

UI enrollment decreases, minority numbers up

Minority student population growth not reflected in faculty

> BY SAM TAYLOR ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

verall enrollment for the University of Idaho is down half a percent from last fall's numbers, according to a 10-day enrollment report released by university officials this

The university has seen a 13.4 per-cent increase in overall enrollment over the last five years. A 3 percent increase in the number of graduate students helped boost the overall enrollment this semester, but there were fewer freshmen enrolled this fall than in 2003. Provost Brian Pitcher attributes the

decrease to smaller graduating classes from high schools, not only in Idaho, but also around the nation.

"The economy is not pushing students back to school yet, either," Pitcher said. "But the fact of the matter is we held our own, despite decreases (in the economy).

The university has seen a constant growth in minority student enrollment and international student attendance. But the number of minority teachers on campus is low in comparison with the growth of student minorities.

While there are 756 Caucasian faculty members at UI, there are only 13 Hispanic faculty members and one black

professor, according to Brenda Mitchell, employee records technician for the Human Resources Department.

Overall there are 61 instructors listed as minority faculty members. Francisco Salinas, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said the lack of diversity in the faculty is not unique to this university.

"But we have a unique responsibility to lead by example," Salinas said. "It's important for students to see a diverse faculty and right now that's an impor-tant missed opportunity."

Salinas said the campus is doing some things to promote diverse hiring, but not enough. The College of Law is a great example of a department taking a stance on diversity, Salinas said.

committed to showing a change in how we hire staff," Salinas said. "We as the flagship institution of the state have committed through our words and actions that diversity is important to

Meanwhile Pitcher said the recruitment of minority students continues to climb, despite new procedures that make it difficult to obtain a student visa and enter the United States.

Both Pitcher and President Tim White point to growing numbers in UI research programs.

"The UI has grown a \$105 millionper-year research enterprise that provides important financial support for students, but also generates the new

"The dean of the College of Law has knowledge and innovation that is key to growing and sustaining the Idaho econo-my," White said in a university press release.

Enrollment in the last five years at UI has been nearly even with that of Boise State University, which has documented 13.4 percent and 14 percent increases respectively.

Pitcher said due to the recession, some students might have stayed closer to home this year, which could mean attending BSU.

Last spring as UI asked the State Board of Education for an 8.5 percent increase in student fees, along with Lewis-Clark State College and Idaho State University, BSU did not raise its

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Voters targeted on Idaho campuses

State and campus wide efforts underway to bring in college voters

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD ARGONAUT STAFF

ooking at Idaho's voting record for young adults, it seems students on the University of Idaho campus don't care what political candidates have to say, even as they find themselves bombarded with campaign ads from a heated presidential race. Idaho has recorded a steady

decline in the youth voter turnout, down 27 percent from 1972 to 2000, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

On the UI campus some students have been working to change the trend of political officials in Boise have become concerned.

"They are certainly aware of this at the national level and acting accordingly," Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa said

The secretary of state's office teamed up with Marilyn Howard, the state superintend ent of public instruction, in August to bring interactive voting programs into Idaho high schools, allowing students to vote in mock elections. A Web site that will open

week, next week, www.idahovotes.gov, has been devoted to the upcoming elec-tions and targeted toward younger voters. "We realize that tomorrow's

leaders are in college today," Ysursa said.

UI political groups are not the only ones spreading the word around campus. Students also have taken charge and are reminding their peers they need to vote.

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AMY LOWE UI JUNIOR

apathy. The UI College Republicans and UI Young Democrats are doing their part to register and educate students on campus before the November elections. Representatives from both groups said they are seeing

results already. "We've sponsored debates of state and local candidates along with community events to help raise awareness for the local Democratic candidates," said Bob Stout, president of UI Young Democrats.

"The interest and involvement in this election has increased incredibly across the board," said Cameron Ryffel, president of UI College Republicans.

But as Idaho maintains one of the lowest rates of collegeage voters in the nation, state

you don't vote, you have no right to complain about any of the outcomes," Amy Lowe, a UI junior said.

Students around the country seem to be responding as national and local campaigns target younger voters with programs such as Rock the Vote and CollegeVote.org. Controversial issues being discussed in this year's presi-

dential election, such as war, education and gay marriage also are bringing more stu-dents to the polls, Ryffel said.

"Students are very concerned about the issues of education funding, terrorism and war," he said. "They're realizing that politics is more than just taxes.

The college vote is going to be one of the major deciding factors this year, and both parties know it, Ryffel said.

The fierce race between Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry and President George W. Bush also promises to draw more young voters to the polls.

'I think the lines between the two candidates are clearer than they have been in many vears," Ysursa said.

Ryffel and Stout agree that every vote makes a difference.

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dormitory under control

BY NATE POPPINO

ARGONAUT STAFF

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Scott Koehler, UI manager of

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UI students gain global perspective

Intern, study, volunteer programs featured at fair

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI ARGONAUT STAFF

ne of the University of Idaho's favorite slogans is, "From here, you can go anywhere

The UI's study abroad program proved to be a prime example of that phrase Thursday in the Idaho Commons Plaza, where UI students learned they can travel to more than 70 different countries through study abroad and student exchange programs.

Popular destinations include Australia. England, India, Ireland and Spain.

Students visiting the fair not only received a look at their options when traveling, but also spoke with students who have studied abroad in the past.

UI junior Amy Van Wassenhove visited

Students interested in participating in a study abroad program can contact the Study Abroad Office at abroad@uidaho.edu or visit the office on the ground floor of the Living Learning Community.

New Zealand during abroad her study experience.

"There's just incredible people; you get to see incredible cultures, and you learn a lot more than you would in your typical classroom, Wassenhove said. 'You're taking classes, but you're also learning so much about yourself."

Wassenhove also experienced customs of the Maori people who are indigenous

to the country, along with political aspects of New Zealand, and participated in an outdoors organization where she experienced in everything from horseback riding to paragliding.

Students at the fair also attended advising workshops, which help prospective travelers decide on the right program, financial affairs, and proper planning and policies. These ses-sions are held semiweekly throughout the

UI often shares exchange agreements with many of the programs offered to students.

Exchange programs allow students to pay regular university tuition, but study in a different country. Students from the foreign school UI students visit will in turn come to the university in Moscow.

Many students are unaware that academic credits will transfer from foreign schools. Students who participate in study abroad programs through UI will always receive credits for those classes taken in their country of choice.

Students also have expressed concern in the past regarding the length of time they will stay in a foreign country, fearing that

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A live mouse is caught on a trap in McConnell Hall this summer.

Some mice tales long, some mice tales short

INFO BOX

Rodent population in UI

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cal room last week. "The story about mice was blown out of proportion," Koehler said. "In a farming community like this, there's always a chance of getting mice in the buildings. I don't think McConnell is any worse than anywhere else on campus."

Students who stayed in McConnell over the summer told a different story. "Many were caught," UI jun-

ior Joe Nutting said. "I caught one and three or

four guys on the first floor caught some," said Nutting, a physics major.

Students living in the university residence reportedly began seeing mice in late June. UI jun-

"It wasn't a great job, but it was good. It wasn't like they said, 'Screw you; buy your own traps.' "

> JOE NUTTING **MCCONNELL HALL RESIDENT**

ior Dima Myedvyedyev said he first saw a mouse running under his heater in his first-floor room. When other students in the building began reporting mice, Myedvyedyev, an electrical and computer engineering major, bought traps and set them up with peanut butter and bacon

"People on my floor, the base-ment and the third floor saw them," Myedvyedyev said. "One guy said he saw three." When the mice kept evading

his traps, Myedvyedyev and others called maintenance services, which came and put traps and sticky pads in students' rooms and around building entrances.

Myedvyedyev said his traps never caught any of the rodents because of an ultrasonic mouse repeller his mom sent him.

"One guy caught three mice the sticky pads, Myedvyedyev said.

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Koehler said when his staff heard the complaints, they followed standard procedures for capturing mice. Two of the staff members are licensed in pest

control. Michael Griffel, UI director of residences, said the cleaning staff did a thorough job of searching for mice.

"The staff was very aggressive. They put traps every-where," Griffel said. "There were mouse droppings and I think there was evidence of a small mouse nest, but those were the only mice we caught. Some reports were certainly exaggerated."

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CAPSULE FROM THE ARGONAUT ARCHIVES

From the Sept. 20, 1966, edition:

Carneos, ivory roses, and pearls are the latest craze of an old style. A mode which began in Biblical days ---- is still popular today and has become the latest campus fad. Earrings and ear-piercing have bobbed in and out of style since days of old. most of the time, earrings have been popular when hair styles were short or piled high on

the head. Seldom have they been popular with long hair as they are today. All over the country coeds are getting their ears pierced and wearing the popular

studs or wooden dangles. Jewelry stores are hard pressed to keep up with the demand.

Doctors, jewelers, and friends are being asked to perform surgery. Regardless of who does it, a certain amount of skill is required to get the angle of the piercing right and the holes symmetrical. If the holes are too low, a heavy earing will cut the lobe or stretch it out of shape. If the holes are too high, a stud earing may rub against the ear cartilage.

Amateur punchers generally use one of three methods --- the ice cube method, the clothes pin method, or the slow piercing method.

"If the girls really want their ears pierced, they should let a registered do them," a registered nurse at the infirmary suggested. "It would certainly reduce the possibility of infection."

Cases of infection arise when coeds do not clean the ear lobes and earings properly. They must be cleaned regularly, even years after the ears have been pierced.

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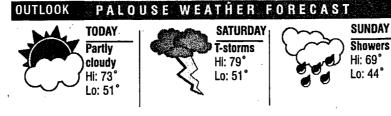
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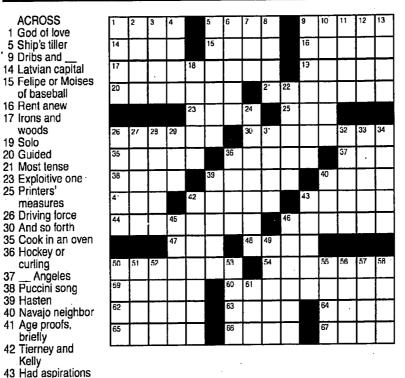
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BY JACOB MORRIS ARGONAUT STAFF

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Open forum

Danielle Rainville, athletics board chair, informed the senate that the annual ticket giveaway for the UI vs. WSU football game will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Rainville also proposed that the

University of Idaho Joe Vandal mascot costume be replaced so Joe Vandal would be able to move more freely and perform more acrobatic stunts. The costume would cost \$6,000 and include a lifetime warranty for repairs.

UI sophomore Alexis Snell suggested an addition to the ASUI Web site for offcampus students. Snell said most students are usually new to off-campus living and are typically unaware of the difficulties of renting property.

She suggested the addition of a rating system for different property managers and landlords to provide contact information as well as a message board to be used as a forum for students to voice praise and concerns about different agencies.

Vice President Nate Tiegs was enthusiastic about the idea and said it was "definitely doable."

Presidential communications

ASUL President Isaac Myhrum pushed for adding community service as a core requirement for UI freshmen. One senator represented a student who had written the senate to discuss the issue. The student argued that once volunteer work is forced, it ceases to be volunteer work. He also pointed out that the ten hours asked for would be too trivial to a student's standard four-year tenure at the university. The senators said it would be important to consider student input on this issue. Myhrum brought up discussions he had over the summer with Dr. Glen Wild

NEWSBRIEFS

UI student writes winning essay

Brandon Schrand, second-year MFA student at UI, won first place in the Wallace Stegner essay contest, which included a \$1,000 prize.

The contest, sponsored by the Gallatin Writers and the Foundation for Research,

More information is available on the

and the IBM Corporation as well as local companies about expanding the UI's wireless Internet capabilities to off-campus students. He argued that the costs for Internet are huge for off-campus residents and start-up costs alone can restrict some students from being able to have Internet access in their homes.

Myhrum said he is strongly supporting Bill F40-10, which would allow \$5,000 to be spent on the newly revived Vandal Taxi.

He said there is enough money to cover Vandal Taxi through the spring semester, and with a little more effort, ASUI could cover the added costs.

Myhrum elaborated on the types of advertising packages that would be available for UI Vandal Taxi sponsors. The two packages, which cost \$1,000 and \$2,500, include a variety of different advertisement avenues and can be purchased by outside companies looking to advertise on and around the UI campus.

The advertisements include signs for the noontime concert series held outside the Idaho Commons, movie slides for the Borah theatre and other resources. At first, it was decided that the flat screen television monitors throughout campus would not be used for the advertisements because rules that restrict off-campus sponsors from using the monitors would be violated. However, Myhrum said all the sponsors for Vandal Taxi were on-campus, so the use of the monitors could be implemented. The issue will be under discussion.

Senate business

No bills were passed. Bill F40-11, which clarifies the appointment process for all ASUI officials, is still in committee.

and won the prestigious Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. Wrigley has earned two fellowships from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and in 1987-88, he served as the state of Idaho's Writerin-Residence.

