



Provost announces resignation

BY SAM TAYLOR
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

University of Idaho will lose its provost next semester to a Spokane extension of Washington State University. Provost Brian Pitcher announced Friday he has accepted a job as the chancellor of WSU's Spokane campus, but will remain in his current position until Jan. 16.

"I'll be focusing for the next month or so with helping President (Tim) White continuing analysis of the task

force recommendations," Pitcher said. "I'm going to be taking leave after the end of the semester so I can begin visiting with the faculty and staff at WSU."

Pitcher has been UI's provost since 1997 and worked under three UI presidents, serving as interim president after the resignation of former UI president Bob Hoover.

Pitcher said there are a couple reasons why he is leaving the university. "This is my eighth year here and that's quite a while in itself," Pitcher said. "I stayed a bit longer because we had an interim president and we were

looking for a new president."

In February Pitcher was in the running for the chancellorship of the North Dakota University System and was considered among the top four candidates.

While the North Dakota Board of Higher Education selected someone else for the job, Pitcher would have been the overseer of 11 higher education institutions in the state if he had been hired.

Pitcher's salary will increase by \$30,000 at WSU-Spokane, going from \$140,000 at UI to \$170,000.

In a letter to the university com-

munity, White congratulated Pitcher on his new job as chancellor and said Pitcher was a thoughtful leader who had been insightful as he helped White transition from his position at Oregon State University to UI.

"In many ways, Brian has been the glue that held the University of Idaho together through some of the most tumultuous and challenging times in its modern history," White said in the letter.

White plans to name an interim provost, with the help of a selection committee, by Dec. 6. The interim

- Pitcher came to UI in 1997 from Utah State University, where he served as dean of the college of humanities, arts and social sciences.
- He has worked under three UI presidents and served briefly as interim president from March to June in 2003.
- He helped develop and implement the University of Idaho Strategic Plan in 1998, which helped strengthen undergraduate education, graduate and research programs, and outreach.
- During his time as provost, student enrollment grew by more than 10 percent, funding for UI research reached the \$105 million-per-year mark, and the Campaign for Idaho raised \$129 million for scholarships, academic programs and facilities.

A farewell reception will be at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 in the foyer of the Administration Auditorium.



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The Army ROTC leads the Veterans Day parade down Main Street Saturday.

Don't rain on their parade

BY NATE POPPINO
ARGONAUT STAFF

Local Vietnam veteran initiates Moscow's first Veterans Day parade

Moscow resident Don Meyer decided something was missing from his Veterans Day celebration: a parade. So he started one.

"Moscow has never had one before as far as I know," Meyer said. "I just decided I was going to do it this year with how many kids are coming back from Iraq."

Meyer, a Vietnam veteran and member of the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sponsored the parade Saturday, in which members of VFW, American Legion, and

U.S. Army and Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps from the University of Idaho marched down Main Street.

Veterans were also brought on a bus from the Idaho State Veterans' Home in Lewiston.

Though turnout for participants and spectators was low, many people said they want to see the parade again next year.

UI freshman general studies major Destinie Roberts said she heard about the parade because her father works for the city of Moscow.

"It's a great idea. It helps with the support of the armed forces right now in the situation we are in. It helps with feelings of patriotism," Roberts said.

Moscow American Legion adjutant Michael Huebner stood at a booth handing out crepe paper flowers during the parade. Huebner said the poppies are a tradition dating from World

War I when Canadian Col. John McCrae wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields."

"It's sort of sad to see so few people here when here we are in the middle of this bloody war."

TOM TOWNSEND
VETERAN, U.S. MARINE CORPS

"Because of that the poppy became the symbol of remembrance," Huebner said. "It's really big in Canada and Britain."

Mike Rush of Boise and his mother, ImoGene Rush of Moscow, came to the

parade to see ImoGene's husband, Kirk, a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

"He was in ship repair. He repaired the Idaho and the Missouri," ImoGene said.

Both Mike and ImoGene said the parade needed to be bigger.

"It's good to recognize veterans and the effort they've made," Mike said.

Latah County Commissioners Jack Nelson, Paul Kimmell and Tom Stroschein marched in the parade with other Latah County employees. Though none of the commissioners are veterans, they said they wanted to show their support for the parade.

"We're here just to support with employees and their families," Kimmell said.

Stroschein and Nelson already had ideas about a parade next year.

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Local veterans continue observances year-round

BY NATE POPPINO
ARGONAUT STAFF

Veterans Day ceremonies around the country may have come and gone, but local veterans aren't ready to take down the flags yet.

Several veterans' organizations in the Moscow area still have many activities to carry out over the next year. One such organization is Post 2905 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Member Don Meyer said the veterans' organization was first established in Columbus, Ohio, in 1899. Moscow's post was established in 1931 and has about 125 members.

"VFW is pretty much what it says," said Meyer, a Vietnam veteran. "To be a member you have to have fought overseas during some point in service, even if you only served for 30 days in Korea."

Meyer said the VFW branch in Moscow is fairly active, giving community service awards, running essay competitions in local schools, marching in Fourth of July parades, and providing a van that runs between the veterans' home in Lewiston and the veterans' hospital in Spokane.

"About anything that has to do with veterans we end up pretty much getting involved in," Meyer said.

VFW meets on the second Wednesday of every month at the American Legion cabin on Howard Street, which it shares with Moscow's chapter of the American Legion, an organization founded in Paris in 1919 after the first World War.

Michael Huebner, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army and Post 6 adjutant of the legion, said the veterans' organization came to Moscow sometime in the 1920s.

The Moscow chapter of the American Legion accepts anyone who served at least one day on active military duty during specific dates established by Congress. Locally, Post 6 has about 160 members.

"The dates cover times such as the first World War and the second World War," Huebner said. "The legion is a little more inclusive because we recognize that people serve even if it's not overseas. As a result I believe we are a little larger."

Huebner said the Moscow American Legion gets involved in lots of activities and sponsors community activities such as Girls' and Boys' state competitions, local baseball games, speech contests, food drives and also helps the veteran's home and hospital.

Huebner said one of the services the legion provides for veterans is the awarding of military honors at funerals, even if the

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The Navy ROTC marches in the Veterans Day parade Saturday morning on Main Street.

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Accused murderer arrives in Latah County

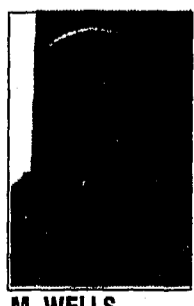
BY JACOB MORRIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

One of the men charged with the murder of University of Idaho football player Eric McMillan was moved to the Latah County Jail in Moscow Monday afternoon.

Matthew R. Wells II, 27, of Seattle, waived his right to a formal extradition Friday in Whitman County Superior Court in Colfax, Wash. He is scheduled to make a court appearance at the Latah County Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. today before District Judge John R. Stegner, said Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson.

James J. Wells, 25, who has also been charged with the murder of McMillan, remains in Whitman County. Mark Monson, attorney for James Wells, said his client has not yet decided if he will waive extradition.

"I hadn't had a chance to visit with



M. WELLS

James to go over the specifics of the extradition," Monson said. "He may waive; he may not waive."

Extradition proceedings to bring the brothers to Idaho began after they were indicted by an Idaho grand jury earlier this month. Their nephew, Thomas Riggins, 23, was also indicted and arrested Nov. 4 in Kent, Wash.

Riggins is being held in the King County Jail in Seattle.

The eluding charges the brothers were facing in Whitman County were dropped in order to proceed with the murder charges issued in Latah County.

The brothers face first-degree murder charges, and Riggins faces a charge of principal to first-degree murder. All three men have all been charged with conspiracy.

The grand jury indictment alleges Riggins solicited the murder and asked one, or both, of the Wells brothers to murder McMillan. While the indictment also alleges Riggins supplied the Wells brothers with ammunition, it has not been disclosed whether the ammunition Riggins supplied was used to kill McMillan.

Once the indictments were issued, Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy decided to drop the eluding charges against the brothers.

Monson has said it is possible to refile the eluding charges in Whitman County if the brothers are found not guilty in an Idaho court.

Once extradition proceedings have been completed for the three suspects, Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson plans to request a simultaneous trial for them.

Alcohol Task Force plans future action

BY CYNTHIA REYNOLD
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho Alcohol Task Force met Friday afternoon to re-evaluate and prioritize potential action strategies to promote safety on the UI campus.

The task force was formed in October and is working to address issues relating to the alcohol-related deaths earlier this semester of UI students Nick Curcuru, 24; Jason Yearout, 20; and Jack Shannon, 19.

During the task force's discussion Friday, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman and 18 student and faculty leaders from around campus tossed around several ideas about how to reduce high-risk student behavior.

"We're trying to sort through ideas. . . . Try to assign some priorities," Pitman said.

Pitman had placed several sheets of paper on a wall, each carrying ideas that had been brainstormed. During the meeting, he gave each person stickers to place on the ideas they thought were most important.

Opening a late-night food cafe and diner to promote more late-night activities on campus was important to almost all the people in the task force. Members also suggested creating more consistent and persistent enforcement of campus policies with the Moscow Police Department, promoting late-night activities at the Student Recreation Center on Friday and

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CORRECTION

In the Nov. 12 edition of the Argonaut, the article "Accident spurs campaign to eliminate 'suicide run'" was accompanied by a photo of the intersection of the Chipman Trail and Perimeter Drive, rather than a photo of the crosswalk at the Moscow-Pullman Highway and Line Street, which was the topic of the article.

OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for Today, Wednesday, and Thursday. Today: Showers, Hi: 48, Lo: 37. Wednesday: Showers, Hi: 48, Lo: 34. Thursday: Mostly cloudy, Hi: 48, Lo: 32.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

Today: Interdisciplinary colloquium: Norman Pendegraft, PEB, Room 112, 12:30 p.m. Informational faculty meeting: "Understanding Accommodations for Effective Teaching and Learning", Idaho Commons Horizon Room 2 p.m. Moscow Toastmasters meeting, University Inn, Centennial Room 6:30 p.m. "Dances of China: A Journey of 5,000 Years", WSU Beasley Coliseum.

7:30 p.m. Auditorium Chamber Music Series: eighth blackbird, Administration Building Auditorium 8 p.m. UI Jazz Special 2004, UITY-8 8 p.m. Wednesday: Work and Life Workshop: "Step Families & Shared Lives", SRC Classroom 1 p.m. Dissertation: Loreto Robles Hernandez, plant science, College of Agriculture, Room 62. 1:30 p.m. GIS Day: Geography professor Raymond Dezzani, McClure Hall, Room 209 3:30 p.m. GIS Day: Paul Gessler, forest resources, and graduate students, McClure Hall, Room 209 4:30 p.m. "UI Voices", UITY-8 7:30 p.m. 2004 Bellwood Lecture, UITY-8 8 p.m. Student recital: Katie Grauke, violin. School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m. Thursday: College Success Series: "Test Preparation and Test Taking Strategies", Idaho Commons, Room 327 3:30 p.m. UI Jazz Special 2004, UITY-8 8 p.m. Student recital: Jessica Foy, soprano, and Charlotte Moore, soprano, School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Thanksgiving Break street cleanup will be Nov. 20-25. This notice is especially important for vehicles being left on the street during holiday break. The Moscow Police Department will be making extra patrols through parking lots during this time.

The annual Thanksgiving Break street sweeping program will take place Nov. 20-25, weather permitting. The project helps improve pedestrian and vehicle access during the winter months and helps keep the storm drainage system clear and functional. UI Facilities requests that all vehicles parking on the following streets be removed during that time period: Seventh, Elm, Idaho, Blake, Sweet, Nez Perce, University and Paradise Creek.

Moscow Charter School hosts dinner and silent auction. The Moscow Charter School will be hosting their third annual spaghetti supper and silent auction from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton Lowe Indoor Recreation Center.

CROSSWORDPUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Ollie's partner, 5 Squal, 8 Llama relative, 14 Dell submarine, 15 Double curve, 16 Pressed, 17 Burden, 18 Use a straw, 19 Browns bread, 20 Singer Flack, 22 Parson's place, 23 Soon-to-be former car, 24 Mimic, 27 "___ and Old Lace", 29 Journey part, 30 Demand as a right, 34 Harry ___ Zell, 35 Amphitheater level, 36 Praise, 37 Bosc and Anjou, 39 Pot starter, 40 Director, 41 Past prime, 42 Quarrel, 43 Modern, prel., 44 Failure to speak out, 47 Wide vista, 49 Hearing range, 54 Piece of flatware, 55 Artillerymen, 56 Phonograph inventor, 58 Vegas intro, 59 Region, 60 Gesundheit producer, 61 Dined, 62 Laugh heartily, 63 Overtook, 64 Married, 65 Concludes, 7 Recipe amt., 8 A, B, C, etc., 9 Incongruous, 10 Seashore, 11 Opening, as a letter, 12 Butterfly catcher, 13 Madison Ave. output, 21 Paper measure, 22 Word after A or Asia, 25 Molars and incisors, 26 White heron, 28 Dodge, 30 Dolly the sheep, e.g., 31 Rubber tree sap, 32 Post-mortems, 33 Altar words, 35 Mal ___ cocktail, 37 Permanently corrupted, 38 Actress Burstyn, 42 Plant with fronds, 44 Nap, 45 Invalidate, 46 Brought about, 48 Church areas, 50 Trap, 51 Marsh wader, 52 Nymph of mythology, 53 Winter Palace autocrats, 56 Clairvoyance letters, 57 Recombinant letters, 58 Statute.

