# Vandal Taxi switches to set-route system

UI students and ASUI leaders split on decision to reorganize safety program

> BY NATE POPPING ARGONAUT STAFF

atrick Lorang spends most of his day driving Palouse residents back and forth as a driver for the Wheatland Express. But at night, Lorang drives a different group of pas-

Lorang is a driver for Vandal Taxi, the ASUI-run taxi service that provides University of Idaho students with a ride home on Friday and Saturday nights. His job is about to again in October after experiencing funding problems, undergoes reorgan-

Previously, students could call the Vandal Taxi number and be picked up from anywhere in Moscow. However, starting in November the taxi will change to a route system with a regular schedule and regular stops. Every stop will be visited at half-hour intervals. Current stops include several Greek houses, the Wallace complex, Eastside Marketplace and various downtown locations.

Lorang couldn't be happier about the change.

"It would solve a lot of chaos," Lorang said. "We pick someone up and two minutes later get a call from

get easier as the service, which began someone else in the same area. ... A route would simplify it for us. People would just have to plan their time.

Junior engineering major Kris Honas said he thinks the success of the route system will depend on where it goes. Honas was on the bus for more than 30 minutes Saturday night before he was dropped off.

"If it hit every area of town at a constant time, then it would help a lot," Honas said. "If it only hit the down-town area and campus, then it would skip a lot of people."

Honas said the fact that the taxi

runs in the first place is good.

"I bet there were way more people driving drunk when the taxi took a break than before," Honas said. Senior business major Kurt

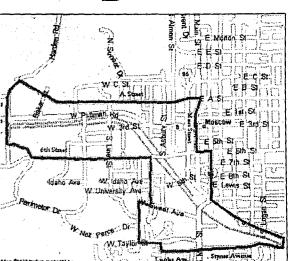
Kuchenbecker, who also rode the bus Saturday night, said he thought the change to a route would be worth the inconveniences it would cause.

"As far as overall utility it'll be better," Kuchenbecker said. "It won't get us as close as we want to go, but it'll be more efficient and serve more peo-

Chris Dockrey, Vandal Taxi director, said the changes are mostly in

response to large delays.
"Mainly there had been problems with people waiting outside for us to show up. We also had people who wanted to be dropped off in areas we legally couldn't drop them at. It'll

**VANDAL TAXI, see Page 4** 



# Ramadan: Local Muslims observe holy month of fasting



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT The male portion of the congregation breaks its fast after sundown Friday at the Islamic Center of Moscow on Lilly Street.

ver wonder what it would be like to choose to be hungry for breakfast, lunch and dinner? Millions are experiencing that hunger right now as Muslims worldwide observe Ramadan.

Muslims abstain from eating and drinking during Ramadan, the ninth month of the lunar calendar. During this time, fasting lasts from dawn

until dusk. The month of spiritual cleansing and worship is believed by Muslims to be the first month in which the prophet Muhammad revealed the

holy Quran. ate student, is observing Ramadan this month as part of her Muslim

"You don't do bad things during fasting," Hami said. "You make your-self for God. It teaches you to be more patient. At the end you give to poor people. You really want to because we really feel like them."

"The purpose of Ramadan is to become more pious and understand the suffering of other people," said Emily Hull, a UI senior and chemistry major.

Hull converted to Islam three years ago after she began studying the religion and asking questions.

Islam contains five rules, known as pillars. The first pillar is to believe in God, the creator, and also in

rophets. The second is to pray every lay. The third is to fast during the month of Ramadan. The fourth is to give to charity. The fifth is to take a pilgrimage to the holy city, Haji, in Saudi Arabia, if able

> "Islam is a beautiful religion. ... It is misinterpreted. Islam is not about terrorism."

> > ANNE DROBISH-SHAHAT

Anne Drobish-Shahat, a senior journalism major, said she thinks Islam is misunderstood in America. She said she cringes when she meets people who don't understand Muslims, because her husband is Muslim and he is kind and gentle.

"Islam is a beautiful religion. ... It is misinterpreted. Islam is not about terrorism. A true Muslim does not believe in terrorism or condone it,' Drobish-Shahat said.

Drobish-Shahat fasts during Ramadan so she can share her husband's experience.

"From my gatherings, reasonings,

RAMADAN, see Page 4

#### Where can I vote?

Polls at the Kibbie Dome and Latah County Fairgrounds will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. If you are unsure of your precinct, bring proof of your street address and ask a representative at one of the three van stops on campus.

Kibbie Dome, southwest concourse: Precincts 1, 2, 8, 13, 16 and 18 Latah County Fair Exhibit Building, 1021 Harold St.: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17

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## Election 2004: showing up at the polls

presidential elections.

the survey. Sen. John Kerry was the favorite

among students, with 45 percent of votes

"I expected both campuses to be a little bit more conservative," Rottinghaus said. No matter who UI students vote for, UI

senior Megan Thompson, a public communications major and chair of the ASUI Civic

Engagement Board, said she is excited by the

increase in interest among students in the

see a dramatic increase in voters this year,"

Thompson has been recruiting student voters since last spring, when she began working on the ASUI voter registration drive.

At the end of the drive, the project had surpassed its goal of 1,000 new voters and regis-

tered more than 1,100. The drive was so suc-

cessful that Thompson was given an all-

"I think on campus and nationwide we will

compared to George W. Bush's 41 percent.

Not all students registered to vote will cast ballots on Election Day

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD .

s the nation prepares to hit the polls today, young voters are expected to Lturn out in record numbers. While hundreds of University of Idaho students have been registered to vote, political analysts question how many of these students will actually follow through and cast their ballots for local and national candidates. A survey conducted last week

by UI political scientist Brandon
Rottinghaus, Washington State
University political scientist
Travis Ridout and UI School of Journalism and Mass Media faculty members showed that not all students who are

The survey was given to 640 students in introductory level classes at UI and WSU. Of those students, 82 percent said they were registered to vote, but only 61 percent said they were very likely to vote; 16 percent said they had already voted.

registered to vote plan on going to the polls

"This pretty much met the indications that I thought," Rottinghaus said, adding he was disturbed by the 14 percent of students who responded that they were not likely to vote.

Rottinghaus said he was slightly sur-

prised by the students' choice for president in

expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to further train with the U.S. Student Association. Now that it is time to actually vote, Thompson said the Civic Engagement Board will continue to assist students by offering transportation to and from the polls. The Vandal Trolley and three to four vans will be making stops at the Idaho Commons, the SUB and in front of the Living and Learning Community to pick up students and take them to the Kibbie Dome and the Latah County Fairgrounds, where they can vote.

The vans will be operating from the time the polls open at 8 a.m. to the time they close at **ELECTION**, see Page 4

THE COLLEGE VOTE

For these statistics, 1,200 full-time undergraduates at four-year colleges and universities were interviewed in a nationally syndicated research

- 39 percent pay attention to voter registration or pro-social campaigns with which celebrities, TV stations and magazines are involved.
- 72 percent are registered to vote and 92 percent plan to vote in the 2004 presidential election.
- 31 percent plan to vote for Kerry, 26 percent for Bush and 22 percent "don't know."
- 38 percent consider themselves Democrats, 25 percent Republicans, 14 percent Independent and 20 percent "none."
- 37 percent describe themselves as "middle of the road," 28 percent "liberal" and 18 percent "conserva-

By the Student Monitor, which publishes nationally syndicated market research studies of the college student market.

#### **UI Faculty Council addresses** task force recommendations

BY SAM TAYLOR ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

bout 50 University of Idaho faculty, staff and students filled the Idaho Commons Clearwater Room Monday to air their grievances with the recommendations made in the University Vision and Resources Task Force

People crowded into the room, standing and sitting against the back wall to listen as Faculty Council member Mickey Gunter moderated and tried not to give his own opinions on the issues being discussed.

'I'm trying really hard to be impartial here,"

Gunter said to laughter from the room. The open forum was the first of three scheduled by the Faculty Council to discuss the recommendations made in the task force report, which is part of a plan to restore the university to fiscal

Members of the UI community made their way to a microphone at the front of the room to speak about the lack of education funding from the state and how the task force addressed the issue in its report.

Bill McLaughlin, a professor in the College of Natural Resources, commented on the four responses to the report that UI President Tim White requested from UI deans, the provost, the vice president for finance and administration and the vice president for research and graduate

studies. "They made fairly strong arguments for substantially larger cuts, and I think some of the

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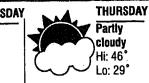


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College success series: "Overcome Procrastination" Idaho Commons, Room 327 12:30 p.m.

Interdisciplinary colloquium: "Turning Your World Upside Down: A Sabbatical Adventure

**SUB Gold Room** 12:30 p.m.

Advising workshop: "Advanced UI Policies and Procedures" Idaho Commons Aurora Room

"UI Jazz Special 2004, Outstanding Young Artists I" UITV-8 8 p.m.

**Northwest Wind Quintet** School of Music Recital Hall

#### Wednesday

HRD workshop: "Violence-Free Workplace" Administration Building, Room 217

9 a.m.

Blood drive Idaho Commons Clearwater and Whitewater Rooms

Homecoming: Vandal Jingles SUB Ballroom 6:30 p.m.

Foreign Film Series: "Touching the Vold" SUB Borah Theater 7 and 9:30 p.m.

**UI Voices** UITV-8 7:30 p.m.

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8 p.m.

#### Thursday

Idaho's state flower planting Hello Walk steps on the corner of Elm and University streets 1:30 p.m.

HRD workshop: "Time Challenged" Administration Building, Room 217

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#### Professor wins international engineering educators' award

The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers chose John R. Sturgul, a UI mining engineer, for its 2005 Mineral Industry Education Award.

The professor of mining engineering was recognized for his "lifelong dedication to research, innovative approaches to teaching and technology transition, and significant original contributions to knowledge in mine design using computer simulation tools," according to a university press release.

The international Mineral Industry Education Award, established in 1960, is given for distinguished contributions to the advancement of mineral industry edu-

Sturgul's area of expertise is mine design using computer simulation models. He has pioneered this technique and designed more mines worldwide using computer simulation techniques than any other known individual.

#### **Graduate student receives** fellowship from EPA

Tobah Gass, UI graduate student in the College of Natural Resources, has been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency Greater** Research Opportunities program.

Gass is studying subalpine forests in the Pecos Wilderness and is the second UI student ever to have received such a fellowship from the EPA.

The EPA's fellowship programs are the only federal programs designed exclusively for students pursuing advanced degrees in environmental research. including physical, biological and social sciences. The fellowship, one of 22 awarded by the EPA in 2004, provides up to \$37,000 per year.

Gass, who is from Santa Fe, N.M., is studying the relationship between forest composition and fire in high-elevation forests. She is conducting her research on the Santa Fe National Forest in the Pecos Wilderness.

#### **Hunger banquet addresses** disparity of wealth

The UI Civic Engagement Project has

organized a hunger banquet at 6 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Idaho Commons

Clearwater and Whitewater Rooms. Guests will participate in a dramatization of the unequal distribution of wealth and resources throughout the world.

Participants will "draw their fate" at the door. They will be placed in a specific economic class and served a meal that accurately represents the current distribution of wealth in the world.

"Few leave a hunger banquet with full stomachs," said Lilian Mramba of the Civic Education Project at UI. "But all leave filled with a greater understanding of global hunger, poverty and the means to take action.

The cost is \$3 to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the SUB information desk and the Moscow Food Co-op. Food and cash donations also are appreciated. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Moscow Food Bank.

For more information about the event, e-mail the Civic Education Project, civic\_ed@sub.uidaho.edu.

For more information visit www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer/.

#### UI soil judging team sweeps regional contest at Utah State

When it got down and dirty, the UI won the battle in the trenches. That's where soil judging teams must do their best work, after all.

A College of Agricultural and Life Sciences team took first place over the weekend in a regional soils contest at Utah State University in Logan. Utah State finished second. Oregon State University third and Brigham Young University

UI students swept the top four individual places.

The students spent Oct. 22 looking at representative soils and landscapes in Utah's Cache Valley near Logan, then met in competition the next day, said Paul McDaniel, UI soil science professor and team adviser.

"I've gone to these regional contests for 15 or 16 years, and I've never seen a team win the top four places." McDaniel

The secret to their success was a little luck and some hard work. "There's always luck involved, but they're good students," McDaniel said.

