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Il graduate dies amidst combat in Iraq

BY JESSIE BONNER NEWS EDITOR

lex Wetherbee, a lieutenant in the 1st Marine Division, died Sunday from injuries he received during combat in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

Wetherbee, 27, was a member of the University of Idaho Navy ROTC program and graduated in 2001 with a degree in forestry.

John Sawyer, veteran adviser in the dean of students office, said Wetherbee is the first UI graduate to become a

casualty of the war in Iraq.

"As far as we know he is the first," Sawyer said. "I believe that six servicemen from Idaho have been killed and I'm very certain he is likely the first UI graduate."

Commander Mark Brownell, executive director of the NROTC, said Wetherbee was sent to Iraq three years ago, just as U.S. troops were moving into Afghanistan.

He was commissioned December of 2001, "said Brownell, a UI associate professor of naval science. "I do not believe

we had gone into Iraq yet; that wasn't until another full year at least."

Brownell said there are two other marines from the UI NROTC currently stationed in Iraq. "I know there's a bunch that could be there, but right now I only know of two," he said.

Wetherbee came to UI from his hometown of Fairfax, Va. He was involved with the UI outdoor climbing program during his four years at the university. His wife, Heather Shade, is also a UI graduate.

Mike Beiser, coordinator of UI out-

door programs, said Wetherbee was extensively involved in the outdoor program and is featured in one of the outdoor center's instructional climbing

"You get to know them on a very different level, and I knew Alex that way," he said.

Beiser said he has fond memories of a 6-foot, 4-inch "stringy guy" slamming an ice ax into a frozen waterfall as Wetherbee clubbed his way up a moun-

tainside in Canada. "Alex was a go-for-it guy. He did

things he believed in," Beiser said. "Alex is not the kind of person that would be in the back or the middle; he would be in the front.'

Beiser said Wetherbee often spoke of the long tradition of military service in

his family. "That's the reason Alex was in the Marines; he was shadowing in his fami-

ly," he said. Beiser kept in contact with Wetherbee in the three years since he

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Student fees could increase 10 percent

BY SAM TAYLOR ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

he heated debate over how much students should pay to attend the University of Idaho came early this year. UI administrators have announced a plan to increase student fees by 8 - 10 percent for the 2005-06 school year.

Jay Kenton, UI vice president of finance and administration, addressed the Faculty Council Tuesday and spoke of strategies the university should be implementing in order to address its financial problems.

Kenton said requesting approval from the Idaho State Board of Education to raise UI student fees is a possibility.

If the state legislature does not provide adequate funding for higher education in next year's budget, said Kenton, UI administrators would not only request an 8 - 10 percent increase, but additional increases with place he processes. tional increases might also be necessary.

"We have all of these challenges and we have to decide what we're going to do."

JAY KENTON VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

"I haven't proposed anything yet," Kenton said. "I'm trying to have a candid and honest discussion to get all of the issues out there. I haven't even talked to President White about this yet."

UI undergraduate students now pay \$3,632 per year in student fees. If the current proposal is approved, students will pay more than \$3,900 in

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum said he plans to join UI administrators if they decide to go before the state board of education to request an 8-10 percent increase in student fees for the 2005 school year.

Myhrum and Kenton have started discussing a multi-faceted, multi-year budget plan for the university. Myhrum said students will join administrators as they discuss the university's money crisis before the state board.

"We haven't really got too in depth into this," Myhrum said. "But predicting the state appropriation is no exact science. We don't know what's going to happen yet. We're (ASUI) going to provide as much input as we can and I would like to go united with the administration to the board.'

In order to request the state board's permission to raise student fees by more than 10 percent, UI administrators will have to issue a notice. of intent by October.

While a student fee proposal has not been drafted, Kenton said the UI community needs to consider the budgetary woes facing the institution next year.

Kenton said the state's 1 percent sales tax increase, which is set to sunset on June 30, is not likely to be re-approved, based on discussion he has heard.

UI currently receives 4 percent of the state's budget, which adds an estimated \$8 million each year from the 1 percent tax to the university budget.

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Many UI students consume highly caffeinated energy drinks to stay alert throughout the day and awake at night. In some cases, students use energy drinks while they exercise.

Energy drinks become latest pick-me-up

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BY LISA WAREHAM ARGONAUT STAFF

ollege students chug them with vodka, athletes drink them for an extra spurt of energy and scholars sip them for better concentration. Energy drinks provide a boost, but Annie Berical, a University of Idaho graduate student, said the ingredients

in them can be addictive. "When I first tasted Red Bull I thought it tasted like urine," Berical "But ever since, I've just had to have it. I got to have caffeine at least

three times a day.' Health experts have become concerned with the growing popularity of the high-caffeine drinks, pointing out that the beverages can be detrimental to one's health when they are used incorrectly.

Samantha Ramsay, a registered dietician in Coeur d'Alene, has studied the effects of the energy beverages and said there is not evidence linking health

"When I first tasted Red **Bull I thought it tasted like** urine. But ever since, I've just had to have it. I got to have caffeine at least three times a day."

> **ANNIE BERICAL UI GRADUATE STUDENT**

risks to moderate caffeine intake, which is the equivalent of about two cups of coffee or two energy drinks per day.

But there are certain people who should use caution when consuming the beverages, said Ramsay.

"Individuals with a medical concern should consult with their physician, in

addition to those who are pregnant or nursing," she said. "Some people may have trouble sleeping or who feel cof-fee jitters. They are advised to cut back on their caffeine intake."

Some energy drinks include guide-

lines for consumption on their containers. "Wired," an energy drink available in local grocery stores, carries the following warning on its label: Do not consume more than two

servings per sitting. Not recommended for children, pregnant women, people with heart conditions or people sensi-tive to caffeine."

Most of the energy drinks contain about 8 ounces and cost more than \$2. Jay Gomez, a sophomore majoring in architecture and business, said his addiction for energy drinks is depleting

the flex dollars from his university mea "I drink at least ten a week," Gomez said. "That'd be like \$400 a semester. I

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Gay marriage draws debate

BY SAM TAYLOR ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Editor's note: This story is the first in a series providing coverage of the 2004 presidential election by focusing on key issues facing debate nationwide.

fter dating for five years, University of Idaho seniors Katie Richards and Rachel Searle are now engaged. The 21-year-olds want to get married, but they live in a state where nuptials are defined as a union between a man and a woman.

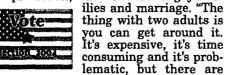
Gay marriage has thus far encountered turbulence throughout America and has become one of the most heated topics of the

2004 presidential election. Some states, like California, have granted gay couples marriage licenses, only to revoke them or nullify them later in court. Some cities, such as Seattle, Wash.,

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acknowledge gay marriages from other states or countries but do not issue licenses themselves. "Even above and beyond my own life

and what I want, I think it's important for families with children to have some kind of legal protection," Richards said of gay families and marriage. "The thing with two adults is



things that can be done to get around it."

The topic of gay marriage has been thrust into the public eye this year as cities like San Francisco, Calif., have issued licenses in violation of the law, according to judicial decisions, and President Bush has prompted some discussion about a federal

marriage amendment. **GAY MARRIAGE, see Page 4**



On the issues

Argonaut reporter Jacob Morris interviewed UI Young Democrats President Robert Stout on gay marriage and his party's position.

Q: What would the democrats would do about gay marriage, if John Kerry is elected?

A: Kerry believes the best way to protect gay people's rights is through civil unions, not marriage. He believes that same sex

marriage rights should be a decision that is left to

Q: So what's the difference between a marriage and a civil union?

A: Civil unions exist in only one state in the country, Vermont. They were created there in 2000 to provide legal protection to gays and lesbians in relationships in that state. The difference is that civil unions do not extend beyond the border of the state and no federal protections are included with a civil union. They provide some of the same rights and responsibilities but only on the state level.

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Argonaut reporter Sam Taylor interviewed UI College Republicans President Cameron Ryffel on gay mar-President riage and his party's position.

Q: What would the Republicans would do about gay marriage?

A: In the UI Republicans mostly a majority supports a federal marriage amendment banning gay marriage. The group is more moderate, because it is a college environment.

Q: So what's the difference between a marriage and a civil union?

A: Marriage is a sacred institution that has to do with a man and a woman loving each other. Civil unions provide for the same rights as married couples, but it is a more technical sense of union.

Q: How would having a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage affect the local community? Nationwide?

A: The Young Republicans recognize that there is a gay community at UI and in the nation; there is an obvious voice in support of gay marriage in America.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Gritman holds raffle to benefit scholarship program

Gritman Medical Center will be will be hosting its first annual benefit raffle Sept. 16-19 at the Latah County Fair. Proceeds will go to the Helping Hand Scholarship fund, which provides care at Adult Day Health for those financially in need.

Raffle items include: a shotgun package including a black Benelli Nova 12gauge shotgun, trigger lock and two rounds of sporting clays; "A Day of Fun" that includes four tickets to the sold-out WSU vs. USC football game and the Oct. 30 Drew Carey performance at Beasley Coliseum; and a blue and white antique

Gritman Adult Day Health is the only adult day health program in Idaho. It provides respite care and ongoing rehab to enable at-risk adults and frail elderly to live at home.

Tickets can be purchased at the Gritman booth at the Latah County fair; a five-ticket package costs \$10. For more information call Barb Mahoney at 883-

Nominations for alumni awards due next week

Nominations for the 2004 Alumni Awards for Excellence are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 24. Forms are available online and recommendation letters are due Oct. 8. For more information, contact Tim Helmke at helmke@uidaho.edu or call 885-7957.

Ceremony will celebrate completion of U.S. 95 construction

The newly finished segment of U.S. 95 that serves as the southern gateway to Moscow will be dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday at the intersection of U.S. 95 and Sweet Avenue by the Idaho Transportation Department.

UI ROTC holds POW/MIA ceremony today

The UI ROTC will host the 2004 Prisoner of War and Missing in Action ceremony at 11 a.m. today on the north lawn of the administration building In case of rain, it will be held in the administration

building auditorium. All four armed services will be part of the color guard and the ceremony to honor the thousands of servicemen and women who have been prisoners of war or missing in action. A flyby of military aircraft will commemorate the ceremony, weather permitting.

The guest speaker is Rear Admiral Robert D. Reilly, Jr., USN, an Illinois native who comes from a family with more than a century of service in the U.S. armed forces. He was commissioned in 1975 through the Navy's ROTC program at the University of Washington and has had a distinguished military career since.

This commemoration has been held annually since 1985 throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, at state capitols, schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, and police and fire stations. The POW/MIA flag is flown to show support for those who serve the nation and do not return.

National Science Foundation director speaks in Pullman

Arden L. Bement Jr., acting director of the National Science Foundation, will give a public address titled "Science Connects: How Discovery Drives Our Global Future" at 2:10 p.m. Friday in the new addition to Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow Communication Center, Room 21. At 3:30 p.m., he will participate in a program and reception honoring inventors at

the Smith Center, Room 518. Bement earned a master's degree in 1959 in metallurgical engineering from UI and is a UI Alumni Association Hall of Fame member. A member of the National Academy of Engineering, Bement became NSF acting director in February.

UI researchers receive grant to work with watersheds

UI forest researchers recently received \$350,000 from Congress to support an integrated research program addressing challenges to sustainable forest management. The U.S. Forest Service appropriated the grant as part of a larger conservation easement appropriation supported by Sen. Larry Craig.

Tim Link, assistant professor of forest hydrology in the college of natural resources, is leading an interdisciplinary team comprising CNR scientists who will use intensive field measurements, experiments, economic analyses and computer models to understand the relationship between modern forest management practices and the ecological health of

Forest harvest, road construction and fire may impact water resources by altering the dynamics of water, sediment and nutrient flows from forested watersheds. These actions may impact stream systems. However, scientists are limited in their ability to predict potential impacts across the complex terrain in the western United States because of the variety of disturbances, climate and watershed characteristics.

