, showing off the band's ability to solo, spontaneously mix it up and accent the tunes with incredible build-ups. It sounds great for sure, if it hadn't been ruined by overuse by thousands of less-talented bands.

Perhaps it's the draw of good dance music that lures so many younger bands to the field; maybe it's the temptation of very little song writing with hours of play. Either way, the deluge of jam bands has taken away one's ability to appreciate a good one when it shows up.

Certain bands (like Phish) can get away from this curse in live music. But at the bar-playing level it will haunt a band indefinitely. Flowmotion suffers from the affliction that causes the common side effect of guilt. Listeners know they should be more impressed with a band and feel guilty for not being able to.

This was certainly the case with Flowmotion's show. The band had elements that definitely separated it

from the pack. Relying heavily on the drum and bass lines, Flowmotion went from funk to bluegrass with easy transitions. All the while it blended styles from across the musical spectrum into an easygoing atmospheric impression of a really good time.

No specific concerns could be cited for each member's musical abilities, but certain members excelled beyond the call of duty. Bassist Jesse Kansanback dazzled the audiences with solos while providing a solid backing throughout the show. He performed even when the spotlight was on someone else.

The most impressive of all was drummer Scott Goodwin. Goodwin played like he had woken from the Matrix and now knew how to bend the laws of reality. His elaborate beats went far beyond simplicity without taking the shine from the other elements of the music. Rounding out the ensemble were Don Goodwin on keyboard and Josh Clauson on lead guitar and vocals. Missing from the show was percussionist Bob Rees.

Flowmotion was promoting their new album, released last Halloween, called "Knowbnow." Clauson said booking agency Mountain High Music had recently picked up the band. Until now the band had done all the work by themselves.

The crowd definitely reacted well to Flowmotion's self-described "world" style of funk. The dance floor was seldom empty during the four-hour show. Even the bar counter was filled with people grooving while waiting for more drinks.

"Our main goal [for any show] is to transform the room into a vibe of freedom," Clauson said. While it's tough to define exactly what that may look like, the band had to be happy with the crowd response.

Overall, Flowmotion's show was a helluva way to spend a Saturday night. But it was bittersweet at the same time, because while this band is excellent at what it does, everyone else is doing the exact same thing.

## Campus diversity groups honor elders at Good Samaritan Village

BY KATIE WHITTIER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Sure is a crowd here tonight," said a local elderly woman at Good Samaritan Village Sunday evening, where four UI diversity groups put on a diversity show.

"This is very different from what they're used to seeing," said Laurie Moller, coordinator of activities at Good Samaritan. Musical events and plays are more common, so Sunday's show was a real hit among the residents.

What began as an idea for a unique way to rehearse Africa Night has now bloomed into a tour of various cultural proportions. Flavien Sawadogo, secretary of the African Student Association and mastermind behind the idea, said this is the first visit in a string of many visits to nursing homes in the community. Next stop: Aspen Park, spring 2004.

"We hadn't really done anything for the community itself," Sawadogo said, explaining how his idea came about.

"It's nice to bring culture in ... A lot of residents don't have as much opportunity to leave as organizations do to come in," Moller said. "I'd like to see this happen at least once a year ... maybe add a little each year."

Now Sawadogo hopes to get more organizations involved, like the Nepali group on campus.

"Where I am from, we are proud of our elders," Sawadogo said.

The show included dances and fashion shows displaying the cultures represented. Among the participants were the African Student Association, the Association of Latin Americans and Iberians, the Japanese Student Association and Sabor de la Raza.

Each time a girl in her full Hispanic dress would enter the room, she was greeted with a chorus of gasps in awe. The women residents said they appreciated dresses like that so much because they understand the art of sewing. They were delighted with their beauty.

And the dancing was equally enthralling to the residents. The Marina, a Peruvian dance performed by Karina Polar Cabrera and Audino Melgar, was especially well-received.

"I am so impressed that our students can find time to bring culture to residents, especially at this time in the semester," said Raul Sanchez, special assistant to the president for Human Rights and Diversity. "It is a tremendous selfless expression."

"I was sitting back there getting choked up," said Francisco Salinas, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "We have such a wonderful group of students at UI."

"I think it's wonderful that we can see other cultures," said Gertrude Peterson, a resident at Good Samaritan. Her favorite part was the costumes, she said. Peterson graduated with a doctorate in education from UI many years ago.

Sanchez and Salinas both emphasized their eagerness to support and promote events like this in the future. "Hopefully, it becomes a tradition," Salinas said.



Flowmotion from left to right: Scott Goodwin, Jesse Kansanback, Josh Clauson, Don Goodwin and Bob Rees.

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## Vivid language: expletives and ex-clichés

### WRITESTUFF

BY KATIE BOTKIN  
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

Using vivid language to make your writing spew fire doesn't necessarily mean using colorful language. However, there are times when this does bring a certain warmth to your rhetoric. "Where the hell ever" has undoubtedly more force than "wherever." Does it mean more? That is debatable. It might mean less, since it draws attention away from what is said and focuses it on the attitude of the speaker.

But in any case, this special treatment of extremely colloquial language has its own technical term: *tmesis*, the separation of the parts of a compound word by one or more intervening words. And as everybody knows, if something has a technical term, it is grammatically permissible.

*Tmesis* is especially vivid in such instances as "that is super freaking duper," the most obvious use of sarcasm in the world. (Note for all etymology buffs: "sarcastic" does, according to the best dictionaries, have the modern meaning of "ironically cutting" and not just "cruel/the tearing of flesh," as my SAT prep course stupidly said it did.)

*Tmesis* is probably popular because it adds variation to clichés, which would otherwise be inexcusable. Everyone knows that clichés may be nice and easy, but they just sound so dumb. I mean, like that last sentence — it was completely predictable. The words probably read in your brain a few paces ahead of your eyes.

That's not to say clichés are the hallmark of boring speech in all circumstances. As Evelyn Waugh said, "only the essentially commonplace are afraid of clichés." Which makes sense — if you're trying to be so original that you refuse to use simple words, you may just turn out sounding like a banal pedantic.

But if you really want to sound like a sweet marriage of pretentiousness and triteness, use overblown beaurocratic language. Start letters with "this note is to inform you that ..." when it's obvious that a) the note is actually a note and b) it's going to say something. Also, use vaguely threatening phrases like "our records show," as if some dark monster lurking in the recesses of dusty-volumed shelves has been regurgitating information onto someone's desktop recently. Use the passive voice — "it has been decided that," dehumanizing all action decided by people with the power to do it.