City administrators attend Moscow Civic Association

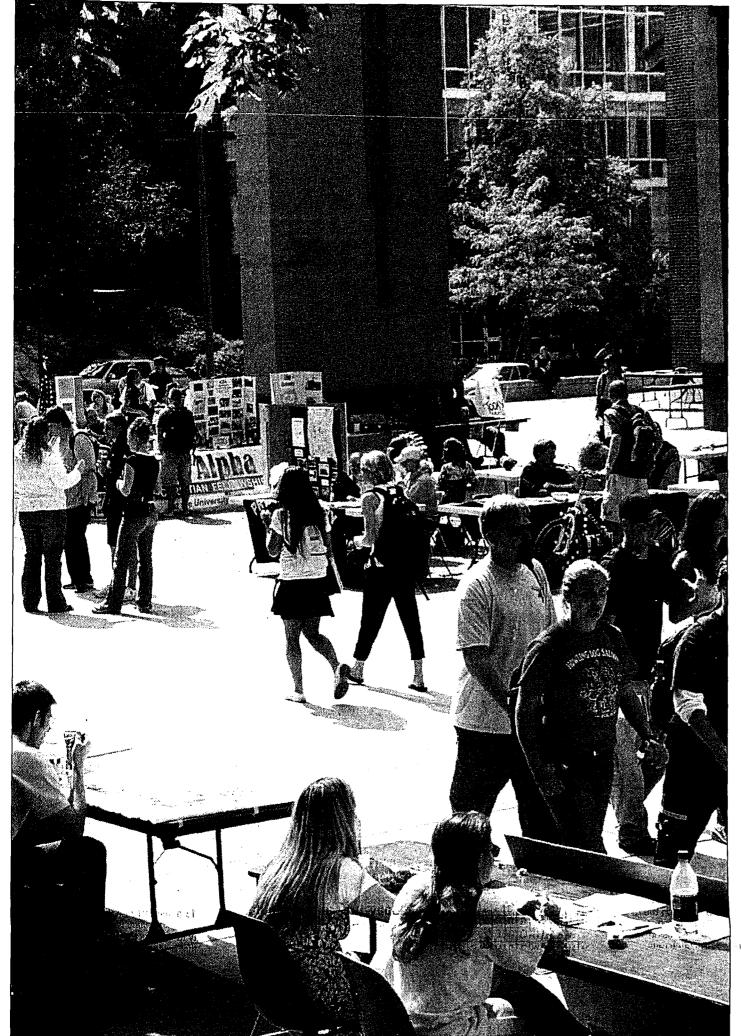
Moscow City Supervisor Gary Riedner will speak about the role and responsibilities of the city staff at the Moscow Civic Association public forum at 7:30pm Sept. 13 at the 1912 Center in Moscow. The meeting will provide an opportuni-

ty to discuss the staff decision-making that guides the future development of Moscow, said MCA President Lois

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A STUDENT AFFAIR



Students browse the UI Get Involved Fair outside the Idaho Commons on Wednesday.

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Nutting said the difference between the numbers reported by students and the numbers reported by the universi-ty could be because some of the students who bought their own traps or used university traps could have emptied them and not reported anything.

"If you catch one, you just throw it out and (UI) Residences never knows,' Nutting said.

Despite the differing experiences with the small rodents, Nutting said he thought maintenance services did a good job responding to complaints.

"It wasn't a great job, but it was good," Nutting said. "It wasn't like

they said, 'Screw you; buy your own

traps."" Koehler said he hasn't heard any more complaints this fall, other than the two mice caught last week.

"We're still continuing to do anything and everything that can be done," Koehler said.

Carrie Parmer, McConnell hall copresident and senior health, physical education recreation and dance major said she hasn't heard much about mice vet

"I just moved in this fall, so I haven't seen any," Parmer said. Griffel said McConnell has no histo-

ry of mouse problems, but UI Residences will always respond to complaints.

We're always concerned about health risks with mice," Griffel said.

Coast in Australia.

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their travels will set them back in their college careers.

"I don't see any setbacks. I think students worry about that," said Jill Kellogg-Serna, Study Abroad senior program adviser. "If they plan ahead of time and really look into the differ-out ortigent there's process why it ent options, there's no reason why it should set them back.'

Each program offers a unique array of experiences, including those countries that share the same national lan-

guage. "Most students believe that they will find a very similar experience to what they have here in the United States; the language is the same, the pop culture is the same," said Jane Batzloff, study abroad and exchange officer for the University of Sunshine

They're usually amazed when they actually arrive in the country and find that things are really quite different. When you come to our campus at University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia, we have kangaroos all over our campus.'

Students visiting Australia will also find outdoors activities, such as yachting and diving by the coral reef near Sunday Island, whale watching in Hervey Bay, and paying visits to such places as Sydney, local markets, and aquariums.

About 200 to 250 UI students travel each year in study abroad, exchange and independent programs such as the Peace Corps.

"Don't worry about the money; don't worry about if it's going to set you back. This is something that you really should do, and you will never regret it," Van Wassenhove said.

versity has even resolved to try to slow

down acceptance to the university because of the rapidly growing student

Despite increased costs in attendance, UI still has the highest reten-

tion rate of freshmen to sophomores in

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cost for attendance. According to an enrollment press release on the BSU Web site, the uni-

"Five hundred thirty-seven people swayed one whole election," Ryffel said, referring to the election between

Al Gore and George W. Bush in 2000.

"Students should have an active voice in the issues," said Stout. "I think once they see they have the power to influence policy they may start really believing their vote really counts."

What to look for at the polls

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the state.

The candidates:

See if they agree with your views on issues important to you.

Look at their background (previous occupations, decisions, etc.)

The issues:

• Decide your views on each of the major issues including international policy, defense of marriage act, education funding, tax plan and budget bal-

ancing proposals, social program reform, etc.
Check the voting records of each candidate. These can usually be found in voting guides.

You can learn more about the presidential candidates by visiting their Web sites:

John Kerry (Democratic candidate): www.johnkerry.com

George W. Bush (Republican candidate): www.georgewbush.com

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Grad Student

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ULBRIGH

New program booklets and applications are now available in the International Programs Office in LIC Building 3, Ground Floor. Fulbright Information Session An info session will be held on Tuesday, September 14th from 2-4pm in the Commons Horizon Room. On-Campus Application Deadline: September 29th) 2004

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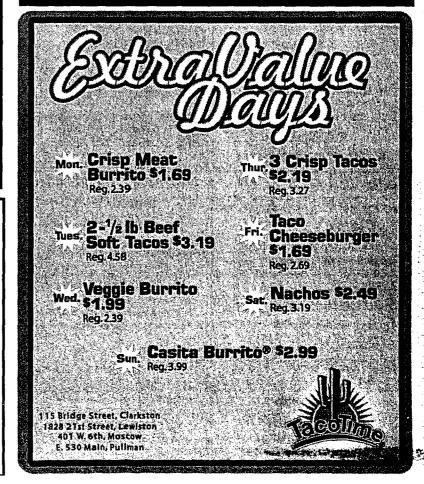


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To register call Paulette House at (509) 332-5117 OR Heather Havey at (208) 883-6399.



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BY DOGEN HANNAH KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — The death toll for U.S. troops in Iraq passed 1,000 on Tuesday, a milestone marking the continuing high cost of the war 16 months after President Bush declared an end to major combat and more than two months since the

nominal return of sovereignty to Iraq. The total, which reached 1,001 included 756 combat deaths, according to icasualties.org, a Web site that tallies U.S. military casualties in Iraq mainly from U.S. military news releases. Including combat and non-combat causes, 855 U.S. troops have died since May 1 last year, and 140 have died since the

return of sovereignty on June 28. The daily casualty toll has been slowly rising since major combat operations ended. It now averages more than two deaths each day. April was the deadliest month of the war, with 135 U.S. soldiers losing their lives during a broad uprising in central and southern Iraq. Fifty-four U.S. troops died in July, 66 in August and 23 so far in September.

A total of 6,916 were wounded as of the end of August, of which 3,076 returned to duty within 72 hours.

Pitched battles such as last month's three-week showdown with a militia in Najaf, during which seven Marines and two soldiers died, have grabbed headlines. But months of attacks on or by U.S.

forces elsewhere have added to the toll, even as fledgling Iraqi forces shoulder more of the burden of quelling the tena-

cious insurgency. On Tuesday, White House press secre-tary Scott McClellan said of those who died in Iraq and Afghanistan: "We remember, honor and mourn the loss of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.'

Army Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said the rising death toll should be kept in perspective. Each death is regrettable, he said, but the overall toll is relatively small compared with how long U.S. forces have been in Iraq and how many service members have served in the country.

"I'm not sure it is a large number when you look at it in the big scheme of things," Boylan said. "The thing that concerns me is people equating success or failure with the number. The first casualty to the last casualty, whenever that will be, is just as important and shouldn't be pegged to numbers."

The latest deaths include four soldiers killed Tuesday in Baghdad and a soldier who died Tuesday from injuries received from a roadside bomb attack Monday on a convoy in Baghdad.

On Monday, the deadliest day for U.S. forces in four months, seven Marines were killed in a massive car bombing on the outskirts of Fallujah, a notorious hotspot of anti-U.S. sentiment about 40 miles west of Baghdad. Three soldiers also were killed in Baghdad and elsewhere.

The approximately 140,000 U.S. service members in Iraq are deployed across a vast region stretching from Iraq's northern border with Turkey, Syria and Iran, through the country's middle and into its southern provinces. The rest of southern Iraq is the responsibility of coalition forces led by Britain and Poland.

The coalition's mission is to support the fledgling interim Iraqi government's efforts to prepare the country for nationwide parliamentary elections by Jan. 31, including establishing law and order, Boylan said. U.S. military leaders have acknowledged that the insurgency is making their job difficult.

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"It may not happen as fast as every-body would like," Boylan said. "It's hard work, especially when there are groups of people who don't want you in their area, for whatever reason.

Multinational soldiers were attacked about 2,000 times in August, or an aver-age of 67 times daily, a record since the April 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein's regime, a military spokesman said this week. In July, the coalition was attacked about 1,000 times, or an average of 37 times daily.

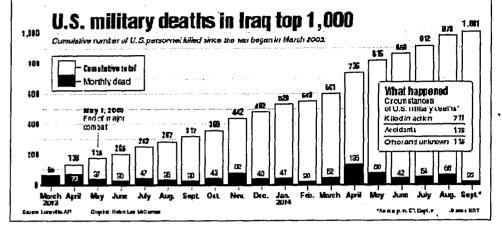
Mortar rounds rain on military bases. Improvised explosive devices and car bombs blow apart military convoys. Gunmen armed with assault rifles, sniper rifles and rocket-propelled grenades prey on Marines and soldiers patrolling in armored vehicles or on foot. "It kind of runs the whole gamut," Boylan said of the perils facing U.S.

forces. "There's still an active threat. We have to guard against that every day." Soldiers such as Army Staff Sgt.

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Mathew Barker, whose 1st Cavalry company is stationed in an Iraqi National Guard building in northern Baghdad barricaded behind razor wire and earthon barriers, remain alert to the threats but try not to let the danger impede their

mission. "If you spend every waking moment worrying about what's going to happen, it isn't going to do you any good," Barker said. "Unfortunately, due to the nature of the operation – guerrilla-style tactics – you're going to have casualties. But we have a mission to accomplish."



U.S. safety remains in debate three years into war on terror

BY JIM LANDERS THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

(KRT) — Three years into the war on terrorism, the nation's safety remains in doubt and victory over the Islamic extremism behind

COMMENTARY the Sept. 11

2001. attacks is still somewhere over the horizon.

President Bush last week struggled with the topic. He insisted, as he has throughout the presidential campaign, that the nation is safer because of his actions. But he groped for a definition of victory, at one point saying "I don't think you can win " then saying "we will win," but that success rested on "changing the conditions that give rise to terror: poverty and hopelessness and resentment.

Throughout the Arab world and other Islamic countries, anti-American feelings are very high. Al-Qaida and other Islamic extremist groups are gaining

new recruits. Clerics are using more radical politics in their sermons.

And while the United States has not suffered another major terrorist attack since Sept. 11, 2001 a clear achievement, given al-Qaida's repeated threats to strike again, the number of attacks worldwide by Islamic extremists has increased.

Bush's remarks last week about the war on terrorism received considerable attention.

But that was not the case in June when Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told a security conference in Singapore that he couldn't tell if the U.S. was win-

"We know only what we're being successful at," Rumsfeld said. "The numbers of people captured, the numbers of people killed, the numbers of terrorist events stopped. We know those things

'What we don't know is what's coming in the intake. How many more of those people are being

trained and developed and organized and deployed and sent out to work the seams and the shadows and the caves?"

So is the nation safer or not? Opinions, as expected, are divergent and many.

Bush argues the nation is safer because of the way his team has fought the war.

John Kerry says Bush made mistakes that left the country more vulnerable. He can point to statements and writings by several counter-terrorism officials in and out of government to buttress his case.

The decision to invade Iraq is now one of the most contentious parts of this debate. A current CIA analyst writing

as "Anonymous" says in his book, "Imperial Hubris," that the West is losing the war on terror because the invasion of Iraq infuriated Arabs and Muslims, and cut short the fight in Afghanistan with al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Flynt Leverett, a former CIA

analyst and national security aide in the Bush White House, says the invasion crippled the hunt for Osama bin Laden by pulling elite CIA and military teams out of Afghanistan for use in Iraq.

Daniel Benjamin, a national security aide for former President Bill Clinton, said the international outcry against the invasion of Iraq is creating terrorists faster than they can be killed or captured.

"We've had some tactical successes, but we are slipping strategically and slipping badly," he said. "Clerical discourse is tacking toward the extreme, which suggests that the mullahs. most of whom are in the pay of the state, feel a need to voice ever more radical opinions to hold their followers.

The 10 members of the Sept. 11 commission, five Republicans and five Democrats, ignored the impact of the war in Iraq on the war on terror. They reached an overall judgment that the United

States is safer, but still not safe, and that a comprehensive strategy was needed to combat Islamic extremism.

In April, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage called the State Department's annual tally of terrorism "clear evidence that we are prevailing in the fight.

But the numbers showing a decline in terror attacks left out two months of the year, ignored many other incidents and had to be revised. Other counts showed the number of significant terror-ist attacks in 2003 hit a 20-year high.

The lead success cited in the State Department terrorism report was the capture of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein "a major defeat for the thugs and terrorists who supported him."