Scientists will expand research at Potlatch Corporation's Mica Creek Experimental Watershed, near St. Maries, as a model research site to assess the

impacts of modern harvest practices on water flow, quality, and terrestrial and aquatic ecology. The data will be used to understand how geological and biological systems are affected by natural and human-induced disturbances. CNR scientists hope to develop similar studies at other watersheds in Idaho, Montana and Colorado to understand how disturbances affect ecological function in other regions.

Link says the goal of the project, titled, "University of Idaho Collaborative Working Forests," is to build collective and collaborative research capabilities on experimental sites by partnering with U.S.F.S. researchers and private industry. The results of this research will ultimately help to enhance rural resource-dependent communities by improving forest resource values, products and services.

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

ASUI senate meeting

UITV-8 8 p.m.

Piano Duo School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

Saturday

Women's Volleyball vs. Cal State-Northridae Memorial Gym

2 p.m.

Football vs. Washington State WSU Martin Stadium 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Recreational Golf Event UI Golf Course 10 a.m.

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6:30 p.m.

"Chicano! Fighting for Political Power" SUB Gold Room

UI Borah Symposium: "Poland vs. the

Myhrum met with representatives

from the UI Faculty Council and the

Wednesday regarding the proposal to

mandatory core requirement for fresh-

men. Myhrum suggested the service

requirements be implemented into aca-

demics. He said he believes the univer-

Sen. Teeters asked how students can

get involved with the community service

decision-making process. Myhrum said

the idea is an "evolving model" and he

Sen. Bespyatova asked when the

proposal would go into effect. Myhrum

said he hopes it will become part of the

core requirements either in fall 2005 or

Myhrum said he will be meeting

soon with UI President Tim White and

Jay Kenton to discuss campus issues.

ed by the Senate from a pool of appli-

cants and was sworn in immediately.

Senate business

Eric Everett was appointed to fill the position of ASUI senator. He was select-

The Senate approved the appoint-

Senate Bill F04-13 was sent to com-

The following bills were passed as a

block: F04-04 appoints Tyrel Stevenson

appoints Amaia Kirtland to ASUI Chief of

Staff; F04-07 appoints Caroline Miner to

ASUI Policy Adviser; F04-08 appoints

Vandal Taxi; F04-09 appoints Jennifer

Keller to ASUI Activities Board Chair.

port the Vandal Taxi program.

appointed positions.

Senate Bill F04-10 was passed, pro-

viding for the allocation of \$5,000 from

the ASUI Safety Initiatives budget to sup-

Senate Bill F04-11 was passed. It clarified the appointment process for all ASUI officials. The ASUI president is

Allison Ockinga

now required to submit in writing a description of all nominees for ASUI

Christopher Dockrey to Director of

ments of Kendi Lesley as Activities

Board Member and Sam Boyd as

Academics Board Curriculum

to the position of ASUI Attorney

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SENATEREPORT

Sept. 15, 2004

Open Forum

Josh Lodolo spoke on behalf of the new Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. The men's group is expanding and opening a chapter at University of Idaho. Lambda Chi Alpha is looking for men who want to join and bring leadership to the school and "find their niche" on campus. Contact information for the fraternity will be available in the ASUI office.

Andrea Rosholt spoke for Vice President of Finance Jay Kenton. Rosholt and Kenton discussed how to decrease the university's budget deficit with ideas from the University Vision and Resources Task Force

Kenton suggested an increase in student fees, including a per-credit fee to be enacted after a student has 15 credits. There will be a formal presentation

on the matter in two weeks. Newly appointed Director of Communications Katle Whittier Introduced herself and her job description to the Senate. She reminded the Senate of her goal to involve the whole cabinet in all ASUI decisions.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum urged the Senate to approve Senate Bill F04-10, a bill that would provide for the funding of Vandal Taxi with \$5,000 from the Safety Initiatives budget. Myhrum said UI needs to "send a message that we are passionate about funding it (Vandal Taxi). It's important that we are supporting it."

The \$5,000 would be enough to fund Vandal Taxi all year for its normal working hours, said Myhrum. Additional oncampus sponsors are still being sought in order to cover the salaries of the director and dispatchers. Until that money comes in, the program must be run on a volunteer basis.





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VICOLE'S

Myhrum proposes community service requirement for incoming freshmen

BY ALLISON OCKINGA ARGONAUT STAFF

A proposed curriculum requirement has drawn mixed reactions from UI students. The plan, introduced by ASUI President Isaac Myhrum, would require next year's freshmen to complete several hours of community service in order to graduate.

Myhrum said the new core service element would incorporate the idea of "service learning" as part of the freshman curricu-

The idea has not escaped criticism. In a letter to the senate last week, a student argued that the plan contradicts the whole idea of community service, on the basis that once it is required, the service is no longer

UI freshman Tileena Leighton said she is used to the idea of community service after being a member of a 4-H Club for nine years. Leighton said serving others through the club has been part of her life since she was a child and that the supporter through the club has been part of her life since she was a child, and that she supports the proposal.

"I don't think it would be a bad idea if you

had a whole year to complete it," she said. "I mean, it's only a few hours. How bad could it

Although an early proposal suggested 10 hours of community service would be stipulated in the new requirement, Myhrum said the exact number of hours, as well as the means to make the proposal a reality, has not been determined.

Myhrum said that if approved, the new requirement could go into effect in fall 2005

"I don't think it would be a bad idea if you had a whole year to complete it. I mean it's only a few hours. How bad could it be?"

> **TILEENA LEIGHTON** UI FRESHMAN

or 2006 and would apply to all freshmen thereafter.

The service learning requirement will have to go through a series of approvals before it is incorporated into the academic curriculum. The University Curriculum Committee and the UI Faculty Council both have input and must approve the plan hafore it becomes reality.

before it becomes reality.

Myhrum held a meeting last Wednesday with representatives from the curriculum committee and faculty council to discuss implementing the plan as part of the university's curriculum. Myhrum said despite the mixed reactions

among students, he still believes in the pro-

"It would just encourage students to be active in their communities," he said in a Sept. 1 senate meeting. "I think it would build a really great environment for volunteerism on our campus."

UI students looking for relief

Student health center kept busy with recent outbreaks

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD

University of Idaho students lined up at the reception desk, one right after the other. They entered the UI Student Health Center asking for vaccination shots, requesting appointments and complaining of severe

After the students stated their problems they sat in the rapidly filling chairs at the student health center Tuesday afternoon. Within a matter of minutes a rea-

sonably calm day had turned busy. According to Beth Papineau, head nurse at the health center, more students have been coming in to the center than last fall.

"Kids seem to be sicker this year," she said. "The afternoons really fill up."

Papineau said it isn't uncommon for students to get

sick at the beginning of the year, and the change in their environment and exposure to new people heightens susceptibility to infections. Students around campus have noticed that many of

their peers are passing along their ailments.

"I would say there have been about 70 percent of us

who have gotten sick with colds, sore throats and stuff.
A lot of germs are going around," said Jessica Thurman,
a freshman living in Theophilus Tower.
The student health center has also seen several stu-

dents with upper respiratory infections.

There have also been a few cases of gastroenteritis,

which may be related to the recent outbreak in Pullman. But Papineau said she believes the cases are unrelated.

The first Idaho cases of West Nile virus were reported last week after two men from southern Idaho tested positive. A third case was reported Thursday, putting the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's count at 1,312 human cases reported around the United States. Papineau said there's no need for alarm around cam-

pus.

"There's always the possibility that it could spread up

here, but the chances are pretty rare," she said.

Darce Vassar, the public information officer at North Central District Health Department agreed.

"There's definitely a possibility," she said. "We do not, however, have any positive cases in birds, horses, mosquitoes or humans now in Latah County."

According to the CDC, less than 1 percent of people bitten by mosquitoes develop any symptoms of the dis-

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also report the influenza virus puts about 114,000 people in the hospital every year in the United States and more

"I would say there have been about 70 percent of us who have gotten sick with colds, sore throats and stuff. A lot of germs are going around."

> **JESSICA THURMAN UI FRESHMAN, THEOPHILUS TOWER**

than 36,000 people die.

"More people die from the flu than from any other vaccine preventable disease," said Susie Christopher, a

registered nurse at Gritman Medical Center. Papineau said students can lower their risk of contracting infections by practicing a healthy lifestyle.

"They should get plenty of rest, eat a well-balanced diet, get an adequate amount of sleep and use good hygiene," she said. "Remember to wash your hands."

Vaccinations will be available on campus before the flu season begins later this fall.

Student health is currently working on a flu and meningitis vaccination clinic that will be held at student residences including the Wallace Residence Center, the Living and Learning Community and select Greek hous-

Student Health employees will be distributing approximately 150 flu vaccinations a day. About 200 meningitis vaccinations will be given through the duration of the clinics, which are tentatively scheduled to begin Oct. 20.

The shots will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Flu vaccinations will cost around \$15, while meningitis vaccinations will cost \$70, to be paid upfront.

MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS

Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding a person's spinal cord and brain. In some cases, meningitis can be the cause of severe brain damage. College freshmen carry an especially high risk of becoming infected with meningococcal disease and are recommended to get a vaccination, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meningitis vaccinations are available now at the Student Health Center from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every Thursday. The cost is \$70. Call the UI Student Health Center at 885-6693 to make an appointment.

MARINE From Page 1

graduated. The last time he heard from him was in December, while Wetherbee was on a five-week leave and visiting family in Washington, D.C.

"As a lieutenant, as the guy in charge, he wouldn't send out anybody in front; he would do it. He was just an all-around good guy ... and he enjoyed life," Beiser said.

Beiser said e-mails have been circulating through the UI College of Natural Resources where Wetherbee and his wife earned their degrees. "Both of them are UI family; it's tragic,"

During his military service, Wetherbee received the Combat Action Ribbon, the Global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

and the National Defense Service Medal.

Funeral services will be held this week in

Washington, D.C., where Wetherbee's fami-

Brownell said the Wetherbee family is currently speaking with officers from the Marine Corps Casualties Assistant branch and plans for a memorial service in Wetherbee's honor will move forward with

the family's approval.

"We're very respectful of their privacy,"
Brownell said. "We've asked about memorial, their wishes and they have not respond-

Brownell said a moment of silence would be observed today at the ROTC's POW/MIA ceremony, which will be held on the administration lawn.

"It will be mentioned during the ceremo-that Alex was killed," he said.

Local residents Sgt. Jacob H. Demand and Benjamin Isenberg also died earlier this week while on military duty in Iraq.

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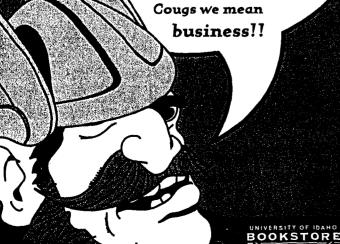
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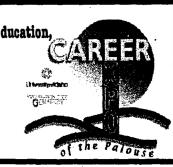
4) Mock Interview Day, Tuesday, September 28, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **UI Career Services Office**

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"If we lose that, what do we do? How do we find that additional money?" Kenton asked. "This is stuff we need to talk about now.

There is also a "27th payroll factor," Kenton said, which means an additional paycheck is coming to state employees in the 2006 fiscal year budget as opposed to the normal 26 pay dates in each year.

"Every 11 years there is a 27th payroll. I think the state has to pay out \$20-\$30 million for that," he said. "We have all of these challenges and we have to decide what we're going to do." This is Kenton's first year at UI. He comes from Portland State University,

where he helped revive the university's finances. Kenton said the Oregon had many of the same financial issues UI is Kenton said that while he is new to

the university, he is sensitive to the fee issues and wants to facilitate early dis-

"I hope we can be open and candid in our deliberations, but at the end of the day somebody's got to make a decision about these problems," he said.