Solutions from Nov. 12. AWES, TREM, WELLS, BELT, AONE, AVAIL, EASE, LUGS, TETRA, TREMBLE, THERAT, CRY, LEERS, EMCEE, TERRY, HST, PAULA, RAYS, PATE, SCOLD, EKE, ARLEN, OHMS, ASIA, GELID, MOO, WIPER, OMEMS, RADAR, TRA, ENGINES, BEATIFY, GIANT, STAN, UVEA, ANISE, ERST, RANK, DATED, DEES, ENDS.

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Interfaith Thanksgiving service is Thursday. The Moscow Interfaith Association annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the UI Administration Building Auditorium. The program is sponsored by the Campus Christian Center and will feature music, poetry and prayer offered as a community interfaith expression of thanks, according to a group press release.

Some campus stairways will be closed for winter. Due to ongoing resource constraints and inherent safety issues during the ice and snow season at UI, many of the outdoor stairways on campus will have limited sections open in the winter months. Officials said closing certain stairways will ensure UI Facilities can adequately clear the open stairs of snow and ice for safe pedestrian use.

UI professor receives promising scientists award. Aaron M. Thomas, assistant professor of chemical engineering at UI, is one of few recipients of the 2004 American Indian Science and Engineering Society Most Promising Engineer or Scientist Awards. He was given the award Thursday in Anchorage, Alaska, during the society's national conference. Thomas, a Navajo Indian, is one of a handful of American Indians with doctoral degrees in engineering. He received his degree in 2001 from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Stanford University. His expertise is in the fields of microfluidics, membrane technology and novel gas separation processes. His award is one of three first-ever AISES professional recognitions of outstanding accomplishments of American Indian and Alaska Natives in science, engineering and technical professions. The other recipients are Richard Kevin "Savik" Glenn, an Inupak Eskimo, who is a whaler, hunter, geologist and ice scientist from Barrow, Alaska; and Richard "Rick" Stephens, from the Pala Band of Mission Indians, who is senior vice president of the Boeing Company and the president of its Shared Services Group.

Those attending are encouraged to bring an item of food suitable for donation to local food banks. Participants include Catholic, Methodist, Muslim, Latter-Day-Saint, Episcopal, Christian Science, Bahai, Unitarian Universalist, American Baptist, Jewish and other faiths. The service is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information call Myron Schreck at 882-0971 or Lynn Cameron at 882-1584.

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Congressmen discuss future of U.S. politics

BY JACOB MORRIS
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Former Congressmen Jim Lloyd-D, Calif., and Orval Hansen-R, Idaho met with students from University of Idaho and Washington State University last week, as well as concerned citizens of the Palouse region, to talk about the future of political parties.

The Congress to Campus program sends pairs of former congressmen to college campuses around the nation to encourage people to think about public service.

Barret Schroeder, chair of the Latah County Republican Party, attended the meeting along with Malcolm Renfrew, former chemistry professor at UI.

Moscow city councilwoman Linda Pall led a two-hour conversation discussing where the United States is headed and what the Republican and Democratic parties are going to do about it.

"Government is not going to function if we don't get some of our most talented people thinking about public service," said Pall, an adjunct law professor at WSU.

Lloyd started the conversation talking about the recent

election and the defeat faced by Democrats nationwide.

"The first thing we need to do is stop complaining and grumbling," he said. He addressed concerns that the United States is becoming more divided than ever and how the Bush administration can overcome that. "We need to talk about big issues between the parties."

Hansen voiced a different perspective, citing the war on terror as an issue that could make or break President Bush. Hansen said the reason to go to war may not have been justified, but now that the United States is there, Bush will get the country out.

Hansen went on to discuss reasons for John Kerry's recent loss. He said many of Kerry's supporters were not actually supporters of Kerry but rather dissenters of Bush, and that an anti-Bush attitude will not build success.

Lloyd said governors generally make better candidates than senators because of the wide range of issues for which senators must go on the record.

Much of the discussion was focused on the situation in the Middle East, particularly the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"We're headed into a war with the entire Muslim world," Renfrew said. He said he thinks Bush has an opportunity to become a hero by ending the conflict.

The people in the discussion agreed almost unanimously that the problem in the Middle East starts with Israel and Palestine. Lloyd said Bush should define a clear Middle East policy that does not support Saudis in the way they are currently supported.

There was widespread dissonance among the speakers regarding the role played by religion in national politics. Many of the Democrats said religion has a tendency to close the minds of churchgoers and win their votes by keeping them concerned with issues like same-sex marriage and abortion rather than international policy, health insurance and fiscal policies.

"Because of religion, people have strong beliefs and those beliefs make people want to get things done," Hansen said.

People will pursue the things they feel strongly about, Hansen said, regardless of the origin of the belief, and "everyone should be encouraged to get out and support what you believe."

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veteran is not a member of the legion.

"With the World War II generation getting older, we seem to have several of those a month," Huebner said.

The legion meets on the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at the legion cabin.

The Palouse chapter of the Military Officers Association of America was founded in 1995, about 66 years after the association was founded in Los Angeles. Moscow chapter president

Agatito Hernandez said membership is open to officers from any of the seven uniformed services, including the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Hernandez, a 28-year veteran of the Air Force, said even though the 78-member Palouse chapter is more of a social group, it also works on political activities.

"I went to Washington, D.C., on behalf of our chapter and got to 'storm the hill,' which means I met with legislators and senators of Idaho," Hernandez said.

Former Military Officers Association of America president Bob Wakefield, a 30-year veteran

of the Marine Corps, said the chapter also presents awards and scholarships to Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets and children of members. The chapter also provides funeral services if there is a request.

"Those are the two biggest ones that impact the local community," Wakefield said.

Moscow meetings of the Military Officers Association of America are not held regularly. Board members of the association meet once a quarter in different places and the group holds other social events throughout the year. Hernandez said the chapter posts its schedule on its Web site, www.myweb.cableone.net/jrhern.

PARADE

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Stroschein said he wanted it to expand while Nelson was concerned with the timing.

"It would probably have been nicer to have this on Thursday," Nelson said, referring to the national observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Moscow veteran Tom Townsend said he found out about the parade because of a

rumor at one of the veterans' celebrations Thursday. Townsend, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1949 to 1974, was disappointed by the turnout.

"It's sort of sad to see so few people here when here we are in the middle of this bloody war," Townsend said.

One way to boost parade attendance, Townsend said, would be to combine it with UI's Homecoming parade.

"When they're so close together they're drawing on the same crowds," Townsend said.

Meyer said the turnout for the parade didn't surprise him. He is unsure if veterans will hold the parade again next year.

"Whenever you have something for veterans occurring in town you just never get the kind of turnout you're hoping to get," Meyer said. "There's a certain core group that's going to show up for that kind of stuff... a core group of people that either have kids serving in the military or involved in ROTC. Things like that are more important to them than some other people."

TASK FORCE

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Saturday nights, providing risk management training for Greek student leaders, and creating a student action team.

As the task force evaluated these results, ASUI presidential policy adviser Caroline Miner noted many of the issues that had been listed were aimed towards the Greek side of campus. This brought up the issue of the importance of reaching the entire campus.

"The people I think we need to be most concerned about are the underage population that are going uncensored, endangering themselves and others."

ISAAC MYHRUM
ASUI PRESIDENT

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum said an extra emphasis should be placed on students under the age of 21.

"The people I think we need to be most concerned about are the underage population that are going uncensored, endangering themselves and others," Myhrum said.

The task force also discussed the development of a student-run campus coalition. Students and faculty agreed that students from all the living groups on campus would need to be represented as they discussed the pros and cons of having the coalition run by an organization that has already been established, such as ASUI, and holding elections to decide who would be on the committees.

"I think it needs to be a completely open environment," Panhellenic president Kerri Keeney said.

Keeney said though the coalition would be student-run, it should still have administrative representation from UI faculty so they could see the process. Keeney said administrators might be more likely to back the student's ideas and push them through.

The group suggested several prospects about the role of the student coalition would do. Ideas included educating students about alcohol and developing stronger ties with the Moscow community.

"It can be whatever we want it to be," Pitman said.

The Alcohol Task Force has met three times since it was formed in October. Pitman said the people around campus were initially invited to join because of their positions and interest in the subject. He said when the alcohol-related tragedies started occurring at UI, the conversations took on more urgency.

The task force is open to any students and faculty who are interested in getting involved.

PROVOST

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provost will be named from the UI community, White said, and will remain in the position until next summer.

White said candidate nominations will be due by Nov. 18 and said the person who fills the position will be taking on Pitcher's responsibilities.

"Let me emphasize that this is not a management or 'placeholder' appointment," White said. "The new provost will have an instrumental leadership role as we continue our strategic decision making and take actions for our future."

Pitcher said he was excited to move to WSU, to help further the campus in Spokane and enrich the campus with more research capabilities.

"This opportunity in Spokane

"In many ways, Brian has been the glue that held the University of Idaho together through some of the most tumultuous and challenging times in its modern history."

TIM WHITE
UI PRESIDENT

is one of helping to create an urban land-grant university for the 21st century," Pitcher said. "They're building a university district in Spokane, and I look forward to creating strong partnerships with the city and the people of the community."

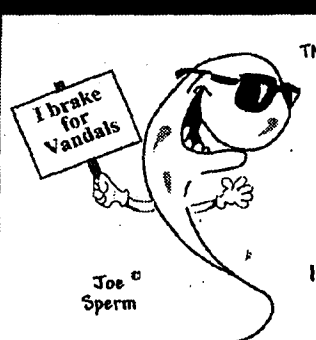
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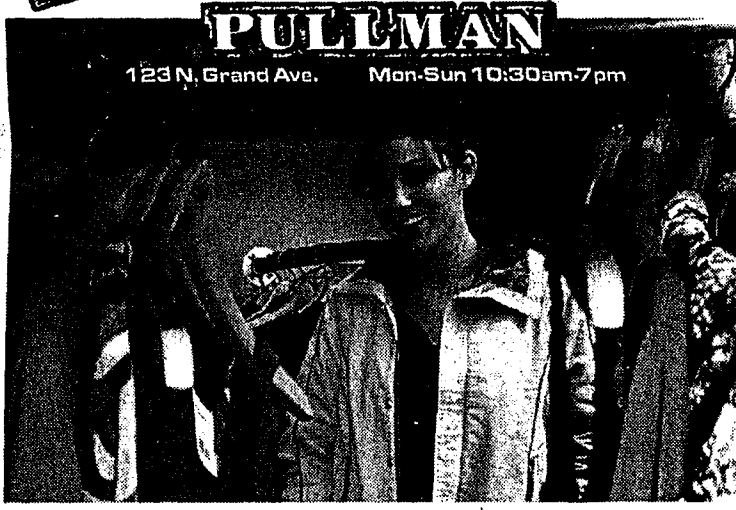