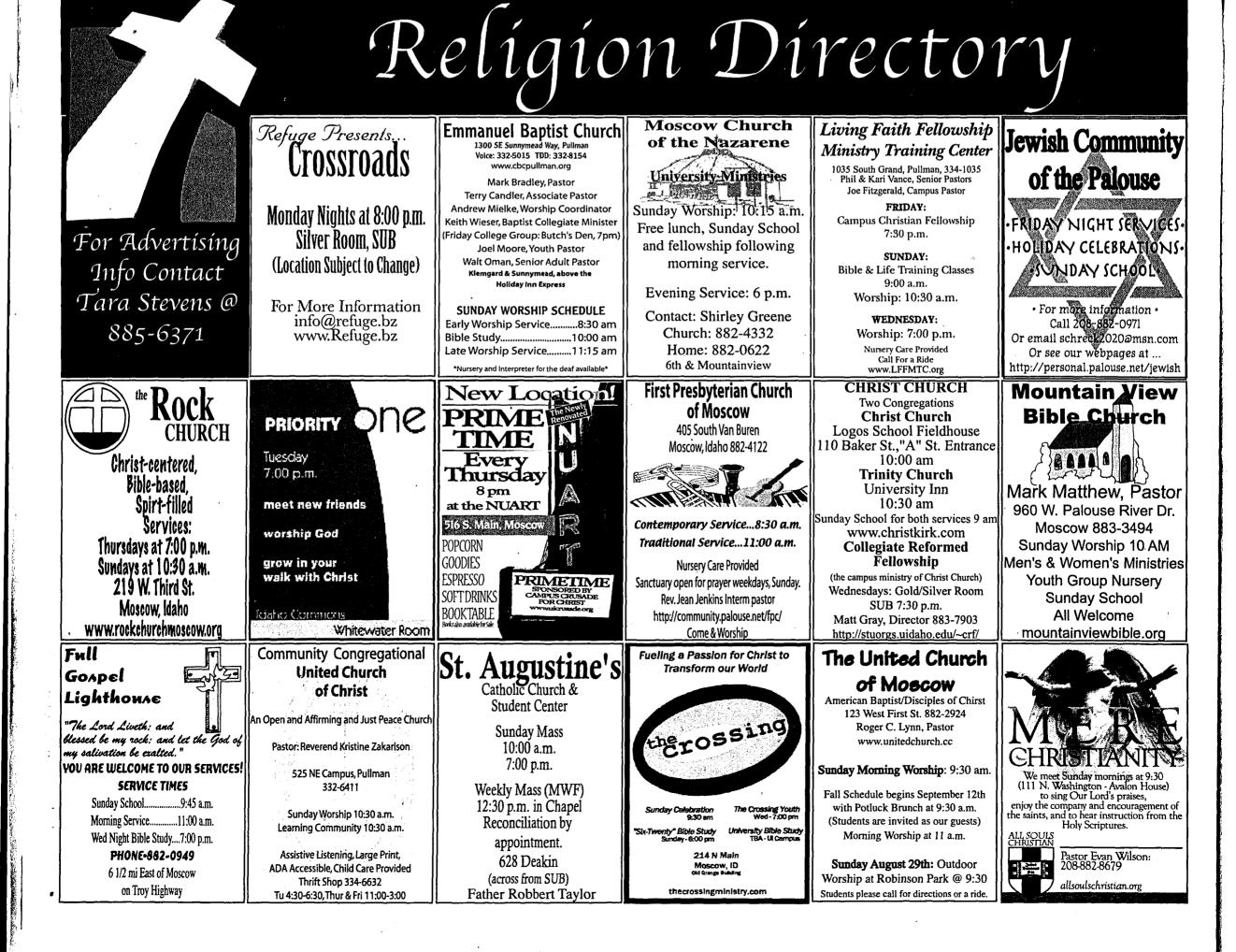
But Paul Pillar, a top CIA intelligence analyst covering the Middle East, says the war in Iraq "probably has increased, rather than decreased, the chance of anti-U.S. terrorism."

In the recent paperback edi-tion to his book, "Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy," Pillar calls the tie between invading Iraq and the war on terrorism "largely the consequence of efforts to manipulate public perceptions to sell a policy undertaken for other purposes.

Pillar, a member of the CIA's advisory National Intelligence Council, scores the blows inflicted on al-Qaida since Sept. 11, 2001, as a big success: two-thirds of its leadership killed or captured, more than 3,400 suspected members jailed around the world, Osama bin Laden on the run.

Against that, however, he stands Rumsfeld's concern about Islamic extremists in the mak-

"We've got more angry Muslims, with plenty to be angry about, who may be the basis for new and emergent cell groups,' he said in an interview. "I don't know how this nets out. Whether we're safer or not, I don't know.'





MAILBOX

Columnist should be praised for being moderate

Dear Editor.

Interesting response by Jesse Drennen to my earlier letter regarding Mr. Carter. If he were an astute reader, he would have realized I was complementing Mr. Carter for being a moderate conservative (Is that an oxymoron?) rather than the "... devoutly puritan, reclusive robots ..." who so often become conservative columnists, while reminding him that he should look before leaping to conclusions --- conclusions such as he is a very rare breed as either a non-journalism major or a conservative working for the Argonaut as a columnist.

As a fiscal moderate and social liberal, I am too far right for the Massachusetts Democrats and too far left for the local Republicans. I don't think anyone has ever accused me of being a conservative before. Thanks, Maybe I should show my kids that letter title. Then again, maybe not; my daughter might kill herself laughing.

On another subject, congratulations to Joy Passanante on publication of her new book "The Art of Absence." I'm glad to see readings continue in the Law School courtroom. Here's another activity for Tara Karr to add to her list of free entertain-' ment

> Helen Walrath Hill Alumna Haverhill, Mass.

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Assault weapons ban a victim of politics

Bable to legally purchase Striker 12, TEC-9 and UZI assault weapons for the first time since 1994.

With the passage that year of Title XI of the Federal Violent Crime Control Act, a 10year moratorium was placed on the purchase of "military-style" weapons. Signed by former President Bill Clinton and supported by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress, its goal was lower gun crime rates. Continuation of the ban required

renewed authorization by Congress. However, the ban will expire Monday with only a feeble attempt at renewal and

noise from both sides. It is shameful that politicians are so concerned with keeping their seats in this election year that they will let this vital policy

slip quietly into oblivion. In March, the Senate added the ban to a bill limiting the liability of gun manufacturers. It then failed to pass the bill by a vote of

organizations and other interest groups supporting gun control have contended the expiration of the ban will trigger more crime.

The National Rifle Association and others have maintained the ban is a violation of the Second Amendment right to bear arms. They also have said the ban has not affected gun crime rates because those who commit crimes with assault weapons are not concerned with the law and are not likely to purchase the weapons legally in any case.

Ban supporters argue the purpose of assault weapons is to kill people, the ban opposition argues the virtues of assault weapons as hunting and collectors' items, and both claim a policy decision in the oppo-site direction would victimize more people than it would benefit.

However, the true victim is the ban, a piece of legislation that has the possibility to save lives and should be supported. And it is a victim of politics. In this election year. politicians are more concerned with their ectability than their policies

voting by right-leaning gun advocates. Clinton told USA Today."the fight for the 'assault weapons ban' cost 20 members their seats in Congress.³

Also, the March bill on which the ban was riding was killed by an impressive majority following intense lobbying by the right-wing NRA.

Congressmen say neither the House nor the Senate will take action on the ban because there is not enough support for it. There is support for the ban, from both the Republican president and the Democratic Party platform. However, no one will risk angering the substantial voting block of middle Americans who could swing the close election.

Instead, they will let the ban expire for now. And when the new president and the new members of Congress are settled in office, they will address it, with a four-year cushion for the opposing public to forget their action.

What a jackass

for this column has been difficult in the last few weeks. I attribute this phenomenon to the jackass column itself. Terrified of being lampooned by some snot-nosed, wet-behind-the-ears punk with a keyboard, jackasses every-where have been behaving themselves.

I am happy to have been such an amazing help to the community and gladly accept your praise and gifts (they can be left at the Argonaut on the third floor of the SUB).

My job, however, is not done – just yet. Apparently, one Stefan A. Wohl of

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allegedly dumped 800 pounds worth of fecal mat-Chicago. The fecal matter onto a tour boat floating below. Five

Sean's column appears people were regularly on the pages of the hospitalized. Wohl Aroonaut, His e-mail address is denies dumparg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

ing the mating the mat-ter, even though Chicago police have videotape of the bus, which was being used by the Dave Matthews Band (they weren't in the bus), the license plate number and descriptions plate number and descriptions from people on the boat. This guy is — if you'll pardon the pun — is full of crap.

If anything, he should be proud of his accomplishment. It takes more than stupidity to screw up that bad. It takes a good amount of luck as well. What are the chances of sewage dumped from a moving bus landing on a boat below? How about a tour boat? Fate was smiling on this monumental shit show.

Not to mention that it happened in Chicago, the windy city, giving new meaning to the phrase "the shit hit the fan."

I don't know if I'm alone in this, but I truly hope that some of those tourists were foreigners visiting the States. Not because I have anything

signed, include major and provide a current phone number.

President George W. Bush has said he would sign a bill renewing the ban. Congressmen from both parties have argued its merits. Police unions, victims' rights

Following the passage of the 1994 act, the Democrats lost their majority in Congress, which they attributed to their role in passing the ban and the subsequent increase in

If only politicians cared as much for the safety of their constituents as they do for the security of their offices. A.L.

Wars on concepts like terror and drugs are futile

The United States likes to declare war. Right now we have a war in Iraq, one in Afghanistan, a war on terror that stretches to every corner of the globe and a war on drugs that does the same. All of these wars have something in common. They are all waged against an intangible enemy, predominately an impoverished one, with no end in sight.

Our battles in the Middle East benefit from having borders and eventual resolution. As for the latter two, they can never be won, which is just one of the unfortunate side effects of declaring war on a concept.

Jon Stewart recently joked to the raduating class of his alma mater, William and Mary College, "We've declared a war on terror. ... After we defeat it, I'm sure we'll take on that bas-tard ennui." I like the quote because it lampoons both the impossibility of ever wiping out terrorism and the administration's choice to label our sprawling battle against extremism a "War on Terror" as opposed to one being fought against terrorism and terrorists. As if with the capture of bin Laden the emotional state (for lack of a physical one) of "terror" will simply puff out of existence. America's battle against terrorism is not a new one. Terrorism has been a popular method of guerrilla shock-combat since before Jewish zealots killed Roman soldiers pre-Biblically. The problem is that terrorism is effec-

tive at terrorizing. As anyone who has encountered any form of media since 9/11 can attest, terrorism and the media have formed a sort of morbid symbiosis.

The Irish Republican Army got sophisticated enough to time its attacks so they would coincide with the printing

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papers. The attacks would occur in time for the papers to stream big-type banner headlines, but not with enough time for the reporters to do any in-depth research that might ease the drama. Terrorism is a cheap, well-published and slippery way for Frank's column appears

regularly on the pages of the an ideologically unit-Argonaut. His e-mail ed group to hit-andaddress is run an entrenched arg opinion@sub.uidaho.edu power.

Terrorism is also a wobbly term to define. One man's terrorist is another's freedom fighting hero. Were the American yahoos involved in the Boston Tea Party or the battles of Lexington and Concord terrorists? King George likely would have said yes. We celebrate our independence but aren't so keen on similarly occupied Palestinians, Sinn Fein-ers, Iraqis, Afghans, Basques and Greek Cypriots lighting fuses. Of course, this isn't to say that terrorism is ever a moral course of action. Killing civilians to make a point isn't war; it's murder.

Two of the significant problems with America's "War on Terror" are obliviousness and strategy. Lefty pundits are fond of saying: "They hate us because we don't know why they hate us." Our current administration refuses to address why America was attacked. If terrorism is a tree, we consider it a success every time we trim of a few of the thousands of leaves and ignore the root. Did al-Qaida pull our name out of a hat? Why does America arbitrarily support the Israelis over the Palestinians? Are

Israelis just fundamentally better people, more worthy of our money and munitions?

A similarly troubling fight is the "war on drugs." Like terrorism, particularly Islamic terrorism, whose ranks are being filled with poor, angry kids with nothing to lose, the war on drugs is fought below the poverty line.

Crack cocaine is virtually identical to standard cocaine save the addition of a food product that renders it smoke-able. However, the laws for possession of crack, a drug predominately abused by poor Áfrican-Americans, are draconian compared to those for standard cocaine possession. Rush Limbaugh, the thricedivorced beacon of morality that he is, recently attended rehab for his drug problem. Over the course of a number of years, Limbaugh gluttonously consumed tens of thousands of OxyContin pills, not to mention thousands of less powerful painkillers. OxyContin is arguably the most powerful opiate painkiller avail-able by prescription and is virtually identical to heroin. Had anyone without millions and celebrity been caught with even a tenth of a comparable amount of heroin (or even that many painkillers) the book would have been thrown at him and the key thrown away. As it stands, Limbaugh was applauded for his bravery after employing his maid to score illicit drugs off the street, lying to his wife about it and continuing to demand harsher penalties for drug abusers

Not that Rush should be demonized for his problem any more than anyone else diseased with addiction should (well, maybe a little). Drug laws in this country need to be rethought. Just as pruning the terror tree does little to stop the problem, imprisoning non-violent

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offenders does even less to stop drugs. Any high school kid in the know can tell you it is often a hell of a lot easier to buy a bag of dope on the street than it is to buy a fifth.

Prohibition made millionaires out of murderers and only increased the con-sumption of alcohol. Right now, alcohol is legal and responsible for untold car wrecks, episodes of domestic violence, bar fights, karaoke, alcohol poisoning and so on, while marijuana remains illicit. If you are interested, check out how many people have ever overdosed on marijuana or become physically addicted to it, or for accounts of violence stemming from marijuana ingestion.

Occasionally, our two quixotic wars overlap. The government attempted a short-lived campaign suggesting that buying drugs funded terrorism. While certain terrorist groups do benefit from the drug trade, those that attack America and Americans don't. The campaign also failed to mention that the massive quantity of oil America consumes is responsible for the wealth of the Bin Laden family. Ironically, the Taliban regime was amazingly effective at ebbing opium production in Afghanistan.

Now that the Afghans are liberated, their country went from supplying zero percent of the world's heroin, to supplying 70-80 percent. While this is good news for Lou Reed, it probably isn't for America.

Drugs and terrorism are bad; there are no two ways around it. I choose not to associate myself with either, but there are those that always will. It is time that the richest and most sophisticated country on the planet replaces knee-jerk reactionism with reasonable legislation and intervention.

against foreigners; it would just be a perfect — although scaled down — model of American for-

eign policy. Unfortunately for Mr. Wohl, or whoever the other phantom bus driver on the bridge that day was, he didn't commit such a devastatingly perfect atrocity on purpose. Such a planned event would be deserving of punishment, but also respect. No. Wohl (or phantom bus driver) is simply a moron who acci-dentally had greatness fall upon his idiotic actions. He or phantom guy is surely a jackass.