DEMS From Page 1

Q: How would having a constitutionat amendment banning gay marriage community? the local affect Nationwide?

A. I believe that having a gay marriage ban would be devastating for the gay community's efforts to have the same civil and human rights as heterosexuals. Moscow has a somewhat large

and active gay community. Many of these couples have been together for years and would like to marry to have all the same legal protections as heterosexuals.

Q: Where do you think gay rights will be within the next 15-20 years?

A: I believe that gay marriage will be allowed with all the legal rights in the next decade. ... As the younger group becomes more active politically, I believe that gay marriage will be legal.

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Q. How will gay marriage be addressed in the future?

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A. Ryffel predicts an amendment will be examined in the next legislative session. It is often difficult to get a bill passed through both parts of Congress, especially when it's a constitutional amendment.

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GAY MARRIAGE From Page 1

Idaho will not be among the 11 states that will vote Nov. 2 on whether to amend their state constitutions to define marriage as being between a man and a woman. The amendment came before Idaho lawmakers earlier this year, but was defeated in committee before reaching the Senate. Opponents of the piece of legislation emphasized that state laws already

However, the three mainstream candidates running in the 2004 presidential race have put gay marriage into the spotlight. President Bush, Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry and the Independent Candidate Ralph Nader all have different opinions on the issue.

During a press conference in the summer of 2003, President Bush asked Congress to pass a federal marriage amendment banning gay marriage, saying in the speech that marriage is between "one man and one woman."

Recently the president gave an exclusive interview to Larry King and said he wants a federal marriage amendment banning gay marriage, but said states should be able to decide if they want to grant homosexual cou-

ples civil unions.
According to his campaign Web site, John Kerry says he supports civil unions for homosexual couples and that they should have the same rights as married couples.

Kerry, however, does not support gay marriages, and has said on shows such as MTV's "Choose or Lose" that there is a connotation to marriage that it is between a man and a women, and people should be focusing on the rights involved, not the words involved.

While many seem to have chosen one side or the other in the gay mar-

Ralph Nader has stated on his official site that he fully supports gay

Cameron Ryffel, the UI College Republicans president, said each issue this election is not simply divided between two parties.

"Politics is not a clear-cut line down the center," Ryffel said. "Moderate stu-

dents seem more involved (in the Young Republicans) and we have a split; probably half support the federal amendment.

Searle and Richards say the president has infringed upon their rights, and they imagine small steps in America towards a time when gay couples will finally be able to marry or have the same rights as heterosexual

couples.
"It really, really distresses me how much control he's (Bush) trying to have over something he should have no control over. I feel like right now he's telling me who I can love, who I can marry and who I can have sex with and whether or not I can have children and how I can have children," Searle

The Log Cabin Republicans, a gay division of the Republican Party, issued a press release Sept. 8 stating they would not endorse Bush for a second term. The group's public relations officer said it would not support Sen. Kerry or Nader, either.

'Our organization's decision to not endorse the president is solely based on the totality of his record on gay and lesbian issues," said Chris Barron, the Log Cabin Republicans' political director in an e-mail to the Argonaut. "As an organization whose mission is to further equality for gays and lesbians within the Republican Party this is the criteria we use to determine whether or not a candidate warrants the orga-

nization's endorsement."
Ryffel said that while President Bush urged legislators to pass legislation, the first step in the process would have to be actually proposing the legislation in the government.

"Mostly you're either for it or against it, but the problem is that constitutional amendments are not a light thing; there have only been 27 amendments in more than 200 years," Ryffel

Searle and Richards have thought about traveling to Canada, where four provinces are allowing gay marriage or civil unions.

"We'll go wherever it's acceptable. The majority of the world seems to be going in a direction that is supportive. Canada seems a bit more grown-up than America is right now," Searle

ENERGY From Page 1

only get \$450 on my Vandal Card."
While some of the drinks contain

healthy ingredients, such as vitamins and ginseng, Ramsay said ingredients, such as niacin and vitamin B-6, could be harmful if taken in large amounts.

Niacin, a vitamin that helps with energy, can cause flushed skin or rashes if taken in high doses. Ramsay said the maximum daily intake of niacin is 35 milligrams for adults; Red Bull contains 20 milligrams.

Ramsay said vitamin B-6 helps make body cells and body chemicals, but said large amounts can cause nerve damage. She said the maximum intake is 100 milligrams a day for adults, and the average energy drink contains about five milligrams of vitamin B-6. A person would have to drink 20 energy drinks in one day to reach the maximum intake.

Beth Greenfield, a cashier at Jitters in the basement of the Wallace Complex, said UI students sometimes mix energy

"Some people will come in with flex and buy a case of 24," Greenfield said. "For some reason I believe they mix it with vodka." drinks with alcohol.

Dan Mayer, a University of Colorado student who runs a Web site dedicated to researching the effects of energy drinks, said mixing alcohol with the high-caffeine beverages may lead to alcohol poisoning. The caffeine in energy drinks might

keep people from passing out when they have consumed large amounts of alcohol, said Mayer. Students may not realize how drunk they are and will continue drinking more than they normally would.

Mayer said energy drinks could also lead to dehydration because people they think the energy drinks are an adequate replacement for water.

The Red Bull Web site carries the following instructions for consumers: "As Red Bull Energy Drink has not been for-mulated to deliver re-hydration, we encourage people who engage in sports also to drink lots of water during intense exercise.'

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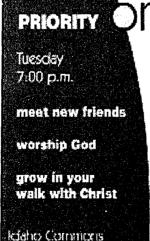
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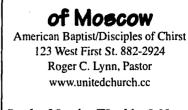
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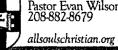
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White making progress for UI

Dear Editor,

The changes that President White has made over the summer and in the first month of classes bode well for students. I am glad to see the return of leadership that is able to include students in its decision-making. President White wasted no time in shaking up the system, adding to his cabinet both the Dean of Students and the ASUI President. Such formal steps ensure that throughout the tough times that are sure to come, the collective voices of UI students will be an integral part of the process.

The Vision and Resources Task Force has been working tirelessly to put some order to the messes of the past 4 years - a staggering task. The report, which will be issued Monday, Sept. 20, will no doubt include some "tough love" recommendations for the future of the University of Idaho. As a graduating senior, I remain confident that the combination of student-centered leadership and a clearly defined path will lead the University of Idaho above and beyond the sting of the hard decisions that will be made in the near future

> Jonathan Teeters Senior Conservation Biology

Elect Jeff Harkins

Dear Editor,

Jeff Harkins, an accountant by training and candidate for Latah County Commissioner, is known for his leadership and integrity. Jeff believes county budgets should be driven by the costs of services demanded by residents and not by the resources available to spend.

Tom Stroschien, the incumbent Commissioner, does not understand that the appearance of conflict of interest is important even when the technical or legal aspects of law are satisfied.

Stroschien's wife and children operate Gem Valley Appraisal Service, a real estate appraisal firm in Moscow: Stroschien should recuse himself from making decisions about tax appeals that are based on licensed appraisals. If a competing appraisal service is used to support a property owner's tax appeal, a denial could be interpreted as resulting from using the wrong appraisal service or if Gem Valley Appraisal Service is used, an approval could be seen as a direct financial reward to Gem Valley. Even so, there is a sure remedy for the above issue. Focus on integrity. Vote on Nov. 2 for Jeff Harkins.

Don Harter

Keep the Argonaut fair and balanced

I will no longer read your paper unless you offer the people of UI a balanced view of what is going on in the world today. "Liberal Music Beats Conservative Style" (Sept. 14) what is this garbage? I demand a fair and balanced newspaper!

> Kyle Daughdrill Accounting

Casting my vote for Solomon

Dear Editor,

in 2001, when the Idaho legislature voted to reduce the state revenue by over \$110 million, I was a senior at Moscow High School. Three years have passed and I am now a student at the University of Idaho, and I can say with certainty that the budget decision in 2001 is causing my university significant harm - harm which the university has no choice but to pass on to me.

I understand that running an institution costs money and that when the pocketbook thins, that institution must cut spending. This is why over the last three years I have seen the number of students in my classrooms rise and the number of qualified instructors decline. Right now my university is considering scrapping the entire studio arts program because it costs \$332,000 that simply are not there.

In 2001 the Idaho legislature voted to reduce future revenue by cutting income taxes, despite projected budget shortfalls. Since that time, Idaho's poor have had to pick up the tab in the form of increased sales and tobacco taxes and Idaho's students have seen fee hikes and program cuts. I firmly believe that as long as the current representatives remain in office, I will continue to pay for the 2001

I am poor, I am a student, I value the arts, I value public education. I believe in fiscal responsibility. My representatives, Tom Trail and Gary Schroeder, sell themselves to my community as moderate republicans and they have represented me well on many issues. But Schroeder and Trail also hold positions on taxation and spending that are causing myself and the greater community I call home, an unconscionable amount of harm. Two months from now, I will cast my vote for Mark Solomon.

> Patrick Bageant Philosophy

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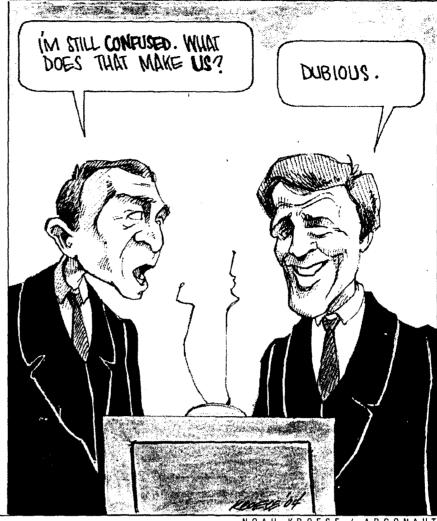
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Parties do not follow own politics

If a member of the clergy called him-self a Catholic priest, but preached Lutheran principles, wouldn't people in his congregation call him on it?

Wouldn't people stand up in anger and denounce his bluff? Wouldn't people drive him out of their church and demand he call himself a Lutheran? Why then, is the practice so easily

accepted in politics? It seems that no matter how far politicians stray from their party's core beliefs, they can remain - and often be a

leader in - that party. The state of Idaho remains devoutly Republican. This makes sense, since most Idahoans believe in the conservative principles in which Republicans pride themselves: fiscal responsibility, small government, state rights and civil

For a state like Idaho, with a multitude of wilderness and resources, it would be foolish to trust our paradise to the federal government, which is thinking about 49 other states that don't share our interests. Idahoans don't want to give their water to California, allow outsiders in their national forests or let anyone take away their rifles. So Idaho will stay Republican.

The problem is that Republicans are not staying Republican, nor are Democrats staying Democrat.

Those same principles that Idahoans like so much about the Republican Party are the farthest thing from the reality of the federal level. The fiscal policies of the Bush administration have been anything but responsible and have landed us a huge debt the country has not even begun to strategize a way out of.

Lowering taxes might be a Republican strong point, but overspending with less tax revenue is not. State power diminishes with overbearing federal constitutional amendment proposals that take

states - one step closer to all decisions being made at a federal level. Civil liberties are the most diminished principle of the Republican Party. While Republicans may still support the right to bear arms, this may be the only liberty they are protecting. A proposal to federally ban gay marriage, the Patriot Act and enhanced power of the justice department are slowly taking away rights instead of working diligently to

decisions like flag burning away from

Yet Idahoans do not seem to notice. On the other side, Democrats are claiming liberalism (without using the term liberal), while they all — not just Idaho Democrats — lean toward moderate conservative beliefs. Very few Democrats are in support of liberal practices like universal health care (don't be fooled when they mention it and quickly back away), higher taxes to fund social

programs or true gun control.