## Will you enjoy using your degree after you graduate?

### HUMORSHOROSCOPE

BY ASHLEIGH HEBERT  
ARGONAUT STAFF

What field of study is most adaptable to your natural inclinations and invincible destiny? What sort of a degree would you actually enjoy using? The answer lies in the humor that dominates your temperament.

**Cholerics:** governed by gastric acid, influenced by fire. Perfectionistic, bossy, strong leaders, hot tempers.

Achilles, fierce warrior of the Iliad, was a choleric. Military work, due to its rigid rules, active lifestyle, respect for authority and organized hierarchy, is a natural setting for choleric to bloom and grow. Also, the factual nature of mathematics and the sciences such as physics and chemistry are appropriate for the categorical minds of choleric.

Doing precise experiments with test tubes is much more satisfying to a choleric than trying to paint, because rules are law when working with chemical reactions, whereas art is beautiful because of graceful rule-breaking. Nothing perfectly symmetrical is truly beautiful, because it has no soul, and this breaking of patterns grates on choleric nerves.

**Sanguines:** governed by blood, influenced by air. Enthusiastic, emotional, irresponsible, cheerful.

Sanguines are the inspiration of society. They do not have the diligence to finish a project as the choleric do, nor the artistic passion to flesh out their ideas like melancholics do. The creative role of sanguines is to effervescently stir up ideas and then dash off to find a new object to strike their fancy. By no means should they enter business or economics unless they plan to be working in public relations.

Sanguines make excellent hosts and teachers, secretaries and performers because their happiness depends on attention from and interaction with other people. When they choose a vocation in the sciences, they should limit themselves to sciences which intrinsically involve interaction with other people, such as medicine. To sequester a sanguine in a lab is to keep a lamp shut up in a closet. Their natural disposition to amuse and pacify others should be utilized, because it is vital for people to get along in such an interconnected society.

**Melancholics:** governed by bile, influenced by earth. Pessimistic, obsessive, introverted, artistically genius.

Melancholics are the most naturally intellectual members of society. Their pensive minds and attention to themes and detail allow them to grasp a great deal of whatever subject they undertake, making it artful in the process. Due to their yearning for self-expression, poetry, painting and the fine arts are often natural inclinations of melancholics. However, rare is the man who can make a living out of poetry.

Melancholics have the remarkable knack of turning a science into an art while maintaining the scientific method. When doing geology, they dramatically read the surrounding rocks as if they formed a great novel. When doing calculus they are able to see the graceful dance of the integrals and derivatives. The entire sphere of academia is open to melancholics. However, due to their sensitive natures, they should lean toward a vocation that stresses more intellectual work than interaction with people.

**Phlegmatics:** governed by phlegm, influenced by water. Lazy as all get out, rational, sarcastic, imperturbable.

The logical phlegmatics will not allow any ambiguities or falsehoods to go uncorrected. They have a skill for shooting down a pie-in-the-sky theory with a terse phrase or two. Their predisposition to notice errors and expunge them makes them suitable for journalism editors, historians and anything involving computers or video games. These professions all involve the verification of raw fact and the inhibition of flights of fancy, and have little tedious human interaction. Phlegmatics could not wish for a better profession than one of these, unless it were that of some religious monk who spent his days in passive meditation, waiting for a holy voice to whisper in his ear.

Bumming around on skis may also be very appealing to phlegmatics after graduation, but that is not especially lucrative. Not that that would bother certain phlegmatics.

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### Christmas tree decorations

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1882: Ornaments complemented by electric lights

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The University of Idaho Prichard Art Gallery will host the annual Faculty Exhibition from Dec. 12-Jan. 14. An opening reception will be held at the gallery from 5-8 p.m. Friday. This year's exhibition presents the work of 17 area artists and designers from the departments of Art and Design, Architecture and Landscape Architecture. The works represent a wide range of media and styles. Represented in the exhibition are the following: Bill Bowler, Ryan Belnap, Shauna Corry, Glen Grishkoff, David Giese, Lynne Haagensen, Delphine Keim-Campbell, John Larkin, Anjel Luna, Marilyn Lysohir, Sally Graves Machlis, Dan Mullin, Kurt Rathmann, Melissa Rockwood, George Roberts, Bill Woolston and George Wray. The UI Prichard Art Gallery is located at 414/416 S. Main Street, at the corner of Fifth Street and Main in downtown Moscow. Gallery hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 22-Jan. 3 and will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2. The gallery will be open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday begin-

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**An 'SNL' to make you wish you lived in Iowa**

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
 CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(KRT) — Over the weekend, half a dozen or so NBC stations refused to show "Saturday Night Live" because Al Sharpton, a presidential candidate, was hosting.

They objected either because of the equal time rules or out of

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fear the 90-minute program would embarrass them by amounting to more political coverage than most TV stations offer in six months.

So they didn't air "SNL," and the show's "Weekend Update" mock newscast made fun of their cities for it. Des Moines was labeled "snoozeville," Sacramento "Sacramento" and, about Boston, the most populous conscientious objector, co-anchor Jimmy Fallon said, "Well, they

just hate black people." That was funny.

Ameritrash heiress and, now, reality-TV star Paris Hilton coming on to mock her Internet sex tape was funny, until Fallon's winking performance pushed the dialogue past sly innuendo and into sophomoric overkill. Sharpton being confronted by Tracy Morgan as his former self, in pompadour and velour track suit, was funny.

And an ad for pleated, elastic-waistbanded "Mom Jeans" — "give her something that says, 'I'm not a woman anymore. I'm a mom'" — was hilarious, but a repeat.



SHARPTON

Most of the rest, and there was a lot, lot more, was an invitation to thumb twiddling, the only way to keep those digits from hitting the buttons on the remote.

Last month's Democratic presidential debate on MTV, featuring the candidates executing their campaign strategists' idea of pandering to America's youth, was infinitely more amusing.

Which gets to the real reason the stations shouldn't have shown this "SNL": It was, as usual, a colossal letdown. It's been like that for years now, of course, no matter what those critics always ready to proclaim an "SNL" comeback would have you believe. A sharpened newscast does not a comedy show make.

But there was reason to hope this particular show, with all the advance publicity brought by the Sharpton controversy and the guaranteed audience, including many who hadn't watched in years, would inspire the program to new heights.

Instead, it probably left a small-but-influential chunk of America churlish because it would now be so difficult to wake up in time for the Sunday morning talk shows. We're so sorry, Bob Schieffer.