"All other things being equal, good stu-

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# Jesse Ventura sets the record straight at

Former wrestler blasts today's politicians at WSU's Dad's Weekend

> BY KIMBERLY HIRAI ARGONAUT STAFF

The audience that poured into Pullman Friday night to see a former governor and professional wrestler got more than a lecture on politics and experiences of celebrity. They got "the most dangerous man in America," Jesse "The Body" Ventura.

Ventura opened his lecture at Washington State University with this line, citing two political wins over Democratic and Republican candidates and not his reputation as a former professional wrestler and U.S. Navy SEAL.

Ventura spoke as part of WSU's Dad's **VENTURA** Weekend. More than

100 people came to hear about Ventura's political experiences and ideas on current issues including stem cell research, the war in Iraq, gay marriage and his stand as a supporter of a third political Ventura said he believes it is wrong. In addition to covering central issues, that his nephew could not donate the Ventura said the nation's younger generumbilical cord of his newborn to stem vation would end up paying for the debts cell research because of limitations placed on stem cell research by President George W. Bush.

Ventura clearly defined his position in voting in the next national election. His decision involved separation of church and state, as well as the war in Iraq. Surprising many, Ventura said that it had been difficult to say at first, but as an independent he would vote for Sen. John Kerry.

"You can have all of the spiritual beliefs you want," he said. "Practice them, love them, embrace them. But simply remember those are your private life, and the president of the United

States is your job."

Ventura said Bush showed he does not have a clear idea of this separation when he said at a past event that it was "God's work" to question stem cell research. In addition to Bush's political beliefs, Ventura cited the president's leadership skills in relation to the war in Iraq as another factor influencing his vote. Ventura said a main point he learned in his Navy SEALs' training was the idea that leaders would not ask anything of the SEALs that they would not do themselves.

"Unfortunately, in my opinion, George Bush and Dick Cheney would not go to war when they had the opportunity, when it was their turn," he said.

incurred by the Democratic and

Republican parties' spending.
Ventura expressed a strong view of the government in its collection of taxes. He said the money people pay in taxes goes to the government first before they receive any of it. Ventura said a national sales tax would be fairer to everyone.

Ventura also discussed strong beliefs in the system of government established by America's founding fathers in talking about politicians and political parties

today.
"Somewhere along the line, the career politician showed up," Ventura said. "He understands everything you're going through. Only you wonder how, when you work in the private sector, and this person hasn't been in the private sector for 30 years. He's been too busy getting elected in the public sector."

Ventura also mentioned the weak-

nesses of the Democratic and Republican parties through his own experiences with them. During his election as mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Ventura said the other two party's candidates labeled him as "the most dangerous man in the city." However, both opponents attempted to recruit Ventura for their party following his landslide election.

"These two parties have virtually no credibility," Ventura said. "These two

parties don't care what you stand for; all they care about is 'can he win?' "

Ventura showed his distaste for the two political parties by emphasizing his appearance. Dressed in a black suit with tennis shoes, a black bandanna and the trademark Captain Jack Sparrow goatee from the movie, "Pirates of the Caribbean," the audience got a taste of Ventura's personality the minute he walked on stage. He used his appearance later to explain the importance political parties place on appearance.

"I want to move on. I want to experience everything else. That's why I guess politics is perfect for me."

> **JESSE VENTURA** FORMER GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA

"Do you think there's a Republican or Democratic governor in this country that would have the gonads to dress like me?" Ventura said. Though the audience erupted in laughter, Ventura explained the experiment behind his look.

"I want you to all understand that Jesse Ventura stands for freedom," he said. "That there's no strings attached to me, there never was, there never will be

and that when I get elected to a position you understand what you see is what

Ventura said many politicians today cannot lay claim to his words, as they only take an interest in what would get them elected, and are not honest with the public. He also said the media, as well as the Democratic and Republican parties, have said he has lost his credi-

bility for dressing in such a way.
"That's why I do this, to show freedom. Also, I fell in love with Captain Jack Sparrow," Ventura said.

A question and answer session followed Ventura's speech. Question topics ranged from Ventura's opinion on gun control and the importation of prescription drugs in Canada to whether he would be willing to autograph his action figure for a fan or say his famous line from "Predator": "I don't have time to bleed." Ventura didn't flinch when the audience laughed at his action figure, or at some of the controversial questions he was asked.

"You go ahead and laugh," he said when signing the action figure. "That bought me my first Porsche."

Ventura said the political realm suits

him well.
"I want to move on. I want to experience everything else. That's why I guess politics is perfect for me. Because you can do it for four years and then go back to a new job and then go back to it

## Car breathalyzers become latest prevention against drunken driving

BY LISA WAREHAM ARGONAUT STAFF

The flashing lights and honking horn of a car are not a distress signal, they are a sign the driver has

failed a random alcohol test. Repeat drunken drivers have received their very own car breath-

The ignition interlock device is a penalty given to drunken drivers with two or more driving under the influence convictions in five years. The punishment is part of the repeat DUI offender law enacted by the Idaho Legislature, which became effective on Oct. 1, 1999, said Kevin Bechen, ignition inter-lock coordinator for the Office of

Highway Safety.

"When most people get the first
DUI, it's a wake-up call; at least,
we hope it's a wake-up call," Bechen said. "When it comes to the second time ... it has become a

The device is similar to what police use in detecting underage drinking, Bechen said. The handheld device is tethered to the dashboard and connected to the igni-

The driver must blow into the device and pass an alcohol breath test before the vehicle will start. Once the car starts, the device administers random tests about every 15 minutes.

If the driver fails a random test, the device notifies the driver and

the driver is required to pull over.
"You have about five minutes to pull over, or the horn will start honking and the headlights will flash until you get pulled over," Bechen said.

A repeat offender receives a year of driving suspension before the interlock device is required, Moscow prosecuting attorney Brian Knox said. The person must install the device in his car. The court decides the amount of time the device is required, but it cannot be more than the person's proba-

tion period. The devices are leased to the offenders at their own cost. Bechen said the cost is \$60 per month and around \$75 for installation.

The device records test failures including the date, time and alco-hol level — all accessible by the driver's probation officer, Bechen said. If another person blows into the device for the offender, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor. unless it is for safety purposes or mechanical repair.

Loretta Stadler, the Idaho victim advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said the interlock device "is one of the pieces of the puzzle to hopefully stop drinking

and driving."
In 2003, more than one of every three traffic deaths in Idaho were

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alcohol-related, according to a 2004 release from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on the MADD Web site. Of the 293 deaths, 107 were alcohol-related.

Stadler said people who plan to drink should find a safe ride before drinking, whether it is by bus, taxi or a sober friend.

"After you have had that first drink, it's not the time to make arrangements," Stadler said.

UI senior Austin Garrison, a theater and film major, said the interlock device probably helps cut down on drunken driving, especially drinking while driving. He said people should walk, ride a bus or take a taxi to their destinations instead of drinking and driving.

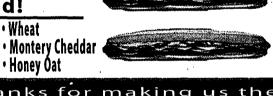
Garrison said he doesn't have a car, and doesn't have a problem 'using my own two feet" to get places, and neither should people who drink.



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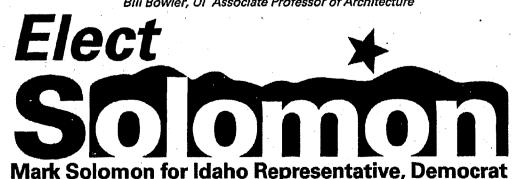
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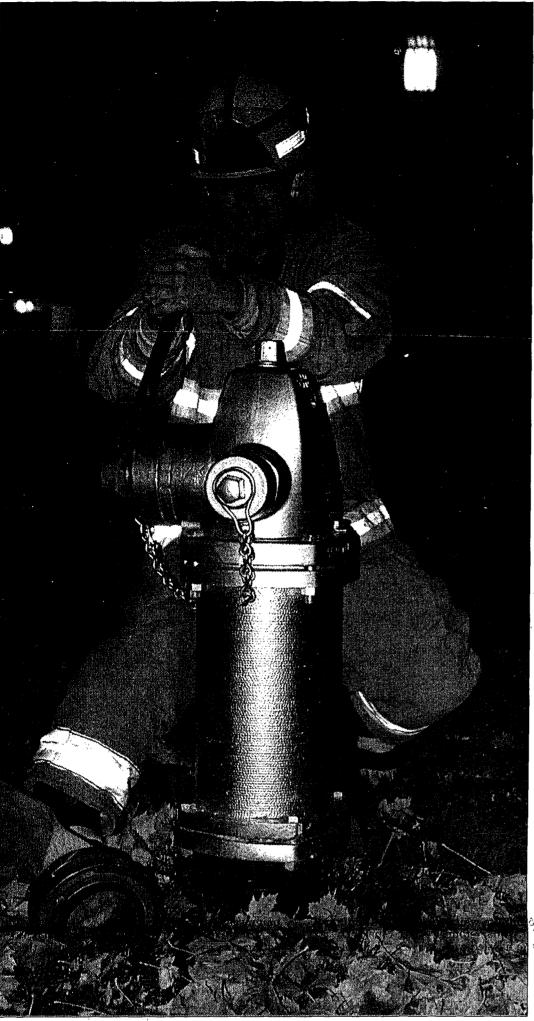


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#### **VANDAL TAXI** From Page 1

make the system run a lot more smoothly," Dockrey said. ASUI members are split on the decision to change the Vandal Taxi

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum, who worked as a dispatcher Saturday night, said he hopes the changes will help the taxi carry more students. The taxi currently provides around 130 students every carries around 130 students every weekend, with some having to wait up to 45 minutes for it to show up.

"It seems very difficult to meet all the demands from so many different students at so many different places. We had calls from people we couldn't pick up who said over the phone they would drive drunk," Myhrum said.

ASUI senators have their own objections to the route proposal. Jessica Helsley said she is worried

about safety problems the taxi stops would cause.

"As a woman I would not feel comfortable standing alone. I think with the options given it should stay as it is. If we make students aware of the wait time they can call

an hour ahead," Helsley said. Senator Humberto Cerrillo said he is worried about the extra travel students will have to make to get to and from taxi stops.

"What if they're farther away from the route? They'll have to walk

or get a ride to it," Cerrillo said.

Myhrum said he thinks the planned route will increase student

"Generally, having a predictable route enhances safety. People plan for it and get a feel for the best places to be and they're usually in large groups anyway," Myhrum

ASUI parliamentarian Hank Johnston said he feels the proposed route focuses too much on heavy drinking areas.

"It's focusing its image to being a drug bus. We're catering to party alley and the heavy drinking area. It continues the public perception that it's a drunk bus," Johnston said.

Myhrum and Dockrey said they will be constantly adjusting the taxi route during November to solve any problems or complaints that come

"If there's a lot of students who regularly use Vandal Taxi who can't make it, we'll take that into con-cern," Dockrey said. "Any concerns of students, staff, the university at large, police – all of that will be taken into consideration."

"I think numbers initially will be indicative of success. We don't save money doing this," Myhrum said. "I marked places we dropped people off at and will adjust the route to

cover those places."

Anyone who wants to comment on the new route can e-mail Chris Dockrey at doc@sub.uidaho.edu.

## RAMADAN

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Ramadan is for discipline, self-sacrifice, perspective. I can't imagine eating when he can't. When I work, it doesn't matter how late I get home; he waits for me to eat," Drobish-Shahat said.

During the month of Ramadan, which lasts from about Oct. 16 to Nov.14, Muslims meet every day at the end of fasting to pray and eat together. In Moscow, they meet at the Islamia Contar on 316 Lilly St. the Islamic Center on 316 Lilly St. Women gather upstairs and men gather downstairs.

According to Thompson, the loop

should take about 20 minutes with

different buses arriving at the stops

frequently. She said that at each campus stop, Civic Engagement Board representatives will be pass-

ing out food and voting materials

polls today, Idaho does have a few

As student voters travel to the

"God gives you reward for help-ing others break fast," Hull said. Islamic religion also focuses heavily on family. Deima Hami says her twin daughters, who are almost

2, pray next to her.
"They do the things I do. This is teaching them and they like it,"

Sara Praegitzer, a freshman in business management, visited the Islamic Center Friday as part of a

religious studies class.
"I came to learn about the religion," Praegitzer said. "I don't know much about other religions. I'm from Southern Idaho and they don't really have non-Christian religions around there. I wanted to find out

learned that she still could vote

even though she was not yet regis-

tered. In Idaho, people can register to vote at the polls if they haven't

"If I could I definitely would vote," she said. "From what I've seen it's probably going to be a pret-

Also, according to Idaho state

law, no hard liquor of any kind may

be sold until after the polls close on

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Tuesday.

what they believe, their rituals and everything."