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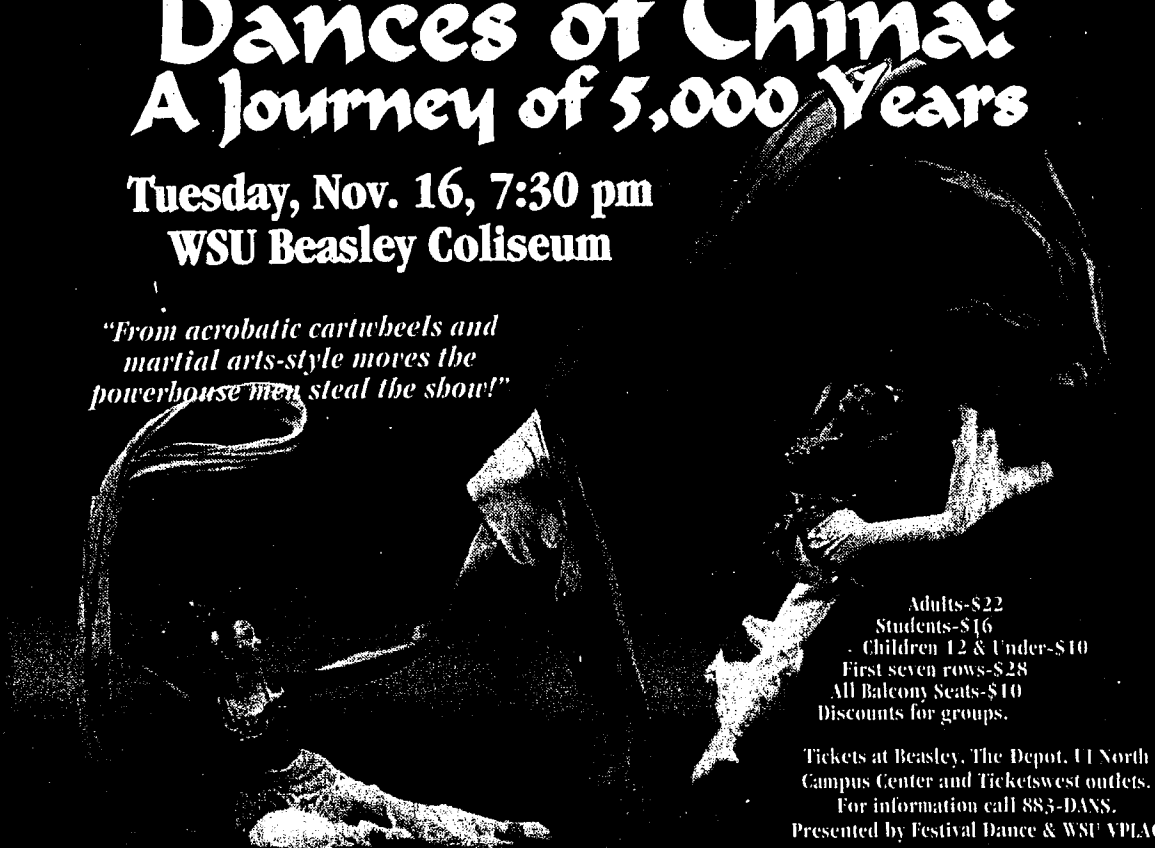
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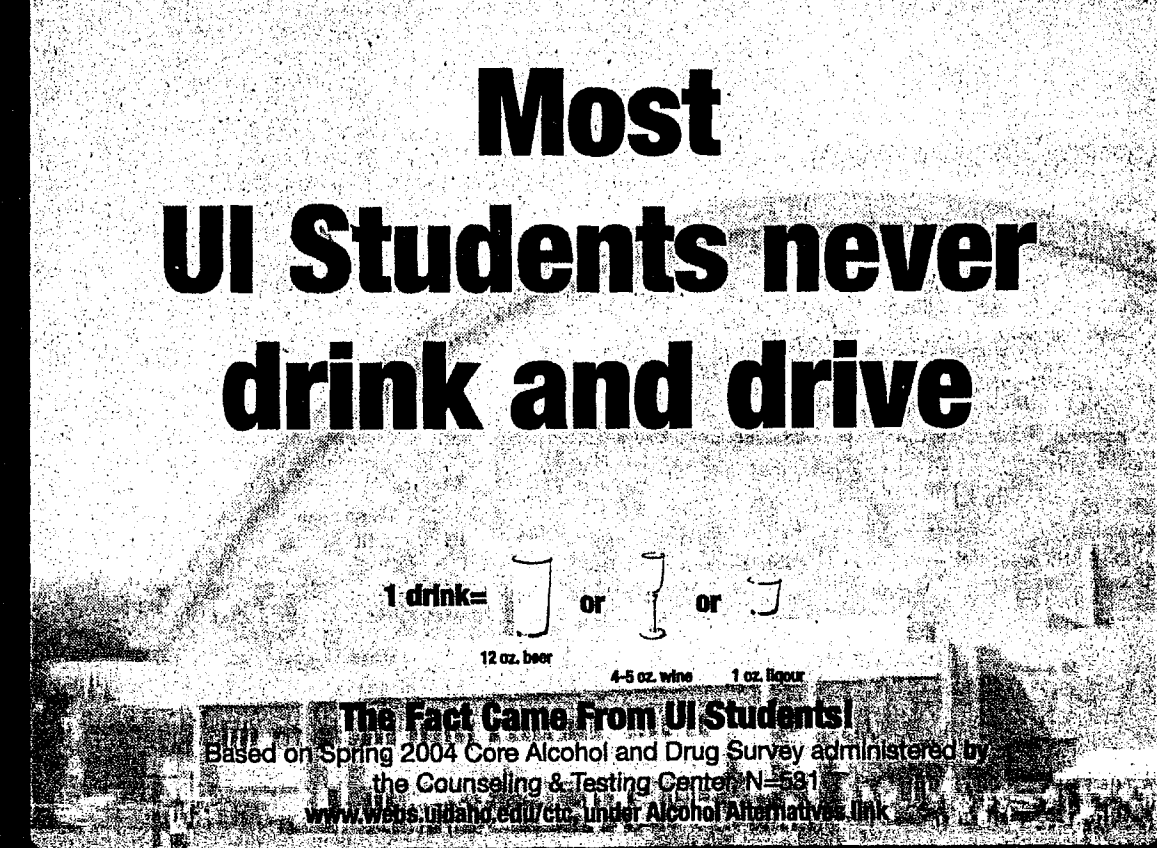
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



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MAILBOX

Flier served only hate

Dear Editor,
To the writer of the poster "Which is more offensive?":
In the weeks leading up to the presidential election, fliers had been distributed in various areas of campus showing some of the worst sides of humanity. The meaning of the fliers is vague and ambiguous, playing on emotions rather than the rational to discuss American politics.
The flier contained pictures of people jumping out of buildings, severed heads and degrading positions in jail cells. May I take this opportunity to remind you of two things?
One, nobody wins in war and neither side is ever completely innocent. And a stringent belief in the righteousness of a cause, right or wrong, often only leads to further acts of violence. Does the humiliation and degradation of another human being correct previous atrocities?

Two, the distribution of such photographs with such a convoluted, cryptic message serves only further alienation and it keeps the conflict alive. And to what avail? I urge you to educate yourself on the issues; perhaps read a foreign newspaper and listen to a different perspective. Perhaps then you will understand your own cause better and be able to discuss it without resorting to such small, reactionary tactics.
Right now the only message you're conveying is confusion and hate. Best of luck.

Erin Schrader
Junior
International studies and French

FTAA is step to world government

Dear Editor,
Congress must reject joining the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

World government advocates plan to bring all nations under the United Nation's control piece by piece. Some of the pieces are NAFTA, The World Trade Organization and the European Union.

They now propose creating the FTAA that will consolidate power of 34 Western Hemisphere countries into a regional government, like the EU. The FTAA Trojan horse will place America at the mercy of unelected, socialist, anti-American bureaucrats making decisions that will destroy our independence and jobs.

The promise of increasing exports is a lie! Before NAFTA our trade deficit with Canada and Mexico was only \$9.1 billion. In 2002 it was \$87 billion. Also, millions of jobs have been lost. NAFTA is bad; FTAA would be worse!

Constitutionally, trade should be handled by Congress on a nation-to-nation, commodity-to-commodity basis. Multi-national trade agreements create a huge, unaccountable bureaucracy that will result in the United States becoming a Third World country under the United Nation's control!

To save our freedom and our jobs, get informed by visiting www.stoptheftaa.org and contact our senators and congressmen to oppose FTAA and the other regional government trade agreements, like the Central American Free Trade Agreement that will destroy the U.S. sugar beet industry. We must get out of the United Nations. Please get involved!

Adrian L. Arp
Twin Falls

Callery and Stegner for ASUI

Dear Editor,
I'm Alex Stegner and I want to be your next ASUI vice president. The position of vice president is incredibly important because it serves as a regulating arm of the executive branch, an assistant to the president and serves as president of the senate. I was appointed to the senate in February 2003 and then elected by you in April 2003 to serve a full term. It has been a pleasure to work alongside other student leaders in the ASUI on your behalf for nearly a year. My work in the senate proves that I have the ability to work with fellow student leaders and bridge the gap between students and the student government. As your vice president I will use the relationships I have built and the leadership skills I have obtained to fight for student interests on this campus.

A primary focus and concern of mine is Vandal Taxi. This is an absolutely crucial safety program for students, and as vice president I will work with Tom (Callery) to secure the funding it needs to operate. We will look toward outside sources for funding and we will work to expand the program. Even with looming budget cuts, Vandal Taxi will remain in operation if Tom and I are elected.

And if we are given the opportunity to lead the ASUI, we will change the direction the university is heading. Instead of being a silent minority, we will work with the state legislature for reasonable fees, stronger support for higher education and more recognition for how important students are for the university, the Moscow community and the state of Idaho. Thank you for your support.

Alex Stegner
Sophomore
History

Do not institutionalize religion

Dear Editor,
Before I get to the real issue, I encourage the students of the University of Idaho to remember that "the majority" of Americans did not elect George Bush as president. In fact, not even "the majority" of eligible voters elected George Bush. We had a lower turnout of eligible voters (about 60 percent) than the war-torn country of Afghanistan (about 69 percent). The amount of eligible college-age voters that turned out in 2000 (about

17 percent) did not increase this year.
I deeply regret my naivete regarding the importance of the gay marriage issue. I never thought that a president would be elected based on a religious ideal. The legislation that is sure to rear its head within the next few years, as it has already reared its head this year, will attempt to institutionalize Christian principles. I was under the impression that the First Amendment guaranteed that religious principles (Christian, Muslim, Buddhist or otherwise) could not be legislated. When we feel the need to defend an institution that fails more than 50 percent of the time, we're "staying the course" on a sinking ship. On Nov. 6, 2004, the Lewiston Tribune contained an Associated Press report titled "Texas OK's health books after publishers change definition of marriage." Institutionalizing political agendas does not serve to protect the sanctity of anything. Let's just call it what it is: fascism. I think we need to re-evaluate the "freedom" we so plausibly flaunt.

N. B. Eoff
Graduate student
English

Using logo is theft

Dear Editor,
At the homecoming game I was given a sticker by the homecoming queen, Autumn Hansen. The sticker was advertising Hansen and Jessica Helsley's campaign for ASUI president and vice president. Oddly, the sticker boasted a near-mirror image of the logo for an outdoor clothing brand called Helly Hansen. Instead of saying "Helly Hansen," however, the sticker had the candidates' names (Hansen/Helsley) superimposed on the Helly Hansen logo. This worries me because, upon viewing Helly Hansen's Web site, I found that their logo had a registered trademark symbol (a tiny R inscribed in a small circle) next to it. While I'm not an expert on the subject, I thought that such a sign means that Helly Hansen's logo belongs to the Helly Hansen company and no one else. Theft, which in this case is that of a company's logo, tends to make me doubt the character of these two candidates. Taking and manipulating a company's logo to achieve what I perceive to be name recognition, is not only unlawful, but is taking advantage of the voting constituency. I would not feel comfortable having leaders who display such unethical character traits make decisions which will directly affect my college experience.

Dustin Norton
Freshman
Math and civil engineering

Vandals improving in Division I-A

Dear Editor,
In response to "Don't give up on Vandal Football" (Nov. 9): I agree completely with keeping Vandal Football in Division I-A. I can see a difference in this year's team and the difference in coaching that Nick Holt has brought to the Vandals. His attitude is completely different than that of Tom Cable.

For one, when you read articles about Vandal football, winning the game is not the focus of topic. Coach Holt seems to focus on where to improve on the game. So far we are doing just as good as last year's team under Tom Cable, and I am sure it will only get better. Coach Holt's strategy of seasoning the freshmen is a very good idea for the long run. Remember, these freshmen are Nick Holt's new recruits and the remaining players are from the Tom Cable era.

Don't give up. Take notice; we are NOT on the ESPN Bottom 10 poll, where we normally are ranked in the top five. The University of Washington Huskies (1-8), who shared the 1991 National Title, is currently ranked 6th from the bottom. There is hope, just wait and see; Nick Holt will put the Jolt back in Vandal football.

Also, coaches, please stay off the field; we keep getting penalties because of it.

David Polehn
Sophomore
Mechanical engineering

Partial birth abortion misunderstood

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to "Abortion not needed" (Nov. 5). It is discouraging to see the term "partial birth abortion" thrown around without truly understanding the issue at stake here.

The term itself is misleading and politically charged, used only by those attacking abortion, NOT by medical professionals. The procedure in question is only performed if there is a serious threat to the woman or the fetus. The proposed ban on this procedure makes absolutely no exceptions for any cases in which the woman or fetus' health is at risk.