For their late-night encounter with popular culture, political junkies got to see Sharpton imitate James Brown; portray Johnnie

Cochran in a roller coaster with a reality-denying Michael Jackson; pitch his (fictional, we hope) Casa de Sushi restaurant; introduce musical guest Pink a couple of times; and portray a Wise Man get pulled over en route to see Jesus, an early instance of racial profiling.

A sketch about the other Democratic nominees watching Sharpton on "SNL" had little to offer beyond the idea of John Edwards brown-nosing for a vice-presidential nomination.

Most daring was a sketch that saw Sharpton and other blacks on the show as 1930s movie actors, forced to deliver lines straight out of the minstrel theater. He objects and leads a cast rebellion.

It's a potentially clever idea, but if you're going to invoke all the bad old stereotypes, you need something sharper than Sharpton apologizing for it mid-way through, then ending by being handed an African shield and spear for the "next sketch."

The host will make nobody forget Justin Timberlake, who was loose, even inspired during his hosting stint earlier this year. Sharpton stole what zing sketches might have had by peering intently at the cue cards.

The other candidates can breathe easier: They don't want time equal to that.

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## Volleyball falls early in NCAA tournament

BY BETSY DALESSIO  
ASSISTANT S&R EDITOR

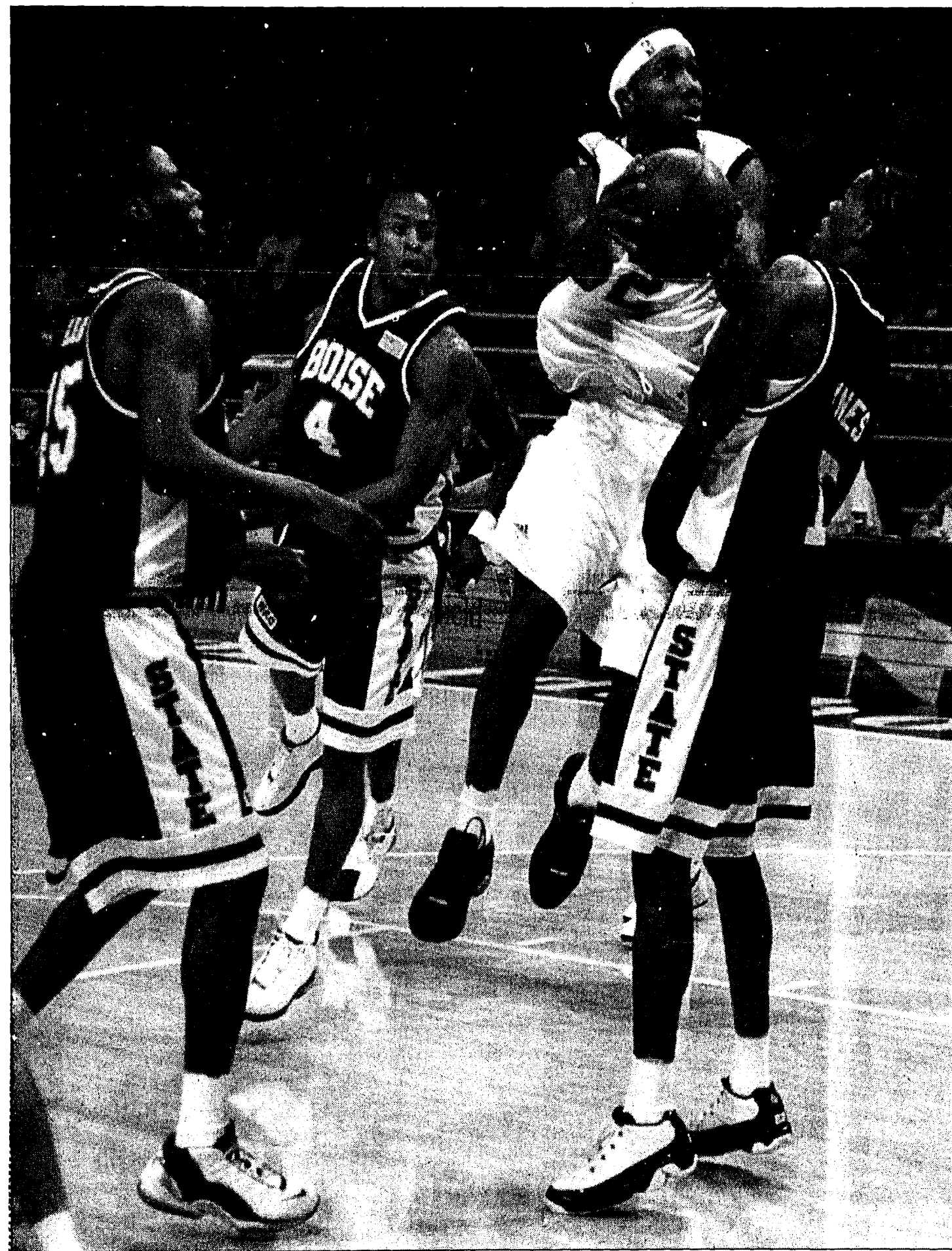
The first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1995 wasn't kind to the University of Idaho volleyball team as the No. 2 seed Hawaii Rainbow Wahine made quick work of the Vandals with a first-round sweep in Honolulu. The Vandals were defeated in three quick games, 30-24, 30-20, 30-21, but they garnered experience valuable for future UI squads. "We just played a better team," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "Hawaii has two of the top outside hitters that

I've seen and will probably end up in the top four at the tournament." The Vandals started strong, taking a lead early in the first game, but the play of All-American outside hitter Kim Willoughby proved too much for the Vandals, as the Wahine flew past the Vandals in the final two matches. "The kids went in and played a good match," she said. "We played them tough. We weren't affected on the road as we have been in the past." Buchanan said the overall experience was great for the team. She credited a great focus that the girls picked up toward the end of the season.

"They hung right in there," she said. "They didn't back down; they finished out this season strong and went into the tournament the same way." The team played its final match in front of more than 6,400 fans. "There was a great crowd," she said. "It makes a big difference when you play in front of so many people." UI finished the season 19-11 overall, with its first winning record in the Big West since 1997. "We really finished the season out strong, and I'm really proud of the way things picked up," she said. Sarah Meek led UI in double figures with 10 kills on a .333 hitting percent-

age. Kati Tikker added eight kills and three blocks. Senior middle hitter Anna-Marie Hammond finished the regular season placing eighth on the UI single season kill list, ninth in single season blocks, fifth in single season kills per game and fourth on the single-season hitting percentage list. She topped off her Vandal career second in double-figure kills per match with 76 as well as fourth on the list for all-time kills with 1,430. Meek also finished the season with 123 block assists, placing her seventh on the single-season list. Jessica Yearout flew by the single-

season dig record of 446 with 468 digs this season. She is also second on the career double-figure digs list with 48. "We are really excited for next year," Buchanan said. "We have everyone but Anna-Marie Hammond returning and although we will miss her we will overall be a better team." She said that by building the volleyball program as they have done over the past years, the team is put in a good position for what could be one of the program's best years in a long time. "We won't take a step back next year; we will keep moving forward," she said.