Along the same vein, I have a personal jackass story to tell. This one is a little more local.

An unnamed friend of mine who does not have a history of mental disability or instability, by the way — was having a beer with me at the bar the other night. This character was giving an amazing oratorical masterpiece on his recent fishing trip when he paused and looked me sternly in the eye. "Sean," he said. "I have

something personal to tell you." "OK," I replied. "I won't tell anyone." Which, I suppose, makes me kind of a jackass

now. "I wiped my ass with my own hand the other day." Now, allow me to clarify that later — several minutes later,

following unsupportive laughter — I felt much sympathy and empathized with the situation that he bravely marched through. But right away I could only think of one thing:

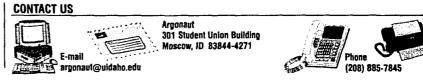
Jackass. Remember, I am still taking submissions for jackass candidates. Feel free to e-mail me any stories or events you may have seen or heard that can be verified. Also, fecal humor will not play a prominent role in all jackass columns. I cannot, however, promise that it will play no role at all.

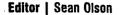
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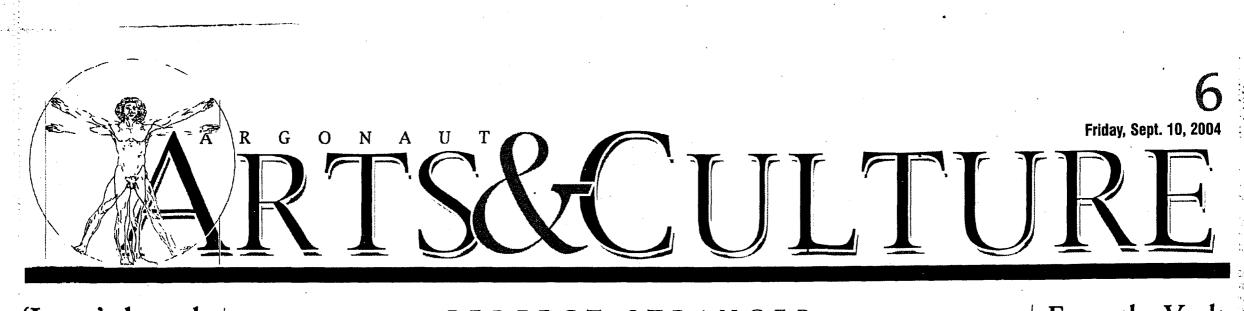




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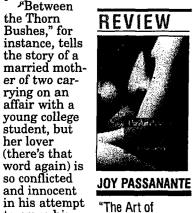
'Lover' abounds in 'The Art of Absence'

BY TARA KARR ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

t's easy to see why Joy Passanante picked "The Art of Absence" as the title for her book of short stories.

The majority of Passanante's stories deal with some sort of absence, for the most part marital unfaithfulness. Included in this category are stories of wives struggling with the absence of husbands, be it literal or emotional. Their husbands are aware of this void but do not care. In turn, the wives drift to other men, who are either married and absent from their wives, or young and absent from the real world. Everyone seems dissatisfied, chasing after lost lovers (Passanante uses the word "lover" gratuitously, reminiscent of an old Saturday Night Live sketch featuring Will Ferrell).

With all this misery and adul-tery, it would be easy to think that "The Art of Absence" would be an emotionally draining, depressing book. Rather, several stories carry enough point and purpose to redeem themselves.



and innocent in his attempt to prove his adulthood that he's endearing. In

Now Available "Absence," the first story in the book, the woman's absence

in her marriage is intertwined with her experiences after a mastectomy. The best stories, however,

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PERFECT STRANGER



Alicia Bickley and Michel Moisant star in Nick Green's adaptation of "The Stranger." The show is featured Saturday night at the Hartung Theatre.

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Lizards may be our real global

upon the planet. His new career had begun. The lizard tablet was the first stepping stone in what was to become a vast path of conspiracy. The tablet and the angunad avantual yielded the thesis that would define his work and life. Icke theorized that around 3500 B.C., alien "reptilians" descended onto the Earth in the Middle East and procreated with ancient peoples. The result was a series of half-man, half-reptilian bloodlines that rule Earth to this very day. The bulk of the proposed reptilian half-breeds are the usual suspects of conspiracy lore, including the English royal family, the president's family, Dick Cheney and so on. Icke followers go on to suggest that Princess Di was married into the Windsor family to refresh the dynasty's increasingly reptilian-looking bloodline with some fresh human DNA. Always an outsider by any standard, Diana was eventually murdered because of her continuing hard-line "being a human" policy. Icke also includes several "people" one wouldn't normally suspect as lizards, but when you think about it, definitely are, including Kris Kristopherson, Boxcar Willie, Bob Hope, the Rat Pack and Billy Graham. A point of clarification: Icke suggests the lizards are in charge and sim-ply run the world through proxy groups. In the opening paragraph I asked which group represents the real leaders of the world. David Icke would answer that they all do; just that the CEO, president or 33rd degree Grand Master of those groups would prefer a soothing heat lamp to a recliner. Surprisingly enough, certain parties have found fault with the notion that evil lizards, fronted in part by Boxcar Willie, control our destiny. Despite eight hot-selling books and speaking tours that consistently sell out huge arenas, David Icke catches animus from pretty much everyone. The majority of people dismiss him as a quack, though others find a darker motive. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) accuses Icke of being a veiled anti-Semite, using giant lizards as a metaphor to propagate the centuries-old "Jews run the world" myth. Icke insists that the Jewish people have had it

just as bad or worse than any gentiles at the hands of our reptilian overlords and dismisses the claim as "their' attempt to tarnish his good name.

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Are bar codes the From the Vault: Caustic Soul reminisces, The Autumns rock

very cold, desolate sound 🔅 resides in Caustic Soul's latest release, and this is reflected in the title, "An Absence of Warmth. A concept album about "The Great War," a reference to World War I, the disc's cover shows a faded picture of a line of soldiers, bayonets and all, charging forward toward some

unseen enemy. Caustic Soul seemingly used every musical effect REVIEW available to make a Caustic Soul dreary, dismally atmospheric

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62-minute album. Dark bass lines drone; a drum CAUSTIC SOUL machine's sterile beat "An Absence of rolls on; Warmth" vocals reminiscent of $\star \star \star$ (of 5) Type-O-Now Available Negative" and "Joy

Divison" murmur and occasiond ally wail; cathedral organ syn-55 thesizers call out.

Song titles that include "Steel Thorns," "Solitude" and "Passchendaele" help to further emphasize the album's darkness.

Lyrics such as "My arms burn with fire/my eyes charred by tears/I can't get past the wall/Dark moments and whiskey caressing my life/it's just the card I've been dealt," set a wartime scene.

Certain elemental themes seem to pervade Caustic Soul's \mathcal{N} lyrical repertoire, specifically εE fire, the color crimson and falling. In many of its songs, external voices of old men in very depressing tones speak in a hardly distinguishable language. They speak of probably less-than-happy memories, reminiscent of Roger Waters' "Amused to Death" which deals with old horrific World War sto-ries. (Would this be the music of Hemmingway's Lost Generation?) From the instrumental setup to the lyrical style to the topics addressed, "An Absence of Warmth" doesn't end up presenting much original thought. If music to which one can slit : wrists isn't one's particular cup of tea, then this release might be one to skip. It resembles to uninitiated listeners an idea that might be tucked inside one's head of what predictable bad music is. These consumers would find a no man's land of stale melodies and clichéd lyrics stagnating like the album's packaged anguish. If the only way you can fall If the only way you can fall asleep is crying in misery, this album could help. If you're into "Joy Division," "Type-O-Negative," early "The Cure," "Interpol" or Roger Waters' material, you might find a place in your presumably dark heart for Caustic Soul. RUSS MEINE

lovers" business and bring something new to the table. "The Lowest Bid," which at first appears to be headed in the direction of an affair, is instead a vivid story of a woman who wants more for her life. "Davey Goldenkopf, Guru" is an intense and humorous view of family interactions.

The highlight of the book is the final story, "Only Sons," which is shockingly tragic, but surprisingly unique. Those unprepared for subversion of the common short story structure may be unsure, but the narrator's voice alone makes the "Only Sons" something special.

Passanante has a sharp eye for detail. She often spends several sentences zoomed in on one character, working out every facet of appearance until the reader has no choice but to imagine things exactly as the author intended.

The personalities of these characters are often – but not always – just as well developed. Some, like old friends Reggie and Vonnie in "Reginette Red" and the title character in "Davey Goldenkopf, Guru," practically leap off the page as living, breathing, thinking humans. Passanante writes their dialog, actions and history so smoothly it's easy to imagine that there might be someone out there picking up the book and saying "Hey, wow, I'm in a story." On the other hand, some characters melt into each other, with little personality to distinguish them one from the other - in particular the absent or neglectful husbands in so many stories.

It's difficult not to like a local author. Joy Passanante is the associate director of creative writing at UI, and infuses her short stories in "The Art of Absence" with little nods to Idaho. Several stories are set here: Lake Pend Oreille, Moscow Mountain and the fishbowls at Gambino's are all given moments of glory.

Still, the stories fluctuate between brilliance and frustrating similarity so often, the book as a whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. Though many readers may adore Passanante's style and be begging for more, "The Art of Absence" left me ambivalent.

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Deople have always won-dered who really runs the world. Along with UFOs and the CIA fluoridation that taints our precious bodily fluids and saps our will to live, the real rulers-of-the-world question is probably the most hotly debated conspiracy topic this side of Roswell. Is it the corporations? The Freemasons? The Tri-Lateral Commission? The Illuminati? The attendants of the annual Bilderberg meetings? The owl worshippers at Bohemian Grove? It might just be a cabal of multi-dimensional, bloodline-manipulating, shape-shifting giant lizards from outer space.

As you've probably already guessed from my wacky and cliché-filled opening paragraph, the answer, FRANKMcGOVERN according Argonaut Staff



In fact. Frank's column appears before he regularly on the pages of the Argonaut. His e-mail was a prophet, he address is arg_arts@sub.uidaho.edu

was a professional goalie for Hereford United and a respected sportscaster in Great Britain. Then, out of the blue, he was raptured by epiphany. He broke from professional sports and all of its accouterments, began exclusively wearing turquoise, and became a punch line in England. Soon after, he prophesied a

bloated array of calamity and catastrophe bound to befall the British Isles with unsettling intensity. Fortunately for Britain, but not for Icke, nothing happened and he retreated from the spotlight to regroup and find his purpose. In his resulting vision quest, Icke stumbled across an ancient Mayan tablet showing vaguely reptilian creatures descending

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enthusiasts claim Icke is a tool of orchestrated disinformation. He presents a conspiracy so wild that reasonable theories are broad-stroked as crazy and discredited simply by association

Other than the army of believers who corroborate his claims with their own bad lizard experiences, David Icke has little solid evidence as support. Though his theory sounds like something expected from a street-corner loon, Icke isn't crazy in a rambling, incoherent way. He writes and publishes feverishly, converses sensibly (topic matter, notwithstanding) and strings his conspiracy together in a logical, if scattershot, manner. Icke's dialogue and literature sometimes swing toward the esoteric, as in the following interview: "I suggest-ed in 'And The Truth Shall Set You Free' that we could well be living inside a vibrational prison. That somehow a vibrational net had been thrown around this third dimension which made it very, very difficult for three-dimensional embodied consciousness - if you like, the consciousness that's looking through the eyes and hearing through the ears to connect with its multi-dimensional self."

To his credit, Icke is harried more than seems logical for a person who should probably be dismissed as a novelty. He's attacked by the ADL, leftist groups, pretty much everyone else, has a large percentage of his interviews in the legitimate media cancelled without explanation and has his work censored.

When it comes to what the average Homo sapiens Joe can' do against a foe so cold-blooded, Icke doesn't offer much advice. He doesn't even claim his goal is to convince people he's right, or even to change minds - just open them. His stated purpose is to illuminate the road to self-discovery and let everyone find the truth for themselves. So keep an open mind, and always work to root out the evil reptile in all the facets of your own life, be it selfishness, racism or an actual bad lizard.

mark of the beast?

n 1982, Mary Stewart Relfe published "The New Money System 666" a book that claimed the unassuming barcode was actually the Mark of the Beast – a satanic emblem seared onto every product bought and sold in the western world. The Mark of the Beast is hidden in the barcode as an encoded 6-6-6, each six represented by the beginning, middle and ending "guard bars' in the code. Since then, the coming cash-free society has been fodder for extremist Christian conspirators. Adding fuel to the hellish flames, the United States has gone from our twelve digits and adopted the European thirteen-digit model. The general idea is that now that we are com-fortable with the barcode, in the near future Satan will somehow facilitate the tattooing of a possibly invisible barcode on the right hand or forehead of his followers before Armageddon. This tattooing will pre-sumably lead to the terrifying eventuality of swarms of checkout demons armed with satanic scanners. As unlikely as it seems, however, holes have been identified in the barcode conspiracy. First off, though the guard bars look like six-codes to us, the computer doesn't read them as such. Also, it would be next to impossible to tattoo a readable barcode onto elastic, aging and changing skin.

titizen Cope fuses various musical genres – reggae beats, R&B vocals, blues, soul and southern sensibility -

into a smooth, full sound that is laid-back but forceful. The Clarence Greenwood Recordings" has an easylistening pop sound embedded into it, giving likeness to contem-

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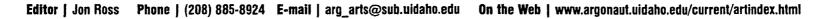


CITIZEN COPE

"The Clarence Greenwood Recordings" **** (of 5) Now Available

STORTSSILLING Clarence Greenwood is the main man, possibly the only man, behind Citizen Cope. He is the songwriter, producer and singer, and plays a variety of instruments. From his beginnings as a disk

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ARTSBRIEFS

Camus' 'The Stranger' comes to UI this weekend

The Other Place Theatre Cooperative will present "The Stranger" at the Hartung Theatre on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The play is an adaptation of "L'Etranger," Albert Camus' existentialist novel, by UI alumnus Nick Green, and is directed by Charles Pepiton.