At the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate Eid al-fitr, a festival of fast breaking. It is a holiday where friends and family spend time together. Moscow and Pullman communities will meet on Nov. 14 to celebrate at the Pullman Mosque.

Deima Hami said Ramadan is a month when God takes devils away and opens the doors of heaven. She said God wants people to be kind at

"By the end of this Ramadan, our

souls will just be beautiful so we can start from the beginning," Hami said. "It's really a holy month

#### "Even the bars can't sell hard Election Day that students may not liquor," said Margo Wekenman, an UI sophomore Megan Vandehey was surprised and excited when she employee at the Moscow Liquor

Otherwise the only thing voters need to remember is to make it to the polls on Tuesday.

Rottinghaus said there is a lot of potential for students' votes to change the outcome of the presidential election.

"It's tough to tell," he said. "But either way, I think people will be disappointed if there is not an increase in student voters in this election."

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important. logic used is important," McLaughlin said. "Cuts to programs may be larger than initially thought and I think that needs to be considered."

Some who spoke at the forum said the UI community needs to accept that cuts are inevitable because of the lack of financial support from the state legislature.

James Foster, a faculty member in the computer science departdescribed the Legislature as having a Republican majority and said it was obvious ers were not going to renew the 1 percent sales tax.

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"We need to recognize that we're not going to have a savior come in on a white horse here," Foster said.
"I think we need to be courageous about cuts and do some very painful things quickly. It's a hard thing to do because we're going to be telling some of our colleagues goodbye.

The 1 percent sales tax generates \$180 million specifically for education in the state of Idaho, but is scheduled to end in June of 2006 if it is not renewed by the legisla-

Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services, brought up a discussion of financial aid for UI students.
"My concern is at the same time

we are looking to cut the financial programs, 61 percent of those stu-

dents who receive scholarships have need," Davenport said. "So if we stop offering that funding, we will remove the ability of stu-

dents to attend and we will have a community with barriers. We need to find ways to help that, because even if we don't increase scholarships in dollar values we have decreased the value."

discussion, Following the Davenport said the university did not increase aid from last year to this year, and evidence has shown there was an effect on the quality of students.

"There has been an increased quality of new students as we've increased aid," Davenport said. "I'm not saying the task force doesn't care about the quality of students. I know they do, but it's my job to be concerned about access."

The second session for the aculty Council's discussion of the UVRTF report will be held from 8-10 a.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons Crest room. All students, staff and faculty are invited to

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#### JFAC is important for UI

It is important to re-elect Shirley Ringo back to the Idaho State legislature. Upon her re-election she will be appointed to the powerful Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. This committee assigns funding to many programs, including higher education. With Rep. Ringo in this position we can be assured she will continue her support for the University of Idaho.

In 2003 the Democrats requested an additional \$3 million for higher education. Not one Republican voted for this request. In 2004 Democrats again requested an increase of \$3.4 million. Again not one Republican on the committee voted for this increase. It's time we have someone fighting for higher education on this committee. A vote for Shirley Ringo is a vote for the University of

> Robert Stout Graduate student Public administration

#### God was in another administration

"Hence today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord.'

I cringe every time I hear a self-proclaimed "Christian" vocalizing support for death. The question I always have to ask is, "have you read the new testament?" When does Jesus ever say you should kill people? I've read it a few times and not once have I come across the scripture that endorses death of any kind. The next point brought up by these same people in justifying death and killing is "Jesus taught us to subject yourselves to the rule of law, or "we have to defend ourselves." Sorry, wrong again. In the New Testament not only does Jesus unequivocally refute the idea of an eye for an eye, he is completely anti-establishment, as is made evident by his public execution at the hands of the ruling authority of the times.

Much like GWB, Hitler was a Christian. Insert the word "terrorist" in the place of "Jew" in the above quote and we see something that we wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear from our born-again president. Hey, did God talk to Hitler, too? The most damaging scourge of our society today is religious extremism, not just from Muslims but from Christians as well. For those

"Christians" out there, I might suggest a serious re-examination of the New Testament and the teachings of Christ. It will be painfully obvious that killing for any reason is the antithesis of anything Christ ever said or stood for.

> Jeremy Riggle Graduate student Chemistry

#### Bush supporters uninformed

The following is a portion of an article on a recent study looking at voters' perceptions of their candidate.

"In further unhappy evidence of how ill-informed the American people are, the Program on International Policy Attitudes found Bush supporters consistently ill-informed about Bush's stands on the issues. Eighty-seven percent of Bush supporters think he favors putting labor and environmental standards into international trade agreements. Eighty percent of Bush supporters believe Bush wants to participate in the treaty banning land mines. Seventy-six percent of Bush supporters believe Bush wants to participate in the treaty banning nuclear weapons testing. Sixtytwo percent believe Bush would participate in the International Criminal Court. Sixty-one percent believe Bush wants to participate in the Kyoto Treaty on global warming. Fifty-three percent does not believe Bush is building a missile defense system, aka 'Star Wars."

It so happens that these are all false assumptions. And the Bush team hasn't made any effort to clear things up. Instead, they tell you that it's John Kerry that has no firm stands on the issues. Nothing could be further from the truth, as he has been more than clear to those who will listen. In fact, the study concluded that Kerry supporters were much more informed about their candidate's stands on these issues. If you were planning to vote for George W. Bush, you may want to take a look at these issues and see if you have misunderstood where the president stands on them. If so, you may want to reconsider who you will vote for today.

D.M. Gray

#### **Educate youth, honor the Constitution**

#### Dear Editor.

When Joshua Fusselman encourages us to "vote for political candidates that will legislate in favor of the traditional family" ("Abstinence Is The Answer" Oct. 26), does he mean we should vote for a candidate who wants to include an addendum to the Constitution that would discriminate against a whole group of citizens? Or one that would uphold teaching abstinence only?

Writing discrimination into the Constitution is an affront to everything this country stands for. My marriage is no more "sacred" if a man or woman can't marry someone they love, regardless of gender. All persons are created equal, and in the eyes of the law this includes homosexuals. Personally, I will be voting for candidates who honor my country's Constitution, not desecrate it.

If he means the latter, he's misinformed. To continue with such a program is highly irresponsible, as studies have shown that it doesn't work. As a parent and future teacher. I feel our children would be best served if, instead of just telling them to "just say no," we were to inform them as to WHY they should abstain from sexual activity. If we want our children to grow up to be responsible citizens we should give them the power to make

informed decisions, instead of "programming" them to do what we want. How Orwellian of Mr. Fusselman to suggest such a thing!

I would encourage people to vote for candidates who have everyone's best interests in mind, not just those of

> Kathleen Laws Sophomore Secondary education

#### Vote for those who protect your interests

When Ul's budget was being fought, Shirley Ringo took a vacation. When I was her student, if you missed too many days, you failed, no questions asked. If she cannot make the Legislature her priority, we should elect someone who can. Her defense of "blame the other party" is old and wearing thin: Voters expect results. Earl Bennett is ready and willing to represent us, and he will do a great job.

Mark Solomon serves the ultimate special interest, himself. He's complained that every public position he's held is too much work and pays too little. As county commissioner, he gave himself a \$10,000 raise and was recalled by 80 percent of the voters. His priorities will be no different in the Legislature, which pays even less. Tom Trail has proven to be a wise and dedicated public servant, doing what is right for the people of Latah County and Idaho. And he voted NOT to raise his own salary.

Jeff Crouch has reminded us why he is unfit to be our sheriff. He has abused his power to attack his political enemies, as he has done so many times before. This from the person we expect to enforce our laws. Wayne Rausch is an upright, honest citizen and will make us

Jeff Harkins and Jack Nelson are both incredibly bright, hardworking individuals. Listening to them, you can't help but be excited about the future of Latah County.

> Barrett Schroeder Alumnus Moscow

#### **Vote Republican in Latah County**

#### Dear Editor,

Latah County Republicans have an outstanding group of candidates and I would highly recommend a vote for

Rep. Tom Trail has fought vigorously for public educa-tion and the UI for eight years. He's a champion of our timber industry, agriculture and business communities. I know firsthand how long and hard he works for us. We need Tom Trail in Boise.

Earl Bennett is an energetic candidate for the Idaho House as well. His expertise in dealing with the U.S. Congress and the Idaho Legislature on behalf of the UI is ' Invaluable. Honest, articulate and visionary, Earl is someone we can trust with our future.

Commissioner Jack Nelson has done an admirable job. An intelligent individual with a wealth of personal skills and banking experience, he has quietly been a leader in negotiating agreements on the Latah Trail. I like his willingness to shun the headlines and "get the job

Jeff Harkins, candidate for commissioner, impressed everyone with his mastery of county issues at the 14 debates. Jeff is a remarkable person who cares about us. An accountant, he promises to be a watchdog of your tax. dollars. Jeff Harkins is an exceptional individual.

Wayne Rausch will be a tremendous sheriff. He understands that public officials never bend the law for their own benefit. His 20-plus years of law experience and his willingness to serve the needs of all make him a logical choice.

> Gary J. Schroeder Moscow

#### Families need not be Disney

In response to the letter printed Oct. 12 titled, "Homosexuality destructive to society," I would like to show that the arguments that the author made were complete propaganda.

Holland has a high rate of women in the workforce, and has the highest population density in the world. So while the population growth rate of the United States is .92 percent and Holland is just a mere 0.57 percent, it does not take much to figure out why the population growth rate is low. In the United States 33.2 percent of births in 2000 were out of wedlock, in the Netherlands, it was only 24.9 percent.

The percentage of single-parent households in the United States for 2001 was 8.7 percent, while the Netherlands showed only 5.6 percent in 2000. Ireland was the highest at 11.7 percent.

The argument that a country with a greater percentage of homosexuals will have a higher rate of STDs also does not hold, as Holland's percent of people living with HIV is only .2 percent. The United States? It's .6 percent.

Terrorists? What do homosexual people have to do with terrorists? Nothing. The author simply draws conclusions that are not based on any facts. Teach tolerance, not hatred.

I am an Oregonian, and I have voted No on 36, allowing for same sex marriage. The United States has the highest proportion of single-parent households; having two moms or dads might not be a Disney classic family, but it is a family.

Feel free to cross-reference the facts at: www.cia.gov, http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2003/09/art1full.pdf and http://www.nrc.nl/W2/Lab/Profiel/Nederland/facts.html.

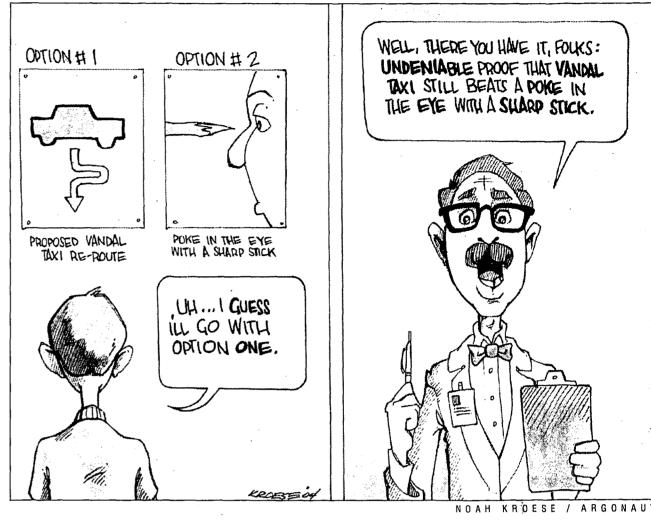
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#### OURVIEW



## Vandal Taxi upgrades

hange is not part of human nature. We are creatures of habit and ritual. Thus, change can cause 'irrational fear or resistance when it is first present-

The Argonaut must admit it is guilty of following first instincts without the benefit of facts.

When Vandal Taxi announced it would become a route-based system, rather than a front-door service, the editorial board was ready for blood. The board assumed the call for a more efficient system was politic-speak for stepping on another important service.

But the facts showed a different reality than the board expected. Citing 45-minute waits for pickups, 10-minute waits after Vandal Taxi had stopped and a constantly ringing phone for the hassled workers, ASUI has come

up with what actually is a far better alternative.
Starting this weekend, Vandal Taxi will run on a circular route through campus, up Main Street, across A Street to Winco and then back to campus. Students can still call the Vandal Taxi number (885-1010) to see where scheduled stops are made and how close the transport is to the location of the student, but it will not be delivering

students to their doorsteps.