Furthermore, this procedure only accounts for 1.5-2.5 percent of all abortions performed, even though numbers should not be the issue. Women undergoing this procedure are not doing so to get out of the responsibility of having a child; it is only performed as a last resort. It is critical that women along with their families and doctors are supplied the options needed to choose the best procedure available concerning health. It is not the role of politicians to make up the minds of those involved.

The rights of women to make decisions concerning their health and the ability of medical professionals to provide necessary care will be blatantly violated if this ban passes. Both the American Nurses Association and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists do NOT support this ban. Do you want issues concerning your health decided upon for you by politicians or a doctor who is qualified and you trust?

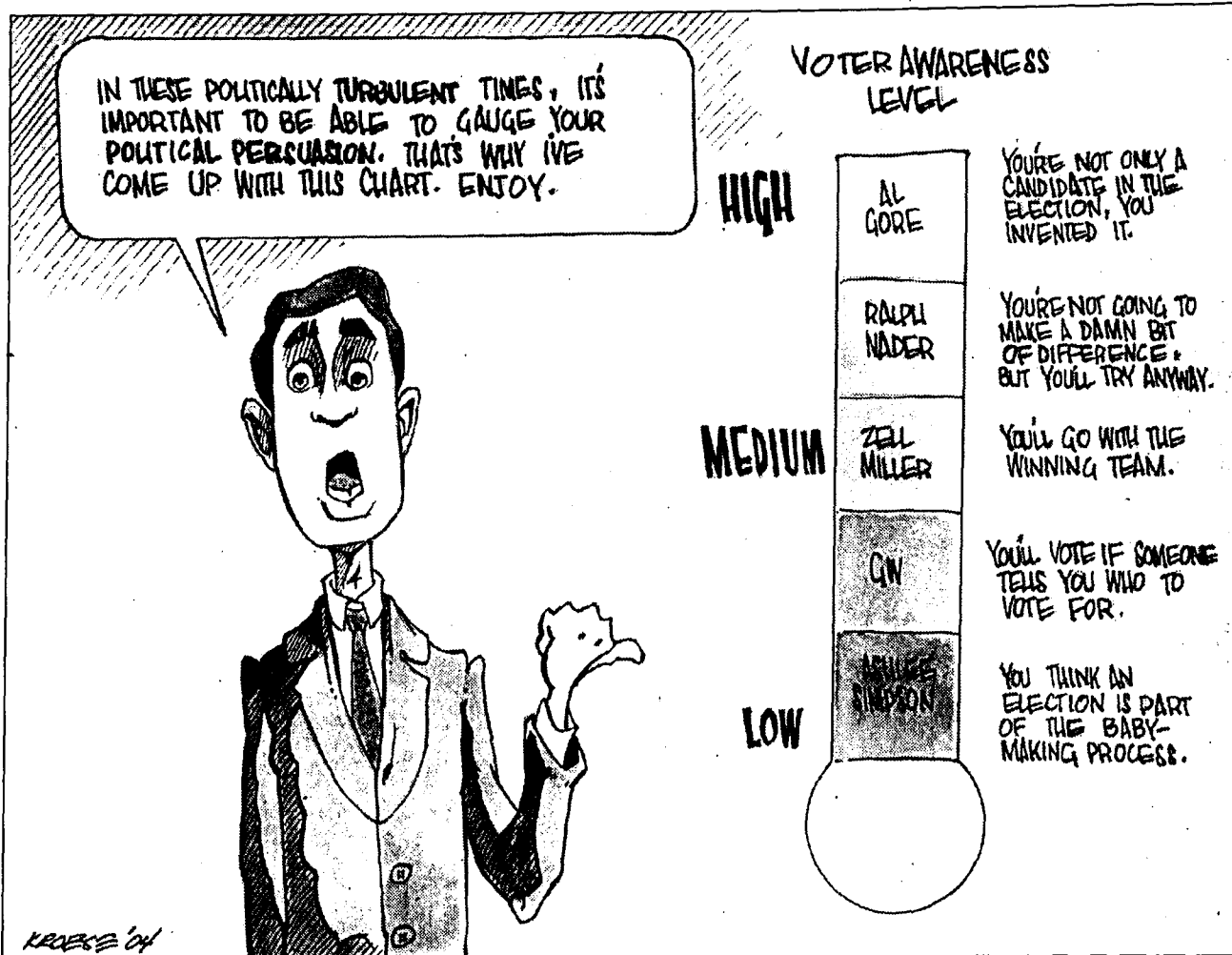
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OURVIEW



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

ASUI deserves a vote

Election Day has come and gone, and after a barrage of "get out and vote" campaigns, it is the Argonaut's hope that students are not so sick of that mantra that they'll forget to vote in another important election today and Wednesday.

It's ASUI elections time and it is just as important that University of Idaho students make their voices heard in this election as in the national election.

While ASUI elections don't have the far-reaching global consequences the recent elections had, they will affect UI students more directly. The ASUI president, vice president and senators are in charge of a portion of every student's fees. Student fees also pay ASUI salaries. It's up to every student, then, to ensure ASUI is making good use of that money.

ASUI presidential and vice presidential candidates this year are Tom Callery and Alex Stegner, Autumn Hansen and Jessica Helsley, and Mike McElhinney and Luke Edwards. Each ticket has a different vision of how ASUI should function, so the student body must come forward and select the candidates who will best represent its interests.

It is vital that all students be represented in ASUI. On average, only about 15 percent of students vote in ASUI elections. That means students making ASUI decisions were not voted on by more than 80 percent of the student body. How, then, can ASUI truly be serving the student body's greatest interests?

Those more than 80 percent of students who don't vote are telling ASUI they don't care what happens to their student fee money. They are telling ASUI leaders it is OK to spend students' money without their input. This is a huge mistake.

The ASUI elections will affect students more directly on a day-to-day basis than the U.S. presidential elections ever will. Money students pay for student fees in 2005 will be spent in 2005, on them, by ASUI leaders. In addition, today's ASUI leaders may in the future become leaders for the state of Idaho. Dirk Kempthorne and Larry Craig, for example, are both former ASUI presidents.

The student body must not treat the ASUI elections as a popularity contest in which only friends and acquaintances of the candidates show up to vote. All students, on- or off-campus, Greek or independent, graduate or undergraduate, athlete or academic, must get informed about the candidates' platforms and make an educated decision about who would best serve students' needs.

ASUI uses student fees to fund a variety of projects. Vandal Taxi, Vandal Trading Post, Outdoor Programs, the Student Recreation Center, the Civic Education Project, concerts, movies and lectures are just some of the things ASUI provides for the student body.

Every student has a vested interest in at least part of one of these projects, whether they take Vandal Taxi home on Saturday nights, look for housing on the trading post or enjoy ASUI-sponsored entertainment with friends. ASUI has an obligation to meet its constituents' needs, but if students don't make their voices heard, ASUI leaders won't know how best to suit those needs.

So vote for ASUI leadership today and Wednesday. You don't even have to leave your house. Just visit collar.sub.uidaho.edu/vote and make your voice heard.

C.M.

Inconsistency plagues the Democratic Party

The elections have yielded Republican control in the presidency, both houses and, quite possibly, the Supreme Court. What this says to me is that more Americans identified with the Republican Party than the Democratic Party. As much as I would have liked Bush to have won by a landslide, he did not. While his win may not have given him a mandate, he did gain political capital.

The political capital that Bush gained was in the form of four new Republican Senate seats and at least three new Republican House seats. This means that the Republicans now control 11 more Senate seats than the Democrats and at least 31 more House seats. Not too shabby, if you ask me.

The Democrats don't like admitting that this margin constitutes a Bush mandate. That's fine with me. It is hard to define exactly what a mandate is, since the term's meaning is somewhat dependent on the party that uses it.

So let's look at the facts. Since the 1992 elections, Congress has been controlled by the Republican Party. And since that election 14 years ago, there has been a slow and steady increase in the number of Republican seats. Since 1992 the president had been a Democrat who was so moderate that he might as well have been Republican. Who needs a mandate when we've had a steady acquisition of political capital?

This slow and steady acquisition constitutes a shift of Americans to the right. There are three things that can explain this shift. Either more Americans identify with the Republicans, more people feel isolated by the Democrats, or both. I think it's both.

Americans are beginning to identify with the right more and more because it not only represents their common ideals, but it represents solidarity. Americans who consistently vote Republican are voting their ideals.

Other Americans who side with the right tend to identify with the solidarity and consistency aspect of the Republican Party. Republicans have always nominated candidates on the basis that they will represent the Republican platform. The platform stays consistent. The Democrats tend to nominate candidates on the platform that they bring to the table. This platform then becomes the Democratic platform. This creates inconsistency and Americans are catching on.

It is this inconsistency that, in

part, isolates Americans. When the Democrats make promises and then don't keep them, it isolates voters the next time around. When a Democratic candidate promises certain things to certain voting blocks, like women and minorities, and then doesn't deliver that promise, a percentage of that block is lost.

Another aspect of the Democratic Party that isolates Americans is the apparent endorsement of far-left, quasi-socialist figures. Endorsement of people like propagandist Michael Moore indicates either an extreme shift to the left or a breakdown in the leadership of the Democratic Party. Either the whole party subscribes to the propaganda, or the leadership in the party is too weak to draw a clear line between their party and the propagandist. Either way, this isolates Americans who would otherwise vote Democrat.

Unfortunately for the Democrats, a great deal of house-keeping is needed in the next two years. The nation is divided with a clear majority of Americans favoring the right. The Democrats have simply gone too far left for their own good and isolated members of their party in the process. If they want any shot at regaining a majority in either House, then at the very least they need to give the American people a clear and consistent view of what they stand for. Without that, Republicans will remain in control, mandate or not.

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Send Idaho football back to where it belongs, the Big Sky

BY NICK GIER
PRESIDENT, IDAHO FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
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PRESIDENT, UI FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

After two years of financial exigency (fiscal years 1981 and 1982), a petition was circulated among UI faculty about the use of appropriated funds for intercollegiate athletics. Over 120 signatures were gathered on a resolution to eliminate that funding. The main point of the resolution was that intercollegiate sports were not central to UI's academic mission. The resolution was passed by Faculty Council and sent to the UI administration.

The faculty's opinion on this crucial issue was ignored because as early as 1987 the State Board of Education authorized \$665,500 for intercollegiate athletics, which grew to nearly \$2 million for fiscal year 2004, according to UI budget books. Furthermore, while all UI programs were required to make substantial cuts, \$322,600 was added to the athletics budget for fiscal year 2005, an amount almost identical to what the liberal arts and social sciences had to give up.

The University Vision and Resources Task Force report states that the total athletic budget has increased by 250

percent in the last 10 years. For fiscal year 2004 the president's office gave \$500,000 in unrestricted gift monies to the athletic department, which pays administrative fees of only 1 percent, while other units pay 6 percent.

When athletic departments across the nation report that their programs are profitable, they usually include appropriated funds in their figures. If that money is removed from the budgets, the national average for I-A schools, according to an NCAA study, is a \$237,000 deficit, up from a \$174,000 deficit in 1993. Seen in this way, only 46 percent of I-A programs are profitable, down from 53 percent in 1993. Proposing that the UI could actually make money in I-A seems like a pipe dream.

The Vandal Scholarship Board recently boasted about a \$615,000 profit for UI football, but this becomes a \$1.9 million deficit if appropriated and general fund monies are subtracted. (This deficit is even larger if this surplus was used to cover deficits in other sports.) The same logic would apply to an academic department; it could not claim that it had made a profit unless its external grants exceeded the appropriated funds given to it.

We object to the tone and implication

of the Vandal Scholarship Board's recent statement that declared: "Faculty, staff, and employees should get on board. The UI is committed to I-A athletics and it is time for the employees to step forward and support the program." The faculty has gone on record to eliminate appropriated funds from UI athletics and UI moved to I-A without proper consultation with and approval from the faculty. According to the UI Constitution, the "immediate governance" of the university is in the hands of the faculty and we demand that faculty self-determination be respected.

UI athletic director Rob Spear recently reported substantial increases since 1996, the last year that UI was in the Big Sky Conference, in advertising revenues and guaranteed payouts for its away games. We would like to know, however, whether these increases are balanced out by more scholarships, increased travel costs and fees now being paid to join the Western Athletic Conference, a conference where we would compete poorly. We are pleased to note that former Vandal football coach Tom Cable supports a move back to I-AA status.

Returning to the Big Sky would reduce the number of scholarships

required, would not require us to add new sports, would reduce travel expenses considerably, would most likely increase attendance and, therefore, increase the economic benefits to the community. Many more visitors from regional teams would come to home games and more locals would come to see the Vandals play traditional opponents such as Eastern Washington, Montana, Montana State and Idaho State.