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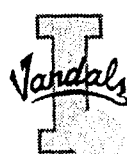
Junior Dandrick Jones catches Boise State players off guard Saturday night at the Cowan Spectrum.

## Broncos continue their dominance over Vandals

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

It may not have been a must-win game, but for the University of Idaho men's basketball team, its 81-69 home loss to rival Boise State on Saturday might have felt like it. Led by junior forward Jason Ellis' 16 points and 19 rebounds, the Broncos (4-1) handed the Vandals (1-4) their fourth straight loss of the season and fifth in a row to BSU, and they did it on UI's home court. In the first half UI showed a complete game and went into halftime up 38-35 with junior point guard Dandrick Jones leading the way with 13 first-half points. However, it seemed everything was working against the Vandals in the second half. Suddenly it became apparent that a team featuring five newcomers was struggling to figure each other out, let alone the BSU defense. The UI offense struggled to find a rhythm and while Jones finished with a game-high 21 points, BSU for the most part took away his dribble penetration that had created problems for the Broncos in the first half. As a result of its tighter defense, BSU opened the second half on a 19-2 run, holding UI without a field goal for the first 7:45 of the period. "We've been known to struggle scoring since I've been here," coach Leonard Perry said. "We just didn't score during that period." "Coach (Greg Graham) just told us to dig in and defend; they've got a lot of good one-on-one guys," Ellis said of the second-half turnaround. "I think we did a better job of that in the second half, especially our guards." The Vandal defense struggled during crucial stretches of the game and allowed BSU to shoot 59 percent from the field in the second half and 49 percent for the game. Meanwhile, the Vandals shot just 36 percent in the second half and 41 percent for the game. "We've struggled with this all year, the ability to pay attention to detail and get to shooters," Perry said. "We were late, and every time we were late we paid the price for it. I thought we

gave a good effort of getting to shooters; we just broke down during key times of this game." The Vandals didn't help themselves very much with a seemingly large amount of costly turnovers and many of the 29 personal fouls called throughout the game. As a result, BSU attempted 37 free throws, including 25 in the second half, compared to UI's total of 16. Of those 37 attempts the Broncos connected on 25, which ended up being a huge factor in the outcome of the game. Perry, who received a technical foul midway through the second half, remained reserved after the game but couldn't help but notice the disparity. "I'm extremely disappointed in the officiating," he said. "That's probably more than I can say, but I didn't think it was fair." Despite the long scoring drought and defensive lapses, UI managed to climb back into the game. Jones started the second-half scoring for UI with his jumper at the 12:15, and a 3-point shot by Dwayne Williams at the 7:36 mark brought the Vandals back to within four at 61-57. Williams finished the night second on the team in scoring with 12 points. UI pulled to within four two more times but was never able to get any closer as BSU reeled off a 13-5 run to close the game and was led by senior guard Booker Nabors, who contributed seven of the points during that stretch by way of a 3-pointer and four straight free throws to end the game. UI will face the Broncos once again Saturday in Boise, but first they will take on Great Falls University at 7 p.m. today in the Cowan Spectrum.



- Men's basketball**
- Next games**
- Great Falls Today, 7 p.m. Cowan Spectrum
  - Boise State Saturday, 7 p.m. BSU Pavilion
- Ranking**
- ninth in conference

## Vandal fans have high hopes for Holt as new coach.

"OK, we have a coach. Now on to the New Orleans Bowl." I can almost hear half of the Vandal nation going wild with success-ecstasy; most of them would do anything to see UI win more than a couple games per year. In fact, I would bet that right now there are groups of thrilled alumni in sports bars and taverns all over toasting a tall, cold one to the imminent success of the University of Idaho football team. Almost immediately UI football fans will expect success now that Nick Holt has taken the reins of the team that has a total of six wins over the past three years, figuring that he came from a team

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that has six wins in as many weeks and that he holds the secret key to building a winning program in no more than one year. What a stupid thing to think. I'll admit, back in 1982 when Dennis Erickson took over the Vandals, he turned a 3-8 team into the 9-4 squad that finished second in the Big Sky and made it into the second round of the Division I-AA tournament. But should we put that kind of pressure on Holt? No. To think that he is automatically going to come into the Kibbie Dome and take UI to a birth in the New Orleans Bowl is asinine. I think the Vandals have great potential, especially now that they have one of the best recruiters and the most intense person anyone at UI has ever seen. But to expect Holt to take the group of Vandals and immediately shoot the team to even a .500 season may be counting the chickens before they hatch. We need to give Holt at least two years before we can expect the new savior of UI foot-

ball to give us what we really want. But with a four-year contract, Holt should have ample opportunity to get to where he has promised, a conference championship. I might be completely off base with this, but the next few years should look something like this ... Year one: Holt gets a good recruiting class — half junior-college transfers and half incoming high schoolers — but only about half of this group sees playing time. The Vandals rely heavily on the team left from the Tom Cable days and win six games, finishing fourth in the Sun Belt. Year two: With a recruiting class ranked near the top of the conference, Holt sees many of his senior transfers and sophomore class make a big difference. UI finishes with seven wins and a third-place finish in the Sun Belt. Year three: As the Vandals go to a new conference, the WAC (keeping my fingers crossed), there is a better recruiting class, but it is only equal to the previous year's because of the better competition. For the first time in seven

years, UI kills Boise State and finishes third in the new conference. Year four — UI has its best recruiting class in the Holt era and a freshman quarterback leads the Vandals to the first conference crown in eight years, a bid in the Liberty Bowl and the first top 25 ranking in school history. But at the end Holt takes the head coaching job at the University of Maryland and leads the team to the national championship game three years later. Just a bit presumptuous, I know. I guess expecting this much from Holt is almost as ignorant as someone expecting a Sun Belt championship next year. I know I shouldn't have any expectations besides making the Vandals better over the next couple of years. To be honest I can handle another poor season or two just as long as Holt leads UI to a win over BSU within the next two years because, as Holt said in the press conference on Monday, I can't stand those guys.