While a short walk may be inconvenient to some, the time saved getting a ride from Vandal Taxi and the efficiency of a circular route (rather than driving back and forth across town for every stop) should get students home faster than the status quo.

The current route is a prototype at the moment and students should give their input as to how to make the route even more effective for student needs. For example, the current route does not extend into the East side of Moscow, where there is a multitude of student housing.

Nonetheless, the change is an example of UI programs getting better with some critical thinking in the face of budget concerns. Students and faculty alike should remember that it is possible when changes begin taking place across campus later this year.

# Real election results

fter today, the election fiascoes (or the population's part in them) will be over. In lieu of actually endorsing a candidate, the Argonaut would like to endorse an ideal; one that we feel is more important than the outcome of the election.

John McCain, among others, has been making appearance after appearance where he pleads with all Americans to just get along. No matter who wins the election, Americans will be worse off if the partisan rift that has been wedged wider and wider by this particularly bitter campaign season cannot be bridged.

McCain's call to civility should be echoed by

politicians, leaders and, more importantly, the people. The differing voice can be heard far more clearly if it is presented with respect, grace and a factual base.

Never let the politicians escape accountability. Keep them on the hook, but do so for reasons that amount to more than animosity toward a political party. Attack policies, not people. Campaign for specific issues, not an across-the-board philosophy. Do all this with an independent mindset. A Democrat may have more Republican beliefs than talk-radio would have one believe (and vice versa).

The real importance of this election depends on the public, not the elected. If Americans can show the maturity to make amends with each other and try to progress past the partisan bickering that impedes government, maybe the leaders will follow suit.

No matter what candidate you check today, stay involved in government in the coming months. Support your beliefs, but more importantly, keep an open mind about the beliefs of

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## Send the Massachusetts senator home

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lection Day is here at last! It's time to send the second most liberal senator back home where he belongs. It seems to me that the president is doing a fine job in office and deserves a second term.

Some don't share my enthusiasm in inviting the president back for another four years; they also have no viable argument for his replacement. After all, their candidate, John Kerry, has no defining characteristics that show he can secure our country.

This election, like most in times of war, will be won or lost on the basis of security. One of John Kerry's campaign slogans promises "A Stronger, Safer America." Isn't it funny that John Kerry's "Stronger, Safer America" looks almost identical to the president's already existing strong and safe America?

I'll pose the same question that I've heard from the Democrats time and time again. "What has Bush done in the last four years to make our country better?" The answer is simple; President Bush has made our country better by keeping us alive to enjoy it. Do Kerry supporters think it is some strange coincidence that since Sept. 11, terrorists have been able to kill and maim as they wish in other countries, but not in ours? Do

these Kerry supporters not draw a correlation between this period of safety and the president in office during this period? It seems to be an obvious correlation to me.

So what reasoning can be used for replacing the president's security policy with John Kerry's clone of it? I see none. What viable reasoning can the

Democrats use to explain the need to switch foreign policies midstream? We can go with John Kerry's catchall reason: that the president misled us in going into Iraq. Why doesn't Kerry have the guts to just call the president a liar? Perhaps it's because the sen-

Bill's-column appears regularly on the pages of the Argonaut. His e-mail address is

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ator himself said on many occasions that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and needed to be

removed. Kerry's use of the term "misled" is just a way for him to be ambiguous enough to criticize the president's actions without appearing hypocritical. In fact, the only major change that Kerry says he would have made when going into Iraq was waiting until we had more allies on board. I guess he wanted to wait until France and Germany had fulfilled their oil contracts with Saddam.

The problem with John Kerry being president is that it would give him almost sole control over this nation's foreign policy. Kerry, like many extremely liberal politicians before him, is a dreamer and not an actor.

The structure of the world today calls for the leader of the free world to be an actor. George W. Bush has acted. He has stood resolute in the face of the most deadly, elusive and persistent enemy our country has ever faced. He has kept us safe from harm since Sept. 11. These facts are undisputed.

When you go to the polls today, vote for your safety and for the safety of those you love. With out that safety, nothing else matters. Without a safe environment in which to practice the rights we all hold dear, those rights are point-

less.
When you go out to vote, send senator Kerry home. I hear the weather is pretty good in Massachusetts; maybe it's still warm enough there for flip-flops. Go G.W.



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# Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004

# The Presidents are all rock and no politics

BY TARA KARR ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

The Presidents and the presidential race vied for stage time Thursday at Washington State University's

"Rock for the Future." The Compton Union Building Ballroom was filled to capacity as students from WSU and University of Idaho came for an evening of politics and rock

Short speeches from local candidates and a debate between student Democrat and Republican groups were interspersed with sets from opening bands De La Vega and Lila.

Meanwhile, the members of Seattle-based band Presidents of the United States of America hung out in a backroom, doodling on takeout menus and preparing their set list for the night.

The band members, who gained fame in the mid-90s with hits such as "Peaches" and "Lump," said that although they were at a politically motivated show they ware "to be a support to the su vated show, they weren't about to wax

"Not when it comes to the band," said lead singer and "bassitarist" Chris Ballew, who added he didn't think people should listen to rock bands for their

"The joke of the name is that we don't do anything political."

**CHRIS BALLEW** 

political information.

"The culture of celebrity has gotten totally out of whack," drummer Jason Finn said. Although the band members said they are individually involved with politics, it's not their job to tell people how to vote.

Their name naturally makes political questions inevitable.

"It's been a big, stinking rotting albatross around our necks," Finn said,

laughing.
"The joke of the name is that we don't do anything political," Ballew said.
So what is the Presidents' goal on

"Not sucking, playing at the same time," he said. "We care about making people happy. We care about making

ourselves happy."

The band members said they were glad to be playing in Pullman, because it's practically a local show. However, Ballew wasn't too thrilled about the prospect of playing at a political rally

"What a great way to keep a rock show moving," he said, sarcastically, of the debate between sets.

Finn said he expected the students wearing Bush-Cheney bumper stickers on their shirts and waving Republican signs to enjoy the Presidents' show just as much as the Democrats with their

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## 'Ray' succeeds when defying convention

BY TYLER WILSON

The biopic has become as standard a genre as romantic com-edy in Hollywood filmmaking. Most follow a certain outline: lifealtering scenes from childhood, rise to fame, fall from grace, redemption, rinse, lather, repeat. This outline is the crutch for "Ray," a film about the rise to fame of late singer Ray Charles (Jamie Foxx), but the movie succeeds when steering away from these conventions.

"Ray" focuses on a relatively short period of Ray Charles' life. It chronicles his early difficulties as a blind, black man in Seattle to his chart-topping work in the '50s and '60s. The film isn't all flattering either, focusing on his heroin addiction and his numerous extramarital affairs. There also are flash backs to lifealtering moments in

"RAY" \*\*\*±½ (of 5) Now Playing

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Charles' childhood, notably his blindness from glaucoma at age 7 and the death of

Jamie Foxx is almost certain to get an Oscar nomination for his dynamic performance. While he mostly lip-synchs over crisp recordings by Ray Charles himself, Foxx nails nearly every aspect of Charles' body movements, playing style and voice. Foxx even had prosthetics applied to his face that made him blind for the 14-hour days shooting the film. If one were to split screen Foxx and Charles playing piano, it would be difficult to distinguish the

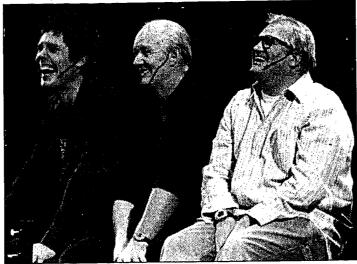
But Foxx goes beyond simple imitation. He showcases the emotional passion that breathed through Charles' recordings. That acting flare is difficult to pinpoint, but he has a knack for harnessing the emotional underpinnings of every scene and exposing the man in the spotlight. Such a performance is important to a film like this, because it focuses on many unflattering areas of the singer's life. Much like his equally effective role in this summer's "Collateral," Foxx displays that vital vulnerability needed for an audience to care about the character.

As it should, "Ray" features an abundance of Charles' signature music. There also are numerous scenes of Charles in the recording studio and onstage. These scenes are the lifeblood of "Ray;" watching moments of his life influence the music he wrote is more interesting than the standard biopic moments this film relies on a little too heavi-

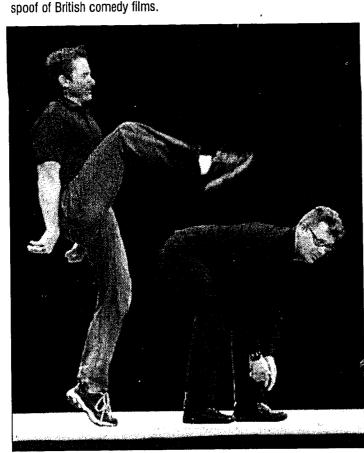
At more than two and a half hours, the movie feels about 45 minutes too long. There are too many episodic sequences that match one part of Charles' life uneasily with another. The flashbacks to his childhood are effective by themselves, but the time at which they're used feels a bit calculated, designed only to pull on the heartstrings of the audience.

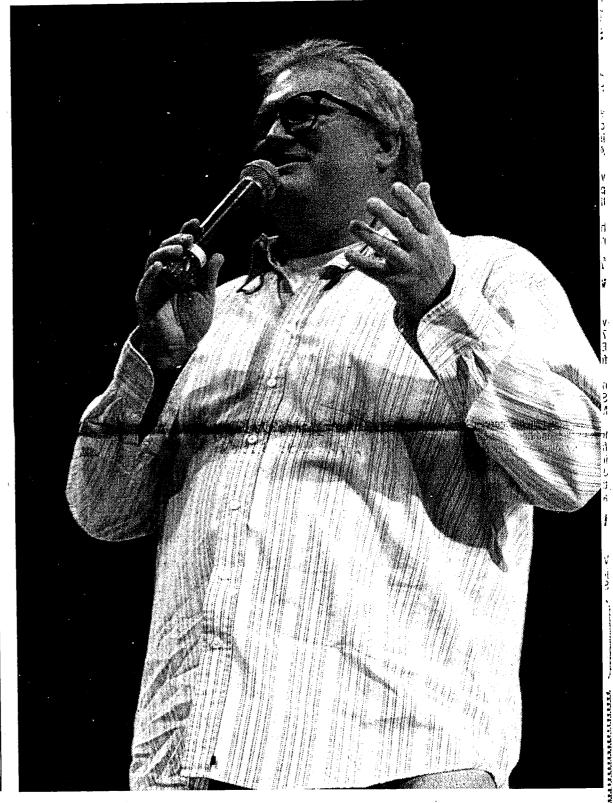
Perhaps most disappointing are the final 30 minutes of "Ray." There is no real rise to climax here, and Charles' music is silenced by an overdone drug-related scene and a lame sequence where Charles isn't blind. These moments overshadow

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DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT Above: Jeff Davis, Colin Mochrie and Drew Carey laugh at members of the Improv All Stars during Drew Carey's Improv All Star show Saturday at WSU. Right: Drew Carey does a few minutes of standup to kick off the show. Below: Chip Esten steps over Greg Proops in a





# Drew Carey and the Improv All Stars razz WSU

BY TARA KARR ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

ashington State University might have a better football team, a bigger campus and a smaller budget deficit than the University of Idaho, but at least Drew Carey hasn't made fun of Vandal students in their hometown.

Carey and his Improv All Stars, who performed at

Beasley Coliseum on Saturday,
served as a greeting committee for

many audience members fresh from the Cougars' game. Carey and his crew were shameless in making fun of the Cougars' loss to University of Southern California and the quality of education and life at WSU.

In all fairness, the Coug students sort of brought it on themselves. Despite the fact that Carey begged the audience to answer well when asked for sugges-tions for the All Stars' "Whose Line is it Anyway?" style games, not-so-intelligent suggestions kept pop-

Jeff Davis wandered through the crowd of 10,000, asking for suggestions for the game "Scene Styles." When Davis asked one student his favorite book genre, the student answered, "Go Cougs!" That sentiment became the All Stars' rallying cry for the night, with a sarcastic "Go Cougs!" filling in for any down-

time in a sketch. In the "Jeopardy" game, Greg Proops asked the audience for answers for which the "contestants," each of the other comedians in character, had to pro-

vide questions. When Proops asked for a country in Asia, an audience member suggested "Tokyo." When he asked for a three-syllable word, someone shouted "hay." The correct question, provided by Carey: "Why do they need a bigger English department here at Washington State?"