The UI faculty has not received a pay raise in three years, so we are very dismayed to learn that the second highest raise for fiscal year 2004, \$15,000, went to the UI basketball coach. In fact, 10.6 percent (\$32,516) of the 2004 pay raises went to UI coaches, while UI coaches comprise only 4.3 percent of faculty and exempt employees.

Our critics say that we should not wage class warfare against other staff members, but we wish to reiterate that athletics is not an integral part of our mission and we would be the last to begrudge pay raises for classified staff who are essential to our goals as professional academics.

We are especially disturbed that, even before receiving any input from the general faculty, President Tim White has declared that the UI will def-

initely join the Western Athletic Conference. We are also concerned about statements from the new chief financial officer that UI is not spending enough to compete at the I-A level. Does this mean that he will recommend that even more appropriated monies be used to accomplish this?

We are further concerned about talk about building a larger football stadium, primarily because UI has yet to meet the required average attendance of 15,000 fans. (This year's home game at Martin Stadium, a venue that should increase attendance, drew a paltry 9,425 fans. Season ticket sales are also at a very low level.) The Kibbie Dome is a fine and sufficient facility and the Big Sky is good enough for a small university with no population base for increased attendance. We are quite willing to cheer "Go Vandals," but only in the proper contexts of academics first and athletics second.

Finally, if Rob Spear is correct that going back to the Big Sky will be "financial suicide," then we should thoroughly rethink our commitment to intercollegiate sports, because it is clear to us that the goal to make UI competitive at the I-A level will be a serious financial drain on UI for years to come.

University is better off playing football in Division I-A

BY ROB SPEAR
UI ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

First, we want to thank the Argonaut for providing an opportunity to respond to the Idaho Federation of Teachers' position on the University of Idaho's Department of Athletics.

We certainly understand the obstacles faced by our university at this time; however, if there is going to be a debate surrounding the value of athletics we want to start with factual information.

Our athletic department budget has increased since 1995, but it has been our ability to attract external revenue that is behind this growth. In fiscal year 1996 advertising dollars generated \$114,000. In fiscal year 2005 that figure is \$460,000. Game guarantees in fiscal year 1996 were \$125,000. Since that time game guarantee revenue has averaged more than \$1 million per year for the past five years. Annual fund contributions to the Vandal Scholarship Fund generated \$600,000 in fiscal year 1996; it now exceeds \$1 million. NCAA revenues also have increased by \$250,000.

These increases to our programmatic revenue are a direct link to our classification as a Division I-A football playing institution. Without playing Division I-A football, our game guarantees would decline from \$1 million to \$250,000. Because the NCAA only allows Division I-A schools to count one victory against Division I-AA schools once

every four years for bowl eligibility purposes, our scheduling opportunities against Division I-A schools would be limited. We would no longer be able to schedule rival games against Washington State and Boise State. Advertising dollars and contributions to the Vandal Scholarship Fund would decline by an estimated 30 percent.

Going back to Division I-AA would reduce our scholarship obligations, but the decrease in revenue would be so significant that the department of athletics would lose an estimated \$500,000 annually. This information is consistent with the information provided to the Idaho State Board of Education when it approved our entry into the Sun Belt and Western Athletic conferences.

Both the University Vision and Resources Task Force report and the Idaho Federation of Teachers' editorial mention the \$500,000 of unrestricted institutional support from the university. This support was provided so athletics could absorb the obligation of expenditures previously paid from other institutional budgets (e.g. conference membership dues, athletic insurance and physician payments) and for the role athletics plays in helping the University of Idaho and the UI Foundation raise money.

Even when you include this amount as additional institutional support, the total increase in institutional support, gender equity and unrestricted gift revenue totaled \$1.5 million since fiscal year 1996. Over this same time our scholarship

costs and the programmatic costs of adding two women's sports as required by Title IX increased by the same \$1.5 million.

Had the IFT correctly researched the funding of our athletic program, they would have realized it is not possible for the university to allocate additional appropriated funds to the department of athletics. The SBOE has a cap that prohibits state institutions from allocating additional appropriated funds. The cap increases or decreases by the rate of change in general education funds allocated by the SBOE.

The reference that our basketball coach received a \$15,000 pay increase also is inaccurate. Our basketball coach will see a raise only if he meets the incentives in his contract. Finally, averaging 15,000 people for home games is possible. In our analysis of previous home games against WAC schools we did exceed the 15,000 required average.

Let us not forget the academic component of a successful athletic program. At the present time our athletic department employs more than 100 students (non-athletes) from various colleges. These students gain valuable experience from our complex business environment, including marketing, promotions, development, sports information, administration, compliance, academic support, tutoring, athletic training, ticket management, video, computer support, equipment management, facility management, game operations, statistics, media, strength and conditioning, and coaching.

The department of athletics also teamed with the College of Education/Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in developing an athletic training major. This program was developed by a UI athletic trainer who, while pursuing her doctorate at UI, provided the foundation for this program to earn its CAAHEP/JRC-AT accreditation. Currently, there are approximately 60 students enrolled in the program, with 16 fulfilling their clinical requirements in the department of athletics.

These academic opportunities provide real life experiences that allow students from the University of Idaho to supplement their education, gain employment and become viable citizens. Because of these experiences, they become proud alumni and give back to our university. The department of athletics serves as a rallying point for our alumni. We remain committed to being an integral part of the fabulous living, learning environment we have at the University of Idaho.

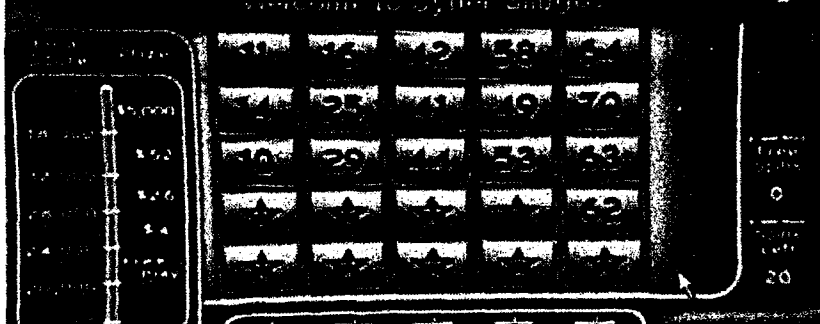
Blaming President Tim White for our commitment to Division I-A and criticizing Jay Kenton, our new financial vice president, is unfortunate. The decision to move to Division I-A and accept an invitation into the Western Athletic Conference was done by previous administrations. President White and Vice President Kenton have inherited many issues that will take time to work through. It is time we rally around our new leaders and not pit programs against one another.



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ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

Death Cab strums the hearts of listeners

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
ARGONAUT STAFF

The flags bordering the edges of the SUB Ballroom Thursday night represented the array of students gathered to share the music of Death Cab for Cutie. Brought to the University of Idaho by ASUI Productions, the indie-rock band from Bellingham, Wash., played an enthusiastic show. The audience talked away as opening artist Luke Temple strummed on his guitar. The stage lights' color blanketed the crowd with bluish; a huge "ASUI Productions" banner hung behind Temple. The lights faintly met the glow from a table selling merchandise in the back corner of the ballroom, as the launch of Death Cab's music captivated the audience.

After this concert, the band has proven that hard work pays off, with its entrancing music and refreshingly laid-back attitude displayed at the concert. Since the band's inception in 1998, the members have come a long way with their unique, sensitive sound and inti-

mate lyrics.

In the ensuing years, the band has not lost its musical talent, but has perfected the art of relating to each listener. Even at a performance at the Sasquatch Music Festival in 2003, Death Cab's freshman charm was apparent with Gibbard's voice not yet as defined. The timeliness of these rising stars and their encounter with fame proves these freshmen have graduated.

With casual dress accentuated by shaggy hair, the band members dispersed across the stage and opened with the song "New Year," like an airplane just about to lift off.

The song is the first track off Death Cab's new album, "Transatlanticism."

The audience instantly became energized and aware of Death Cab's contagious and influencing sound. Simple lyrics like "So this is the New Year/and I don't feel any different," sounded poetic when sung by frontman Ben Gibbard's sentiment-provoking voice.

Death Cab's performance was exploding with energy, and sounded as clear as if it were a recording. The

sound level was just right. The amps did not impose on each instrument's aesthetic and characteristic sound, sparing the audience the ringing ears associated with loud rock concerts. The music resonated through the room with such a clear volume that it was like listening through headphones.

Death Cab warmed up the audience with the upbeat song "Title and Registration," with unique lyrics like "The glove compartment is inaccurately named/and everybody knows it/So I'm proposing a swift orderly change," that transitions into unexpected and greater meaning.

"When they played 'Title and Registration,' they stole my heart," said Matt McIntosh, a freshman resource recreation and tourism major.

The band's songs blended into one another with smooth drumbeats, guitar chords and funky keyboard effects. Gibbard also remembered to call tunes from the band's previous releases. Songs from albums like "The Photo Album" and "The Death Cab for Cutie

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ALTA CUTLER / ARGONAUT
Death Cab for Cutie entertains UI students in the SUB Ballroom Thursday night.

Eighth blackbird returns to University Auditorium

BY JON ROSS
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

The last time eighth blackbird was in Moscow, John Kerry was not a name thrown around at dinner parties and John Stewart was still on good terms with the staff of Crossfire. That was in April 2002.

A lot has changed in the world of politics, but the musical integrity of eighth blackbird has remained constant. The group performs tonight at 8 in the Administration Building Auditorium as part of the Auditorium Chamber Music Series.

As an ensemble devoted to spreading the gospel of new music, eighth blackbird must compete with symphonies and chamber ensembles that make a living by playing old music. Even when presenting music that is sometimes beyond some audiences' recognition of classical aesthetics, the group is always received with warmth.

"I remember having good responses from most of the places we go," violinist Matt Albert said.

This has to do with the fact that eighth blackbird performs fresh music. The pieces on tonight's program were all composed in the last 35 years, and two of them were composed during Bush's maiden term in office.

"We are trying to share a variety of new classical music that is being written today," Albert said.

This sharing of music is accomplished in many different ways. In addition to performances, eighth blackbird spreads its musical knowledge by conducting workshops, giving interviews, releasing recordings and being heard on the radio.

Albert refers to music-making and eighth blackbird's quest to share music as breathing life into the notes.

"We like that process of making something live," he said. "There are so many different things music can be. We are constantly finding new things."

As for the future of eighth blackbird, the group plans to keep on recording and playing. The ensemble has a new CD that is being released in April, fulfilling its current contract with Cedille Records.

"We plan to keep recording," he said. "Having records out there is a way to spread the word."

Albert will also keep playing in eighth blackbird as long as he can. He has taught in the past, but if he could play his violin and forget about teaching, that's what he would do.

"I love performing," he said. "I teach mostly

because I have to; I've taught as many as 10 people at a time while performing."

Albert doesn't pursue teaching with the same tenacity he gives to performance, because he feels other people can do it better.

"I feel like teaching is such a gift for people," Albert said he doesn't feel that he has that gift.

Whereas eighth blackbird appeals to a wide audience by playing little known music, symphonies are trying to grab a newer demographic by changing performance aspects.

"Some of the attempts to relate to a younger audience have been superficial," Albert said. Symphonies are not going to reach a new audience by simply changing the clothes musicians wear and performing at a different venue, he said.

Albert would like to see orchestras performing in the same vein as touring rock acts. This doesn't mean playing the same music, but putting more feeling into the music.

"(Touring acts) are trying to reinvent themselves or put themselves out there every night," he said. For classical music to really appeal to a broader audience, members of the symphony need to do this as well, he said.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the University of Idaho ticket office or at the door.

Eighth blackbird workshops

Today
2:30 p.m.

The Business of Music - Recital Hall

Composer Workshop - Room 216

Low String Masterclass - Room 116

Upper String Masterclass - Room 117

Percussion Workshop - Administration Building Auditorium

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

Ensemble presentation - Administration Building Auditorium

Unless otherwise stated, all workshops are in the Lionel Hampton School of Music.



Eighth blackbird performs tonight in the Administration Building Auditorium.

COURTESY PHOTO

'Polar Express' stays true to children's book

BY TYLER WILSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

The movie "The Polar Express," based on Chris Van Allsburg's classic children's book, stretches a relatively short picture book into a 97-minute film. While this formula proved disastrous for last year's atrocious "The Cat in the Hat," director Robert Zemeckis uses the book's magical simplicity to create a visually breathtaking experience.

Using motion capture technology, actors perform scenes wearing dozens of tiny blue dots that serve as reference points for digital animation. (The technique was used to create Gollum in the "Lord of the Rings" movies.) In "The Polar Express," the entire cast performs scenes that are "painted over" with computers. Because of this versatility, Tom Hanks stars in five central roles.