# Outdoor Program offers avalanche workshop

BY BRENNAN GAUSE  
ARGONAUT STAFF

With skiers and snowboarders heading out of bounds and into the back country in ever-growing numbers, the need for avalanche education programs is higher than ever.

Luckily for students in Moscow, the University of Idaho Outdoor Program offers two avalanche education workshops during the course of the year, the first of which will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the SRC classroom. The course will be a two-part clinic with the second half of the class taking place at Lookout Pass on Saturday. Departure time will be at 7:30 a.m.

The clinic is geared toward people who go out of bounds at ski areas or head into the back country, said Outdoor Program coordinating director Mike Beiser, who will be teaching the workshop.

During the course of the clinic participants will be taught to recognize all the variables involved in avalanche awareness. If taken in its entirety, participants will receive a certificate for

completing the standards of back country level one, a qualification that several snow jobs require.

Beiser said the in-class session will cover terminology and all the variables associated with avalanches. These variables include snow types, weather variables, terrain variables and grid selection. During the field session at Lookout Pass, participants will learn about snow pack analysis and avalanche recovery.

While the in-class session is free of charge and open to anybody who wants to show up, the field session is limited to 15 people and will cost \$30 to participants. The fee will cover the cost of transportation, lift ticket and avalanche equipment, but participants must provide their own skis or snowboards.

Anyone who is interested in the workshop needs to stop by the Outdoor Program office in the SRC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to sign up. The date for the second avalanche workshop will be announced when the Outdoor Program releases its spring semester schedule.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### TODAY

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

### THURSDAY

Outdoor Program: avalanche workshop class session, 7 p.m., SRC classroom

### SATURDAY

UI women's basketball vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m., Cowan Spectrum; UI men's basketball vs. Boise State, 6:30 p.m., Boise; Outdoor Program: avalanche workshop field session, 7:30 a.m.

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.

# Solich's firing divides Nebraska alumni

BY KRISTAL OVERMYER  
DAILY NEBRASKAN

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) — As part of the fallout from the decision to fire head football coach Frank Solich, some University of Nebraska alumni are threatening to cancel their memberships to the Nebraska Alumni Association.

Marc Shkolnick, associate executive director for the association, said he'd received more than 50 negative comments from alumni concerning the decisions of the athletic department.

Shkolnick said he was not surprised by the comments.

"Most people look at the university in one broad stroke and don't really distinguish between the athletic department and everything else," he said.

The association is the natural place for alumni to express their opinions, he said.

Coincidentally, the association had sent 55,000 letters to alumni two weeks ago inviting feedback on the university. Some alumni responded by canceling their memberships after Solich was fired, he said.

Other comments came following an e-mail to 26,000 alumni regarding the upcoming association bowl tour.

But despite some negative comments, he said alumni still were expressing interest in joining the association's bowl trip.

"Certainly this is a very polarizing situation, and emotions are running very high right now," Shkolnick said.

Association staff were responding to every comment, he said.

"The bottom line is whether or not alumni agree with the decision. We feel it's important to rally around the players, the coaches and the university," he said.

"The decisions made do not mean the needs of the university have gone away."

The alumni association generates no revenue from the university, nor does it raise funds for the university, he said.

However, he said some of the alumni indicated they might remove their financial support from the university along with their membership to the association.

Kevin Meyer, director of development at the University of Nebraska Foundation, said he'd received relatively few comments from donors about the athletic department's decisions.

"None have said it will have an influence on future giving to the university," he said. "As the emotions pass, people will continue to look at the long-term vision of the university and at the programs they're interested in."

No donors have pulled their funding from the university, he said.

He said on one average evening last week, only about 10 donors of 400 who called mentioned the incident.

"We're hoping that trend continues," he said.

At the alumni association, Shkolnick said he was a little worried about the incident's effect on membership. He said he expected the association to see both positive and negative effects from the decision.

In his 10-plus years at the alumni association, Shkolnick said he'd never seen an event so divisive in the Nebraska community.

"I might be a little worried about the short term," he said. "I've just got to believe that over the long term, people will come together and rally around the university again."

**"Most people look at the university in one broad stroke and don't really distinguish between the athletic department and everything else."**

MARC SHKOLNICK  
NEBRASKA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fielding will leave school, basketball

UI sophomore Autumn Fielding will leave school and the women's basketball team at the end of the Fall 2003 semester, coach Mike Divilbiss said Monday. He said Fielding cited having higher priorities.

"Autumn has some higher priorities in her life that need to be taken care of and school and basketball are not part of that right now," Divilbiss said. "We have had players leave this program over playing time or because they don't want to make the physical or emotional commitment related to our program, but that is not the case with Autumn at all. That is not even close and we respect her decision completely."

Fielding was a Big West Conference all-freshman and honorable mention selection last season. She averaged 12.1 points and 3.9 rebounds per game in her first year as a Vandal.

"(Fielding) has asked that we keep the door open for a possible return in the future, to which I told her she is family and will always be family and we will support her in any way we can," Divilbiss said. "The team is deeply saddened over losing Autumn, but she believes this is the best thing for her right now and we support her in that and wish her all the best."

### Women extend win streak to five

The UI women's basketball team extended its winning streak to five games with a 71-57 victory

of in-state rival Boise State on Sunday in Boise.

For the first time since the 1985-86 season and for only the fourth time in school history, the Vandals have started the season with a 5-0 record. The Boise State Broncos fall to 2-3 with the loss.

For the fifth straight game sophomore Emily Faurholt surpassed 20 points as she tallied a career-high total of 29 points. She also finished with six rebounds and four steals.

Freshman Leilani Mitchell and senior Taylor Benson were also in double-figures for the Vandals, each scoring 13 points. Mitchell, who was a perfect 6 of 6 from the free-throw line, finished the game with five assists, four rebounds and three steals. Benson, who was a perfect 6 of 6 from the floor, finished with four steals before fouling out with eight minutes remaining in the game.

Trailing 31-30 at halftime, the Vandals came out firing in the second half, going on a 15-4 run in the first four minutes to take a 45-35 lead. The Broncos then made a 7-0 run over the next minute-and-a-half to bring the score to 45-42. That was the closest BSU would get for the remainder of the game before UI finishing the game with the 14-point victory.