"The Stranger" tells the story of a man named Meursault, who refused to cry at his mother's funeral. Through a series of increasingly peculiar and humorous encounters with multiple characters, he eventually finds himself on trial for murder,

The cast includes recent MFA performance graduate Michel Moisant as Meursault. with UI alumnus Britt Heisel and UI faculty member Alicia Bickley each playing multiple roles

The company recently returned from Victoria, British Columbia, where it staged the production at Victoria's 18th Annual Fringe Festival.

Live music highlights Moscow gallery reception

Music from the Boogie Doctors trio will be featured at the opening reception for the first multiple-artist exhibit at 6 p.m. Friday at the new Moscow gallery, Above the Rim.

The band will play at the main floor of Paradise Creek Bicycles. The reception, with beverages and appetizers available beginning at 5 p.m., will be at the Above the Rim gallery, which is located up the stairs from the main floor of the bike shop.

The reception will celebrate the conclusion of the Moscow Art Walk series and the opening of an exhibit of six local artists' work at the gallery.

The band comprises trumpeter Fritz Knorr and planist Jeanne McHale, who share vocal duties, and drummer Gina Gormley. The Moscow musicians play jazz standards, polkas, blues and boogie-woogie tunes

Tickets on sale for Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars

Tickets are on sale to see Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars perform Oct. 30 as part of Washington State University's Dad's Weekend 2004.

Carey will bring the popular "Whose Line Is It Anyway!" show to the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum at 9 p.m. Familiar faces from his TV show will join Carey on stage, including Colin Mochrie, Greg Proops, Chip Esten, Brad Sherwood, Jeff Davis and Sean Masterson

Tickets are \$34 and \$31 and can be purchased at all TicketsWest outlets, by phone at (800) 325-SEAT or online at www.beasley.wsu.edu.

Youth choir auditions set for next week@

Moscow Arts Commission Youth Choir auditions will be held at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Lena Whitmore Elementary School.

The choir is open to third- through sixthgraders. Public, private and home-schooled students are invited to participate. Auditions will be 10 minutes long and no preparation is required.

At \$52 fee (\$32 for students on the reduced hot lunch program) is due at auditions unless prior arrangements have been made

New and returning students must call the Moscow Arts Commission at 883-7036 to schedule an appointment.

Choir rehearsals will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday beginning Sept. 23 at Lena Whitmore Elementary School.

Mayor seeks arts awards nominations

Mayor Marshall Comstock is seeking nominations from the Moscow community for the 2004 Mayor's Arts Awards, Nominations will be accepted in four categories: Individual Excellence in the Arts, Outstanding Achievement in Arts Education Outstanding Contributions as a Patron of the Arts and Outstanding Contributions as a Business Benefactor to the Arts.

Nomination forms are available at Moscow City Hall or by calling the Moscow Arts Commission at 208-883-7036 to request the information by mail or email. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 27.

UI student artwork displayed at Co-op

The next art show at the Moscow Food Co-op will open Sept. 16, with a reception from 5-7 p.m., exhibiting the work of UI student Ching-Yi Wang.

Wang is a doctoral candidate, studying in the College of Education. Her paintings reflect her childhood fascination with natural themes in her native country of China.

Schedule for Eastside Cinemas

Showtimes in () are for Friday-Monday only.

"Cellular" PG-13 (12:50), (3:00), 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 p.m.

"The Bourne Supremacy" PG-13 (12:10), (2:35), (5:00), 7:25, 9:50 p.m. "Wicker Park" PG-13 (11:40 a.m.), (2:10), 4:40, 7:10, 9:45 p.m. "Suspect Zero" R (2:45), 9:35 p.m. "Alien vs. Predator" PG-13 (12:30), 5:00, 7:15 p.m. "Princess Diaries 2" G (12:00), (2:25), 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 p.m.

Schedule for University 4 Cinemas

Showtimes in () are for Saturday and Sunday only.

"Resident Evil 2" R (1), (3:30), 7:00, 9:30

p.m. "Open Water" R (1), (3:30), 7:00, 9:30

p.m. "Exorcist: The Beginning" R 9:30 p.m. "Without a Paddle" PG-13 (1), (3:30), 7, 9:30 p.m.

"Paparazzi" PG-13 (1), (3:30), 7, 9:30 p.m.

'Anacondas' fails to match predecessor

BY SEAN OLSON OPINION EDITOR

The key to developing a sequel to a little-remembered and less-liked horror film is

making sure it is a sequel. "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid" seems to have the concept of "sequel" confused with the concept of "remake." And as most astute moviegoers know, remakes should only be made of good films.

Gone from "Anacondas" are the recognizable name actors (the original somehow starred Jennifer Lopez, John Voight and Ice Cube), but the storyline remains almost exactly the same.

Understandably, a sequel to a film about giant snakes cannot stray too far from the original. People go into jungle; snakes find people in jungle; snakes eat people; people scream. But the similarities don't stop there.

An expedition by a young company, with young scientists, goes into Borneo to find a rare orchid that supposedly holds the key to the fountain of youth. Backed by a large corporation, they set off into the jungle with a young ex-special

ing rainy son. boat 14 snakes. ANACONDAS Much like the original,

"ANACONDAS" the characters are to ★1/2 (of 5) be trusted Now Playing as much as the snakes. Sabotage

runs rampant during the hunt for the flower and people turn against one another (just like the first film).

There is little to nothing that can save "Anacondas." Audiences who appreciate foul horror films just for being foul may find it endearingly atrocious, but they certainly couldn't argue anything but. The checklist of possible

saving graces for the film sums up the overall atmosphere of "Anacondas." Acting: Not any, although it

was amusing to see the list of no-talent future wash-ups



COURTESY Even a new cast couldn't revive "Anacondas 2: The Blood Orchid."

attempt to give a monologue from time to time.

The script: Always leaning toward camp and sprinting away from substance, character development is on the level of elementary school reading lists: "Jack likes to eat pizza.

He doesn't like vegetables." Special effects: This one is a little less cut-and-dry. Since studios have shown the top of the line in effects, it becomes very difficult to impress audiences when the budget doesn't stretch to \$100 million. The effects lie somewhere between straight-to-video horror flicks and the effects for the original Anaconda," which were better.

Camp factor: While campy horror has its place, camp walks the edge of a knife when it comes to pulling off an entertaining flick. Trouble can come from so many places when camp is involved. A movie can try to be too campy and end up silly or, as in this case, it can take itself too seriously to be campy

And the film does take itself seriously. It has the attitude that it's sure people will walk out of the theater straining their necks to check for snakes around the corner. The reality is that they will strain their necks shaking their heads so hard, wondering how they just dropped \$7 on "Anacondas."

Nothing can save this trite, formula fodder. It has a place in the movie morgue next to "Ishtar."

ESPN gets sharp, goes back to school

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(KRT) - Celebrating its 25th anniversary on Tuesday, ESPN took time off from looking backwards to discuss the sports network's future. ESPN is set to launch a new college sports network, as well as an HD version of ESPN2.

Dubbed, fittingly, ESPNU, the new college sports network should be ready for a March launch, carrying mostly Division I football and men's and women's basketball initially. The channel will feature studio shows, live telecasts and rebroadcasts of games that already aired on other channels within the ESPN family or on corporate sibling ABC.

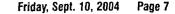
According to media reports, the college spin-off is an opportunity for ESPN to make better use of its currently existing assets. The Hollywood Reporter notes that the Department of Justice has been investigating ESPN's "warehousing" of college events, a practice in which the network holds the rights to a game, but opts not to telecast

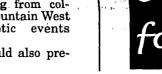
"We think there's a tremendous opportunity between the amount of product out there, as well as the outlets that we have," says ESPN President George Bodenheimer.

ESPNU will compete with Fox's rebranded FCS (Fox College Sports), which launched on Saturday, and the aggressively expanding CSTV (College Sports TV), which is carrying everything from college debating to Mountain West Conference athletic events (starting in 2006). ESPN2 HD would also pre-

miere next year.









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Stars find many reasons to live 'The Surreal Life'

BY DANIEL FIENBERG

(KRT) --- Even when they were at their most famous, the cast of VH1's "The Surreal Life" weren't A-list celebrities so much as they were internationally recognized curiosities.

Brigitte Nielsen starred in movie with the future Governor of California and had an ill-fated and brief marriage to Sylvester Stallone. Flava Flav instruct-Sylvester ed people not to believe the hype and clowned around the stage with Public Enemy. Charo appeared on a record number of "Love Boat" episodes. Dave Coulier was "that funny guy" on "Full House." Jordan Knight made the Tiger Beat as a member of New Kids on the Block. Ryan Starr changed her name from Tiffany from Montgomery, but still some-how was beaten by R.J. Helton on the first season of FOX's "American Idol."

As six recognizable personalities living some dis-tance from their moment of greatest fame, they aren't surprising choices for VH1's third season of "The Surreal Life," a show whose M.O. is to poke the most gentle of fun at people who were once admired. What's more surprising is that the sextet agreed to go on the show and follow in the footsteps of Corey Feldman, Ron Jeremy and those two girls from "Baywatch" whose names

we've already forgotten. "It sounded like a lot of fun, so I just did it," explains Starr. Like Jerri Manthey in the show's first season and Trishelle Cannatella in its second, Starr is a reality contestant surrounded by people who, in their prime, had vastly more clout. Still working on her first album, Starr just wants to extend her first

- Sprint.

15 minutes of fame long real bitch because of the enough to get a more legiti-mate shot at the limelight.

Jordan Knight has been there and done that. He heard arenas of teenage girls squeal his name, became the punch line of jokes, released a not-entirely-unsuccessful solo album and is looking to promote his second solo joint.

"My manager called me and said that VH1 called him and asked if I wanted to do a 12-day reality show," he says. "My initial answer was 'Definitely not.' I never in my life would think that I would do a reality show. I'm a pri-

vate person." Knight admits that in the end, he had to be coerced by his manager into doing the show.

"Promotion, promotion, promotion," he sighs.

Charo doesn't need to promote anything. The cuchicuchi legend sells out regular Vegas concerts. She had a two-week break during the summer and decided to use the time to show America that there's more to her than scary kitsch. "No matter how many con-

certs I do, everybody on the way out, when the show is over, they say the same thing, 'I never expected that. I didn't know she had that talent," Charo says. "It's not a bad idea to really introduce to the audience that I like fun, I like comedy, I'm such a different person than they think I am."

Nielsen is a reality televi-sion veteran. She did the Italian version of "The Mole" and the Danish celebrity take on "Big Brother." Happy for the excuse to return to Los Angeles, Nielsen echoes Charo's sentiment that there's more to her than what people have seen over

movies I've made," Nielsen says. "I'm always the villain, says. I'm always the vinain, I'm always the tough girl. It's been so many years that I've not been here and basically the image is the ex-wife of Stallone who took the \$100 million " million.

For Coulier, "The Surreal Life" is just a resting point in the midst of a lengthy comedy touring schedule. Someday, he admits, he'd like to do another sitcom, but for now everybody's Uncle Joey understands the way the TV business is heading.

"Right now, sitcom is not the king of television," Coulier says. "It's not at the top of the heap. Reality pro-gramming is. Television is so cyclical that that will eventu-ally cycle around. Family sitcoms will have their heyday again

Nobody in the house has more at stake than Flava Flav. Still wearing the gold teeth, still donning the over-sized clock around his neck, but now sporting streaks of white hair through his malleable Afro, Flav has been out of sight for a while, but he wants to be back in a big way. "I see myself transitioning

into the next Flavzel Washington," he declares boldly.

Although he still hints that one of these days he'll release the solo album he's been teasing for more than a decade, Flav wants to act.

"I didn't really know what the show was about, but my main motive of moving to California was to cross over from music into television and movies so when they asked me to do this show, I said to myself, Hey, well, this is what I came out here for, so why not give it a whirl?" he cackles.

"The Surreal Life" airs at "The surrear Life and a "I think they think I'm a 10 p.m. EDT Sunday on VH1.

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jockey in the hip-hop group Basehead, Greenwood has come out to hit the D.C. scene independently; he self-released his first album in 2001 to a growing fan base.

Greenwood's lyrics flow well; they are neither pushed nor dead, but are definitely emphasized. He sings of love, depression and politi-cal injustice in story-like progressions. He claims to be rooted in the streets, and he wants his music to

continue in that vein. His first single, "Bullet and a Target" is a popping rap track with a heavy southern feel, through which he weaves a story about a drug addict.

Most of the album proves Greenwood's Memphis roots still

run strong. One track, "D'artagnan's Theme," sounds like a Texas cowboy gospel hymn, with his vocals melancholy and searching. This shows a somewhat softer side to what seems a weather-beaten. crusty vocal appearance. Greenwood lets this sound drift into his life and affect his physical appearance.

There is clearly talent on this album and the fresh rolling music that's found on it is hard to discourage. With his distinctive style and crusty vocals, this contemporary songwriter seems to have a long career ahead of him.

RUSS MEINE

This nine-piece band's self-titled first album is, for lack of a better word, breathtaking.

It offers a new perspective on the rock/classical infusion with wailing verses one moment and light acoustic the next. The sound is unlike anything else in the genre with contemporary and classic instrumentals blended to perfection. The usage of five-string guitar, violin and harp are the strongest instrumental aspects; the vocals overlap each other in an echoing,

fantasy-like way. Tracks like "Every Sunday Sky" have an entire chorus backing them up, the voices of which fade in and out of easy-listening guitar and a sort of ethereal cello that makes the listener forget about everything else around him. "Heartsick on an Open Sea" ends the album with a light and airy vocalization and a

truly beautiful and tear-inducing violin performance.

Each song carries its own separate message, but the delivery is flawless and full of a true passion for musicianship. The Autumns pour their

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THE AUTUMNS

"The Autumns"

hearts and souls into everything they put together; no track is without its own distinct sound or feeling.

The Autumns' music is perfect for those long evenings when one needs to cool down or for relaxing with

★★★★★ (of 5) that special Pseudopod someone. The Now Available emotional roller coaster that comes with listening to the album is stunning, as

is the sheer intensity of each change between songs. One moment the mood is lighthearted, the next it is absolutely heart wrenching.