The audience further proved its brilliance by cheering hysterically for a suggestion of "a keg" and repeatedly yelling the suggestion "porno" en masse during

"Scene Styles." A few lucky audience members were chosen to come onstage, and thankfully avoided making complete fools of themselves. The two WSU students who helped with "Sound Effects" were justifiably razzed by

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## George Clinton brings funk circus to Spokane

**NEXT SHOW** 

Time: 8 p.m.

All Stars

What: The P-Funk

BY JON Ross ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

y the time George Clinton sets foot on The Big Easy stage Thursday, the election will be over. Next year's president will have been elected, and all the speeches about getting out the vote will be moot. On previous tour stops, Clinton has been functioning in the same vein as many other musicians, as

Place: The Big Easy, Spokane spokesperson. "We've been out here trying to get people to

vote," he said. "This time you got to vote, because it is going to be needed." Clinton, who turned 63 in July, has been at the helm of different incarnations of the same funk group since the early 70s. He started off in

doo-wop groups while living in New Jersey, but was drawn to the style of Ray Charles and James

"Ray Charles was straight funky," Clinton said. "Motown was funky, but they became pop, so most people didn't recognize it.

Clinton still kept doo-wop in the back of his mind, but he was looking for something different, a music that stayed in one place.

Rock music jumped around a lot and had many different forms, Clinton said.

"We needed something that didn't change. We were going to pick funk and stick with it no matter what happened."

ter what happened."

Clinton's first groups, Parliament and
Funkadelic, were different versions of the same thing. Parliament focused more on vocals, while Funkadelic chose to explore more horn-based music, employing such instrumentalists as

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COURTESY PHOTO

George Clinton gets funky at the Big Easy in Spokane Thursday.

## Centro-Matic tears down what's left of the house

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Imagine a scenario in which the population of Greenwich Village tried to cram as many of themselves and their personal REVIEW belongings as

would fit into a dilapidated rental house. Now imagine if they put on a rock show featuring a weathered hard rock band and an opening act that played a folk/emo hybrid with violin and accordion accompaniment. Such an occurrence took place Sunday night at the Coldlab.

The venue is dilapidated and quasi-Bohemian in terms both of appearance and audience; nearly all present looked like characters out of a Ken Kesey novel a generation removed, and were clad predominantly in thrift store clothes. This describes most members of the bands as well.

Opening the show was a folk group that relied heavily on emotional lyrics. The band went by the functional name "Milo, Gilbert and Stephanie." Milo played acoustic guitar and sang/whimpered, while Gilbert and Stephanie provided surprisingly effective firepower on accordion and violin.

The band's performance showed some degree of creativity, if only for the group's instrumentation. The

songwriting was the typical "Let me show my sensitive side in the most ironic way possible," a formula employed earlier and better by Rites of Spring, Sunny Day Real Estate and about 50 other bands. Nevertheless, the band elicited a positive crowd reaction.

"I thought it was pretty well done. The violin was outstanding, and they had a great dynamic," said University of Idaho senior Matt

The main act, Centro-Matic, could have carried the night without really trying, but nevertheless played a generous two-hour set. Hailing from Denton, Texas, the band played hard-driving, grungy rock with a Southern twist.

The band comprises guitarist and lead singer Will Johnson, bassist Mark Hedman, keyboardist Scott Danbom and drummer Matt Pence. Centro-Matic plays a style of Southern-accented rock that is grungy but not contrived, tuneful yet not catchy, at least in the conventional sense.

Frontman Will Johnson's vocal work consists of an almost indecipherable baritone drawl, which he lets coast atop lumbering chordal riffs driven by Pense's propulsive drumming. While Johnson's songwriting is definitely influenced by the early '90s grunge aesthetic, he retains enough of an indie-rock quirkiness to avoid conforming to the Puget sound entirely.

Johnson has a mission for the band; he said he wants the "music to be soulful, if nothing else." As for his songwriting, which deals with slightly off-the-wall topics ranging from mining to midshipmen, he explores his imagination.

"I close my eyes and go with the imaginary film script in my head," Johnson said.

Johnson also affects a bizarre presence on stage; in addition to singing in what sounded like a foreign language, his physical meanderings were reminiscent of a strangely charismatic alley dog that has lost its sense of equilibrium. Johnson was forever swaying from side to side, often balancing on one leg, and pausing on occasion to pull a primordial solo from his guitar.

The audience soaked the band's oddball yet tightly wound perform-

ance right up. "I thought it was quite bodacious," Justin McBloat said. James Yry, one of Coldlab's residents, concurred with McBloat's opinion.

"I think it was amazing; one of the best shows we've ever had," he

For a house show, it was quite good, especially considering there was no ticketing or cover charge. That takes soul indeed.

#### DVDRELEASES

BY TYLER WILSON ARGONAUT STAFF

#### In stores Tuesday:

"Around The World In 80 Days" (2004): A kid-oriented Disney flick starring Jackie Chan and with a bunch of celebrity cameos, including Arnold Schwarzenegger. Reviews were bad. Box office was even worse.

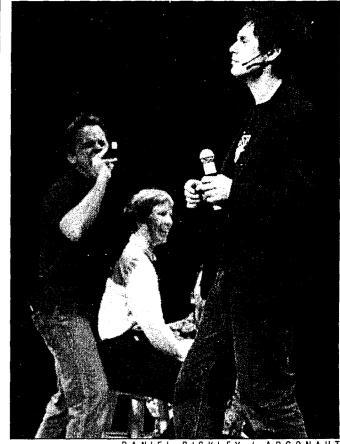
"Dr. Strangelove: 40th Anniversary Edition" (1964): One of the funniest films ever made. Arguably the best Stanley Kubrick film ever made. The best political satire ever made. Need another reason to see it?

"The West Wing: Complete Third "Dazed and Confused: Flashback Edition" (1993) "Fast Times at Ridgemont High: Special Edition" (1982)

#### In Stores Friday

"Shrek 2" (2004): The highest-grossing movie of the year and now the thirdbiggest domestic film of all time behind "Titanic" and "Star Wars." DreamWorks Studios is avoiding the traditional Tuesday DVD release to hit stores on Friday, the same day Disney/Pixar computer animation release "The Incredibles" hits theaters. Coincidence? Not a chance.

#### SERENADING



DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT Chip Esten and Jeff Davis sing an ode to an audience member Saturday night during the Drew Carey and the Improv All Stars show at WSU.

\$7 for nonmembers.

#### ARTSBRIEFS

#### This week's concerts at the School of Music

Several students and faculty members are performing this week at the Lionel Hampton School of Music

The Northwest Wind Quintet performs at 8 p.m. today in the recital hall. A UI concert band and wind ensemble concert is at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Administration Building Auditorium.

The annual Homecoming Concert, which features a wide variety of musical performances, is at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Admin. Auditorium.

Clarinet student Darcy Waybright will have her recital at 2 p.m. Sunday in the

#### 'Alice and Alex in Jazzland' will be performed tonight

Festival Dance and Performing Arts will present "Alice and Alex in Jazzland" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Administration Building Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.

"Alice and Alex in Jazzland" features nine dancers from the Festival Dance On Stage Youth Company and music from the Mike Lynch Quartet.

The show tells the story of Alice, who loves ballet, and her sister Alex, a hip-hop fan. They follow a strange creature carrying a bass guitar through a rabbit hole into Jazzland. There they learn about syncopation. Improvisation and jazz styles from around the world.

#### **WSU Jazz Festival Wednesday**

This year's WSU Jazz Festival will be Wednesday, It will feature Tim Acosta, Sacramento Jazz Orchestra.

The festival will include a concert by WSU faculty group Jazz Northwest from noon-12:30 p.m. in the Bryan Hall Theatre. Following will be a gala concert featuring Acosta and the WSU Jazz Big

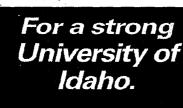
Band, directed by Greg Yasinitsky. School groups from throughout the Northwest will perform in the Kimbrough Concert Hall from 7:40-11:40 a.m. and 2-5:20 p.m. Acosta and WSU faculty will present clinics throughout the day. All concerts and events are free and open to

The festival is supported by the WSU School of Music and Theatre Arts, the WSU Jazz Society and the ASWSU Student Entertainment Board.

#### 'Independence' presented in the Kiva Theatre

UI's Department of Theatre and Film will present the play, "Independence,"

starting Nov. 10 at the Kiva Theatre. "Independence" is by Lee Blessing and is about a family divided. The play is set in Independence, Iowa, the lifelong home of Evelyn Briggs. Her three daughters are trying to break free of their



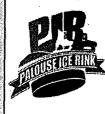
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"Independence" was first produced in 1984 as part of the Humana Festival of New American Plays in the Actors Theatre of Louisville. It has been awarded the American Play Award.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10-13 and 2 p.m. Nov. 14. Tickets are available from the UI Ticket Office and

#### **Battle of the Bands rocks** Saturday evening

Moscow Parks and Recreation will host its first Battle of the Bands from 5-10 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center. The battle will feature bands from around Moscow. Admission is

#### Festival Dance tickets on sale

Tickets for Festival Dance's "The Dances of China: A Journey of 5,000 Years" are on sale.

The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum at WSU. Festival Dance is a 16member dance-drama group. The performance features special quest artists from China.

Tickets are available at Beasley Coliseum, the UI Ticket Office, TicketsWest outlets and the Festival Dance Office. For more information, call 883-3267.

#### **UI Dance Theatre performs** Henning Rübsam's work

UI Dance Theatre's fall concert, "Celebration," will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12-13 in the Administration Building

Auditorium. It will showcase contemporary ballet, jazz, modern dance and tap.

The show features choreography by faculty, quest artists and students. New York City-based choreographer Henning Rübsam's new work, "The Fair Maiden of the Mill," will be performed to the music of Franz Schubert, Dance Theatre director Greg Halloran will present "Roseland" with musical arrangement by the Lionel

Hampton School of Music's Dan Bukvich. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for seniors, children and UI students. Tickets can be purchased at the UI ticket office and the door.

#### Folklore Society hosts contra dance with PotatoHead

The Palouse Folklore Society will host a contra dance Nov. 20 at the 1912 Center. Local band PotatoHead will play, with Joseph Erhard-Hudson calling the

Dance instruction will begin at 7:30 p.m., with dancing at 8 p.m. Cost is \$4 for new comers to dance instruction, \$5 for society members and

#### Snake Oil Medicine Show to play at John's Alley

The Snake Oil Medicine Show will perform Nov. 17 at John's Alley.

The band plays a wide variety of music, sampling from styles such as bluegrass, jazz, zydeco and reggae. A live painter will create a new painting onstage with the band during the show. Paintings done at previous shows will serve as a backdrop. The band recently released its fifth

album, "Bluegrass Tafari," which was inspired by its two trips to Jamaica in the

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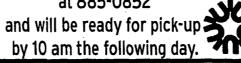
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## Saggy bottoms bad for the boys' rears

BY MEG BREWINGTON ARGONAUT STAFF

The year is 2004; the '90s are far enough behind that most of the fashions have died. Yet one particularly annoying but persistent trend has remained. This trend is that of the

saggy bottom. Where it was once fashionable for guys to wear their pants hanging halfway or completely off their rears, such is no longer the case. Most guys have tight butts that are particularly nice to look at, yet they wear their pants in such a way that the attractive butt shape cannot be seen. There is no reason to dress in such an unflattering way.

Not only does wearing pants this way give the illusion of a saggy or nonexistent bum, but it also causes guys to waddle around like waterfowl. Usually, the

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goal of an outfit is to impress. This cannot possibly be accomplished by waddling about without a butt.

Another downside towearing pants like this is how disproportionate they make the body appear. With a crotch seemingly located halfway between its original location and the knees, legs suddenly appear shorter. This also makes the torso appear elongated and the arms considerably shorter. Instead of normal-looking guys, there are tiny trees and skinny saplings waddling around.

Lastly, as the pants slide lower, the underwear, hopefully, but not always, remains in the same location, leaving little to nothing to the imagination. The whole boxers, briefs or boxer-briefs question is completely answered in a single second-long glimpse. Also, an originally handsome guy can be immediately transformed into something else by the sight

of kissy lips or smiley faces peeking over the top of a pair of nice cargos. So boys, try to remember a few simple facts and stay away from the saggy bottom trend. First thing, the '90s are definitely over. Second, plumber's crack was never sexy and still isn't. Butt cleavage once tried to be popular, but it never happened, and there is definitely a solid reason for that. Third, waddling like a duck isn't sexy either. In fact, walking

in way that imitates any animal is not attrac-

tive in the least. Finally, girls like to see a

reason to hide it.