### Big West men's basketball standings

Overall	W	L
Utah State	3	1
Cal Poly	3	2
Pacific	3	2
UC Irvine	4	3

UC Santa Barbara	2	2
Cal State Fullerton	2	3
Cal State Northridge	2	3
Long Beach State	1	3
Idaho	1	4
UC Riverside	0	4

### Big West women's basketball standings

Overall	W	L
Idaho	5	0
Cal Poly	4	1
UC Santa Barbara	4	1
Long Beach State	2	4
Cal State Northridge	1	2
UC Irvine	0	3
Utah State	0	4
UC Riverside	0	4
Pacific	0	4
Cal State Fullerton	0	5

### Tinnon to leave the Vandals

UI basketball forward Jon Tinnon has decided to leave the team, coach Leonard Perry said Monday. "His body is worn down," Perry said. "He has given it all he had. His body is spent."

In four games this season (Tinnon sat out the opener), Tinnon is averaging 2.2 points and 3.2 rebounds in 15.5 minutes per game. He started all 28 games last year and averaged eight points and 4.6 rebounds.

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# Croom takes the high road

BY WAYNE COFFEY  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

(KRT) — Thirty-six years before he shattered a barrier in Starkville, Miss., last week, Sylvester Croom Jr. was an oversized eighth-grader from Holt, Ala., who went to church every week, said his prayers before every meal and found himself, quite suddenly, surrounded by hate.

**"I am very proud to see it happen, because it couldn't happen to a better person."**

**WILBUR JACKSON  
FORMER TEAMMATE**

Croom had just enrolled in Tuscaloosa Junior High, the first time he'd gone to school with white children. He joined the football team and was playing an opponent in Brookwood, Ala., a suburb that wasn't quite warming to the concept of an integrated opponent.

As he walked off the field after the game, the crowd pressed closer, red-faced and ugly. "Get that nigger!" someone hollered. "Get that nigger!"

A phalanx of parents and officials from Tuscaloosa — white and black — surrounded Croom, escorting him safely from the field. Sylvester Croom never reacted, never stopped walking, never stopped holding onto the Bible-based dignity and open-mindedness he had learned from his parents.

It was no different a few years later, after Sylvester became the first black member of the Tuscaloosa High Key Club. One night the club met at the Croom home. When the meeting ended, there was a cross burning not far away.

"Our motto always was that color doesn't matter, it's the people who matter," Louise Croom says, sitting in the three-bedroom charcoal-gray ranch house where she and her late husband, the Rev. Sylvester Croom Sr., raised their family. "There are bad black people, and there are bad white people. I've had very good friends who were white. That's what we taught our children."

At age 49, Sylvester Croom Jr. is the son of educators, the grandson of sharecroppers and the great-grandson of slaves. He hasn't been a bystander to social change; he has felt it in his own home, and now he's living it himself. Six months after he finished second to Mike Shula for the job at his alma mater, Alabama, Croom finds himself at the cultural epicenter of the New South — not merely the new head coach of Mississippi State, but the first black football coach in the 70-year history of the Southeastern Conference.

Croom is more than a quarter-century removed from his days as an All-American center for Paul (Bear) Bryant at Alabama. He is 28 years into his coaching career, 17 in the NFL and 11 before that for the Crimson Tide. As he finishes his third year as running backs coach for the Packers, Croom's new challenge is to overhaul a program that has gone 8-27 the last three seasons under the retired Jackie Sherrill, and that may face NCAA sanctions for alleged recruiting violations.

His more symbolic role is as a bull-necked beacon of hope. In a state where the Confederate flag is as ubiquitous as cotton, where a senator, Trent Lott, said it would've been a good thing for America if avowed segregationist Strom Thurmond had been elected president, Sylvester Croom Jr., himself a child of segregation, now tries to win games and heal wounds.

Along the way, he tries to pry open the door for colleagues of color, who want to keep the faith even in the face of the ugliest stat in football: of the 117 NCAA Div. I-A coaches, only five are black.

"There's a past in Mississippi, and they've done so much to distance themselves from that past," says Kelvin Croom, Sylvester's younger brother, a Ph.D., pastor and the assistant principal of Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa. "I believe it's genuine, and it sends a statement to all of America. There are those across the country who think all we do is eat watermelon and spit seeds on the weekends. We are far from that."

Wilbur Jackson, the former Eagles running back, was the first black player to play for Alabama, in 1970, a year before Croom arrived.

"I am very proud to see it happen, because it couldn't happen to a better person," Jackson says. "This hasn't been given to him. This is something that he's earned."

Croom had a decorated career with the Crimson Tide, anchoring the line of the 1973 national championship team, captaining the team a year later. He played a season with the New Orleans Saints before accepting Bryant's invitation to return to Tuscaloosa to join his staff. He graduated from college at age 20 and had his masters in educational administration by 23.

Bryant taught his players that even the best of them would be knocked down, endure adversity, and that it's how you carry forth from there that reveals your true character. Croom, by all accounts, was superb at getting back up. Sylvester Sr., who was honored posthumously for his work as a civil rights leader in Alabama, taught his sons to be strong and not to make excuses because of their race; not to let themselves be filled with bitterness. None of it was easy.

When the Crooms were growing up, blacks had their own schools, their own water fountains, their own place in the back of the bus. They also had their own system of justice, as Sylvester Sr. found out, when he and his brother were coming back from a rabbit-hunting trip one day. They had blood on their clothes.

A white woman had just been raped, and said that black men had done it. Among the first blacks police saw were the Crooms. They were jailed and a lynching mob was coming for them before they were rushed off to Birmingham. A local pastor ultimately convinced authorities

they had the wrong guys. To Sylvester Croom Jr., the worst daily indignity may have been the separate restrooms. You'd stop at a gas station and there would be the signs: men, women, colored. Usually the colored bathrooms were filthy. You learned to do your business before you left home.

"The (bathrooms) stand out more than anything else," Croom told a reporter earlier this year. "Because to me what that said was I was less than human. That bothered me, and it does to this day."

Says Kelvin Croom: "We chose not to be intimidated. We chose to be motivated and hoped that one day we would make a difference. And we have made a difference, because the crosses have been taken down and the ropes have been put away."

Sylvester Croom Jr. may have learned restraint, but he was nobody's milquetoast.

After the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in the spring of 1968, the black students in Tuscaloosa High school were ushered into the auditorium and warned that they could not miss school to observe King's funeral. Sylvester didn't go to school — and neither did the other black students. When Croom first went to an integrated school, a white classmate called him names and taunted him relentlessly. Croom's father told his son to tell the teacher when it happened. Sylvester Jr. did that.

It didn't stop. One day the kid tripped Sylvester in the classroom. The kid wound up taking a licking. The name-calling was never a problem again.