Democrats are supposed to be the

party of laws, but they somehow shy away from legislation that might enforce any extra ones. The irony is that they do so to avoid getting shot down in the media by Republicans, who will immediately give outcry against big liberal spending and bureaucracy, while they support the Patriot Act and a spendy

war.
So Democrats come off as a twisted conservative base, picking up issues like the privatized medical programs and lowered spending, while sticking to their liberal guns on a few generally agreed upon issues – safe issues – like the envi-ronment. The result is a party of wimps whose constituents have to take the good with the bad, no matter their poli-

Republicans have turned into a mouthpiece forcing legislation from either big business or, even worse, the religious right, which have few ideas in common with traditional conservative

Yet no one is standing up and denouncing these people for posing as conservatives or liberals. People would prefer to think Republicans and Democrats are pushing traditional Republican and Democratic issues sim-

ply because they belong to a party.

We might as well call the Dalai Lama Catholic and appoint him the next Pope.

Ummm ... Bring it on?

he clairvoyant media coordinators at Washington State University conducted a daring pre-emptive strike Tuesday.

The news release was in my e-mail inbox: "Following the annual 'Battle of the Palouse,' which pits the Washington State
University and University of Idaho football teams against one another, the student body president and student newspaper dent and student newspaper sports editor from the losing team will hoof it to the victor's home turf."

I had heard **ABBEYLOSTROM** nothing of any



regularly on the pages of the address is

After discovering the cause was miscommunication between the WSU News Service and Student Alumni Relations, and after ranting about accuracy in reporting, I took a deep breath and began to work on the wager WSU had anticipated.

The Losers' Walk began in 1939 when the Argonaut editor hat WSU's The Daily Evergreen

bet WSU's The Daily Evergreen editor the eight-mile march between the campuses. The editor with the losing football team would walk.

Since 1939, it has been the Argonaut editor's obligation to challenge the Evergreen editor. Not all challenges have resulted in dehydration and blistered feet. For the uninformed, a brief history in humiliation:

In 2000, Candace Baltz Evergreen) dyed her hair gold following a dare by Jennifer Warnick (Argonaut). Excusing myself from past precedents, refuse to touch my hair. Dying it gold would do no good, because it is blonde. And to those who have encouraged me to shave my head, NO.

David Jack Browning (Argonaut) shaved his head and pierced his ears in 2001, after goading Chris Chancellor (Evergreen). Personally, I am not opposed to piercings and have several, all appropriate. However, my parents are opposed to piercings. It isn't a big deal, but they are paying my tuition.

2002 was a scandalous year. Jade Janes (Argonaut) excused the \$465 debt owed to her by T.J. Conrads (Evergreen). Had the Vandals won, the results would have been more salacious: Conrads would have had to marry Janes. I've never even met Evergreen editor Evan Caldwell, so marriage is out (for now).

Last year, Brian Passey (Argonaut) and former Argonaut sports editor Nathan Jerke walked from the Kibbie Dome to Martin Stadium, carrying signs honoring the Cougars after losing to Grant Purdum (Evergreen).

And so, we return to the Losers' Walk - but if the folks in Vegas won't be goaded into tak-ing bad bets in the sports lounge, neither will we.

As optimistic as I am. I still know — and the rest of the Palouse knows — the Vandals are going to lose Saturday. Any hopes of a successful season were dashed with the 58-point loss to Boise State and a disappointing performance against Utah State.

I refuse to bet on a sure loser. This is not whining; this is common sense. But, in the interest of preserving tradition, I have a solution: We want the points.

According to the most recent Vegas numbers, the point spread is 24.5 points (how a football team scores half a point is beyond me, but ...). If the Vandals lose by more than 24.5 points, Brennan and I will walk to Pullman. If the Vandals lose by less than 24.5 points, I expect to see Evan and Evergreen sports editor Kyle Bonagura in Moscow. I'm sure the Evergreen has enough faith in its team to not worry about the spread. Those are the terms; now the

Gay marriage ban an unconstitutional idea ne of the primary complaints from both presidential election camps is the lack of legitimate debate.

John Kerry is an accused flip-flopper who seems determined to avoid bringing up any valid criticism of the current administration. Bush is charged with doing virtually the same: steadfastly refusing to discuss any particular of the first four years of his reign that doesn't have to do with his "strength." The candidates employ proxies to bicker back and forth about who deserved all of whose medals or who went AWOL for a year and partied.

Of course, the crown jewel of window-dressing in the election collection is the "war on terror," but lingering (stylishly, I bet) in its shadow is the proposed constitutional amendment

I almost feel guilty about writing on this at all, since it seems the only reason for dredging up the gay marriage debate is to turn public attention away from our crumbling economy, increasingly spendy and nightmarish war in Iraq, and best-of-two-evils candidate options. Regardless, whatever the motive behind its current celebrity, gay marriage and all it entails is worth considering.

The centerpiece argument, worn down to the nub by conservative supporters of the unconstitutional ban, is that samesex unions defile "the sanctity of marriage," whatever that means. Part of the rampant sanctity defiling is the assumption that homosexual unions would be much more inclined to divorce than heterosexual ones. I'm pretty sure that marriage isn't, and never has been, the rock-solid necessity of moral living conservatives pretend it is. With divorce rates peaking at over 50 percent and the ability to facilitate them speedily with a drive to Nevada or a point-and-click on Google, heterosexual

marriage isn't doing so hot. In a recent study, scientists found that by observing argumentative behavior in engaged couples they could pin down the success rate of the upcoming marriage by more than 90 percent. If marriage purists are so concerned with preserving the institution, should an amendment be passed that all potential couples undergo scientific observation to ensure they won't just be defying societal fixture in a couple of years?

Some critics go further to suggest that sanctity-busting is just the first blunder down the slippery slope to the total erosion of American civilization as we know it. Of course, I can't speak for everyone, but I don't understand how gay marriage

would affect heterosexual couples at all. It seems to me that even the most conservative couple's union and subsequent life together would be absolutely unfazed by the marital habits of anyone else. Every day my heart breaks when I see celebrity couples break up (please J-Lo and Marc Anthony, make it work!), but the success or failure of their marriages has nothing to do with me, and hopefully never will.

If you discount the ridiculous assumption that homosexuals getting married will have any impact on this country's moral state, the only explanation for supporting a

the Bible to impose policy.

constitutional ban is prejudice. For the

small-government, state's rights advocates

obnoxious predilection toward attempting to

that they are, neo-conservatives have an

foist their idea of morality at law-point on

others. Even though church and state are

separated in this country (thank God) there

is still a hefty contingent attempting to use

Just for the record, homosexuality isn't a choice. Research abounds with proof of bio-

logically determined sexual status (like con-

sistent variations in the size of the anterior

hypothalamus gland in gay and straight men) too plentiful to report here. However, a

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just as reasonable approach to the causes of homosexuality is common sense. For the heterosexuals reading right now, how easy would it be for you to decide to become gay? Personally, as a heterosexual, I know that whatever my politics are, there's no way on earth I could ever make the conscious decision to be gay one day. Along with the natural aversion to just jumping the sexual-orientation divide, who would ever choose to put up with the guilt, depression, increased suicidal tendency, family tension, religious condemnation and the general confusion that would inevitably accompany "coming out"?

We have to accept that in a secular nation, arbitrary religious morality standards have no place on the books. Furthermore, two people getting married are not going to trig-ger a hedonistic apocalypse. When all of us respect our friends' and neighbors' right to choose whom they can marry, because they didn't choose whom they love, excuses for disallowing a choice to enfranchise and further accept 10 percent of our population dry up.

ball is in your red zone, Evan. GO VANDALS!

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Don't sell your soul to 'American Idol'

any fans of Fox's "American Idol" don't watch for the music; they watch for the Llaughs. It's hilarious to see a grown man in Spandex crooning a Whitney Houston song, or a girl whose voice is so off-key it sounds like the death wail of a spider monkey. The first few episodes of each "Idol" season feature such people: those who can't sing a note but are entirely convinced they can.

After being laughed out of the auditioning

room by judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell, "Idol" wannabes often sob into the camera that they just don't understand. They all think they have actual talent. Millions of people across America simply laugh and wonder how anyone can be so confused.

I was one of those people once; I laughed my guts out at the deluded "Idol" rejects. But now I know the truth of what happens behind the scenes of "Idol," away from the cameras, out of the hands of clever editors and without

the glossy Hollywood finish.

Although it's no secret that the producers behind "Idol" take an unabashed delight in making fun of others, the actual level of this goes beyond humiliation and into the realm of

Last weekend, my friend Kristen Magers, a sophomore at UI, and I took the long road trip to Las Vegas so Kristen would have a chance to audition for "Idol." Being on the show, or at the very least auditioning, had been a dream

of hers since season one. At 4 a.m. Saturday, we pulled into the parking lot of the Orleans Casino Arena and joined the thousands of others waiting in line for the famed American Idol wristband - a flimsy

paper bracelet that ensured its wearer would audition on Sunday.

As we pressed ahead in line like cattle, we met other "Idol" hopefuls – a quiet Bible college student named Sean; a spunky girl from Utah named Amanda. As we chatted, we discovered we had something in common: none of us were really sure what would happen at the auditions. A security guard told us everyone there was sure to get an audition – but how was that possible? How



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could thousands of people audition for three judges in one day?

The line crept forward all morning, and at 8:45 we were about to learn the deep, dark secrets behind one of television's highest-rated shows. Kristen got her wristband and we found our seats in the arena, right in the front row. A producer was standing on the floor in front of 11 long tables, explaining the auditioning process.

On television, the auditions with Randy, Paula and Simon (the "Big Three") appear to be the first round. Guess what; they're the third. The 11 tables were where four producers would sit Sunday and call the hopefuls up four at a time. The producer said people would be picked from this group based on "singing and personality." After that, the group would be whittled down by even more producers, and finally would face the Big Three.

"Last year, we were looking for good singers," he said. "This year we're looking for really good singers."

really, really good singers.

Kristen and I started to get suspicious. Good singers, huh? Then how did all those horrible people make it through multiple rounds and end up on TV? Easy answer they're lied to, cheated and manipulated for several days by "Idol" producers. I used to laugh at them, but now I just plain feel sorry for them.

This manipulation is all perfectly legal, too. Each person who auditions signs a contract which reads: "I understand that my appearance, depiction or portrayal in the Program may be disparaging, defamatory, embarrassing or of an otherwise unfavorable nature which may expose me to public ridicule, humiliation or condemnation." The document gives producers the right to edit and exploit contestant participation however they wish.

To make matters even worse, this contract goes on to say that anyone who appears on "Idol," (and that's everyone who auditions; they do crowd shots) is forever owned and managed by the program. Although many contestants may not go on to fame and fortune, should any of the thousands of people who have auditioned for "Idol" become famous, the producers can wave that little piece of paper in their faces and take their money.

Kristen put the situation best: "Sign this contract, and they own your soul.

It was an easy decision for Kristen and me to go home. Not only had what we learned about "Idol" disheartened us, but we also discovered one other little detail left completely out of the audition information the show gives to the public. In order to audition, we would have had to stay in Vegas for a week, and we

have had to stay in Vegas for a week, and we couldn't afford to do that.

On the drive home, Kristen decided that backing out of "Idol" wasn't a dream crushed; it was a dream changed. She said it just wasn't meant to be, and knowing what she now knows about the show, she's glad she never signed that piece of paper that would have allowed her to audition

allowed her to audition Going to Vegas for the weekend wasn't a loss - we met some awesome people and saw

some amazing things, plus were given a little insight into the world of Hollywood.

Watch the "Idol" Vegas auditions on TV this spring and check out the arena crowd shot there will be two empty seats in the front row. And believe me, we don't regret that we aren't

'Capitol Steps' brings political music to the SUB

BY RYAN WEST ARGONAUT STAFF

apitol Steps, a musical performing troupe that specializes in political satire and social commentary, will be performing Sunday at the University of Idaho SUB Ballroom. The event is sponsored by ASUI as a way to raise awareness of current events and also to get UI students involved in government.