While every moment of the book's original plot remains intact, the film adds characters and action sequences to stretch the film to feature length.

REVIEW



"THE POLAR EXPRESS"

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Tom Hanks
Now Playing

The story centers on a young boy (performed by Hanks and voiced over by Daryl Sabara) who is becoming a bit too old for Santa Claus. Before long, the Polar Express shows up at his doorstep with a prickly conductor (Hanks, again) and a ghostly hobo (umm, Hanks); the two intend to bring doubtful children to the North Pole to meet Santa (yeah, still Tom Hanks).

Hanks is a fantastic actor, and for the most part, he pulls off the difficult task of differentiating so many characters. However, Hanks' voice is easily distinguishable, which bodes a problem for voicing so many parts. The voice of Santa Claus isn't much more than Hanks talking through a toilet paper roll. The result is a less than magical appearance by Old Saint Nick in the film's climax.

But the voice work is surprisingly beside the point. "The Polar Express" is all about visuals, and the eye-candy created by Zemeckis' computer wizards is as gorgeous and inspiring as Allsburg's ghostly-soft storybook images. When the train first appears at the young boy's front door, the glorious animation recreates the book's image while adding lively depth and movement. The sequence may be a simple pleasure, but is nothing less than magical.

In fact, the movie succeeds because of these simple pleasures. As the movie progresses, these beautiful images continually one-up themselves.

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'The Polar Express' can give the chills to some of its more juvenile readership

Millions of people around the country are thrilled about the release of "The Polar Express," a movie based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

Many college students remember their elementary school teachers sitting down and reading them a tale of a little boy who discovers the true magic of Santa Claus. Tears well up in 20-year-old eyes as students remember wishing they too could never stop believing in Santa.

"The Polar Express" won the Caldecott Medal, one of the highest awards in children's book illustrating, in 1986. Five million copies have been sold around the world, and it was named the New York Times Best Illustrated Book of the Year. There's no doubting this is a big deal book. So why don't I like it?

When I first heard the book was being made into a movie, I couldn't figure out why there was this small sense of foreboding in me, sneaking

up just slightly at the words "Polar Express." The more people gushed about it, the more disturbed I got, until I went to the library and pulled the old, red book off the shelf.

Then I remembered. "The Polar Express" is just plain creepy.

I began to read about this little boy, lured out of his house at midnight by a train conductor for some mysterious trip to the North Pole. Maybe years of warnings about strangers with candy warped my mind, but even as a child I knew that guy wasn't trustworthy. Stockpiling pajama-clad children by bribing them with hot cocoa and whisking them off into the unknown? It might seem like a happy and innocent thing, but not to an overactive imagination.

As the train rumbles through wolf-infested forests and up icy mountains, some readers might anticipate the joy of what's to come, but I was still worried. What if these kids were headed to a slave labor camp, being forced to paste together tiny toy trains until their fingers bled? What better place to hide them than the North Pole?

I waited for that moment when my fears

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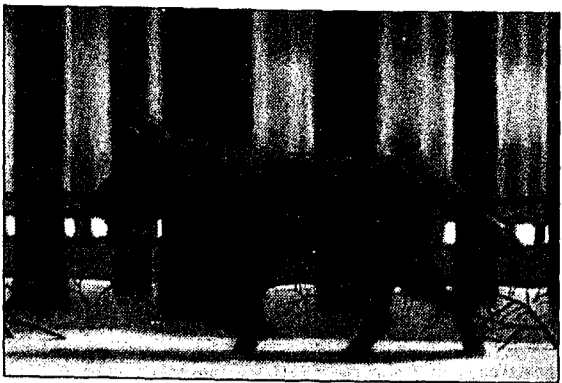
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There are several breathtaking action sequences that go well beyond Allsburg's relatively reflective book.

The technology, however, is not without its faults. While the wintry landscapes are a wonder to revel in, the human characters come off a tad bit creepy. The children especially appear too glossed-over and empty, which renders them more like mindless zombies in the same vein as "Dawn of the Dead."

Technology and appearances aside, "The Polar Express" has the essence of the story's original plot by beginning and ending with the book's inspiring passages. Some may call it sappy and simplistic, but the film captures the power and warmth of the Christmas season so well that most of the shortcomings are fairly arbitrary. Kids will love this movie, and all the blatant Christmas cheer brimming in every frame might even win over the most Scrooge-like adult.

It is unclear whether "The Polar Express" will



become a Christmas classic. Advancing technology, sadly, has a knack for making innovations like this eventually appear dated. But while Allsburg's book is celebrated for its painted images, its spirit and imagination is what makes it a classic. The movie adaptation has that same appeal.

If there ever was a movie to get so much mileage simply from pretty pictures, "The Polar Express" is it.

ARTSBRIEFS

Festival Dance performs 'Dances of China' tonight

Festival Dance's "The Dances of China: A Journey of 5,000 Years" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum at WSU. Festival Dance is a 16-member dance-drama group. The performance features special guest 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.

Moscow Renaissance Fair seeks poster artists

Organizers of the Moscow Renaissance Fair are seeking designs for the 2005 fair's poster and program guide. Artists can submit their entries at BookPeople of Moscow between now and Jan. 15.

All designs must include the words: "32nd Annual Renaissance Fair, April 30 and May 1, 2005."

At the bottom in small but legible text must be: "Moscow Renaissance Fair, P.O. Box 8848, Moscow, Idaho 83843, www.moscowrenfair.org."

The designs must incorporate the fair theme, "A celebration of spring," and include colorful, whimsical and inviting images of dance, music and springtime rebirth.

Designs can be produced using free-hand art techniques or computer graphics. Submissions must be no larger than 17 by 21 inches.

The first place winner will receive

\$200, and the design will be on a poster distributed regionally. The second place entry will be used as the cover of the fair program guide.

Eighth blackbird performs at Administration Building

The second concert in this year's Auditorium Chamber Music series will feature contemporary sextet eighth blackbird. The concert will be at 8 p.m. tonight in the Administration Building Auditorium. Tickets are available at the UI Ticket Office and TicketsWest.

Eighth blackbird will feature two classics from the 1970s: George Crumb's "Voice of the Whale" for amplified piano, cello and flute; and Frederic Rzewski's minimalist work, "Les moutons des Panurge."

While in Moscow, members of eighth blackbird will also be teaching classes at UI. They will give a post-concert presentation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Admin. Auditorium.

Snake Oil Medicine Show to play at John's Alley

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

The band plays a wide variety of music, sampling from styles such as bluegrass, jazz, zydeco and reggae. An artist will create a painting onstage 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

Young People's Arts Festival to be held Saturday

Area first- through sixth-graders can attend the Moscow Arts Commission's Fall Young People's Arts Festival on Saturday. The festival will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Moscow Junior High School.

Local artists will present 15 workshops in visual, literary and performing arts. Workshops cover topics from storytelling to pottery painting. Kids can register for up to four classes.

Fees range from \$6.50 to \$13. Registration forms will be distributed in Moscow-area schools. They are also available at www.ci.moscow.id.us/mac or by visiting the MAC office in Moscow city Hall. Registration deadline is Wednesday.

Folklore Society hosts contra dance at 1912 Center

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

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 \$7 for nonmembers.

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Forbidden Love EP" were sprinkled throughout the set.

The longing, high-pitched crooning of Gibbard's voice and intimate lyrics open up a personal dialogue with the band. The lyrics are sensitive without being whiny, like so many of today's emo bands.

Dedicating the song to a man in the audience wearing a "grab the bull by the horns" shirt, the band broke into "The Sound of Settling," leaving the audience bouncing in place to the pop beat and rhythms. This song blends into mainstream music, having been aired on teen shows like "The O.C." and on MTV 2.

This band appeals to anyone who has ever been lonely, felt a broken heart or experienced the ups and downs that make almost-grown-up love so great.

Stepping aside from the romantic rock aspect, Gibbard jokes about giving a lecture on genetic transfer of cognitive knowledge, and conveyed the

band's stance on politics. "Hold strong until 2008," Gibbard said.

The consistency of cheering and the audience's enthusiasm increased with every song. Sometimes the audience even clapped in sync with the band.

"The Cab was unquestionably amazing, and proved a worthy headliner," sophomore history major Nicholas Morgan said.

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NICHOLAS MORGAN
STUDENT

Sean Howard, a sophomore fish and wildlife resources major, echoed Morgan's sentiments.

"I thought it was very moving and inspirational," Howard said.

Gibbard never missed a

note, and Nick Harmer's expressive bass performance contributed to the nonstop energy throughout the concert.

After the band finished its set, the group humbly thanked everyone and left with a casual, "I'll see you later."

Death Cab clearly left an impression on the audience. The crowd eagerly clapped and called for the band to come back to the stage for an encore. Band members ran back onto the stage and conveyed somber emotion in the song "A Lack of Color."

While Barsuk Records retains rights to "Transatlanticism," the band recently signed a long-term worldwide deal with Atlantic Records.

Here's hoping that this down-to-earth band can keep its characteristic charm and sound, and can produce more acclaimed albums. With this accomplished, Death Cab for Cutie's music will be better known and reach the ears and hearts of even more listeners who can relate to a life that just wouldn't be as sweet without the sour.

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would be eased, when the train goes over one last hill and into the valley of pretty lights and overly cheerful elves where everything is marshmallows and rosy cheeks.

"Then I remembered 'The Polar Express' is just plain creepy."

Wrong again. In "The Polar Express," Santa's kingdom is a sea of factories billowing smoke, with a few small windows brightly lit in the dead of night. Those poor elves, stuck in a relentless job until 3 in the morning, the crisp air of the North Pole weighed down by pollutants. No doubt they're trucking in these kids to speed up the assembly line.

The legions of elves in Van Allsburg's drawings melt into a faceless sea. They stand at

attention, cheering wildly for their boss, Santa. Talk about worker manipulation. While Santa raises his arms to the crowd, four elves behind him are forced to drag an overloaded bag to his sleigh.

Then the happy part, when the little boy gets the first gift of Christmas, his reassurance that the train ride and Santa Claus were the real deal. He gets returned home and readers are presented with the happy ending; the boy has changed his mind and will believe in Santa forever and ever.

I read the last page, feeling a little guilty about being creeped out by the book, but still not entirely at ease. The pictures were so beautiful, with such attention to form and detail; it's no wonder it won so many awards. The story is supposed to be sweet and hopeful, and instill faith and wonder in its readers. I don't doubt that Van Allsburg is a brilliant writer and illustrator, but I closed the book, set it on the shelf, and backed slowly away.

So maybe I'm the only person on the planet who doesn't like "The Polar Express." Maybe the rest of the world is raging that I found any ill intentions in the book. Maybe I'm completely wrong, but I can't help it. I'm still trying to figure out which federal agency to call about elf labor practices.

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Women's cross country makes history

Team
receives
bid to
NCAA
Nationals

BY AMANDA SCHANK
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

The University of Idaho women's cross country team is setting the pace for future teams as it will be the first-ever Vandal women's team to compete at the NCAA National Championships.

The at-large bid came Sunday after the team finished fourth at the NCAA West Regional the day before. Indiana State University hosts nationals in Terre Haute, Ind., on Nov. 22.

Coach Wayne Phipps said qualifying for nationals was a possibility, but not guaranteed.

"We were trying to low-play this meet in terms of pressure, but we talked about how exciting it would be to go to nationals," Phipps said. "We knew that if we

were in the top six (at regionals) that we would probably go, and unless something horrible happened, we would be in the top six. That was our race strategy. We knew if we were able to relax and run it the way we've been running all year that there would be no worries."

The Vandals went into regionals ranked sixth. Their fourth-place finish is the highest finish in Idaho's history and a two-spot improvement from last year.

Five women placed in the top 50 on Saturday. Senior Letiwe Marakurwa was Idaho's top runner, finishing 10th with a time of 21:02. She was the team's highest finisher at the 2003 regionals as well at 17th place.

Juniors Mary Kamau and Bevin Kennelly and sophomores Mandy Macalister and Dee Olson placed 15th, 36th, 39th and 40th, respectively.

Senior Tania Vander Meulen also competed, but with a sprained ankle, which she injured after the meet warm-up. Phipps said she will be competing at nationals, and the injury shouldn't affect her performance.

Phipps expects the women to place in the top 20 at nationals.

"We're going to be more aggressive than in the past this year," Phipps said. "Right now our team is so deep that if one or two girls don't run well, it's not as big a deal for our team as it would be for other teams that depend on a few girls. ... Depth is key at a meet like this."

No. 1 ranked Stanford won Saturday's meet for the seventh-straight year with Arizona State finishing second, automatically qualifying for nationals. UC Santa Barbara, University of Washington and UCLA placed third, fifth and sixth, respec-

tively. The Vandals are one of 13 teams to receive an at-large bid. Other conference teams to receive the bid were the Cal Poly men and UC Santa Barbara women.