All ages can enjoy the blissful and lofty symphonic sound of The Autumns. The band set out to create a debut which would catch a listener's attention and introduce a new spin on an old genre, and that is exactly what it has done. Each musician has contributed something to the work, which gives it multiple levels of enjoyment. Nothing goes unnoticed, and no tal-ent is wasted. The Autumns will definitely be

turning heads on college radio this fall; it seems like they have picked the perfect season to release their tremendous abilities to the public. RYAN WEST

In Shakespeare's "The Tempest," the character Caliban was a disfigured creature who was viewed by all around him as less than human simply because of his looks and strange habits. Alone and feared by all those who heard or saw him, Caliban retreated into the darkness and became the monster that all expected him to be.

It is this principle of loneliness and breaking away from society that the band of the same name tries to bring across on its newest release. "The Opposite From Within" will be internationally released on Oct. 5, yet due to its nature may leave listeners

unsatisfied. The fourth delivery from this Euro metal-core quintet is truly an evolution of previous works, yet is nothing special

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when held up to similar international death-metal bands. Lyrically the band seems to have matured beyond its usual Slayer-esque tendencies. Its delivery, on the other hand, falls short.

Strong bass lines, screeching guitar solos and headache-inducing vocals make up an album that is well put-together. Caliban's album as whole does nothing to progress America's fading interest in the European metal scene. Black moods and internal conflict, while easy for many to relate to, have taken a backseat in capturing the hearts of fickle U.S. listeners, who lost touch with the lyrical genre way back when Papa Roach was giving its album a second try. Stand-out tracks include "The

Beloved and The Hated," which opens the album with a furious scream from deep within lead singer Andy Dorner's throat. "Stand Up" is another power-driven song with an incredible electric guitar solo on its bridge that drives the lyrical point of fighting against con-formity home. "My Little Secret" begins with a whisper and ends in a wail, and has some of the most powerful drum lines in the entire album. However, in the end, Caliban's songs are difficult to differentiate from each other, and there is truly nothing that is lasting from start to

finish. REVIEW In contrast to past works, the metallic guitar playing is a bit more refined and the usage of distortion very toned down. As far as lasting power, Caliban's writing and style make it able to become a standalone act rather than an opening

From Within" ** (of 5) one. All the band Magna Carta needs is to



"The Opposite

Now Available change its tunes a bit and explore

some of the different sub-genres with metal to hone its work into something that will gain the attention of new fans, who may dismiss them as just another screaming bunch of European twenty-somethings.

The band is capable of doing a lot better, but still shows a strong progression from its past. Any fan of ear-splitting metal with that techno edge that European bands so often spin onto their works should check Caliban's previous works out. Approach this album with a degree of skepticism. RYAN WEST





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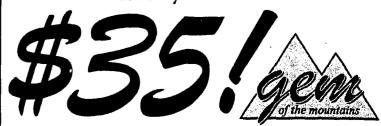
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Vandals not worried about rebounding

BY NATHAN JERKE ARGONAUT STAFF

fter a highly emotional, roller coaster week for the A University of Idaho foot-ball team, the Vandals are ready to get back to where they left off before last Saturday's disappointing loss.

Despite receiving a 65-7 drubbing from Boise State, the Vandals are confident they can get prepared for another big game this week. UI is traveling to Logan, Utah, for its Sun Belt Conference opener while still trying to recover from one of its worst losses since joining Division I-A.

"I think team morale is good," coach Nick Holt said good, coach Nick Holt said Tuesday in a press conference. "Obviously, that is one of the things you worry about with something that happened like that on Saturday night and what's gone on around here in the past. That's one of the biggest issues we need to overcome here is getting the kids regrouped and focused on the important stuff and getting their heads high."

Few players escaped criti-cism from Holt following the season-opening loss, but the positive message that he expressed was that the team was going to get better and most of the mistakes of week one will be corrected.

Several of the players resounded the sentiment, say-

ing they've already started see-ing the difference in practices assistant for USU as this week.

"We just need to fix some of everything," sophomore receiver Wendell Octave said. "So we're playing faster and we're doing everything

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pen against a team was impressive in its 48-17 loss to Alabama on Saturday. While the score may not be evident, Holt said the Aggies offense did a

good job of spreading the field, throwing screens and opening up the running game with a solid set of

receivers 'The bottom line is we need to stop the run before we worry about all that passing stuff," Holt said. "But they do pose some problems with all their spread offense and all their screens.

The Vandals are familiar with the Aggies, as current UI coordinator Nate offensive

well as Holt, who near-ly followed former UI coach John L. Smith to Logan in 1995 before

returning to UI. But the Vandals are just as familiar on the football field as each team has beaten the other 14 times in the series with UI winning last year 20-13 in the season finale for both teams. However, this game is more than just a win for each as both schools are trying to regain higher status in college football before moving to the WAC next year.

"We just need to win; that's the bottom line," senior defensive end Brandon Kania said. "Everyone wants to win 'cause

we're tired of losing in this program. We're ready to win and we're committed to win and we've been working our butts off. It's

time to win. Notes: Sophomore tackle Hank Therien will start the game against Utah State following a one-game suspension that kept him out of the season opener. With his return, Jade Tadvick will return to guard.

Cliff Mason will likely start at running back against the Aggies despite gaining only three yards on six carries against BSU. Jayson Bird and Rolly Lumbala will both see significant time coming off the bench.

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The Vandals had 13 true freshmen play in the season opener, with as many as seven playing on defense at the same

time late in the third quarter. "The freshmen weren't the problem, they didn't kill us, it was a group effort and they'll get better," Holt said.

Part of the Vandal football team practices at Kibbie Field on Wednesday evening in preparation for the Utah State game.

The game will start at 5 p.m. (PDT) in Romney Stadium. There is no television service scheduled for the game but it can be heard locally on KHTR 104.3 FM.

Series:	Alabama def.
14-14-2	Utah State 48-17
Last meeting: Idaho def. Utah State 20-13 Last week: Boise State def. Idaho 65-7	Television: None scheduled Radio: KHTR 104.3 FM

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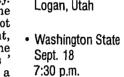
"t's fall. The leaves are chang-ing, yet the days are still warm. According to my latest issue of Brides Monthly this is the perfect season for weddings. And weddings, for the sports-

man, cause mixed feelings. On one hand it's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with family and friends while hammered. But stains on the bride's dress.

Secondly, the seating at a wedding is just plain wrong. Having people sitting in rows with nothing to do but cry into boxes of tissues is ridiculous, so change things up a bit.

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began with demanding prac-tices, long hours and fortitude. Now they are striving harder than ever to prepare for the first home meet in 19 years.

This will and determination could, in part, have something to do with the swim program's recent reinstatement. The last UI swim program lasted from 1972-1985 where at least one teammate went to Nationals every year.

As the new team prepares for the season, each member is putting forth her utmost effort in hopes that this year, as the first, will be the best in a long line of great years to come.

The team practices every morning and evening for two hours at a time. These practices can include strength training and conditioning outside of the pool, as well as rigorous laps and drills. The athletic trainer keeps a close watch, ensuring the safety of each member as practices become increasingly difficult.

on training only conditioning, and but says he is also focusing on mem-bers "shedding their individualism working and together as a team. Jager, along with assistant coach Dan Lawson, has also strengthened and fine-tuned the

team's mindset. "Each of the girls has her own talent and character that we can use to work together," Jager said.

Adriana Quirke, a sophomore with 14 years of swimming experience, said, "The practices are the same as what am used to, but still much more difficult than last year." Quirke looks forward to introducing swimming to the university and hopes students will go to the meets.

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compete for a Big West title.

BY JESSICA LEWIS

ARGONAUT STAFF

to believe it will do just fine in the upcom-

"We have some young guys that came in this year, and I think they will greatly con-

tribute to the team," Katrina Perlman said,

"and I think our seniors will do a great job

All-Conference Big West honorable men-tion members Brad Lum-Tucker and Chris

Faulman, who helped lead UI to a fifth-

place finish in the Big West Conference championship and UI's first-ever national

ranking (the Vandals were ranked as high

provided UI with a powerful punch at the

top of team and the Vandals will need a

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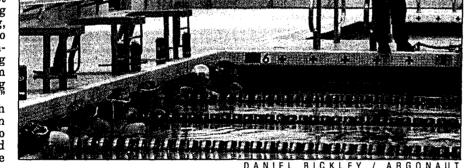
The Vandals will be looking to replace

leading us in the Big West this year.'

espite losing the top two players from

last spring's team, the University of

Idaho men's tennis squad has reason



Women's swim team coach Tom Jager works with the team Wednesday evening at the UI Swim Center.

> team, 11 are freshmen. "Most of us have made good friends with the older teammates," freshman Kacie Hogan said.

Paige Lee, also a freshman, said, "The team is small and so that makes it easier for us to get to know each other better. We have already had two barbecues together. I am anxious to see how we all perform at competitions.

According to Jager, the team will go to the Big West Championship Feb. 23-26 with a determination to win.

The team's first meet is Oct. 23 against San Jose State at the UI swim center, which is located between Memorial Gym and Physical the Education Building. Coaches and team members urge all students to come to the meet and begin a great year.

Men's tennis team faces first test



DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAU Senior Seth Banks practices with the rest of the men's tennis team Wednesday in front of the Administration Building.

could possibly fill the roles of Lum-Tucker and Faulman. Sophomore Michael Suttner, a transfer from Colorado State, and freshman Terrence Nugent are two possibilities. Coach Perlman believes these players will help the team immensely.

One minor setback for the team is that one of the Vandals' other top players, junior David Suttner, tore his ACL for the third time. The team hopes he'll be back on the courts soon.

The women's team is also looking good as it has gotten several new players this year who look to blend well with a fairly strong group of returning players.

We were really young last year," said Perlman. "This year we have a little more experience. Just having that year under our belt really helped out.

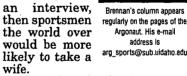
This will be Perlman's first year as the head coach of the men's and women's teams, although last spring she was the interim head coach of the men's team.

With the new players and from the way things are going at practice, Perlman believes the Vandal men's and women's tennis teams can compete with any team in the Big West this year.

on the flip side, one has to sit through a long and often boring ceremony where the bride and groom pledge to spend their lives together, or something like that. I don't really know the details.

A sports professor I had once said that a wedding is the world's biggest exhibition game; it's fancy and all but it BRENNANGAUSE doesn't really Sports&Rec Edito matter.

So why have the ceremony be so serious? If it could be spiced up and made as interesting as watching Rickey Henderson in



Now, if you're hoping to convince your man to at least attend someone else's wedding, much less take the plunge himself, listen up because here's some tips for sprucing up the whole wedding ceremony.

First of all, the main problem with a wedding ceremony is that everyone is sober until the reception. A wedding is a serious moment of truth for any man to face, and for a sportsman to make it through without the shakes and occasional bouts of Irritable Bowel Syndrome, there needs to be at least a thin layer of alcoholic beverages coating his insides.

To rectify this problem one needs look no farther than an NFL or college football game for inspiration. Before each game the faithful fans partake in a tailgate party in the parking lot. Here fans can fill their bellies with beef and beer while gathering up the inspiration to scream obscenities

at the opposing team. Why not apply this tradition to weddings? Not only would everyone feel a tad less nervous, but the families of the bride will also have the courage to express their true feelings about the groom at high decibel levels, and vice versa. Plus, nothing says "great wedding" like beer and barbecue

you care, have the groom's fattest friends and relatives standing up there with their shirts off (stom-

ach and face paint optional). These people will be the official hecklers of the wedding. From their vantage point they'll be able to let the minister know if he's screwed up by offering such helpful hints as "pull your head out of your ass" and "quit fumbling worse than Daunte Culpepper."

Thirdly, one of the best things about going to a sporting event is the service. Beer and hot-dog vendors are a gift to mankind, so why not make them a part of the special moment in your life when you swear to stay with your true love till one of you is dead.

As soon as guests begin to sit down, the vendors will wander in and serenade the audience with **"BEER HERE. GET YOUR** BEER HERE." And since that is such a beautiful song, the father of the bride won't have to shell' out money for a musical group to be on hand to play the wedding march.

Fourthly, sporting events fill the pauses in action with bits of entertainment, and weddings shouldn't be any different. After the tailgate ends, select the two fellows who have indulged themselves a bit too much and place them in chairs near where the couple is about to be married. Have both of them wear Bobby Knight Indiana sweatshirts and instruct them to coach their team to victory.

From their seats they can easily call audibles such as, "Don't do it, man. She looks just like a hooker I saw on a street corner in Vegas." And if the little flower girl screws up while strewing petals, they'll be in a perfect position to chuck a chair onto the court.

This will provide plenty of hearty chuckles for the other guests, in addition to keeping that flower girl on her toes.

There are endless other possibilities to make your ceremony more like a sporting event (some examples are tackling, tag-team matches and checking). So keep an open mind, because there is much to be learned, and emulated, from the wide world of sports.

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Big Ten coaches reiterate support of replay system

BY DAVE MCGRATH BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) --- Throughout the Big Ten, there is a general senti-ment that although the instant replay system that has been implemented by the conference is not perfect, it was an overall success over the weekend.

Coaches reiterated their support for the experiment in a teleconference Tuesday and asserted that they remain against coaching challenges, citing a variety of reasons that the NFL's manner of implementing instant replay is not yet ready for the collegiate ranks.

"I'm not sure I would be in favor of [challenges] because it would slow the game down and make it a little too much like the NFL game, which I am not sure is in our best interest to emulate. We have a pretty special game of our own," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

"Hopefully challenges won't slow the game down, and maybe instant replay itself will slow the game down. Right now, I don't believe that coaches should be able to challenge," Michigan State coach John L. Smith said.

The overall sentiment is that

the system in the Big Ten is a

yearlong project and that the real judgment on how instant replay has performed will come when the season is completed, not after week one.

"Again, this is all just an experiment," Smith said. "I'm sure the coaches within the league will sit down after it is over and say, 'Here are the good points and the bad points,' and weigh each and make suggestions to what we have to do, or do away with it."

By the numbers: Coaches around the conference are not in nearly as much agreement when it comes to the new NCAA policy of revealing the numbers of players who have committed a penalty – another move designed to bring college football closer to the NFL style of play.