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Kerry-Edwards buttons.

"There's no reason you shouldn't enjoy music," he said.

Though the band members are supporting the Kerry-Edwards ticket, Finn said they are more concerned that the students at "Rock for the Future" get out and vote.

"I would rather have a bunch of the kids voting for Bush than not voting at

all," he said.

More than promoting party lines, the Presidents were promoting their new album, "Love Everybody." 'Our new record kicks ass," Ballew

said. "Everyone should go out and buy it right now."
"Or steal it off the Internet," Finn

said. The Presidents said they completely support Internet downloading of their music. Joel Elmer, director of WSU's

Student Entertainment Board, said he didn't expect the Presidents to join in the political part of the rally. "I don't want them to," he said. "The educational part of the show is over

once the Presidents come on." Many students were there for the music more than the politics. WSU junior marketing major Stephanie Dayton said she was a fan of Lila, a small rock band out of Seattle, and wanted to see it in concert again. She said the political side of the show was interesting, though.

"I think it's pretty cool, especially when they're just like, 'Vote!' and they don't push a party," she said.

Tony Poston, a WSU sophomore business major, said he was there for music and politics equally. Poston, a Republican, said it was good to see a large number of Republicans at the show, since it seems to him that college students are more often liberal.

Elmer said he was excited to see De La Vega, a Seattle-area band whose music is a mix of rock, funk, hip-hop and reggae.

"They're just a band that we'd been listening to in the office and just got stoked about them," he said.

Associate SEB director Claire Thornhill said she was there for SEB, but she would have come on her own for the music.

"I think that the names we brought in are great," she said. Thornhill said she was surprised the

Presidents weren't saying anything

"I think it's kind of weird just cause it's our rock the vote show," she said. "I heard one kid say, 'If they told me we won't play 'Peaches' unless you vote, we'd all go vote."

to keep age out of the picture. "Characters never get old," he said, "you can set them in any era and they

keep on kickin'."
Clinton is also realistic about his ability to reach a younger audience, one that would not have been present during his days with Parliament and Funkadelic. He does this by playing college campuses and all ages venues.

> "Nobody sees anything about age when they see us onstage."

**GEORGE CLINTON** MUSICIAN

"We can play almost any show there is," he said. "The predominant audience is the deadheads." When his group plays campuses, both students and faculty populate the audience. "We always get new ones that see us for the first time, " he said.

Over the years, despite sideman changes, Clinton has kept the band's style the same. He describes the band's music as "nasty."

"It stirs you up," he said. The music is described as sexual while, at the same time, religious.

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Proops and Colin Mochrie for not making loud enough sounds, but the pair brought to puppeteer Mochrie and Carey in "Moving Bodies" was better at working with the improvisation than most audience members who participate on the TV show. The Boeing computer support worker who went onstage to be sung to by Davis, Brad Sherwood and Chip Esten looked terrified, but at least she didn't throw in a "Go Cougs!"

The WSU-centric audience was good natured about most of the comedians' ridicule, booing only at the harsher jokes (loudest when Carey said, "I gotta get the hell out of this shit-hole town," during a soap opera sketch.)

For UI students in attendance, it was nice not to be made fun of as WSU's ugly little sister for once. Moscow was, in fact, celebrated; during "Jeopardy,"

Sherwood became a goofy Italian who worked as a forklift operator at Stookey's Feed. OK, so maybe he wasn't exactly complimentary to Moscow, but he didn't make

fun of the Vandal football team. Though the audience interaction brought on the best of the night's hilarity, Carey and the All Stars proved to be talented even when removed from television. It was obvious they were having a blast making fun of Pullman and generally goofing off with each

The grand finale of the evening, the "most dangerous game in the history of improvisation," was a ridiculous game where Carey and Sean Masterson had to act out a scene while walking blindfolded across 100 loaded mouse traps. It didn't have much of point other than giving Carey and Masterson the chance to scream and swear and jump around the stage, but like

the rest of the show, it was funny. Now if only they could have worked in another WSU joke -Go Cougs!

#### **RAY** From Page 6

everything Foxx and the filmmakers worked to achieve into a TV Movie of the Week.

Despite these problems, Jamie Foxx still has a career-defining performance, and the essence of Ray Charles remains noble. "Ray" is a worth a viewing, if only for the music that engulfs most of the film. Watching Ray Charles play music was something of a spectacle, even to younger audiences who caught only a glimpse of it before his death in June. The fact that "Ray" manages to recreate that spectacle, if only for a moment, is something to revel in.

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## **CLINTON**

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Maceo Parker and Fred Wesley The groups "used funk from all dif-

ferent directions," he said.

The current incarnation of the group, the P-Funk Allstars, combines the sound of Parliament and Funkadelic and comprises a huge

group of musicians. "It takes a lot of people to do this," Clinton said. "There is no way 10 people can do that for that long."

P-Funk's shows, which can go on for four hours or more, can be tiring.
"Half of the band is roadies at the

end of the show," he said. Clinton is quick to point out that even though he is the leader of the group and sometimes functions as referee when petty skirmishes surface, it is not his band.

"P-Funk is not me; it's the entire group," he said.

Recently, Clinton's age has started to enter the picture. The bandleader doesn't concern himself with this and brushes off any suggestions of retire-

"Nobody sees anything about age when they see us onstage," he said. When onstage, members of the band



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# Soccer falls twice over weekend as season ends

BY APRIL PRIOR ARGONAUT STAFF

he University of Idaho women's soccer team fell to Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara this weekend in its last two games of the season.

The Vandals (3-14-0, 1-8-0) played UC Santa Barbara (12-5-2, 7-1-1), the top team in the Big West Conference, Friday and lost 1-0. In the first half, the Vandals faced the wind and managed only three shots against the Gauchos.

In the 22nd minute Jennifer Borcich put in the winning goal for Santa Barbara.

In the second half, the Vandals were able to put up eight shots, but none were on goal.

The low score was due in large part to the goalies. The Vandals came close to tying the game in the 83rd minute when Sarah April

kicked the ball just over the goal after it rebounded off the Santa Barbara goalkeeper.

"I thought we played very well on Friday. We came out ready to play and we had a few downs, but I think overall we worked pretty hard," junior Adriane Kehl said.

On Sunday the Vandals faced Cal Poly (9-2-6, 5-1-3) in their final game of the season and lost 3-1. While the end score may have been disappointing to the team, the game had a few perks. It began with a recognition ceremony honoring the graduating players, and ended with a new record as goalkeeper Lindsay Smith made 87 saves, the most in a season in UI history. This beat the 1998 record of 85 by Tricia Haynes.

Lindsay has been awesome all season and has been doing what is expected of her," coach Arby Busey said. "She has been our

most consistent player all season and comes up with a big performance every game." Down 3-0 in the second half, Idaho scored its lone goal when Kehl dribbled through the Mustangs' defense and put the ball past the Cal Poly goalkeeper. It was Kehl's first goal of the season.

"Cal Poly is a very good team that just doesn't lose," Busey said. "The wind was a big factor in this game and Cal Poly took advantage of it in the first half and got a couple of goals. We had a tough time keeping our focus and getting to the task at hand of playing soccer. We lacked discipline in the first half and got caught up in some things that took us away from what our strengths

"It was a good way to end. We played hard and we tried to play good soccer."



JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT Junior Kelly Ridge (left) passes the ball to teammate Sarah April during the

JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT

# UI volleyball nets tough loss in five-game thriller

Team will take on UC Santa Barbara Thursday

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY ARGONAUT STAFF

or the second time in three days the Vandal volleyball team lost to a Big West Conference opponent.

After losing to Long Beach State on Thursday, Idaho took on UC Irvine, (16-6, 9-4) Saturday and fell in five games. Game scores were 30-27, 26-30, 30-25, 20-30 and

The first game started evenly, with the lead changing throughout the game. With the game tied at 17, Idaho (14-8, 6-6) made its move and pulled ahead by four. Irvine fought back, but after calling a timeout the Vandals finished off the Anteaters.

Idaho chalked up a .400 hitting percentage in game two, but couldn't pull off the victory as Irvine led from start to finish thanks to a .514 hitting percentage.

In the third game, the Vandals came out looking like they had in the first game, and once again the teams stayed close. Tied at 17, Idaho made its move and pulled ahead by six late in the game. Irvine got as close as three points, but UI made some key plays to take the third game 30-25.

Game four started out looking like it would be an easy win for the Vandals. Getting an ace on the first serve from Sarah Meek, the Vandals seemed to be in control, going up 5-0 before letting Irvine take the lead back at 8-9.

This lead change gave the Anteaters momentum and they went on to beat the

Vandals by 10 points.
In the fifth game neither team was able to grab the advantage, although Irvine managed to stay ahead by a point or two throughout, eventually winning 13-15.

"We played hard. Irvine is a good team and we knew that they were going to be a tough opponent coming into tonight's game," said outside hitter Kati Tikker, who finished with a match-high 26 kills. "We came into the game with good focus; there was just a few times when we let up

"We came into the game with good focus; there was just a few times when we let up a little bit as a team. Against a good team you just cannot have those breakdowns."

> KATI TIKKER **UI VOLLEYBALL PLAYER**

a little bit as a team. Against a good team you just cannot have those breakdowns. Middle blocker Sarah Meek and outside hitter Brook Haeberle each had 17 kills in the game for the Vandals. Meek also added four aces and five blocks, while Haeberle finished with 16 digs.

UI coach Debbie Buchanan was disappointed with the loss and thought her team had a very good chance to get the win, but in the end it just didn't happen the way she had hoped.

"We had moments where we played eat. We had full control to win this match, but we let UC Irvine get back into it. We did not make things happen to our advantage," Buchanan said. "As a team we are athletic and have all the skills needed to win. We just have to put it all together and stay focused for the entire duration of the game.'

"We go in spurts where we are playing really well with high energy," Tikker said. "Then we let up and give the other team a chance to get back into the game. We need to work on being consistent the entire

Idaho will hit the road this week as the team takes on UC Santa Barbara on Thursday and Cal Poly on Friday in California.

## Trojan defense too much for Idaho

Senior Sarah Meek slams the ball over UC Irvine players during Saturday's game.

Vandals have seven turnovers in loss

BY BRENNAN GAUSE SPORTS&REC EDITOR

even turnovers were too costly for Idaho to overcome as the for Idaho to overcome as the Vandals fell 47-7 to Troy versity on Saturday. iversity on Saturday. With a combined five intercep-University

tions thrown by Vandal quarter-backs Michael Harrington and Brian Nooy, along with two fumbles by the team, Idaho constantly played itself out of scoring opportu-nities. The Trojans (4-4, 2-2) twice returned Vandal turnovers for touchdowns, including a 79-yard fumble return by Troy defensive back Johnny Faulk on Idaho's opening drive.
"When you have seven

turnovers, you're not going to beat anybody," coach Nick Holt said in a press release.

"We know that the game is full of mistakes and full of penalties, and if that part of the game is on us then we're going to lose," cornerback J.R. Ruffin said. "But if it's against the other team or we don't make the mistakes there's a good chance we'll win the game.

We know what we need to get better at and we're going to get bet-

The loss drops the Vandals' record to 2-7 (1-4 in the Sun Belt).

With only three games left in the season, qualifying for a bowl game is now impossible for Idaho. The Vandals would have had to finish at 6-6 to be bowl-eligible. With games remaining against Arkansas State (whom Idaho plays Saturday at Martin Stadium in Pullman), North Texas and Hawaii, Idaho will now be looking to finish the season with a bit of momentum for next

year.
"You come out and you play and we got three more games we can win and we just got to keep fighting," Harrington said. "We've had a lot of disappointments in the last three, four, five years, and sooner or later if you just keep hammering, it's going to break and things are

going to change."

After starting the game on their own 20-yard line, the Vandals easily moved down the field against the Trojan defense as Harrington hooked up with Bobby Bernal-Wood on passes of 32 and 14 yards and with Wendell Octave for 17 yards on the drive. On Troy's 19-yard line Harrington handed the ball to running back Rolly Lumbala. Trojan linebacker Leverne Johnson hit Lumbala behind the line of scrimmage, knocking the ball loose. Faulk scooped up the ball and galloped to an easy six points. From

there the romp was on. Troy forced Idaho three and out on the next possession and then marched 76 yards for its second touchdown. Idaho's next drive went

## Quick Hits

Troy 47, Idaho 7

Stars Of The Game Idaho: Tight end Luke Smith-Anderson scored Idaho's only touchdown on a 28-yard pass from Michael Harrington. It was his third consecutive game with a touchdown

Troy: Running back DeWhitt Betterson rushed for 184 yards and two louchdowns on his way to passing Ted Horstead as Troy's all-time leading rusher.