"I think our campus is very politically active, but this is just a fun, lighthearted deal," said Nathan Hand, student activities director for UI.

Hand said the best part about Capitol Steps is that in a time when politics are often made serious, the production troupe is non-partisan in both its

views and its performances. The skits satirize multiple parties of the political spectrum, from staunch Republicans to liberal Democrats, to the less-publicized third parties.

"They make fun of everyone," Hand said. "No one is safe. It's going to be good."

Consisting of more than 20 skits and short musical numbers, the production has won several awards and gotten praise from political activists from both of the two-party system's affiliates. In the past, popular skits included a scenario featuring President George W. Bush on a game show similar to "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," and one with former Vice-President Al Gore going to a weight-loss clinic following his tenure in office.

"ASUI representatives saw (Capitol Steps) per-

forming on the East Coast, and just loved what they do," said UI administrative assistant Marie

In the past, politicians themselves have even commented on the troupe's unapologetic depictions. Former President George Bush was once quoted as saying the group "makes it easier to leave public office," after seeing its performance in Washington, D.C.

"I think that everyone can have fun with it," said Bott, "No matter who you are or what group you're a part of, it's important to laugh at yourself."

Tickets for the event are \$10 for UI students and \$20 for general admission; they are available at the UI ticket office, local TicketsWest vendors, or online at www.ticketswest.com.

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Los Diferentes de Michocan, with Antonio Farias, Vincente Mendoza, Felipe Mendoza, Ramiro Manzo and Jesus Mendoza, from left to right, performs traditional Michoacan-style grupo de arpa folk music outside the Idaho Commons during lunch Thursday as part of the Mexican Independence Day celebration.

Conspiracy Tidbit: Bohemian Grove

In the spirit of actually true conspiracies like the Bilderberg Group (and probably the giant lizards), this week's tidbit focuses on a summer camp. If the Bilderberg meetings are all work, where do the rich, powerful and meeting-prone go to relax? They go to Bohemian Grove, a 2,700-acre redwood retreat for the extremely well-off near the town of Monte Rio in Northern California. Complete with separate bunks and activities, Bohemian Grove is like any other camp getaway, with a handful of differences.

The campers, to some degree, share crossover membership with the Bilderbergers. They include Walter Kronkite and William F. Buckley, along with the oft-mentioned Bushes, Dick Cheney and Henry Kissinger. Supposedly, Grovers (not the Muppet) have included every Republican president since 1923 (and some Democrats, too). The Manhattan Project was supposedly organized there, and in 2000 the elder Bush found out Cheney was his son's running

mate at the Grove. Run by the Bohemian Club, Bohemian Grove is an all-male outing, though rumors of hordes of shipped-in prostitutes

For two weeks in July, participants are treated to "Lakeside Talks" where military, business and media leaders discuss current under-the-table policy. Lakeside Talk topics have ranged from "Military secrets of the ocean, atmosphere and UFOs," to "Africa – are we wasting our time?" The capper of the excursion is the "Cremation of Care," an elaborate ceremony where an effigy called "Dull Care" is burned in front of a 40-foot owl statue named "Moloch.

Is Bohemian Grove a benign retreat for harried billionaires, or a pagan-wor-shipfest for evil, harried billionaires? You be the judge, because I don't know.

Coincidence or Consequence: The Bilderberg Group

Members meeting for world domination?

Staff Writer

Frank's column appears

regularly on the pages of the

Por the hundreds of you out there who, like me, have to deal with the weekly trauma of having your editors call you "a nut," "paranoid" and "irresponsibly libelous," here's a constitution you can cite that enjoys a certain special distinction: being true. That's right; the Bilderberg group, focus of this week's rant, actually exists. Seriously.

In 1954, ex-Nazi Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands sat FRANKMCGOVERN as chairman over a meeting of the movers and shakers of both America and Europe at the Bilderberg Hotel in Osterbeck, Netherlands. The purpose of the meeting remains in doubt, as do the motives and history of its principal organizer, Dr. Joseph Retinger.

Retinger, like Bernhard, was a scandal-prone, staunchly anti-Communist European political player. What is known about him is that he was involved in several secret societies and was, as The Occult Conspiracy (one of the underground Bibles of

address is conspiracy lore) puts it, "the top agent for interna-tional Freemasonry." Retinger presumably remained active with the group until his death, as did Bernhard, though he stepped down as Bilderberg chairman in 1976 after a financial scan-

dal.
The Bilderberg group was born as an anti-Communist bloc primarily concerned with the spreading Red Menace. However, in 1976 (the year reformed goose-stepper Bernhard stepped down – coincidence?) 15 delegates from the Soviet Union were allowed in, apparently facilitating a paradigm shift. In the spirit of détente, the addition of the Ruskies migrated the group's politics toward glob-

alization and away from commie bashing.

This political duality makes it a little difficult for Bilderberg watchers to pin down the exact nature of the group's obviously nefarious goals and leads to a common conspiracy conundrum. The left, citing the dubious politics of the group's creators, claims they are ruthless capitalist neo-fascists out to screw the rest of the world for the top .1 percent's financial gain. Right-wingers allude to the group's inclusion of communists and its admitted goals of anti-fundamentalist globalization, asserting that Bilderbergers are red to their shorts, pushing for a one-world (communist) government

pushing for a one-world (communist) government out for global secularization.

What is known for sure is that the Bilderberg group is running strong and meets to this day.

Once a year members team up somewhere in the Western hemisphere and invite roughly a hundred players from the "political, financial and media suberes" (according to The Occult Conspiracy) spheres" (according to The Occult Conspiracy). Who's invited is decided by the Bilderberg steering committee, which consists of 39 members

(39=13+13+13; no big deal).Among the attendees have been Margaret Thatcher and Bill Clinton, though to list every participant whose name you'd recognize would take up most of this page. Needless to say, if you're an upand-comer or anyone of substantial clout in Europe and-comer or anyone of substantial clout in Europe or the United States, there's a good chance you've been to one of their meetings. Recently, Bilderberggoers have tended to be the men-behind-the-men types like Clinton's buddy Vernon Jordan, Karl Rove, Kissinger and the like. But inhabiting a big section of the Bilderberg roster are the men-who-are-the-men, including Rockefellers, Fiats, English Royals, presidents, prime ministers and so forth

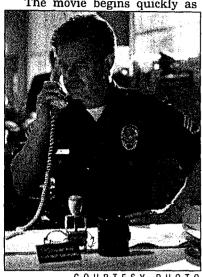
Royals, presidents, prime ministers and so forth. While the men and women on the Bilderberg register probably don't run the world, it would be an entirely different place without them.

'Cellular' not typical suspense thriller

BY MEG BREWINGTON ARGONALIT STAFF

The newest movie revolving around telecommunications follows the typical mapping of a suspense-thriller, but the movie also tries to go deeper. While staying true to its plot-twisting roots, the movie digresses and looks at human interaction. mainly, how far one person will

go to help another. The movie begins quickly as



COURTESY PHOTO William H. Macy stars in "Cellular."

Jessica Martin, played by Kim Basinger, is abducted by a group of unsavory characters. The group of misfits is led by a man named Ethan (Jason Statham).

When captured, Martin is locked in the attic of an abandoned farmhouse and the only phone in the room is destroyed. some amazing MacGyver-esque abilities Martin reconstructs the pieces of the phone and, after much wire clicking, contacts a surf-bum named Ryan, played by Chris Evans.

At first Ryan is skeptical when Martin tells him she's been kidnapped but, after several minutes of gentle persuasion, she convinces him to take the phone to a police station. At the station Ryan meets Officer Mooney, played by William H. Macy. Mooney directs the still skeptical Ryan upstairs to the homicide department. On Ryan's way up the stairs the severity of the situation sinks in; as he is walking up the stairs, Ryan hears Ethan giving Martin a bit of a thrash-

Throughout the film, the audience will encounter several characters, each personifying a different aspect of the human condition. These characters show how desensitized society has become

to situations of violence and kidnapping.
The film uses these characters

in the classic Shakespearean style; the script



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calls for comic relief between highsuspense This scenes. use of humor is evidenced at a particularly high point in movie Ethan when kidnaps Jessica's son Ricky. Yes, the

For those looking to be mindlessly entertained, "Cellular" has sufficient amounts of action and suspense to keep

boy's name is

Ricky Martin.

of their seats through the entire showing.

For those who so choose, however, there is a deeper message just begging to be heard. After all, everyone can use a little

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adrenaline junkies on the edges

ARTS Harvest of Harmony comes Tickets on sale for Drew to East City Park

The Harvest of Harmony music festival and community nonprofit fair will be held from 10 a.m. to dusk Sept. 25 in East City Park.

Local bands Oracle Shack, Smoking Bill, Chubbs Toga, Acoustic Wave Machine, Milo Duke, Lisa Simpson, Ichi Saru Sama, Old Man Winter, Oh Holy Family, Kami Miller and the Boogie Doctors will be performing.

Auditions for 'Tales of Hans Christian Andersen'

Auditions will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Tales of Hans Christian Andersen" from 3:50-6 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum.

Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to audition.

No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to handle essential backstage responsibilities. Not everyone who auditions is guaranteed a part in

Rehearsals will be held throughout the week from 4-6 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. each day.

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 in Beasley Coliseum and is sponsored by Pullman's Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites.

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, Grea 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.

Writer to receive Governor's **Award for poetry**

UI creative writing director Robert Wrigley will receive a Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts Oct. 2.

Sixteen artists will be honored, but Wrigley is the only one in the literary arts. The Idaho Commission on the Arts established the biennial awards in 1970 to recognize extraordinary achievement and increase awareness of Idaho arts and artists.

Wrigley's work has appeared in journals and magazines including Poetry, The New Yorker and The Atlantic Monthly.

Moscow mayor seeks art awards nominations

Mayor Marshall Comstock is seeking nominations from the Moscow community for the 2004 Mayor's Arts

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.

Ballet Idaho tickets on sale

Ballet Idaho opens its new season at 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 with a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts in Boise.

The show is based on the Shakespeare play, with music by Mendelssohn and choreography by artistic director Toni Pimble.

The premiere of Ballet Idaho company member Melissa Nolen's contemporary choreography is also on the program.

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Tickets are available at tickets@balletidaho.org.









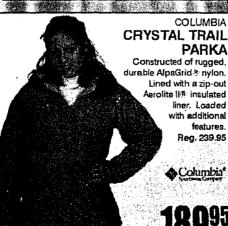
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Ray Lamontagne silences critics with debut album

Ray Lamontagne was, until recently, a factory worker in Lewiston, Maine, but with the release of his first album, "Trouble," he has more than enough reasons to quit his day job.

Lamontagne is a rarity in the music business in that he actually has recognizable talent. The story of his discovery is also

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"Trouble"

equally unusual. One morning, Lamontagne awoke to the sound of Stephen Stills singing on the radio. Apparently, after hearing the man's voice, Lamontagne immediately quit his job. With no formal vocal training, he set out to become a singer through trial and

error. In a press release, Lamontagne remarks that it took him a long time to learn to sing properly. Lamontagne soon spent his

nights playing in clubs. One night, talk of Lamontagne reached the governor of

Maine and he came to see the musician. Lamontagne was opening for musicians of John Gorka's stature, and the governor soon rescued him and the two met with the head of

Chrysalis Publishers (the almighty keepers of everything Jethro Tull) to talk about the singer's

When the meeting was done Chrysalis not only agreed to publish the material, but also recorded the entire release. This is a highly unorthodox practice, because Chrysalis usually only publishes the songs and leaves the rest to someone else, but Lamontagne is simply that good.

The guitarist sings and plays harmonica on all the tracks on "Trouble." He also enlists help from Nickel Creek's Sarah Watkins and a string ensemble. Lamontagne didn't really need the help; he is capable of filling a whole CD with music and leaving the listener thirsting for more.