Croom got along with just about everybody, and still does. Those closest to him talk of a man who is smart and kind and impeccably mannered; tough without grandstanding, a leader without even trying. Ozzie Newsome, the Ravens GM and Hall of Fame tight end and former Alabama teammate, is an old friend of Croom's, and says he's rarely seen a stronger presence in the huddle.

One would be hard-pressed to find a football man with more passion for the game than Croom. He and Kelvin played for hours every day as kids. Indoors, they liked to play one-on-one, slow motion style. Louise Croom wanted no part of her sons playing football, at any speed, but was outvoted — her husband, a former player at Alabama A & M and the Alabama team chaplain — siding with the boys.

"You don't need to play football; you might get killed," Louise would tell Sylvester Jr.

"If I die playing football, I die happy," he'd reply.

To this day, Alabama continues a tradition initiated by Bryant, honoring a player every spring with the Sylvester Croom Jr. Commitment to Excellence Award.

Croom's NFL stops have included San Diego, where he helped the Chargers get to the 1995 Super Bowl, and Detroit, where he spent four years coordinating an offense that was highlighted by Barry Sanders' 2,000-yard season in 1997. This season, Croom's Packer backs — led by Ahman Green — form the most prolific ground game in the NFL.

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# Women's intramural volleyball teams finish season undefeated, win final tournament

BY JAKE ROBLEE  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The fall intramural season wrapped up Thursday in the Physical Education Building as the women's recreational and competitive volleyball season ended in back-to-back two-game sweeps. Teams Hoobastank and S'up both finished undefeated seasons by tying up the divisional championship.

In the women's recreational division Hoobastank pitted off against the ladies from Delta Delta Delta house. In the first game both teams were fairly even going into the final point when Hoobastank proved too much for the Delta Delta Delta to handle, winning 25-20. In the second game of the match, Hoobastank carried the momentum from the first game with it as it got out to an early lead. The Tri-Deltas made a late push but the lead was too much for them to overcome as they lost again, 25-21.

"The hardest games that we had were in the playoffs," Hoobastank captain Trina Sanders said. "All of the other games we just creamed everybody."

Hoobastank went 6-0 on the season, and squad members said the reason for their success is that they play with each other quite a bit in class and in their spare time. When asked about an all-star for her squad, Sanders said the entire team just works well together.

"I think that my whole team is great," Sanders said. "We all just work really well together. We all trust each other; some of us have played together before in volleyball class, so we all knew each

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**TRINA SANDERS  
HOOBASTANK CAPTAIN**

other at one point or another."

The competitive match pitted the Buckaroos against S'up. This match was seemingly a practice session for S'up as it walked all over the Buckaroos, 25-11, 25-15.

The Buckaroos could never get their rhythm started in the opening game due to the offensive onslaught from S'up. In the second game the Buckaroos were again brought down by S'up's strong offensive game. S'up ended the season at 8-0 after its playoff victories.

"We have a strong bond between all of the players," S'up captain Tara Tracy said. "We all know each other and we love to play together. We just play really good as a team."

When asked about an MVP from her team's lineup, Tara Tracy said her team was a well balanced unit that worked well together on all aspects of the game.

"I think that we are all pretty equal," Tracy said. "We really have fun. We have a lot of strong aspects: hitting, setting, defense and just an all-around pretty strong team. It was a fun season."

# Men's intramural volleyball crowns playoff champions

BY MARK WILLIAMS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho men's intramural volleyball season finished Thursday night at the Physical Education Building as Big Red Fire Engine and Team Megan held on for the top spots in their divisions.

Big Red Fire Engine swept the Shockers in two games to win the men's competitive division championship.

The first game was a fairly competitive affair with both teams trading points back and forth at a fairly even rate before BRFE managed to come out on top 25-21.

However, it took BRFE little time to wrap up the match as it quickly ran away with the second game 25-13 to win the

match and the championship. For BRFE the championship has been a long time coming.

"It's pretty good for us because we've got second like six times, so to finally win is pretty nice," team captain Mark Paulus said. "This is a good group of guys to play with and against."

Earlier in the night in a contest featuring two undefeated teams it was Team Megan who came out on top and won the closely contested match against Balls Deep to take the men's recreational championship.

Balls Deep appeared to be well on its way to victory after easily taking the first game by the score of 25-15.

That would be the last time the squad would be comfortable, however, as Team Megan found

its rhythm and took the second game 25-20 to force the third and deciding game.

Again, the two teams played nearly even before Team Megan was finally able to outlast its opponents and score a 16-14 victory to secure the championship.

Team Megan captain Slade Klein said the win came somewhat unexpectedly considering the slow start and the fact that his team was playing short-handed.

"Mostly I'm just really surprised because we only had five people," he said. "We played these guys last year and just got dominated by them."

We sucked the first game and just decided to have fun the second game, and it just really worked out."

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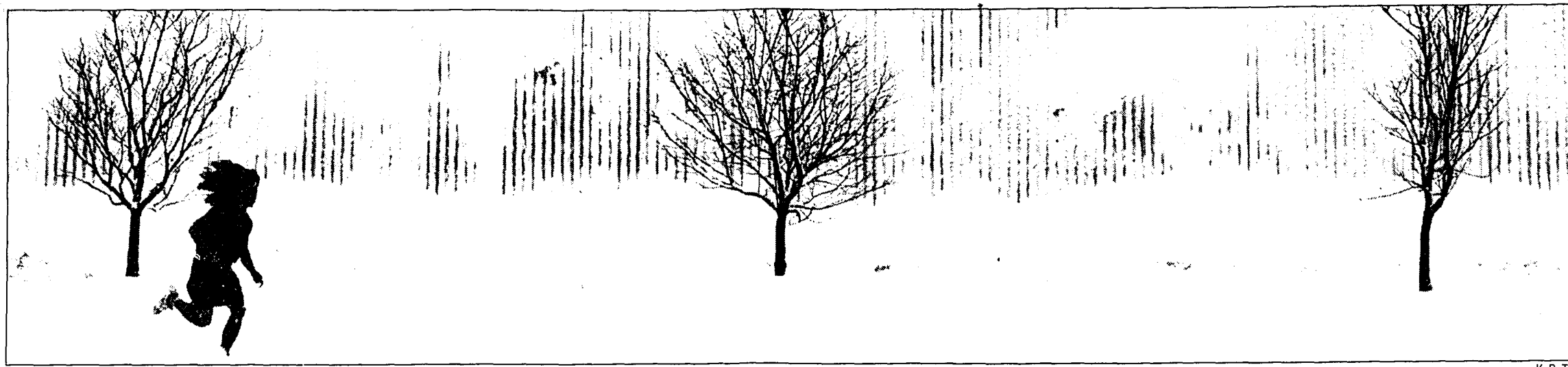
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# Bowl System fails yet again

BY JOHN ROWE  
THE RECORD

(KRT) New Jersey — Ever notice how you can never find a computer virus when you most need one?