The women will join fellow West Region schools Stanford, Arizona State, UC Santa Barbara, Washington and UCLA at nationals.

The West Region and Great Lakes Region will have the highest number of teams at nationals, each sending six.

"The worst situation that could happen is that we're still one of the top 31 teams in the nation and we made it (to nationals)," Phipps said. "We're excited because we're absolutely in a no-lose situation."

The men's cross country team sent only senior Jan Eitel to compete at regionals. Eitel recorded a 39th-place finish with a time of 31:30.

Women's
basketball
begins
season
with win

BY AMANDA SCHANK
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

The University of Idaho women's basketball team opened its season with a 77-62 win against Baden Sports in Sunday's exhibition game.

"I was very pleased with how we started," coach Mike Divilbiss said. "We went through a stretch after the half where we kind of thought the game was over. In the first five minutes of the second half I don't think we came out and reset the line of scrimmage real hard."

"We lost our focus a little bit, but we got it back, which showed some competitive maturity. We played in spurts, which is pretty typical for this early in the year."

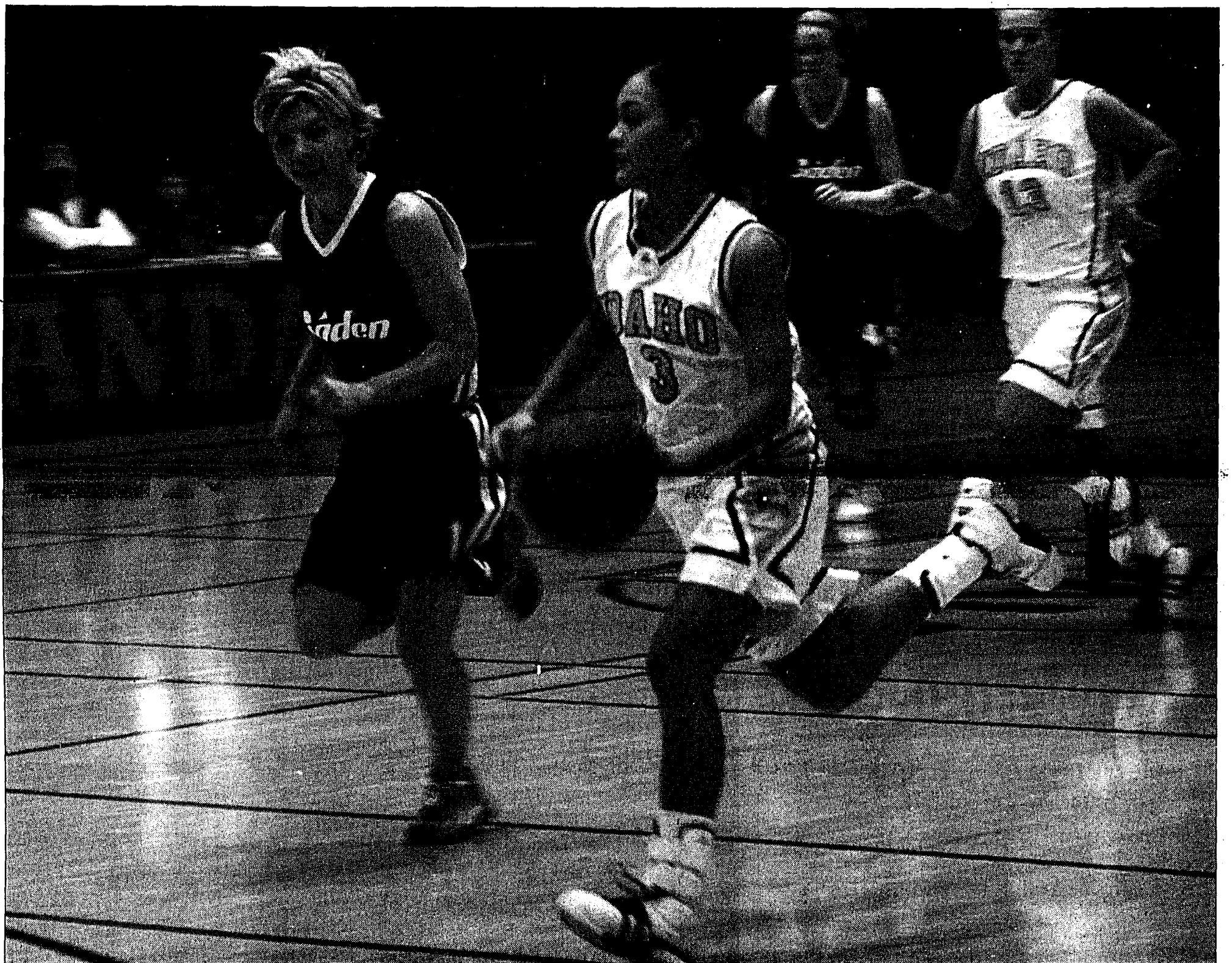
The Vandals began strong with sophomore guard Leilani Mitchell and junior post Emily Faurholt scoring the initial 12 points only four minutes into the game. The other starting players were freshman post Lauren Frazee, sophomore wing Karly Felton and senior wing Heather Thaelke.

Idaho held onto the lead the entire game, going into the half with a 36-24 advantage. It allowed a two-point scoring difference only once. The team's highest point advantage was 19.

"We worked really well together as a team," Faurholt said. "There's definitely some chemistry things that we'll figure out, and this is our first game so we didn't focus quite as long as usual, but it went really well. We're unselfish and we understand where the ball needs to go."

The game also gave two of the team's seven freshmen their first college playing experience. Frazee and post Jessica Summers got 29 and 18 minutes of playing time, respectively.

Frazee scored nine points and



Sophomore Leilani Mitchell charges down the court on a fast break against Baden Sports Sunday.

JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT

snagged eight rebounds. Summers scored one point with seven rebounds.

According to Divilbiss, the two freshman posts went into the game under a lot of pressure, but played with maturity and aggression.

"They stepped up," Divilbiss

said. "They were really physical and aggressive, and whether they score a lot of points or not doesn't matter, because they're going to. They give us a physical presence that I don't think we had last year. They're both strong physical kids that can rebound a basketball."

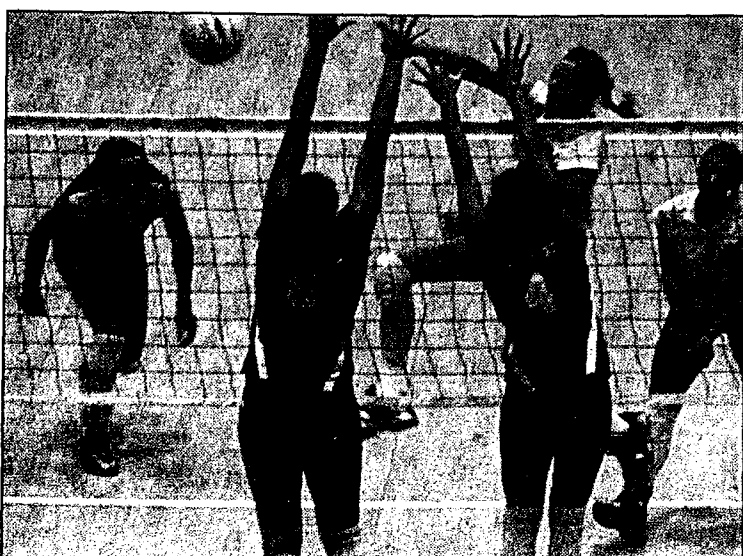
Faurholt lived up to the title she earned last year as NCAA Scoring Champion by leading the team with 27 points. Faurholt also had seven rebounds. Mitchell scored 17 points with six assists and Thaelke finished with 12 points and five rebounds.

Divilbiss said the game was a good start to the season and gave the team a chance to see what it could improve on.

"We need to develop some consistency," Divilbiss said. "We're going to score points; there's no question that we can make baskets. But if we're going to go to

the level that the girls have their goal set at, then we're going to have to defend and rebound a little bit more consistently than we did tonight."

The Vandals play their first non-exhibition home game Friday against Utah Valley State.



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Sarah Meek spikes the ball in the volleyball game against Riverside Saturday at Memorial Gym.

Volleyball dominates final home game

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY
ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho volleyball team had one of its strongest performances of the season Saturday, sweeping conference opponent UC Riverside on Senior Night in Memorial Gym.

In the last home game for the seniors, the team gave them something to remember with a dominating win. The seniors on the team are Mandy Becker, Amy Chamberlain, Sarah Meek and Brooke Haerberle.

Idaho showed complete control of the match from the beginning, only being behind Riverside in the first game with a score of 1-2. From there, the Vandals took control and never gave up the lead,

winning 30-15, 30-18 and 30-11.

In the first game, Idaho came out strong, but so did the Highlanders. The first few points turned into long rallies with both teams playing solid defense. But Idaho eventually took the role of the dominant team, coming up with blocks and kills on its way to an easy win.

"I thought that the kids played great tonight," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "They really took control of the match from the beginning. I am really happy with the win tonight."

In the second game, Idaho's dominance became even more apparent, with the Vandals blocking most of their opponent's attacks. Defense turned out to be the key to the win, as the team played some of its best volleyball of the year, coming away with another comfortable

win. "Our team has a Jekyll and Hyde side to it. When we are on, we are untouchable and we can play with anyone in the nation," Meek said. "It's just a matter of really harnessing that and coming out and playing like we did tonight."

In her last home game, Meek finished with 16 kills, two service aces and seven blocks. Other key players were Haerberle and junior Kati Tikker. Tikker ended up with 12 kills and three blocks while Haerberle added 11 kills and 11 digs.

"This win feels really good. This is the first game where we played the way we know we can the entire time," Tikker said. "We never really let up as much as we have in the past. It was a good way to go out with a win on our last home game of the season."

Thomas runs over Vandals

Idaho loses final Sun Belt game to North Texas

BY BRENNAN GAUSE
SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Despite injuries, penalties and the chore of stopping Jamario Thomas, the nation's leading rusher, the University of Idaho football team managed to stay close to North Texas Saturday before losing 51-29.

After falling behind 30-8 in the second quarter, the Vandals (3-8, 2-5) battled back, narrowing the lead to eight on a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Michael Harrington to Luke Smith-Anderson with 6:12 left in the fourth quarter. The Mean Green (6-4, 6-0) held on though, scoring an insurance touchdown with less than two minutes to play, and returning an interception for a touchdown with 46 seconds left.

It was Idaho's final game in the Sun Belt. The loss drops the Vandals' career conference record to 7-20. Idaho will wrap up its season and begin a new chapter of Vandal football Saturday when it faces Hawai'i. The Rainbow Warriors are members of the Western Athletic Conference, into which Idaho moves next season.

The loss affected the Vandals in more than just their win-loss record. Freshman running back Jayson Bird, who was averaging 85.6 yards rushing per game, went down with a knee injury on his first carry and missed the rest of the game. Fellow freshman running back Lumbala injured his shoulder later in the game, forcing senior fullback Willie Sipoloo to assume the rushing duties. Sipoloo finished with 53 yards and one touchdown on 15 carries.

"I got a couple reps in practice because we knew we might be short-handed," Sipoloo said. "And it was a good thing because I actually got in there."

The Mean Green were led by Thomas, the nation's leading rusher at 190 yards per game, who rushed for four touchdowns and a Sun Belt record 291 yards. It was Thomas' fifth consecutive game with more than 200 yards rushing, tying Marcus Allen and Barry Sanders for the NCAA record.

Thomas started his record-setting day on North Texas' first drive of the game. On the third play Thomas broke free for a 70-yard touchdown run. Six minutes later he broke free again, this time for a 31-yard touchdown run.

"Thomas is one of the top running backs in the nation. You see him on film and you can see that," defensive end Mike Anderson said, "but you don't know how good he is until you go out there and

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Stars Of The Game

Idaho: Senior Bobby Bernal-Wood and freshman Desmond Belton combined for 20 catches for 293 yards. Bernal-Wood finished with 137 yards and one touchdown while Belton had 156 yards.

North Texas: Freshman running back Jamario Thomas set a Sun Belt Conference record with 291 yards rushing (he also ran for four touchdowns). It was Thomas' fifth straight game with more than 200 yards rushing, which ties the NCAA record.

Next Up

Idaho faces off against Hawai'i Saturday in Honolulu, Hawaii.

play him. He sees the holes really well. ... You give him a crease and he'll take it."

With its rushing attack stymied by injuries, Idaho went to the air, where Harrington threw for 328 yards and two touchdowns (he also had three interceptions), including one to senior Bobby Bernal-Wood. Although the Vandals' leading receiver with 799 yards, it was Bernal-Wood's first touchdown of the year.