Lamontagne's voice lies somewhere in the quiet space between Aaron Neville and male followers of Tracy Chapman; the singer's guitar playing is also noteworthy in that it doesn't rely on trite and tired chord progressions.

Across the song list, Lamontagne alternates his vocal timbre between a deep, mournful twinge and a light, bright feeling.

All of the tracks are wonderfully sung. Upon first listen, the music escapes any harsh criticism and becomes a pleasant aural experience.

Standout tracks include the up-tempo "Forever My Friend" and the frail ballad "Jolene," but it is safe to say that all the tracks are gems. All the

music is tight and polished; any one song can

stand alone as a single.

"Trouble" is, by far, the best release from an unknown artist this year.

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A.C. COTTON

Conversation"

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"Notes for

Jon Ross

Northwest rock has developed a bit of a Southern rock drawl with A.C. Cotton. The Portland, Ore., based band recently released its second album, "Notes for the Conversation. The 14-track disc sounds

different from the usual Northwest rock. The band describes the album as, "a collection of straight-up, highenergy rock 'n' roll.

a.c. cotton received promising reviews for its first album "half way down" and doesn't disappoint with "Notes for the Conversation." The band's musical style is reminiscent of Southern rock or early Wilco and the like, which is especially clear on tracks such as "See You Again" and "All Drawn

Out." Beyond the music, the titles a.c. cotton gives

its songs can only further draw the Southern comparison, with titles such as "The Pony Show" and Syndicate Plantation Fire."

The band has been on tour for the past two years on the West Coast, "making new fans, fight-

ing, and further developing their musical style. Vocalist and guitarist Alan Charing has received much attention, having released several solo albums. Charing's vocal style reminds the lis-

tener of Tom Petty.
"Notes for the Conversation" brings new promise for the band.

Guitarist Brett Davis does an incredible job of complementing Charing's vocals. Drummer Derek Brown's solid work underlies the smooth playing of bassist Todd Corbett. Keyboardist Rich Landar does well, but is underused in the grand scheme of the album.

a.c. cotton's style is still young, but is solid. Most bands never develop such a cohesive sound,

and certainly not by their second album. For those interested in a unique but clearly Northwest sound, a.c. cotton is a refreshing listen. For those interested in good ole wholesome Southern rock, it's well worth a try.

a.c. cotton will resume touring the United States at festivals such as MusicFest Northwest, New Music West and CMJ.

TRAVIS GALLOWAY

Bernie Mac takes a swing at 'Mr. 3000'

BY HANH NGUYEN ZAP2IT.COM

(KRT) — Comedian Bernie Mac, best known as the lovable curmudgeon on his self-titled Fox sitcom, tests the limits of his charisma in the baseball comedy "Mr.

Mac plays Stan Ross, a swaggering, loud-mouthed Brewers ballplayer who has little respect for his teammates, the press or even his fans. When he reaches his goal of 3,000 hits, he abandons his team by immediately retiring. While resting on his laurels, a middle-aged Ross discovers that due to a statistical error, three of his hits don't count. Now, he's back at bat to reclaim the title he's been capitalizing on over the years.

Unlike his onscreen persona, Bernie Mac is friendly without the brash posturing. At a press junket for the film, he greets reporters with genuine glee, even teasing one about hoarding chocolate chip cookies. He's obviously enjoying himself and sports a Braves jersey – although he insists it's for color coordination, not being a fan - with matching red Kangol hat and pants. The engaging and unfailingly polite actor credits his manners and humility to his mother.

"My mama always told me, 'Put some C-L on your A-S-S," he says, relating how he was reprimanded after being caught singing a dirty song. "(She'd say,) 'You're going to be a man someday. Act like it.'

It's advice that he's carried over into his career. In his hit sitcom, it's often a self-effacing Mac who learns a lesson after acting on some foolish impulse. Similarly, "Mr. 3000's" Stan Ross has more than his share of foibles that he must overcome on his journey to maturity – not an easy task in the testosterone-filled world of ego, trash talking and womanizing. In his first leading role, Mac hopes he'll

hit a home run instead of striking out. "I said, 'You know what? How you start is how you finish," he explains. "I didn't want to go over or under the top. I told them, "Take the dingaling jokes out."

Although he decides not to go the raunchy route, Mac had definite opinions about his character's romance with reporter Mo Collins, played by Angela Bassett. In the film, Mo fights her attraction to Stan after he's treated her shabbily and instead pursues her career in journal-

Says Mac, "I want to show true black love, minority love. They don't show us or put us in that position where we have to

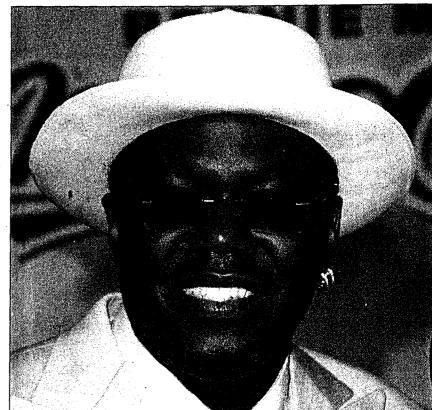
have a disagreement and then come back."
What the comedian loved most about the film, however, was the baseball, a sport that he played seriously in the past. Director Charles Stone appreciated his star's experience, feeling that it helped Stan's physical and emotional believabili-

"He's quite a sportsman in his own right, just in general and in the mindset," says Stone. "(That) was one of the things I was really impressed about with Bernie is that he definitely brought the air of an athlete, of all the athletes I know, and sort of the dialogue, the mentality that an athlete will have.

One particular quirk Mac brings to his character is a signature "wiggle" that's inspired by two of his favorite ballplayers, Hall of Famer Rod Carew and Pittsburgh Pirates' Roberto Clemente.

"In sports, there's an individual arrogancy (sic) ... That's one of those intimidation things," he says. "That's where the wiggle came from, and the wiggle is about confidence. The wiggle is about 'I don't care who's on the mound. I can hit you. You can throw it in my face. You can throw it at my head, but we'll meet again."

"Mr. 3000" wiggles up to the plate starting Friday.



Bernie Mac plays ball in "Mr. 3000."

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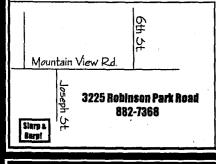
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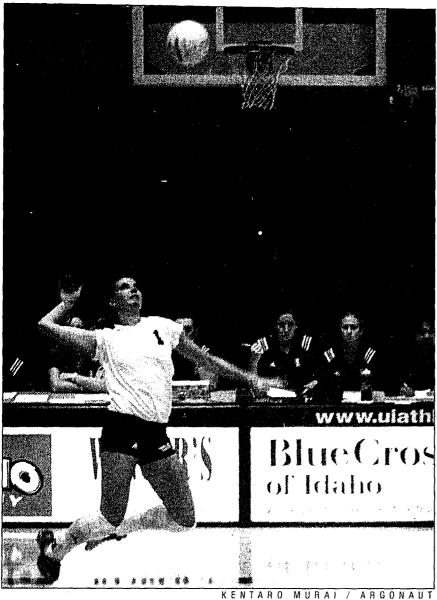
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Kati Tikker prepares to serve the ball at Thursday's volleyball game against Pacific in Memorial Gym.

Vandal volleyball pounces on Tigers

UI wins first home match of the season

BY NATHAN JERKE ARGONAUT STAFF

The celebration may have started a little early for University of Idaho fans as the post-game confetti cannons fired off in the middle of the third game, but the III vallendell team and defently but the UI volleyball team needed a fourth game to join in the festivities by defeating the Pacific Tigers 30-26, 30-24, 23-30, 30-26 Thursday at Memorial Gym.

The win marks only the third time UI has taken a victory from Pacific, and the second since the beginning of the 2003 season, in a series that has history going back

"Going into this match we knew that our team definitely matured over last year. I think we're a more physical team than we were last year. ... We finally built this program that we should compete with these teams," UI coach Debbie Buchanan

After taking a two-game to none lead on the Tigers, the Vandals had a difficult time getting back into the match after intermission, and Pacific took advantage. Coming into game three the Tigers began to press their offense a little harder than the previous game, keeping the UI defense at bay. However, the Vandals hung around, forcing 13 ties and five lead changes before the Tigers could take control.

With the game tied at 18, Pacific began to roll, building as much as a five-point lead before finishing the Vandals at 30-23.
"Lulls sometimes happen to us; we just "We're hoping to finish in the top of our conference this year, so it's just one step closer to our goal."

KATI TIKKER

have to maintain our focus and that's what sort of happened to us today," senior mid-dle blocker Sarah Meek said. "We don't like to go to four games if we don't have

Where game three was tight, game four proved to be even closer.

What became the final game of the match started with seven ties and four lead changes before either team scored ten points. Nevertheless, the Vandals started to turn up the heat on offense to work up to a four-point advantage at 13-9 before another Tiger run tied the score at 14.

"We needed to get more blocks. They were killing us on the slide," junior outside hitter Kati Tikker said. "Once we started to focus on that and getting more touches it really helped. Our defense got a lot better, our passing got a lot better and we were able to finish."

That was the last part of a lead Pacific would see, as the Vandals, led by Meek and Tikker, took the momentum for good. UI finished the Tigers on a Saxony Brown kill into the middle of the Pacific defense

"We're still digging balls, but we weren't converting as much as we should. We weren't getting those kills," Buchanan

said. "Once we made those defensive adjustments we started doing a better

The Vandals started the match on fire, quickly building an 8-2 lead on the Tigers, prompting a Pacific timeout early in the first game. The break seemed to be just what the Tigers needed as they went on a 7-3 run to get to within two of the Vandals at 11-9, and giving Pacific enough energy to keep stride with UI.

That is until UI started to pull away once again, taking as much as a 10-point lead at 27-17. A late run by the Tigers nearly caught UI with a 9-2 stretch, bringing the visitors to within three in the late going. But a wide pass by the Tigers' Sidney Bennett gave game one to the

The Vandals started to see a quicker Figer defense in game two as Pacific hung close to UI in the early going, staying within striking distance until the final scoring run by the Vandals. A block by the combined hands of Brown and Erin Curtis followed by a kill from Brooke Haeberle finally gave the Vandals the 2-0 lead going into intermission.

"Now teams, they're looking at us as a good team, not just a team they can come in and beat real easily," Tikker said. "We're hoping to finish in the top of our conference this year, so it's just one step closer to

The victory gives the Vandals their first win of the year in the Big West Conference and a 6-1 overall record thus far. UI returns to Memorial Gym on Saturday as they take on Cal State Northridge. The Matadors come into Moscow with a 3-2 winning advantage over the Vandals in their last five meetings.

UI, WSU prepare for Battle of the Palouse

BY BRENNAN GAUSE SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Saturday's game against Washington State University will technically be the University of Idaho football team's first chance to get out and play in front of a home crowd. In reality, however, the Vandals will find themselves in a sea of Cougar fans. Although the Battle of the Palouse is set up as Ul's home game, the matchup will be played in WSU's Martin Stadium, taking away the advantage normally

away the advantage normally given to the home team.

"I've never done it before so this is new to me, going over there ... as the home team," coach Nick Holt said. "So we'll have our fans and hopefully it's not too big of a distraction. I know the fans over there in Pullman; they're loud and they're fired up fans and they do a

But a raucous crowd of Cougar fans is really the last thing the Vandals need to be worrying about going into the game.

In their first two games of the season the Vandals have scored a total of 14 points - seven coming against Boise State and another seven against Utah State. These low scores have come despite the defense's ability to cause turnovers. Idaho is currently tied for third in the nation for turnovers gained, with eight. The defense has forced five fumbles and had three

BATTLE OF THE PALOUSE

Idaho (0-2) vs. WSU (1-1) Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. at Martin Stadium

Television: Fox Sports Northwest

Radio: KHTR (104.3 FM)

interceptions, but Idaho has struggled to capitalize on the defense's

"We're trying to move the ball better, and throw the ball with some accuracy and some efficiency," Holt said. "We're not doing that yet and we need to get better at that. ... There might be a lot more variables and moving parts in the passing game, so we just got to keep working those kids and get better, and we're improving there. It doesn't always show, but we are improving every day in that area. But it's going to be hard for us."