What It Means The loss drops idaho's record to 2-7 and makes it impossible for the Vandals to qualify for a bowl game.

**Next Up** Idaho faces off against Arkansas State Saturday at Martin Stadium in Pullman. Kick off is at 2 p.m.

much the same as the previous one as the Vandals again went three and out. Only this time Leodis McKelvin returned Vandal kicker

FOOTBALL, see Page 10

# What would you d

was snacking on a Klondike Bar the other day trying to convince myself winter wasn't here, when I got to thinking about those old commercials.

Remember those? What would you do for a Klondike Bar?

Would you hop on one leg? Dance naked in the Sahara Desert without sunblock?

As I was chuckling to myself, I started making up other ones. Like, what would you do for a date with Lindsay Lohan? Or what would you do for front seats

at a Victoria's Secret fashion show? Finally in my long list of "what would you do's" I came up with, "What would do for a Seattle Mariners World Series title?" For a moment I sat there in silence, chocolate and

ice cream running down my chin.

The more I thought about it, the more I realized I would do just about anything. The thought of ending up like Chicago Cubs fans or like Red Sox fans were before the team won the series this year scares the bejesus

So I sat down and made a list: I'd face Randy Johnson from the left side of the plate with him throwing nothing but sliders. Take a handoff and run it straight towards Ray Lewis. Call Barry Bonds a

doped-up son of (expletive) right to his face. I'd run a marathon even if it led to me losing control of my bodily fluids and embarrassing myself on national TV. Let Tonva

Harding beat the crap out of me in a boxing



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Madden, Dick Vitale and Bill Walton. I'd sit through a cricket match. Buy season tickets to curling matches. Give Bud Selig a

ring. Turn up the volume full blast on a

sporting event being broadcast by Jon

hug and tell him I'm glad he's going to be around as baseball commissioner for a couple more years. Heck, I might even forgive him for trying to contract the Minnesota Twins (just playing; he can spend eternity in hell for that one).

I'd riot with English soccer fans and then start chanting, "Bobby Charlton sucks." Kick Justin Gatlin, the "World's Fastest Man," in the shins and try to outrun him. Watch every second of the NHL regular season, even if it took me years to accomplish.

I'd wave my finger in Shaq's face and tell him to bring it. Spend a day with Mike Tyson and every 10 seconds scream, "Evander Holyfield whooped your ass." Be sympathetic towards Latrell Sprewell when he describes the Minnesota Timberwolves' latest contract offer of around \$9 million a year as insulting.

I'd enter an Ultimate Fighting tournament. Challenge Rocky to a fight after I beat Apollo Creed to death in a boxing match. Do the running of the bulls while hobbling on

I'd give up Super Bowl tickets so I could spend the day doing community service. Hide in the trunk of a car with Rae Carruth. Hit on a female bodybuilder who's been taking

I'd even give up my last shred of selfrespect and wear a Yankees shirt to Yankee Stadium where I'd root for A-Rod and Jeter

simply because "they're good guys."
Actually, you know what? I'd rather spend eternity in hell with Selig than do that.



#### North Texas

Louisiana-Monroe 3-5, 2-2

Jamario Thomas ran for his NCAA record-tying fourth 200-yard game and set the NCAA record for most yards by a freshman in his first seven games as North Texas beat Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday night. Thomas, who entered the game as the nation's leading rusher at 166.2 yards a game, also scored three touchdowns as UNT won its 22nd straight conference game.

## Middle Tennessee

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Utah State

Clint Marks threw for 317 vards. including two long touchdowns to Kerry Wright, to lead Middle Tennessee State past Utah State on Saturday. Wright caught nine passes for 167 yards for the Blue Raiders, including touchdown passes of 58 and 42 yards. The MTSU defense held the Aggies to 156 total yards for the Blue Raiders' first shutout in



#### New Mexico State 3-5. 2-2

## Florida International

Buck Pierce passed for a career-high 367 yards and three touchdowns and the New Mexico State defense scored on two interceptions for a win over Florida International on Saturday. The two teams combined for 1,144 yards in total offense - 646 for New Mexico State and 498 for Florida International.

#### **FOOTBALL** From Page 9

Mike Barrow's punt 60 yards for a touchdown to push the

With five seconds left in the first quarter, Idaho scored its lone touchdown of the game on 28-yard pass from Harrington to tight end Luke Smith-Anderson.

Idaho had several more scoring opportunities throughout the game, but failed to convert on any of them. In the second quarter Idaho made it to the Troy 5-yard line before Harrington was intercepted by Sherrod Martin. In the third quarter Harrington's replacement at quarterback, Brian Nooy, threw the first of his three interceptions with the Vandals on the Trojan 29. Nooy would later lead Idaho to the Trojan 17-yard line in the fourth quarter before again turning the ball over, this time with a fumble.

With help from its defense, Troy racked up its second-

highest point total of the season against the Vandals. Its best was 49 against Utah State, despite passing for only 48 yards. Led by DeWhitt Betterson, who finished with 184 yards and two touchdowns on only 16 carries, the Trojan running game amassed 280 yards on the ground. Betterson's 184 yards pushed

him past Ted Horstead as the all-time leading rusher for

Harrington completed 10 of 24 passes for 163 yards and a touchdown while Nooy went 8 of 18 for 98 yards.

Vandal running backs Rolly Lumbala and Jayson Bird were held to 42 and 47 yards.

#### **SPORTSBRIEFS**

#### Women's cross country takes second; men seventh

The UI cross country teams competed at the Big West Cross Country Championships Saturday at Riverside, Calif. The women's team placed second with five runners finishing in the top 15, while the men finished sev-

The women's team scored a total of 47 points behind defending champion UC Santa Barbara. The secondplace position was an improvement from last season's third-place finish.

Junior Mary Kamau was Ul's top finisher, placing third in the 6k race with a time of 20:46.70. Sophomore Mandy Macalister, junior Bevin Kennelly, senior Letiwe Marakurwa and sophomore Dee Olson placed in the top 15, finishing eighth, 10th, 12th, and 14th.

Utah State finished third, followed by Cal Poly and UC Irvine.

The men's team dropped a spot from last season's conference meet, recording a seventh-place finish. Senior Jan Eitel recorded Ul's only top-15 finish, placing 13th with a time of 24:39.80. Other top UI finishers were junior Lars Moeller in 44th and freshman Ian Chestnut in 48th.

Cal Poly took the men's side of the meet, followed by Utah State, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton.

The Vandals will head south again to Fresno, Calif., on Nov. 13 for the NCAA West Regionals. The top two

teams from the meet will automatically qualify for the NCAA National Championships. Ul's women are currently ranked fourth in the west region behind No. 1 Stanford, No. 8 Arizona State and No. 16 UCSB.

#### Thomas ties NCAA freshman records

Offensive Player of the Week Jamario Thomas tied two NCAA freshman records while rushing for 218 yards and three touchdowns to lead North Texas to a 45-30 win over

Thomas joined Emmitt Smith. Marshall Faulk and Adrian Peterson as the only freshmen ever to rush for 1,000 yards in their first seven games. He also tied Herschel Walker and Ron Dayne as the only freshmen ever to have four 200-vard games in their first season. With the performance, Thomas increased his average to 173.6 yards per game, which leads the nation and is 11 yards per game better than his nearest competi-

Defensive Player of the Week Johnny Faulk set the stage for the Trojans' seven-turnover defensive performance by scooping up an Idaho fumble on the Vandals' first possession and returning it 79 yards for a touchdown. It was the longest fumble return in Troy football history. Faulk recorded six tackles in the game, broke up three passes and

capped the evening with his teamleading third interception of the sea-

Special Teams Player of the Week Johnny Quinn opened up the scoring barrage in the first quarter when he returned a UL Monroe punt 85 yards for a touchdown to give North Texas a 14-0 lead. It was Quinn's first career punt return for a touchdown and the first by a North Texas player since 2001. It was the longest punt return by a Mean Green player since

#### Cash and Sandell get Co-**Player of the Week Honors**

With the team race intensifying, so too is the quality of individual play in the Big West, which has led to Co-Player of the Week honors for UC Irvine's Sami Cash and UC Santa Barbara's Janine Sandell.

Cash led the Anteaters through a pair of road victories by attacking at a .423 (28-6-52) clip last week. The 6-3 senior middle blocker had a season-high 17 kills against Utah State and helped UC Irvine to its first-ever win over UI with her second errorless performance at the net, finishing with 11 kills on 19 attempts. Cash also became the third Anteater to record 300 block assists with eight in two

Sandell was the driving force in a pair of big wins that pushed the No.

20 Gauchos to a two-match lead in the Big West standings. Her matchhigh 24 kills against Pacific were the most by a UC Santa Barbara player this season and the second-highest total of her career. The 5-10 sophomore outside hitter also added 13 digs for her eighth double-double of the season. In a sweep of Cal State Northridge, Sandell tied the team-high 12 kills and matched her career high of four aces.

#### **UC Santa Barbara makes** some moves in polls

Two votes were all UC Santa Barbara needed to take a step up in the national poll, and two victories were all it took to pad the Gauchos' lead in the Big West standings with five matches left in conference play.

In avenging an earlier conference loss to Pacific with last weekend's four-game win over the Tigers, UC Santa Barbara took a two-match lead in the Big West race and improved to No. 19 in the USA Today/CSTV Poll. But this week pits the Gauchos against the only other Big West team to beat them this season — Idaho.

The Gauchos enter the week on a six-match winning streak that includes four consecutive home wins. That streak will be put on the line on Tuesday when Pepperdine pays a visit to Santa Barbara for a nonconference match leading into that crucial

rematch with Idaho.

#### **Big West announces** basketball TV package

A total of 26 Big West Conference basketball games will be televised on ESPN, Fox Sports Net West 2, KVMD-TV and College Sports Television during the 2004-05 season, announced Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell on Thursday. The television package includes 20 regular season and six conference tournament games that will provide fans the opportunity to watch Big West action from December through March Madness.

Farrell also announced that the Big West entered into a four-year contract extension with Fox to continue to broadcast eight regular season men's basketball games and the Big West . Women's Tournament championship. All games on FSNW2 will be shown each Saturday, beginning with a Jan. 15 showdown between Utah State and Cal State Northridge from The Matadome.

All 10 Big West schools are slated to make at least one appearance on the package. The women's tournament championship will be shown for the eighth straight year.

ESPN will broadcast two games this season, including the Saturday, March 12 Big West Men's Tournament championship from the Anaheim Convention Center.

#### **BOXSCURES**

#### Football

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Troy—Betterson 8 run (kick failed) Troy-McKelvin 60 punt return (Whibbs kick)

UI-Smith-Anderson 29 pass from Harrington (Barrow kick) Second Quarter

Troy-FG Whibbs 37 Third Quarter Troy-FG Whibbs 19

Troy—Johnson 24 interception return (Whibbs kick) Troy-Betterson 56 run (Whibbs

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### Individual Statistics

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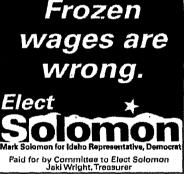
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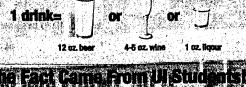
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## Gaels' 7-foot center from Morocco faces challenges

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(KRT) — Every day, members of the St. Mary's College men's basketball team take a break from the rigors of practice and jog to the sidelines for a swig of water. And every day, center Reda Rhalimi stays behind.

It's not that Rhalimi isn't thirsty. He's really thirsty. But for now, his religious convictions trump his thirst

Rhalimi, a Morocco native, is currently observing the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, a 30day holiday marked by worship and fasting. He must abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset until Ramadan ends Nov. 12.

"I give him so much credit," Gaels sophomore Blake Sholberg said. "Just not being able to drink water during our breaks. ... I give him a bunch of props for that.