Bernal-Wood (137 yards receiving) and freshman Desmond Belton (156 yards) teamed up to catch 20 of Harrington's 24 completions. Idaho's last game with two receivers with 100 yards or more receiving was in 2003 and was also against North Texas.



Arkansas State
3-7, 3-3

vs

Utah State
2-8, 1-6

Darren Toney returned a punt 61 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown and Eric Nelhouse kicked three field goals, sending Arkansas State to a victory over Utah State on Thursday night. It was the sixth-straight loss for the Aggies and their first game since coach Mick Dennehy was fired on Monday.

Middle Tennessee
5-5, 4-3 **37**

vs

Louisiana-Monroe
4-6, 3-3 **24**

Clint Marks threw two touchdown passes to Kerry Wright to lead Middle Tennessee past Louisiana-Monroe. Marks hit Wright for scores covering 15 and 37 yards and finished the day 26-of-36 for 241 yards, with no interceptions, to pace the Blue Raiders. MTSU rushed for a season-high 213 yards.

Troy
6-4, 4-2 **13**

vs

Louisiana-Lafayette
4-6, 2-4 **10**

Sean Dawkins scored Troy's only touchdown on a 9-yard run, while the Trojans came up with three crucial interceptions and stopped a fourth-and-short play to hold off Louisiana-Lafayette. DeWhitt Betterson rushed for 122 yards for Troy.

New Mexico State
5-5, 4-2 **35**

vs

Florida Atlantic
6-3 **7**

Buck Pierce threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as New Mexico State defeated Florida Atlantic. Pierce was 16-of-28 for 225 yards as New Mexico State won its third-straight game. Muammar Ali and Justine Burles also had rushing touchdowns for the Aggies.

SPORTSBRIEFS

UC Santa Barbara clamps down on third straight Big West title

No. 18 UC Santa Barbara dropped its first game to host Long Beach State but powered back to win the match, and the conference championship, with a 27-30, 30-27, 30-22, 30-24 victory on Thursday in Long Beach.

North Texas wins Sun Belt title

Jamario Thomas ran for 291 yards and tied an NCAA mark with his fifth-straight 200-yard game as North Texas won its fourth consecutive conference title and a spot in the New Orleans Bowl with a 51-29 victory over UI on Saturday night.

Thomas, the nation's leading rusher entering the game at 177.3 yards a game, also scored four TDs and extended his NCAA freshman record with his sixth 200-yard game as UNT (6-4, 6-0 Sun Belt) won its 24th straight conference game. Thomas was named the Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week for his performance.

The Mean Green will play a Conference USA team in the New Orleans Bowl on Dec. 14. Defensive Player of the Week Johnny Faulk had a pair of clutch, drive-stopping, interceptions against Louisiana Lafayette to help Troy to its first road victory in Sun Belt Conference play. He was credited with seven total tackles, including two for loss, to go with the two interceptions. He also forced a fumble and broke up another pass.

Special Teams Player of the Week Darren Toney of Arkansas State returned a punt 61-yards for a touchdown, the first by an Indian

since 2000. Toney also had two special team tackles.

Nelson scoops a school record and national honors

The Big West Player of the Week, UC Santa Barbara senior libero Kristin Nelson, received national honors as the Division I Player of the Week after becoming the Gauchos' all-time school record holder for career digs with 1,651 this past weekend. She is the first-ever libero to earn the national honor.

Nelson averaged 8.60 digs, 0.38 assists and 0.12 aces per game last week en route to becoming only the fifth Gaucha to earn a Division I Player of the Week nod.

Nelson picked up 35 digs — the eighth-best single-match mark in Gaucha history — against Long Beach State to help UC Santa Barbara clinch its third straight Big West Conference title. Nelson then added 34 digs in a victory over UC Irvine, to help the Gauchos extend their winning streak to 11 matches. Nelson has posted 30 or more digs in four of her last five matches.

Friday's basketball game moved to Memorial Gym

A scheduling conflict with high school football playoffs will force the UI women's basketball team to move Friday's game vs. Utah Valley State to Memorial Gym. The game time remains 7 p.m.

Sunday's game versus Boise State will remain unchanged and will be played in the Cowan Spectrum at 1 p.m.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday

UI volleyball at Cal State Northridge Northridge, Calif., 7 p.m.

Friday

UI men's basketball at Boise State Boise, 6:05 p.m.

UI women's basketball vs. Utah Valley State Moscow, 7 p.m.

Saturday

UI swimming vs. University of Washington Moscow

UI women's basketball vs. Boise State Moscow, 1 p.m.

UI volleyball at Pacific Stockton, Calif., 7 p.m.

UI men's basketball vs. Southeastern Louisiana Boise

UI football vs. Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday

UI men's basketball vs. Fort Lewis College Boise

Monday

UI women's cross country at NCAA Championships Terre Haute, Ind.

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Robert Barkley defends against his opponent during the fencing tournament Saturday morning in the PEB.

Moscow Fencing Club hosts tournament

BY JASON LEIBLER
ARGONAUT STAFF

As a sport, fencing seems to be noticed by the public primarily during the Olympics.

But those who take time to watch will notice a sport similar to a boxing match, with competitors using highly calculated, lightning-quick moves that are actually quite enjoyable to view.

On Saturday, the Moscow Fencing Club hosted a tournament in the Physical Education Building and had two members come away with a win. Club president Byron Wong won the mixed foil event and Robert Barkley emerged with the victory in the epee event.

There are three different types of fencing: foil, epee and sabre. Each type has its own blade and rules.

"In foil, you use your point to score," Wong said. "Touches are only valid on the target area, which is only the torso. In epee, the second type of weapon, it's the whole body. In sabre, it's everything above the waist, so your

arms count."

Chris Birkenhagen, a club member who has been fencing since last semester, explained the differences in blades and techniques.

"Foil has a lighter weapon, and the target area is the chest and back," Birkenhagen said. "The right of way is very important, because you can have two touches at once.

In foil, the attacker, or initiator of the action, has the right of way. The opponent has the obligation to defend himself. If both competitors hit each other at the same time, the point goes to the attacker. In tournament elimination, each bout goes until one competitor reaches 15 points.

"The next step up is epee, which is a heavier blade," Birkenhagen said. "In that case the right of way is not as important, so it's basically whoever touches first. The other one is sabre, which is an edged blade, so it's heavier. It has a V-shape to it, so touches on both the tip and actual blade count."

In tournament action, there is

FENCING CLUB

The Moscow Fencing Club meets in the lower gym of the Physical Education Building from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, and encourages anyone who is interested to come and see what fencing is all about. The club provides the proper attire and weapons for its members.

a referee controlling each bout, but hits are measured electronically. Competitive fencing requires fencers to wear a metallic vest, which will permit the hits to be registered by an electric scoring apparatus.

When asked what he liked most about the sport of fencing, Birkenhagen said, "The skill that's involved. It's a finesse game, so you've got to have really good control over your body and blade."

These are best scams colleges can devise?

BY RICK MORRISSEY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(KRT) — The best bogus job ever devised was the one the University of Iowa allegedly came up with for basketball star Connie Hawkins in the summer of 1960. They handed him the heavy responsibility of ridding the football stadium of seaweed.

As much as Hawkins might have wanted to keep a constant vigil, there wasn't much work to do, seeing as how the nearest ocean was about 1,000 miles away.

Say what you want about the dishonesty of the job but please don't skimp when handing out points for creativity. It was all for naught, though, because Hawkins eventually was kicked out of Iowa after being linked to a gambling and point-shaving scandal. And he didn't even have any kelp to show for it.

Former Ohio State running back and current I'll-say-anything guy Maurice Clarett recently made some sensational accusations against his old school: that boosters gave him thousands of dollars, that academic advisers steered him toward classes he could pass without attending, that coach Jim Tressel arranged loaner cars for him, and that Tressel's brother set up lucrative jobs that didn't involve work.

Other than that, everything was on the up and up. If these charges are true, it means that, while technology keeps marching along and advances are made in almost every other field, cheating in college sports hasn't evolved much in the past 50 years.

I don't want to be perceived as a guy who condones deceit, but ... can't they do better than this? Isn't there a more interesting job market for pampered football players? According to Clarett, Dick Tressel, a Buckeyes assistant, got the running back well-paying landscaping jobs. These were the best kind of well-paying landscaping jobs, the kind that apparently don't require a landscaper to show up.

Let's assume for a moment that Clarett is telling the truth, with the full understanding that the guy has the approximate credibility of a convicted felon/police informant. I would feel much better if the landscaping job involved growing AstroTurf. Something creative, folks. If you're going to cheat, have a sense of humor

about it.

I would feel much better if a school went on probation for, say, giving athletes telemarketing jobs that didn't involve talking on the telephone. If you're going to cheat, help make the world a nicer place.

Another problem area is the automobile. Whenever you see a college athlete riding around in a new SUV, it automatically should raise eyebrows, if not red flags.

It's such an old way of cheating that, if Red Grange had shown up at Illinois with a new horse and buggy, people would have started looking for his street agent.

"I love transfers because their cars are already paid for," Jerry Tarkanian once said.

Giving 18-year-old kids money or cars and expecting them to be low-key about it is unrealistic. You would have a better chance of getting rich in Las Vegas than of getting a college athlete to be shy about his ill-gotten gains. (On the other hand, your odds of getting rich at UNLV ...)

So, yeah, the car thing is a cliché. But schools continue to use it as a carrot. If I were a coach, this is what I would say to a player: "I know that in your very limited life experience, a car means everything to you. You can't think of anything more desirable than a nice ride, unless it's a nice ride that comes with the standard-feature hot-looking tutor. But I'm here to tell you that the first place NCAA investigators and snoopy reporters go when looking for infractions is the team parking lot. Two words: Free moped."

We also are seeing the same academic fraud we were seeing 40 years ago. A few years back, Minnesota went on probation when a tutor admitted to writing papers for basketball players. If you're going to cheat, think big. Get somebody to write a doctoral dissertation for your freshman power forward on "Designing Recombinant Hemoglobins."

All of this — the cars, the phony jobs, the academic shenanigans — cries out for football and basketball going to a minor-league system in which the athletes are paid and the inducements are legal.

But what fun would that be? In Dan Jenkins' novel "Way Out of Bounds; Life Its Own Self," a Texas Christian booster suggests buying a recruit his own 7-Eleven "so he can rob it anytime he wants to."

Ridiculous, but it's a start.

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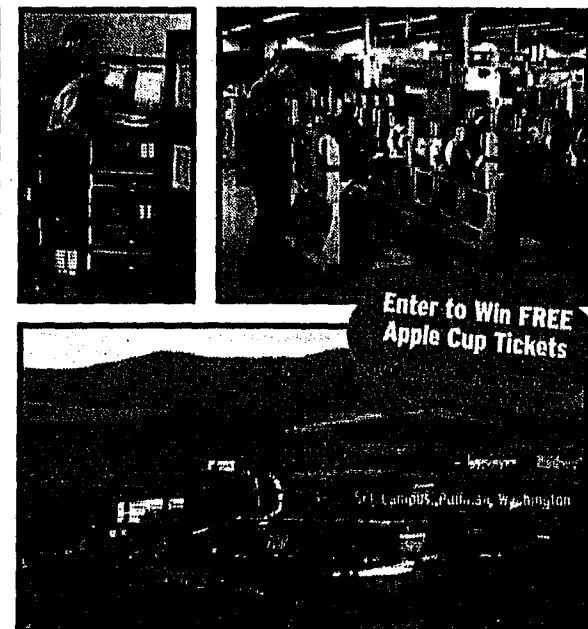
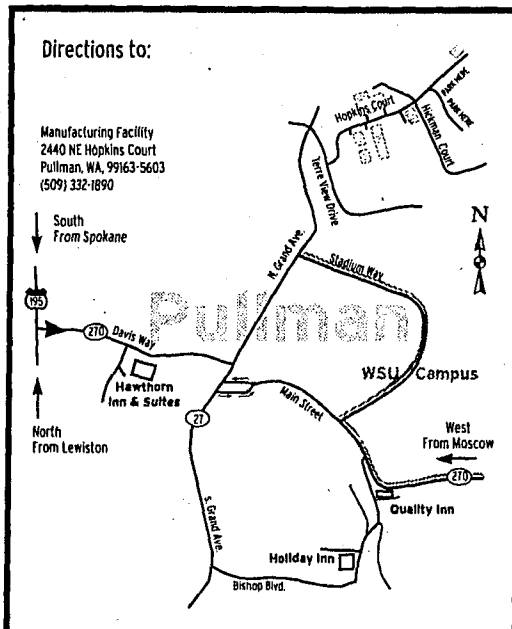
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