That's all that could have saved college football from the embarrassment of not having the consensus No. 1-ranked team involved in its national championship game. Believe it or not, Southern California won't be playing in the Sugar Bowl because a selection system that's more involved than graduate-level calculus has determined there are two teams better than the Trojans.

Forget the coaches and writers, who moved USC to the top of their polls after Oklahoma's loss to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game. Their voices were muted because a bunch of computer geeks who think a blitz is something you order for breakfast decided Oklahoma, despite a 28-point loss, and Louisiana State, another one-loss team, were more national championship-game deserving than the once-beaten Trojans, who scored 40 or more points in each of their last seven games.

So Oklahoma and LSU will play in the Sugar Bowl for the (wink, wink) national championship on Jan. 4, three days after Southern Cal and Michigan play in the Rose Bowl in a more appealing match-up.

How did this happen? Simple. The Bowl Championship System — or the Bad Championship System — didn't learn its lesson after Nebraska, despite a lopsided loss to Colorado in its last regular-season game, was fodder for Miami in the Rose Bowl in 2002. There was a lot of talk about revamping the system, but as is the rule in

this sport, it was all talk and no action.

BCS coordinator Mike Tranchese now tells us the system will re-examine itself again at its annual meeting in April. That's real comforting. As Big East commissioner, Tranchese never saw the ACC raid of his conference coming. Just as he and his cohorts never saw this BCS mess coming.

"There's obviously a problem when the No. 1 team in the country isn't playing in the [national championship] game," said Southern Cal coach Pete Carroll, who exhibited amazing restraint when talking about his team's Sugar Bowl snub. Imagine if there was no Final Four and somebody told Bobby Knight that his deserving team wasn't going to play for the national championship?

Like the rest of us, Carroll is trying to understand why the Trojans aren't. The coaches' and writers' polls are only part of a system that includes computer rankings, strength of schedule, team records and quality wins.

The computer rankings are the rub. It's not as much what the computers spit out as what is fed into them. The same venerable newspaper institution that brought us Jayson Blair owns one of the computers. Before Saturday's games, Oklahoma was No. 1, USC was No. 2 and LSU was No. 3. After losing by 28 points, Oklahoma was still No. 1 according to the BCS. After winning by 21 points, LSU had moved from second to third. After winning by 25 points, USC dropped from second to third.

"We feel like we don't have to apologize for anything," Brent Venables, Oklahoma's defensive coordinator, told a national TV audience.

Brave words, but the Sooners, not USC, should be the team left out. LSU won the

SEC championship. USC won the Pac-10 championship, no matter how much the computer geeks put down the Pac-10. Kansas State, which lost to Marshall and had a three-game losing streak, won the Big 12 championship, not Oklahoma.

Like many of us, the computers were guilty of ordaining Oklahoma as the best team before its coronation. People who should know better were comparing the Sooners to the great teams of all time. Then they were dominated by Kansas State. You can't play Texas A&M every week, Sooners.

Southern Cal, which lost in triple overtime at California, opened at Auburn, and got penalized for playing Notre Dame and Brigham Young in a season when those two teams weren't their usual selves. But LSU, which lost to Florida at home, had a non-Southeastern Conference schedule that included Louisiana-Monroe, Western Illinois, Louisiana Tech and Arizona. When Oklahoma went out of the Big 12, it played North Texas, Alabama, Fresno State and UCLA. Bigger names but not better opponents.

The BCS could have easily had an LSU-Southern Cal Sugar Bowl. All it had to do was call on a Hudson County election board or former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, and the computer rankings could have been changed. Only kidding.

The BCS neither has a sense of humor nor the foresight to envision problems. That's why it deserves to have a split national champion — the Oklahoma-LSU winner and Southern Cal. Then college football will be back where it was in its pre-BCS days. No playoffs, no direction. College football continues to be popular — in spite of itself.

## CROOM

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Croom had some strong things to say last summer after being passed over in favor of Shula. "It's time for them to quit making excuses and go ahead and hire a black football coach in the SEC," he told The Associated Press, adding, "I have a real problem there."

At his introductory press conference last week, Croom did not care to revisit the issue. He spoke of being proud of his heritage and joked about how one of his Packer colleagues said to him, "Coach, you just made 'Jeopardy.'" Then Croom said, "I am the first African-American coach in the SEC, but there ain't but one color that matters here and that color is maroon."

David Wasson, executive sports editor of the Tuscaloosa News, has spent a decade covering Southeastern Conference football. Says Wasson: "Sylvester Croom is the SEC's equivalent of Jackie Robinson. You really can't underestimate its importance."

Eleven years ago, when he was working in Indianapolis, Croom and Milton Jackson, a close friend and another Colt assistant, went camping one night and talked about being head coaches. "He said to me that it is better to be prepared and not be offered, than be offered and not be prepared," Croom says. From that day on, Croom made that his abiding philosophy.

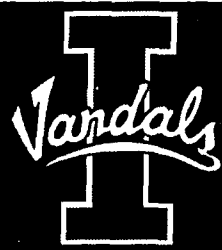
"It's not going to be a perfect world for him at Mississippi State," said Newsome, the first black general manager in the NFL. "There are going to be some detractors. There are still some Jim Crow values down there. That's not going to set him back. He's lived through that. He'll have some resilience because of the way he grew up."

For Sylvester Croom Jr., the best news that he took out of his first week as a head football coach was not so much that another barrier had been broken, but how it had been broken. Dr. J. Charles Lee, MSU president, and Lee Templeton, athletic director, headed a national search — and said the best candidate they found was the man they hired. In 40 years of employing people, Lee says he couldn't recall hearing so many uniformly glowing accolades.

And so a boy who grew up with the hurt and humiliation of segregation, who lived with colored restrooms and burning crosses and the hate of a hostile crowd, has become a man who isn't just wanted, but needed. Croom's grandfather, Willie Brown, 99, used to earn 25 cents for a 12-hour day of plowing a field with a mule. That was then. This is now.

Louise Croom made the 80-mile trip to see her son's coming-out party in Starkville. It filled her up. She laughed softly.

"I've seen a lot of changes in my life," she said.



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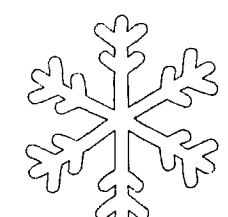
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