Some coaches favor the move, including Lloyd Carr, who was on the rules committee that unanimously voted for the rule chan

"With all the games that are on TV, with all the video boards and technology that exists and the scrutiny that the officials are under, it cleans up the game some," Carr said. "I think it puts the officials under the gun a little more, making sure a call is there before they make it."

Several other coaches, including University of Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, still don't understand the necessity of the rule in college football.

"I don't particularly like it. I think, many times, we make rules because the NFL has rules," Alvarez said. "What's the difference who held? They tell us on the sidelines; that's who it's important to, and just to make sure that they know who held or who the penalty was against, but I don't think there's a place to identify someone who's at fault for making a penalty in a college game.'

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz also had strong words about the system.

"I think it is ridiculous. I can't imagine there is a college coach in the country that is in favor of it. I don't see the necessity for it and I don't see any value in it. This isn't pro football," Ferentz said. "I don't think our players need that kind of recognition. They are not paid. I don't think we need the fans fully cognizant of who's involved in a violation, and I certainly don't think they need gamblers knowing those kinds of things. I just don't think that it has a place in collegiate sports.'

Troy shocks Missouri in thrilling upset

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BY GRAHAM WATSON ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

(KRT - It took Troy University four seasons for an opportunity to defeat a ranked opponent. On Thursday, it took 9 minutes, 22 seconds to fulfill the dream.

The Trojans scored two touchdowns and a field goal in the final 9:22 of the first half to shock Missouri with a 24-14 win at Movie Gallery Stadium.

Missouri came in ranked 19th in the AP (media) poll, and 17th overall in the ESPN/USA Today (coaches) poll. Not only is the win the first by Troy against a ranked opponent, it's really the only game against a ranked foe the Trojans have been in. In the Trojans' last six contests against ranked opponents, they have lost by an average of 29.4 points. So when they got a lead late in the first half, the Trojans were not quick to relinquish

At the 9:22 mark of the second quarter, the Trojans had their first first down of the game. From there, it was just a matter of coach Larry Blakeney convincing his team to believe.

With less than seven minutes remaining and the Trojans driving on the 26-yard line, Blakeney called a timeout. What seemed like an effort to calm his players was really a meeting of the minds to concoct a trick play. Quarterback Aaron Leak threw a screen pass to receiver Jason Samples, who launched the ball 26 yards to a waiting Jermaine Richardson for the Trojans' first score of the game.

After forcing the Tigers to punt on their next possession, the Trojans got some good luck again. Troy running back DeWhitt Betterson fumbled the ball into the hands of offensive lineman Junior Louissaint, who hauled his 276-pound frame 63 yards into the end zone.

On its next possession, Troy added a field goal to erase a 14-point deficit and lead 17-14 at the half.

Early in the fourth quarter, Samples caught a 33-yard pass in the end zone to seal the game. Early on, it looked like the Tigers were going to

cruise, scoring on each of their first two possessions and intercepting the Trojans' first play of the game. The Tigers limited the Trojans to no offensive yards in the first eight minutes of the game.

But as the Tigers got comfortable, the Trojans got motivated.

It started with little things, such as Demarcus Ware sacking Brad Smith for a 9-yard loss. Then it was forcing the Tigers to punt for the first time. And as each of those little things added up, the Tigers' level of Southern comfort started going down.

Perhaps Troy's early play was caused by a case of nerves. Troy was playing in its first-ever nationally televised game and facing its first BCS team at home.

It's not like the Tigers didn't have opportuni-ties to blow the game open. In the second half, the Tigers had two interceptions, but were unable to put points on the board as a result.

Some considered this a trap game, and the Tigers fell for it. After the first quarter, Troy had the mental edge over the Tigers, and that was ultimately the difference.

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Marakurwa earns Big West honors

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Senior cross country runner Letiwe Marakurwa, has been chosen as the Big West Female Cross Country Athlete of the Week after her performance at the Idaho Jamboree Sept. 3

Marakurwa won the 4k race in a course record time of 14:15.80. She has won the Vandal Jamboree and broken the course record three consecutive years. Marakurwa finished the race 24 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher and helped the Vandals to a perfect score sweep of all teams at the meet.

This is Marakurwa's seventh Big West Athlete of the Week honor in three seasons at Idaho. She received the honor twice in 2003 and four times in 2002.

Pacific's Padilla named Soccer Player of the Week

Pacific forward Carmen Padilla garnered Big West Women's Soccer Player of the Week honors after being selected the Most Valuable Player of the Nike Central Valley Invitational

Padilla scored three goals and added an assist as the Tigers toppled Northern Iowa 4-0 and Nevada 5-1. The assist against the Wolf Pack was credited as the game winner. The sophomore netted two goals against Northern Iowa and punched in Pacific's fourth goal versus the Wolf Pack. Her assist in that game came at the 56:23 mark as she fed Regina McGee on a 2-on-1 break.

Free ticket give-away for UI-WSU football game

On Sunday there will be a ticket giveaway for the Idaho/Washington State football game Sept. 18 at Martin Stadium. A total of 1,000 tickets will be given away.

The tickets will be available at 5 p.m. at the Kibble Dome Concourse. Doors will open at 10 a.m

Vandal cards will not be valid at the game, so students interested in watching must have a ticket.



Hockey team holding try-outs

The UI clu hockey team will be holding try-outs September 17-18. Students interested in more information should contact Randy Gross at gros9602@uidaho.edu.

Two Big West schools in Top 25

In the Sept. 6 USA TODAY/CSTV Top 25 Coaches Poll, two Big West Conference teams made it into the top 25.

UC Santa Barbara moved up from the No. 16 spot to 13 while Long Beach State moved into the top 25 for the first time this season.

Last weekend both Santa Barbara and Long Beach went 3-0.

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UI volleyball vs. Mississippi State Columbia, Mo., 4:30 p.m.

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UI football vs. Utah State Logan, Utah, 5:30 p.m.

UI men's club rugby vs. LCSC Moscow, noon

UI volleyball vs. Arkansas State and Missouri Columbia, Mo., 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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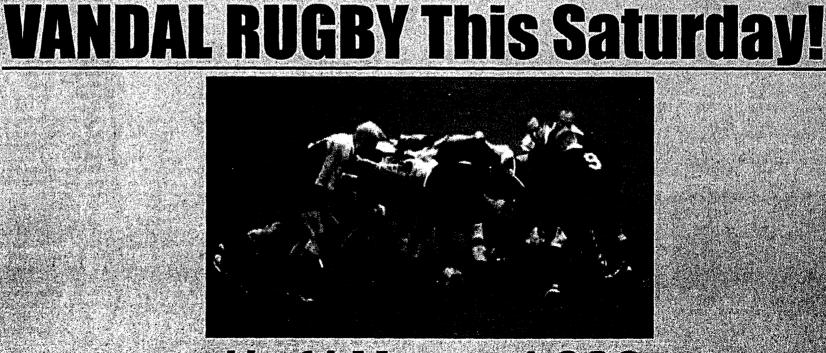
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UI volleyball vs. Pacific Moscow, 7 p.m.

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

Sports calendar items must be submitted in writing or emailed to arg_sports@sub.uidaho.edu by Sunday or Wednesday before publication. Items must include a



U of I Men vs. LCSC MATCH TIME: 12:00 P.M. Taylor Street Field Practice Times: Tues, Thurs @ 5:00

Questions? Chris at: ohms1150@uidaho.edu

First-year players make impact during opening week

BY BLAIR KERKHOFF KNIGHT RÍDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — Missouri coach Gary Pinkel recently asked his quarterback whether he could have played as a true freshman. Keep in mind that Brad Smith started as a second-year, or redshirt, freshman and was spectacular in his debut against Illinois.

"He said he couldn't even imagine playing as a freshman," Pinkel said. That's how difficult it is to play col-lege football, especially quarterback, when high school graduation was only three months carlier And that's much the three months earlier. And that's why the invasion of the impact rookies was the story of college football's first weekend.

Freshman quarterbacks started for Tennessee and Michigan and guided their storied programs to victory. The Vols' Brent Schaeffer became the first freshman to start at quarterback for a Southeastern Conference team since 1945 and helped Tennessee beat Nevada-Las Vegas 42-17.

When Schaeffer wasn't taking snaps, another 18-year-old freshman, Erik Ainge, was.

Michigan's Chad Henne was a surprise starter in the Wolverines' 43-10 victory over Miami, Ohio. A sore arm kept announced starter Matt Gutierrez on the sideline, and coach Lloyd Carr

started Henne. Louisville's Brian Brohm didn't start the Cardinals' 28-0 victory over Kentucky, but he entered the game on the third series and directed Louisville's first touchdown drive.

Not so successful in debuts were two more freshman quarterbacks, Joe Fields of Syracuse, whose Orange lost to Purdue 51-0, and Air Force's Shaun Carney. The Falcons were drubbed by California 56-14.

Freshmen were making an impact at other positions throughout the nation. Alabama cornerback Simeon Castille returned an interception for a touchdown against Utah State. Indiana cornerback Tracy Porter picked off two passes against Central Michigan, returning one 96 yards for a score.

Georgia's Danny Ware, who rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns against Georgia Southern, became the first freshman tailback to start a Bulldogs opener in 61 years.

Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson rushed for 100 yards against Bowling Green and looked nothing like a freshman on his 35-yard touchdown run. "He hit the crease and exploded

through the hole," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "Not many players have that kind of burst.'

Freshmen are arriving on campus

faster, stronger and in some cases earlier than ever. It's not unusual for a high school recruit to complete course work and arrive in December. Ware wrapped up his studies at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia by Christmas and didn't miss a day of spring practice in Athens.

"In that sense, he's not your normal true freshman," Georgia coach Mark Richt said.

But what is a normal true freshman these days? For one thing, he's in better shape than years past.

The strength and conditioning starts so much earlier than it used to," Stoops said. "The coaching they receive in high school is better. Everything just seems more developed.'

Even the confidence. Schaeffer admitted to a nervous stomach before Sunday's game, but you couldn't tell by his performance, completing seven of 10 for 118 yards. He led Tennessee on an 80-yard touchdown drive on the second series, and Ainge, the nephew of former NBA guard Danny Ainge, threw a 42yard touchdown pass on his first series. "I had butterflies," Schaeffer said.

"But being a freshman, that's no excuse.

You just have to play." In front of more than 100,000 fans at Tennessee and Michigan. At least they were friendly fans.

"There's just no way to express that feeling," said Henne, who completed 14 of 24 passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns. "It was awesome to go out and see all of those people. You have to play through the nerves, play like you've practiced all week."

Tennessee plans to go with the fresh-men all season. Carr hasn't determined whether Henne or Gutierrez, a junior, will start this weekend against Notre Dame

"I'm a pretty slow thinker," Carr said. But Missouri's Pinkel will be curious to see the results of any program that sticks with a freshman quarterback in

conference play. "When teams see the highest-level

defensive teams in their leagues, that's when it will get interesting," he said. One true freshman, wide receiver Will Franklin, played for the Tigers in their 52-20 winterest Alberrary State their 52-20 victory over Arkansas State on Saturday. Three played for Kansas – defensive tackles Todd Haselhorst of Olathe East and James McClinton and wide receiver Marcus Henry. No true freshman played for Kansas State.

Five freshmen played for Iowa State, including former Aquinas place-kicker Brian Jansen, who nailed a 37-yard field goal into the wind against Northern Iowa. All of them worked their way into the lineup, Cyclones coach Dan

McCarney said.

"It's maturity, and they're further along than most freshmen," McCarney said.

The Cyclones are rebuilding after a 2-10 season and were able to offer playing time to top-line recruits. But Baylor coach Guy Morriss said he plays fresh-

men only out of necessity. "Unless I had a superstar, I'd redshirt an entire class if I could," Morriss said. Every true freshman you put on the field, it will cost you that many games. But that's something you have to live

But programs have made it work, even with quarterbacks. Last season's Florida's Chris Leak went 6-2 as a starter. Houston's Kevin Kolb, who threw for 23 touchdowns and four interceptions, was 6-5, and Georgia Tech's Reggie Ball was 7-5. All led their teams to bowl games.

A freshman quarterback has won a national championship, Oklahoma's wishbone specialist Jamelle Holieway in 1985

But the odds are against such success.

"No other position is more difficult to play, not just in football but in sports. inkel said.

"It's very, very difficult for a true freshman to play it."

The incredible bulks: Linemen bigger, better — and a lot scarier

BY GREG BISHOP THE SEATTLE TIMES

(KRT) — Here were two large men, giant against giant, small car against small car, sauntering toward each other, faces contorted into snarls, adrenaline and machismo pumping through their veins. They stopped at an imaginary line; waited for the signal.

BOOM. then, And Somewhere, Isaac Newton cringed. That whole force-is-Newton equal-to-mass-times-acceleration deal.

Bill Laveroni had spent a decade of his life coaching offensive linemen, and what he saw before him that day in 1990 was the future. That year, there were 39 players in the NFL, who weighed more than 300 pounds. This year, there are more than 200.

But Laveroni wasn't watching offensive linemen that day. He was watching sumo wrestlers.

"And I saw offensive line play," Laveroni said, his breath quickened after a spirited demonstration. "Japanese-style." That's what offensive linemen

have become in this glorified better-conditioned sumo wrestlers. A souped-up, slimmeddown version of the largest athletes on the planet. The NFL never felt so large.

Seahawks' line coach. "There will be a 450-pound player. I don't think you'll see too many more linemen 290 pounds or less. I could see a sumo wrestler on an offensive line. It's just going to get bigger and bigger and big-

Well then, how did the NFL get so Naturally Freakin' Large? Players train like Olympians, for starters. They do so with regimens culled from strength and conditioning coaches, adding more strength and size with supplements legal and illegal.

On the offensive line, the shift from mobility to mass started in 1978 when the NFL changed its blocking rules, allowing linemen to extend their elbows farther than the span of their shoulders, allowing them to use their hands when they blocked. Bulk became more important, maneuverability less so.