There's no question that the first two weeks were tough for the Vandal offense, but one bright spot for the team has been the running game, especially the play of freshman running back Jayson Bird. After two games, Bird is leading the Sun Belt Conference in rushing yards per game and total rushing yards with 85.5 and 171 respectively. He also has one rushing touch-

As a team, UI is second in the Sun Belt in rushing yards per game, averaging 127.5.

For the UI offense to finally start hitting on all cylinders the team will need the running backs to continue to take pressure off quarterback Michael Harrington

and the passing game.
"We do run the ball effectively,"
Holt said. "I hope we can do it against a quality opponent like the Cougs. ... If you can't run the ball you don't have a shot and then they just take shots at our quarterback.

Unfortunately for the Vandals, WSU is coming off a losing performance against Colorado where they held the Buffaloes to 125 total of offense, including only

yards rushing.
"They play a lot of press coverage and maul you at the line of scrimmage, as far as the receivers go," Holt said. "So offensively we got our work cut out, and right now we're struggling on offense with some things and so it's going to be tough sledding against those guys."

The Vandals are relatively healthy, according to Nick Holt. Center Jarrod Schulte has a bruised knee but is expected to

WSU leads the series 66-17-3, which includes last season's 25-0 victory over Idaho in Seattle,

The game will be carried live on Fox Sports Net Northwest and is being picked up by ESPN Game

Program helps prepare for race

Class project develops into offered training class

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY

repare for the Race classes will be held every Saturday from Sept. 18 to Oct. 9. The Argonaut sat down with Steve Johnson, creator and instructor of the class, to find out about the program.

What is Prepare for the Race?

The Prepare for the Race is a class that teaches individuals how to design their training program around a specific race or event so they can be ready to hit their personal goals and to see the improvement they have been training for.

Why are you leading it? It started as a class project, I was supposed to do a development program.

How did you start running? I started running in Junior High.

Did you develop this program? Yes, I developed this entire program based on what I have learned from my bachelor's degree at WSU. My bachelor's degree is in Kinesiology. Kinesiology is the study of movement and how the body works.

What will the participants get out of

Participants in the class will learn the principles behind a training program, how to

design a training program and how to set the training program up.

Is this the first year having this workshop?
We ran this last fall, but we had a low attendance, so we are hoping to get some more people this year.

How did last year go?
With the people we had it went pretty well.

Is there going to be any work involved in the workshops?

In terms of working out, most of the workshops are lecture-based, but we will have some activities in which they will be trying flexibility exercises. We will not go out on any runs, but we do have a 6:30 a.m. jogging class on Mondays and Wednesdays.

How much is the workshop going to

The workshop is \$10 for individuals without a wellness card and if you have a wellness card, bring it to the class. Don't go out and buy a wellness card unless you are wanting to do more than just this workshop.

PREPARE FOR RACE

Location: SRC classroom

When: Every Saturday from Sept. 18-Oct. 9. There will be a 5K road race Oct. 10

Cost: Workshop: \$10 (Free for Wellness members)

Race: \$8 without shirt, \$12 with shirt

Putting the 'person' into personal training

BY AMANDA SCHANK ARGONAUT STAFF

afe and snug under the cover of reverberating pop music and the humming and buzzing of machines at the Student Recreation Center sits a program that was once content with its anonymity. This program sits

content no longer.

The Wellness Program offers students and community members various personal training programs available year round. According to Peg Hamlett, the campus recreation fitness manager, whether someone is looking to get in shape or simply learn the weight room, the personal training program accommodates anyone

"The program has been running for several years, but it's been on the sideline because we were busy getting other classes going," Hamlett said. "Now we're dedicating more time to it. People are realizing that we can individualize and personalize a workout for what they want."

Hamlett runs the program with a staff of six personal trainers. Each trainer is a graduate student holding a degree in either sports science or physical education and is certified by a national organization.

'We have enough trainers where if someone's coming in to target a special need, we have a trainer to meet that need," said Ben Greenfield,

a personal trainer. The personal trainers provide five different program options varying in price and level of

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fitness assessment.

According to Greenfield, the Introduction to Fitness program is not only the most popular with students, but also the most beneficial. It includes an hour-long fitness assessment and consultation, a training session and a follow-up training session. The fitness assessment and consultation involves a discussion of personal needs and wants, plus body fat, flexibility and fitness testing. Based on the assessment, the trainer designs a customized program, which is demonstrated and monitored in the two training sessions. Total cost of the program is \$80.

Students intimidated by weight room machines can sign up for the one-hour Introduction to the Weight Room program. These sessions can be individual or group sessions and teach participants about the gym and fitness. The cost starts at \$25 for one person,

increasing by \$5 for each extra person. Any student wanting only a fitness assess-

ment or 10-minute body composition test without the training sessions will pay \$45 or \$5, respectively. Multiple training sessions without testing cost \$30 for one hour or \$100 for four.

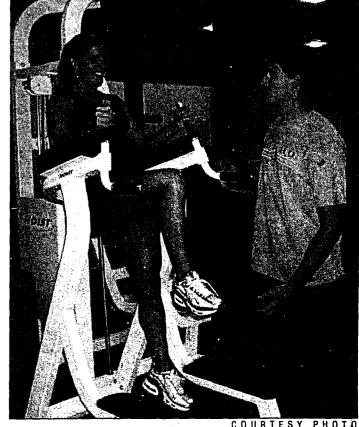
According to Hamlett, all the programs are geared with flexibility toward personal goals and schedules. The personal trainers can help with broad goals - such as weight loss, getting into shape or creating a defined body - or specific goals - such as increasing a vertical jump, triathlon training or training for pregnant women or diabetics.

"The most successful programs are the ones where people are honest with themselves and their trainer," Hamlett said. "It takes fit to the level of personal pursuit and what your needs are. It isn't just about getting the fit fitter, it's about letting everyone know that there's a place for them.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Anyone interested in the personal training program can:

Contact Peg Hamlett at 885-9355 or pegh@uidaho.edu Visit the Wellness Office, located on the 2nd floor of Go online at www.uidaho.edu/wellness



Sports science graduate student Ben Greenfield works out with

Lindsey Williams.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Idaho vs. Northridge time changes

Saturday's meeting between UI and Cal State Northridge has a new start time. The volleyball match will begin at 2 p.m. instead of the originally scheduled time of 7 p.m. The time change was made in response to the rescheduled kickoff for the UI vs. Washington State University football game at Martin Stadium. Kickoff for that game is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and was rescheduled because it is being broadcast on Fox Sports Northwest.

Golf team finishes ninth in Northwest Collegiate Classic

The UI men's golf team faltered in the third round of the Northwest Collegiate Classic Tuesday and fell from a tie for fourth into ninth place. The Vandals shot 300 in the final round at Trysting Tree Golf Course to finish with 875.

Senior Pete Williams shot 75 in the third round and tied for 12th with 215. Oregon State's Jonathan Green led the host Beavers to a tournament championship. Oregon State shot 838 and finished 21 shots ahead of Oregon and UT-Arlington, which tied for second. Green won the individual title with 203.

T12. Pete Williams 69-71-75-215; T31. Christian Akau 73-71-75-219; T46. Bill Witte 78-70-74-222; T58. Jason Huff 74-73-76-223; T69. Gabe Wilson 74-75-79.

UI men's tennis competes in Boise State Men's Open

The UI men's tennis team opened up its fall season by participating in the Boise State Men's Open In the first flight, Seth Banks lost to No. 4 seed Federico Ueltschi, 6-0, 6-4. In the

back draw, he bounced back by winning two matches. He fell, in one of the closest matches of the tournament, to Portland's Colby Jager, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Hector Mucharraz's first match came against No. 2 seed Matias Silva, losing 6-3, 6-0. He then faced Tejeshwara Chigateri, who retired due to injury. In his final match, he drew it out to three sets, but fell to Alex Strom, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Seeded No. 8 for the first flight, Michael Suttner opened up the tournament by beating Dane Miller, 6-3, 6-4. In the next match, Suttner had to retire because of injury and then proceeded to lose his consolation match to Eric Roberson, 6-4, 6-1. In the second flight, No. 1 seed Terence Nugent rolled through the tournament, winning all five of his matches in straight sets. The closest was his opening set against

Justin Hauck, 7-6, 6-2. All the way through the final, the closest score for any set was 6-3. In the final, he defeated Josh Roach, 6-0, 6-3. For doubles, Nugent and Suttner were seeded No. 7 for the tournament. In their first

match, they took care of Cassidy Crail and Mike O'Toole, with a final score of 8-3. In the second match, they fell to Bradley Changstrom and Dane Miller, 8-6.

Whyte joins UI coaching staff

Former UI track star and recent Olympic participant Angela Whyte has joined the UI track team as an assistant coach. Whyte's main duties will be assisting with men's and women's sprints, hurdles and jumps.

Whyte, a native of Edmonton, Alberta, competed for Idaho from 2001-2003 and holds 13 school records. She is also the all-time top point scorer at Idaho and was a four time All-American. She graduated from UI in May 2003 and is currently working on a master's of sports science degree.

Whyte recently returned to Idaho from Athens, Greece, where she finished sixth in the 100m hurdles at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Grabow and Christman selected Big West Cross Country

Long Beach State's Jim Grabow and UC Santa Barbara's Lindsay Christman earned Big West Cross Country Male and Female Athlete of the Week honors after their performances in meet action Saturday.

Grabow, in his first collegiate race for Long Beach State, won the individual title of the UC Irvine/JL Design Enterprises Invitational with a time of 25:21.2 on the 8K course. Christman came in third place out of 109 runners to help UC Santa Barbara dominate the Fresno State Invitational. The junior ran the 5K course in a time of 18:12 as the

Adult hockey accepting registrations for 2004-05 season

The Palouse Ice Rink Association Adult Hockey Committee is currently accepting individual registrations for the 2004-05 adult hockey season. There will be three levels of play this year: elite, competitive and recreational. Individual players will be assigned to teams based on previous hockey experience. New players are welcome. All divisions are co-ed. All games are non-checking. Play is scheduled to begin Oct. 24. Registration forms are available at www.palouseicerink.com. A preseason discount on registration fees is available until Sept. 30.

UI begins recertification of athletics

Gauchos finished third through seventh.

UI President Tim White announced Sept. 14 that the university will begin a yearlong, campus-wide effort to study its intercollegiate athletics program as part of the normal NCAA Division I athletics certification program. Specific areas the self-study will cover are academic integrity, governance and commitment to rules compliance, as well as a commitment to equity and student-athlete welfare.

Once UI has concluded its study, an external team of reviewers will conduct a sitevisit evaluation on the Moscow campus. Those reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. That team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification, another independent group. The committee will then determine the institution's certification status and announce the decision publicly.

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Intramurals

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Today

Outdoor Program Aneroid Ski Hut service trip Eagle Cap Wilderness Area

UI women's tennis at Cougar Classic

Ul women's soccer vs. Idaho State Moscow

3 p.m.

Saturday

UI volleyball vs. Cal State Northridge Moscow 7 p.m.

UI football vs. Washington State Puliman 7:30 p.m.

UI women's tennis at Cougar Classic

UI cross country at Sundodger Invitational Seattle

Sunday Intramurals

Golf skills challenge at UI golf course Golf at UI golf course

UI women's tennis at Cougar Classic

UI women's soccer vs. Pepperdine

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Tuesday

UI volleyball vs. Eastern Washington Cheney, Wash.