Rhalimi admits fasting is difficult, but waiting 12 hours for a sandwich and a Coke is nothing compared to the waiting game he's endured for the past two

Rhalimi tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while playing at Daytona Beach (Fla.) Community College in January 2003. The road back to health has been an arduous one for the 7-footer, involving two surgical procedures and months of rehab. But with the 2004-05 season about to begin, Rhalimi is finally ready to go.
"This is the best I've felt since

I injured it," said Rhalimi, a junior. "I'm getting my confidence back and trusting my knee. I need to be able to make a move and do it without thinking about it. I just need to forget it

ever happened." Odds are those daily run-ins with Sholberg, St. Mary's other 7-foot center, are helping the process along. The two are vying for the starting center spot and giving coach Randy Bennett plenty to think about before the Gaels open the season Nov. 11

against Belmont University (Tenn.) at Cal's Haas Pavilion in

the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.
The fact Rhalimi is even part of that equation speaks volumes about his progress. After all, Rhalimi played in just 11 games last season for a total of 40 min-

"That ACL really set him back," Bennett said. "He's doing a good job and is improving. His expectations and where he is aren't the same, but they're get-ting closer. One of the things he does for a big guy is he works so hard. All of that other stuff is

going to come around."

Added Sholberg, "Reda's
proved a lot. Last year, it was easier for me to play against him. Now, it's hard to make a move. He's a beast on defense. I'd rather take him now than last year, even if it was easier

Before the injury, Rhalimi was rated as a top-70 junior-college recruit nationally. In fact, Lindy's College Basketball listed him among the top 10 JC centers in his class.

Rhalimi garnered attention from teams throughout Europe and the United States but opted to orally commit to Georgetown. Still, after a visit to the Washington, D.C., campus, he changed his mind, opening the door for Bennett.

Bennett first learned of Rhalimi when Rhalimi was at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, the same school that produced former Gaels star Samuel Saint-Jean and senior Frederic Adjiwanou. But before Rhalimi played a game at Foothill, the school terminated its program. Rhalimi then headed to Daytona Beach, and Bennett lost track of him.

That all changed when Rhalimi said no thanks to the

Hoyas.
"Once we found out he wasn't going to Georgetown, we got in touch with him," Bennett said. "He would talk to us and was interested in what we had to

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## Intramural soccer provides enjoyment

BY JESSICA LEWIS ARGONAUT STAFF

These students may not be playing on an NCAA soccer team, but they just want to play for fun and maybe win a few

games while they're at it.

On Wednesday, the
Intramural Soccer championships were played at the Kibbie Dome. A small portion of the football field was sectioned off to become the soccer field. In the men's recreational championship game, G&M United beat the Tiebreakers 1-0. In the men's competitive championship, FC Vengeance defeated AKL 2-1.

There are many types of teams that participate in the soccer games. There were students from fraternities to students who were just friends who wanted to form a team. The University of Idaho does not have a varsity men's soccer team but most male soccer players don't seem to mind.

"I have played intramural soccer for two years and it's a great time" junior John Heap said. "I played on a real soccer team when I was a little kid but I like playing intramural better because we just play for fun."

The new director of intramural activities is Butch Fealy. This is his first year at UI and he is making the adjustment quite nicely.
"I was the director of intra-

mural sports at the University of Minnesota before UI," Fealy said. "I love it here; it's a real

Fealy is trying to keep many



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Ryan Sheridan (far right) defends his goal in an intramural soccer game between Alpha Kappa Lambda and FC Vengence Wednesday night at the Kibbie Dome.

activities going on to give stu-dents as many recreational it will draw more attention to opportunities as possible.

We're getting good participation numbers but there's always room for improvement," Fealy said. "One of my goals is to get a WSU-UI border battle going on.

recreational soccer."
Even if intramural soccer never gets to have a border battle, the players don't seem to mind and are content just playing for fun.

"I've been playing soccer for 10 years and I have to say that I enjoy being on an intramural team much better than a real team," junior A.J. Lafrense said. "It is really fun and pretty laidback. I get to play the game I love and be with my friends."



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BY TODD HARMONSON THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

(KRT) — Hail and snow arrived to a thunderous ovation from Washington State's crowd. But the Cougar fans weren't

so thrilled when the rain appeared and top-ranked USC turned nastier than the weather, which served as a motivator, not an equalizer.

"Any condition, anywhere, under any pressure," USC tailback Reggie Bush said. "We feel like we can win the football

Nature's pregame downpour was nothing compared to the storm of scoring and stifling defense USC delivered Saturday in its 42-12 victory over Washington State in front of

35,117 at Martin Stadium.

The Trojans (8-0, 5-0)
remained on track for an appear ance in the Bowl Championship

Series title game in the Orange Bowl with a dominant performance on a day when two of the top five teams in the BCS standings lost and second-place Oklahoma struggled to win.

"Anything you throw in front of us, we're going to take it as a challenge and step up to it," Trojans tailback LenDale White

Washington State (3-5, 1-4) obviously wasn't much of a challenge on its own, but USC still had to show it could handle a difficult trip to the cold after enjoying three consecutive games in the comfort of the Coliseum.

Nothing, however, seemed to faze the team that is first in both national polls and the BCS

The Cougars tried to throw the Trojans off their game with a little trickery on the opening kickoff, but their onside kick went out of bounds after 2 yards

in what served as a sign of how Washington State's day would go. "That was my fault," Cougars coach Bill Doba, whose team lost its fourth in a row, said, "We tried

to take a chance early.'

USC scored five plays later on Bush's 19-yard run, recovered the ensuing kickoff when the wind knocked it down in front of the Cougars' return men and added White's 1-yard run two

plays later.
"We hadn't started playing yet and it was 14-nothing," said USC coach Pete Carroll, whose team won its 17th consecutive game and 12th in a row in Pac-10 play.

USC, which won for the 28th time in 29 games since it lost here Oct. 5, 2002, got the kind of fast start it wanted on offense after it struggled in the first half a week earlier against Washington. Quarterback Matt Leinart was at his efficient best, White ran well despite a left

thigh bruise and Bush did all the things that make him a staple of cable sports' highlight sequences.

"This was exactly what we needed ... and so much better than we were last week," said Leinart, who kept pace with Oklahoma freshman tailback Adrian Peterson in the race for the Heisman Trophy with his 23-of-28 day for 235 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. "We took advantage of the early opportunities that they

gave us and got on a roll."
Perhaps USC's only problems
were injuries to offensive linemen John Drake (ankle) and Sam Baker (knee) and second-string quarterback Matt Cassel's inability to close out the game. Leinart should have spent most of the second half on the sidelines, but he had to return to the game after two Cassel turnovers led to Washington State's only scores.

The Trojans had jumped out to a 42-0 lead when they added Bush's 57-yard punt return for a touchdown, freshman Dwayne Jarrett touchdown catches of 42 and 4 yards and White's 7-yard run. And they appeared well on their way to a second consecutive. their way to a second consecutive shutout and their third of the

"Yeah, I was thinking about it," said USC defensive lineman Shaun Cody, who broke up two passes and forced a fumble on his sack of inexperienced Cougars quarterback Alex Brink. "We just

couldn't get it done."
Still, USC's defense only gave
up one touchdown after a Cassel fumble, and that was the first score the Trojans allowed since the second quarter of their Oct. 16 victory over Arizona State.

Brink, who finished 17 of 40 for 165 yards and an interception, hit Michael Bumpus for a 24-yard score, and the Cougars' other touchdown came on line-backer Pat Bennett's 28-yard

interception return. Washington State will try to regroup for its game this week at UČLA, and UŠC will return to the Northwest to take on Oregon State in an effort to stay on a roll that could take the Trojans places this season.

places this season.

Leinart appears destined for a trip to New York as a frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy, and Bush could be along for the ride. And the Trojans, who easily should remain atop the polls and the RCS standings, are bound for the BCS standings, are bound for the Orange Bowl in Miami if they win their final four games.

On a day when things could have turned icy for USC, it seemed as if the Trojans are heating up for a strong finish to the season.

"The sunshine boys don't get scared about that," Trojans right guard Fred Matua said.

# Seahawks snap skid, but must fend off another late comeback try

BY GREG BISHOP SEATTLE TIMES

(KRT) - John Kasay put foot to pigskin, and goose bumps rose along the Seahawks sideline. An onside kick tumbled toward Marcus Trufant, and so much hung there in the balance.

This game. First place in the NFC West. And, ultimately, this

Everything seemed so assured only six plays earlier, before a fumbled field-goal attempt, a 63yard Carolina pass and a controversial Panthers touchdown. The Seahawks thought they learned

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their lesson against St. Louis, ball to Shaun Alexander 32 times but here it came again.

Another deep pass. Another lead cut in half. Another come-

It felt like deja vu, a bad dream turned reoccurring night-mare. And then Trufant cradled the ball like a newborn, a sideline breathed relief, and the Seahawks ran out the clock to secure a 23-17 win over Carolina in front of 66,214 on Sunday at Qwest Field.

"We persevered," coach Mike Holmgren said.

Just barely. And for the first time in four weeks.

For the first time in four weeks, the Seahawks made enough plays to secure a win. And with that win, the Seahawks tied the idle Rams at 4-3 for first place in the NFC West.

"Don't stop believing," read

one sign in the crowd.

Even after consecutive losses to St. Louis, New England and Arizona, the Seahawks haven't. Which basically left them on an island alone before Sunday.

They went back to basics, simplifying the offense, handing the

and watching him rush for 195 yards and score two touchdowns.
As a result, they controlled the clock, holding the ball for 11 more minutes than Carolina.
Carolina coach John Fox said his toom didn't play well enough

his team didn't play well enough to win. Ten penalties for 79 yards attest to that. The Seahawks, on the other hand, played just well

"This," tight end Itula Mili said, "is what we needed to get going."

Alexander set the tone with six touches on the Seahawks' first drive, including a 23-yard run and a 3-yard touchdown catch. He would score on a run from 4 yards out in the second quarter to give the Seahawks a 14-0 lead.

Carolina quarterback Jake
Delhomme hit Muhsin
Muhammad with a 15-yard scoring strike on the Panthers' next
possession, and Kasay kicked a field goal in the third quarter to cut the lead to 14-10.

Then came the fourth quarter, the Seahawks' Achilles' heel, where they have been outscored

46-27 this season. Josh Brown kicked a 45-yard field goal for a 20-10 lead and followed it with a 22-yard field goal for a 23-10

And then, faster than you can say "same old Seahawks," the bottom started falling out. Trufant intercepted a Delhomme pass deep in Seahawks territory and returned it 58 yards to set up a field-goal attempt.

Matt Hasselbeck fumbled a perfectly good snap. On the next play, Panthers receiver Keary Colbert shook Ken Lucas on the press, then hauled in a 63-yard pass from Delhomme.

In the huddle before the next play, the Seahawks defenders referenced the collapse against the Rams. They talked about keeping focus and concentration. And they forced Carolina to use three plays to score from 2 yards out, on a Muhammad catch officials reversed into a touchdown.

"When we got into that situation before, people started to panic," defensive tackle Rocky Bernard said. "This time, we stayed together. That could have turned ugly quick. We weren't

going to let that happen."

They didn't, reversing fortunes from earlier this season.
But even in victory, Seattle was still defined at least the still defined, at least in part, by the plays it didn't make.

Hasselbeck turned in a decent

day (201 yards passing) but tossed his seventh interception in the last three games, along with fumbling the field goal away. Darrell Jackson caught six passes for 71 yards but fumbled twice. Heath Evans dropped a third-down pass. And Lucas got beat

deep.

"It's like, 'Man, not again,"
Lucas said. "We've been dealing
with that for three weeks now. We're still young in certain areas, making dumb plays in crucial situations.

"That's like dropping the snap," Holmgren added. "We coach that, we know it, we had a huge mental error and we were able to survive. But shoot, let's just do the right thing. Let's not beat ourselves.

Thus, there are two ways to look at this Seahawks season. Yes, the Seahawks are 4-3 and tied for first place in their division. But they also beat four teams that are a combined 7-21.

Yes, the Seahawks made the plays necessary to win, Trufant's interception and onside kick recovery chief among them. But they also made the plays necessary to lose.

And yes, the Seahawks proved they can simplify to adapt, even tweaking one draw play as late as Saturday night. They proved they can run the football in Alexander's third 100-yard rushing game this season. But the three losses before this win proved that tweaking would be necessary.

"No win is ugly to me," center Robbie Tobeck said. "We just need to learn from this."

At this rate, the Seahawks will certainly be the smartest team in the NFL. But with a growing injury list shrinking their margin for error, have the Seahawks really learned their

"There's a sense of urgency," Lucas said. "We had high expectations coming in. And they're still up there. This was a step in the right direction."

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