But the league – like waist-lines, McDonald's meals and Johnny Damon's hair – just keeps growing. Twenty years ago, linemen who weighed more than 300 pounds were in danger of being cut. This year, those who weigh less than 300 pounds are the endangered species.

eating contests.

"They're quicker than guys that weighed 260 when I

played," Zorn said. Cunningham spent his time between his sophomore and junior years at Washington living in Australia. He practiced with a rugby team, and one of the players told him he could be world class in that sport, even at 285 pounds. Seahawks center Dennis Norman can dunk a basketball. Seahawks guard Floyd Womack, a man they call Pork Chop, can jump rope with the ease of a 14-

year-old girl. "When you stop and think about it, these guys are ath-letes," Seahawks strength and conditioning coach Mike Clark said. "Really big athletes."

After Cunningham finished football, his doctor told him with a straight face, "Ed, you're a 70-year-old man who's been in 15 car wrecks.

"My fear, because of the wear and tear, is that we're going to get to the point where there's so much force that guys are just going to be snapping femurs," Cunningham said. "I don't see an end in sight. I don't feel like these guys understand what

they're doing to their bodies. I wish there was an education

process. Seahawks linemen said they understand the consequences but don't spend time dwelling on them.

They know that heavier athletes are at greater risk for diabetes, heart disease and high cholesterol. They know that the Institute National Occupational Institute of Occupational Safety and Health did a survey of 7,000 former players in 1994 and found that linemen had a 52 percent greater risk of dying than the general population.

But gain now outweighs pain then. So linemen eat. Lift

weights. Take supplements. This is nothing new. At Vanderbilt, in 2001, Laveroni identified 50 potential linemen. Only two were less than 300 pounds. All were high-school junors.

A decade earlier, he was already scouting sumo wrestlers. Now, he can barely tell the differ-

ence. "It has to stop now, doesn't it?" said Womack, the man they call Pork Chop. "We can't get any big-ger, can we?"

NCAA finds fan behavior exaggerated

BY DAVID SELIG THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

(U-WIRE) - Ninety-eight percent of students said their behavior during collegiate athletic events is responsible and safe, according to a survey released Sept. 2 by the NCAA. Data Development Corp. for the NCAA, the National

Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, the TEAM Coalition and Anheuser-Busch conducted the study.

The groups determined that the perception of fan misbehavior at college games is inflated and said they intend to use the data

at conege games is inflated and said they intend to use the data to encourage students to act responsibly. "All across the board before, during and after game activities, people had the expectation of [bad] behavior, but the reality is that a real small minority are actually involved," said Jill Pepper, executive director of the TEAM Coalition, an Arlington, Va., based alliance concerned with responsible drinking and fan behavior.

The phone survey polled 986 college students nationwide who attended at least one home football or basketball game in the past year. Respondents were between the ages of 21 and 29, because Anheuser-Busch did not want to associate itself with students younger than the legal drinking age, Pepper said. According to the survey, 45 percent of students believe fans

storm the field at most games, but the study concluded only 13 percent actually do, while 24 percent of students polled said they think most fans riot at most games, but only two percent actually riot.

The survey also found 82 percent of students who drink dur-

ing events said they do so responsibly and in moderation, while 86 percent of students said they always feel safe at games. Senior Associate Athletics Director Michael Lipitz said the fact that only a small percentage of students act inappropriately at games is true, but said the study's objectivity is questionable.

The groups involved in the survey – which said it is the first of its kind - are compiling posters, advertisements and other materials fostering better behavior at sporting events to distribute to fans and administrators. The materials should be ready by the end of the calendar year. Pepper said.

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In the 1980s, legend told of a man who ate cereal out of a mix-ing bowl and once drank 48 12ounce beers in one sitting during college. That man weighed somewhere between 320 and 330 pounds, normal by today's stretched standards. Yet William Perry was the biggest man on campus, and a regular nickname wouldn't do.

So they christened him "The Refrigerator."

When the Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl in 1983, their offensive line aver-aged 267 pounds. Seahawks tight end Jerramy Stevens weighs 265.

You're going to have more 400-pounders," said Laveroni, who is in his first season as the

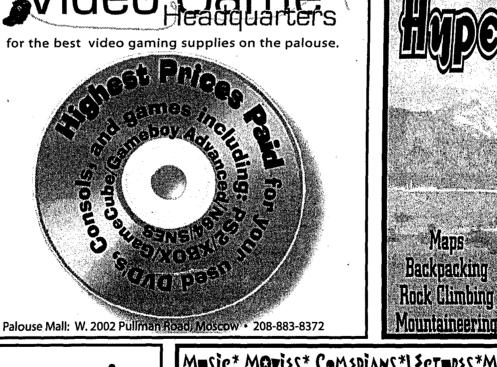
So this is an offensive lin man's job description: lift weights, drink protein shakes, take supplements, run block, pass block, attend meetings, eat until food doesn't taste good anymore

Seahawks center Robbie Tobeck calls it the seafood diet. See food; eat it.

Ed Cunningham, a former Seahawks lineman who works as a broadcaster for ABC, would eat 10,000 to 12,000 calories a day to maintain weight. If he didn't focus on consuming, he would lose 5 pounds.

"It was literally a part of my job," he said. "Just like a stockbroker checking the earnings, that was part of my job description: stuffing my face purple."

But what amazes former Seahawks quarterback Jim Zorn isn't how large these linemen have become, but how they push like sumo wrestlers, run like linebackers and eat like that guy who wins the Nathan's hot-dog-



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Davenport-Capriati tennis final looms

BY CHARLES BRICKER SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

(KRT) — When the audience on the stadium court quiets during an extended rally, you can hear the clump, clump, clump of Lindsay Davenport's shoes slapping against the green hardcourt surface.

When Jennifer Capriati comes on court and peels off her sweats, she reveals a chunky body that bears no resemblance to the athletic physiques that have won this tournament in the past – Martina Navratilova, Šteff Graf, Chris Evert, Hana Mandlikova, Gabriela Mandlikova, Gabriela Sabatini and, of course, the Williams sisters.

But these two women, the anti-Kournikovas of the WTA Tour, very likely will be right there in Saturday's U.S. Open women's final because these two women have played the most beautiful tennis of the tournament.

Davenport, who has won 22 consecutive matches, has served so well she hasn't been broken in her past three matches and has won her past 29 service games.

With a win over 19-yearold former top junior Svetlana Kuznetsova, she would reach her sixth Grand Slam final (she's won three). Capriati attains her fourth Grand Slam final if she conquers the other Russian, Élena Dementieva.

Davenport and Capriati, both 28 years old, would be the oldest set of finalists at the U.S. Open since 1984, when Navratilova, a month shy of her 28th birthday, defeated Evert, then 29.

This has been a most year for who began improbable Davenport, months ago hinting strongly at retirement after 2004. And then she embarked after Wimbledon on a winning streak that made her the No. 1 favorite going into the Open. She has done nothing in her first five matches to betray the confidence placed in her.

She had consecutive difficult matches against Elena Bovina in the third round and Venus Williams in the fourth. She hasn't lost a set,

has been pushed to a tiebreak only once and, perhaps most important, she got nearly a free ride into the semis by drawing unseeded Shinobu Asagoe in the quarters. She won 6-1, 6-1 in 46 minutes.

The knee that had given her trouble at Wimbledon appears to be completely cured, and her ground strokes, as a result, have been lethal. But nothing Davenport has imprinted on this tournament is as significant as her serving.

"I've gotten stronger and a little bit lighter to take a nucle off ingiter to take pressure off the knee," she said. "And my trainer and therapist have done a great job in keeping my body healthy. I really have had no problems, Normally, I don't problems. Normally, I don't have an entourage. But it's worked out so well.

Kuznetsova has had an equally difficult road, having to defeat veteran Amy Frazier in the third round and Russian compatriot Nadia Petrova in the quarters, after Petrova had upset defending champion Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Capriati has had a series of semifinal disasters in Slams, including her wrenching loss to Henin-Hardenne last year, when she failed to hold a sizable third-set lead. She'll have to neutralize Dementieva's great ground stroking, but one of Capriati's strengths is service return, and she'll be attacking the Russian's weak second delivery. Dementieva, who was runner-up at the French

Open to Anastasia Myskina, goes into this match with one ace and 40 double faults, and her list of errant second serves would be higher if she hadn't received a walkover in the third round from Nathalie Dechy.

If Capriati gets to the final, she'll feel comfortable. She's 3 for 3 in Grand Slam chempionship matches. It would mark the 13th time Davenport and Capriati have played but, curiously, only once in a final, a year ago at New Haven, where Davenport retired with injury. A set office to the set office and

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Bonds bashful about 700 club comparisons

BY JOE RODERICK KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - Barry Bonds seems truly uncomfortable when placed among the pantheon of greats in his profession.

Last week while in Atlanta, Bonds was informed that Hank Aaron had told reporters several hours earlier that he thought Bonds was "one of the greatest hitters that ever played the game."

don't know about that," Bonds said almost sheepishly, as if he was being transformed to the skinny left fielder who broke into the major leagues in 1986.

Two home runs shy of joining the 700 club with only two members: Aaron and Babe Ruth -Bonds recently gave a rare glimpse of his inner thoughts as he neared another milestone.

"I'm amazed by all of this right now," he said. "I'm amazed by it all."

Comparisons between Bonds and Aaron, and Bonds and Ruth, pop up daily on Internet sites and appear regularly in newspapers throughout the country. Those comparisons, however, seem meaningless when Aaron, the all-time home run king with 755, said there is no comparison.

"No question about it. You have to put it in con-text, that he's probably one of the greatest hitters that ever played the game," Aaron said. "I've heard some people say (it was) Ted Williams, and Ted was great. Of course, Ted was the last player to hit .400. But who knows? If they pitched to Barry, he might hit .450.

"I'm sure it's going to be argued and debated among sports writers and others, people would say Babe Ruth was the greatest, and I wish them all the luck in the world, but you have to put Barry a little past Babe Ruth."

"He'd have to be the great-est hitter I've seen or Ruth. heard of.'

Harmon Killebrew, seventh on the homer list with 573, did not disagree with Aaron.

"With all the records he's approaching, you've got to say that. He's a great player," Killebrew said. "Not too many people thought 700 homers was a mark many people would get to. He's done it in quick fashion.

"You've got to consider him the greatest of all time because of what he's been able to do in the latter part of his career."

> ANDRE DAWSON FORMER MVP

Said Andre Dawson, a former MVP who finished with 438 homers, "You've got to consider him the greatest of all time because of what he's been able to do in the latter part of his career, not the early part. That's phenomenal in itself and worthy of consideration, because players usually do it early and tail off at the end. It's been the other way around with him.'

Former teammate Matt Williams said, "We all wish we had that kind of talent.

While Aaron seemed genuine in ranking Bonds a little ahead of himself and Ruth as a hitter, statistics tell a slightly different story.

Although Bonds has played four fewer seasons than Aaron, he also has 1,059 fewer hits. With RBI. Bonds trails 1.833

Bonds, whose .300 lifetime batting average trails Ruth (a .342 career hitter) by 42 points and Aaron (.305) by five, leads Aaron in on-base (.441-.374) and slugging (.610-.555) per-centages. But Ruth com-piled .474 and .690 marks, respectively, clearly supe-rior to Bonds.

Bonds wishes the com-parisons between himself, Aaron and Ruth would cease, at least until he's finished playing. He's 58 from tying Aaron's home run record, a mark he should break in 2006, with the biggest obstacle he's likely to encounter being how often opposing managers will pitch to him.

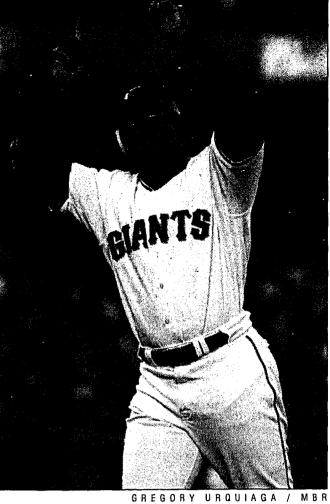
Aaron, as Bonds knows, faced an entirely different set of circumstances: racial tension because Aaron was chasing a home run record held by a white icon. Death threats were common, and hate mail was voluminous.

"I don't think any of us will have that same situa-tion," Bonds said. "I don't think you can even compare. Different era, different time. It was probably a lot harder for him than it is for us, a lot harder."

As it now stands, Bonds' all-time stats aren't quite on par with Aaron's or Ruth's. But if greatness can be measured by the impact one player had on his era, Bonds may stand alone at the top. He is the all-time leader in walks (2,264) and intentional walks (585), and he is five shy of breaking his single-season total of 198, set in 2002.

His 101 intentional walks shattered his record of 68, also set in '02, and they more than double Willie McCovey's standard of 45 that stood for 33 years.

No player has been pitched around more than Babe Ruth." 1,833 RBI, Bonds trails pitched around more than me," Reggie Jackson said talking about his And even Aaron? Aaron by 464 and Ruth by Bonds has, and trawhy at an All-Star function." I mess.



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds comes to home plate after hitting his 690th home run in the second inning of their game against the Expos in San Francisco, Calif., on Aug. 17.

Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox recently called him "the most terrifying hitter" he's ever seen.

While Aaron was surrounded in the lineup at times during his career by Hall of Famers Eddie Mathews and Orlando Cepeda, Bonds has made do in recent years with Edgardo Alfonzo, Marquis Grissom and J.T. Snow solid but not marquee players.

Yet, Bonds has continued to produce at a stunning rate over a four-year span, shattering singleseason records in homers, slugging percentage and on-base percentage while closing in on his second batting title in three years - all this after he turned

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played. I know what it takes. I don't know who plays on his team. Edgardo Alfonzo, is that right? Jack (J.T.) Snow, Marquis Grissom. All those players helped him? It's somebody hitting behind him? I don't know how you calculate it. Nobody is as naked as he is.'

Jackson said if managers pitched to Bonds, "he'd break (Aaron's record) this year."

"Take a look at the numbers. The guy has (194) walks. He's got (101) intentional walks. I led the league one year with 20. He's going to walk 230 times. I don't get it. I don't know how you account for.

Bonds himself doesn't want to know, doesn't want to ask how or why. He's perfectly comfortable not talking about his great-

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