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Intramurals Punt, pass & kick entry deadline

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Ul volleyball vs. Utah State Moscow

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Ui women's golf at Lady Vandai Fall Invite

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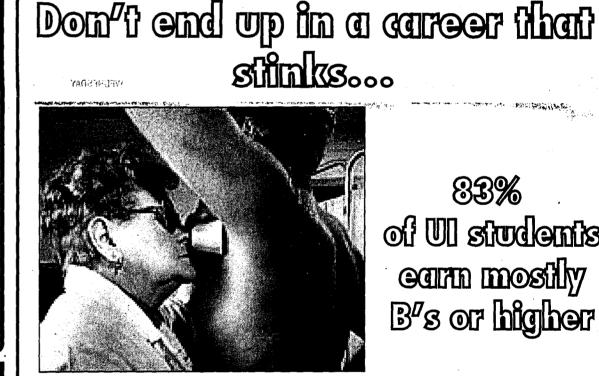
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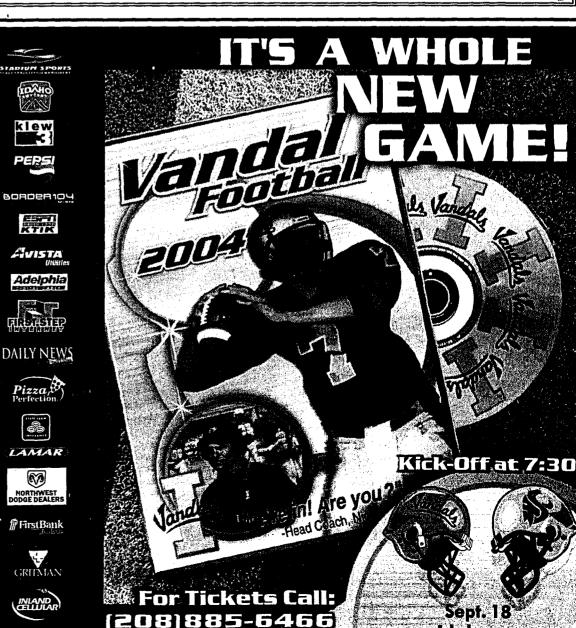
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UI faces tough homestand

BY BRENNAN GAUSE SPORTS&REC EDITOR

After starting off the season with five straight road games, the University of Idaho women's soccer team (1-4-0) will try to start climbing to the .500 mark with its first two home games this weekend.

The only problem for the Vandals is that both games are against teams that made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament last season and are having impressive early season results.

Idaho State University, which plays UI at 3 p.m. today, is currently undefeated with a record of 4-0-1, while nationally ranked Pepperdine (5-0-1) will most likely be the toughest team the Vandals will face this year.

think it's a great way to open the season at home," coach Arby Busey said. "To have two quality opponents and to really see what we're made of and put it all out there on the

The Vandals have played Idaho State in five of six years and have a series record of 1-1-3 against the Bengals, with the last two match-ups ending in ties.

"It's going to be a battle," Busey said. "It's

UI Soccer

Ul vs. Idaho State Today, 3 p.m. **Guy Wicks Field**

Ul vs. Pepperdine Sunday, 1 p.m. Guy Wicks Field

added bonus that we play for. It's going to be

a good, even match-up On Sunday, UI will face off against the Pepperdine Waves (currently ranked 12th in the nation), who have yet to allow a goal in the games they've played this year.

"I think there is some nervousness, which is to be expected," Busey said. "But the way I look at it is that it's an opportunity for our team. We don't get the opportunities where we get to host a Top 20 team here at home very often. And I think they're (UI is) looking

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"They're a great team; they're not ranked in the Top 20 by accident. It's a good, solid team and it's going to be a big challenge for

"I think we can compete with anybody," senior Ashley Cox said. "It's going to be the University of Idaho, Idaho third game of three (the Vandals lost 1-0 to and Eastern Washington on Wednesday) and Boise State everyone's going to be tired ... but I think everyone's excited about it." we play for

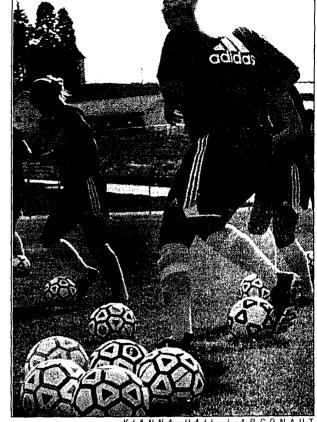
Despite the stiff competition, it should be nice for UI to finally be playing at home. Last season, the Vandals were winless on the road, with all three of their season victories coming at Guy Wicks Field.

UI vs. Eastern Washington On Wednesday, UI traveled to Eastern Washington University (3-4-0) where the Eagles won a closely contested match, 1-0.

"They just outworked us," Busey said

"The game was played on a wet, sloppy field and it came down to the winner would be whoever was going to work the hardest. They were the better team today and it was a disappointing way to lose.'

It was the Eagles' first win against the Vandals in eight career meetings.



The UI women's soccer team practices at Guy Wicks Field.

INTRAMURALS

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Men's recreational flag football

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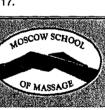
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Canada beats Finland to win World Cup of hockey

BY TIM PANACCIO KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - If there isn't going to be an NHL season, then perhaps it's fitting that the last hockey game played this year resulted in another world title for Team Canada.

Shane Doan's clutch goal gave the Canadians a 3-2 victory in the World Cup of Hockey championship game against Finland Tuesday at the Air Canada Centre.

It could be a year before the puck is dropped again for NHL players.

But for 60 minutes Tuesday night,

however, Canada and Finland put their lockout thoughts aside.

"" "Obviously, you don't brush these things away," said Canada coach Pat Quinn. "It's very serious. It's their lives.

We've asked them to push it away and focus on matters at hand."

Many of the players had mixed emo-

"It looks like it will be a while before we get back on the ice," said Mario Lemieux, Canada's captain.

It was special for Doan, who has played in two World Championships but never an Olympics.

Working on Joe Thornton's checking line with Kris Draper, he broke a 2-2 tie just 24 seconds into the third possed.

just 34 seconds into the third period. Credit the goal to strong forechecking, as Doan fell in the left corner while battling for the puck. He managed to swat it across the back line to Thornton.

Thornton waited until Doan got to his feet, cut into the slot, and fed him the puck. Goalie Miikka Kiprusoff tried slide across the crease, correctly anticipating that Doan would go wide and come back inside with his shot. He did, but the puck just eluded Kiprusoff's glove hand.

This has been pretty special, something I will never forget, to be part of this team. This whole experience has been incredible," Doan said. "It was like

a dream to get that goal."

Kiprusoff played a strong third period under relentless pressure from Canada's attacking forwards. Canada's Vincent Lecavalier, with seven points overall, was the tournament's most valuable player.

"To win the Stanley Cup and then win the World Cup, it's two great things," said Lecavalier, a center with

the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"It feels great to win a championship," Lemieux said. "Obviously, the

Stanley Cup is what you play for your whole life. You dream of lifting a Cup at center ice. But to go through the adversity we went through this past month, to lift this cup was a great accomplish-ment for all of us."

That Finland got this far and nearly pulled out a victory was an accomplishment as well.

"Weird goals," Finnish coach Raimo Summanen said. "Odd things hap-pened. We made mistakes. We could have played better. Kipper didn't play his best game. But this was a big step for Finnish hockey. We played hard."

Canada wasted little time getting on

the board, scoring at 52 seconds on a typically remarkable play by Lemieux. coming up the left boards, he took a difficult, off-balance pass from Eric Brewer that made Finnish defenseman

Toni Lydman think he could intercept it. He couldn't.

Lemieux reached back to accept the

pass off-balance, moved around Lydman, then dragged the puck into the zone before threading a perfect tape-to-tape pass through sticks and skates to Sakic, who fired a shot past Kiprusoff.

Finland's first chance at getting pressure on the Canadians produced a deflected goal when Riku Hahl redirected a point shot from Lydman past goalie Martin Brodeur.

Scott Niedermayer's first goal of the tournament regained the lead for Canada three minutes into the second

Brodeur then gave up a soft goal to Tuomo Ruutu in the final minute of play that tied it again.

Sutton hopes U.S. can play to potential at Ryder Cup

BY GARY D'AMATO MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

(KRT) — Expect the unexpect-

That's the unofficial theme for the U.S. team in the 35th Ryder Cup Matches, which begs a sarcastic question: Does that mean the Americans might actually win on grass what they always

seem to win on paper?
Once again, the U.S. team is stronger than its European opponent in almost every way measurable. The Americans have combined to win 13 major championships to the Europeans' 0. Ten of the 12 U.S. players are ranked among the top 25 in the world, compared with four of the

Europeans.
The U.S. has Tiger Woods,
Phil Mickelson and Davis Love III at the top of its order. Europe has Padraig Harrington, Sergio Garcia and Darren Clarke. If you're keeping score at home, that's 81-5 in PGA Tour victories.

But on Friday, when the biennial matches get under way at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., all those

numbers add up to a big, fat zero.
The fact is, the Americans have been considered the stronger team in each of the last nine Ryder Cups and have won only three of them (with one

"Everybody always speculates why the Europeans fight above their weight and why the Americans look like heavy-weights and fight like feather-weights," said U.S. team captain Hal Sutton.

The possible explanations run the gamut.

The Europeans thrive on their underdog status. They bond more readily than the Americans and have better team chemistry. They're more accustomed to match play and more comfortable in the best-ball and alternate shot formats. They're hungrier and simply better at rising to the occasion.

The Americans would take issue with most of those points, but they can't argue with the results. If not for their miraculous comeback at Brookline in 1999, their record since 1985 would be atrocious.

This time around, Captain Hal vows that the U.S. willpower will match its firepower.

"I've said all along that we'll play to win," said Sutton, who has played on four Ryder Cup teams. "That's the one mistake the U.S. has made. They tried to he politically correct and to my be politically correct and to my knowledge, since I've been playing professional golf, Europe has yet to do that. They play to win."

One gets the impression that the fiery Sutton won't make apologies if his players do some fist-pumping in the faces of the Europeans at Oakland Hills.

Sutton plans to shake things

up. For the first time, caddies will be allowed in the team meetings and will be encouraged to voice their opinions. On the other hand, Sutton sounds as if he will be less inclined to bow to the players' wishes when it comes to

"The only thing I can say is to expect the unexpected," he said. "I've had players tell me who they thought they played well with. I said, 'That's great. Don't

expect it.' Woods, who lost his No. 1 ranking to Vijay Singh last week after 264 consecutive weeks on top, will be looking to improve

upon his curious record in the Ryder Cup. He is 5-8-2 in three appearances.
"Some of my matches, I haven't played well and other times I've played great and lost," he said. "I went out there with (Paul Azinger) and shot 65 on my own ball and lost. I've shot 73

and won a match. It's wild how it works out that way. "Would I like to have a better record? Yes. But I've always tried my best and that's what I've been able to do.

The U.S. will enjoy the homefield advantage. Oakland Hills is the ultimate target-style golf course with lightning-fast, rollercoaster greens - tailor-made to the Americans' strengths. Ultimately, the Ryder Cup comes strengths. down to putting, and some think this U.S. team is among the best

putting teams ever.

Plus, the galleries are sure to be loud and partisan.

"I think there's definitely a home advantage," said Bernhard Langer, a 10-time Ryder Cup player for Europe and now team captain. "It's reality that there are more spectators cheering for the other team than for your own

Colin Montgomerie of Scotland, one of Langer's two wild-card picks, has compiled a 16-7-5 record in six Ryder Cups and is the heart and soul of the team now that Langer, Nick Faldo, Ian Woosnam, Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal have faded from the

"I think the teams are very evenly matched," Montgomerie said. "It should come down to, as it normally does, somebody holing a putt on Sunday afternoon at a crucial moment."

As long as that somebody is an American, Sutton will be just





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