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ASUI election sees biggest turnout in four years

> BY JACOB MORRIS ARGONAUT STAFF

taking a few moments early this week to either cast their ballots online or make a quick stop at a campus voting booth, 1,172 students made their voices heard in the 2004 ASUI elections, electing Autumn Hansen and Jess Helsley ASUI president and vice president. The results were announced Wednesday night in the Idaho Commons.

This year's voter turnout equaled 20 percent of the University of Idaho student body and was the highest voter turnout in four years, bested only by 2000's 20.5 percent.

Hansen and Helsley were elected by 835 of their peers, taking 48 percent of the vote. Tom Callery and Alex Stegner received 33 percent,

"We're going to hit the ground running."

AUTUMN HANSEN ASUI PRESIDENT-ELECT

and Mike McElhinney and Luke Edwards received 18 percent. Hansen said she and Helsley plan

to start working as soon as they are

sworn in Dec. 13. "We don't want there to be SEE PAGE 3 Myhrum prepares any lag time, Helsley said to exit said, referring to the

transitional period between administrations.

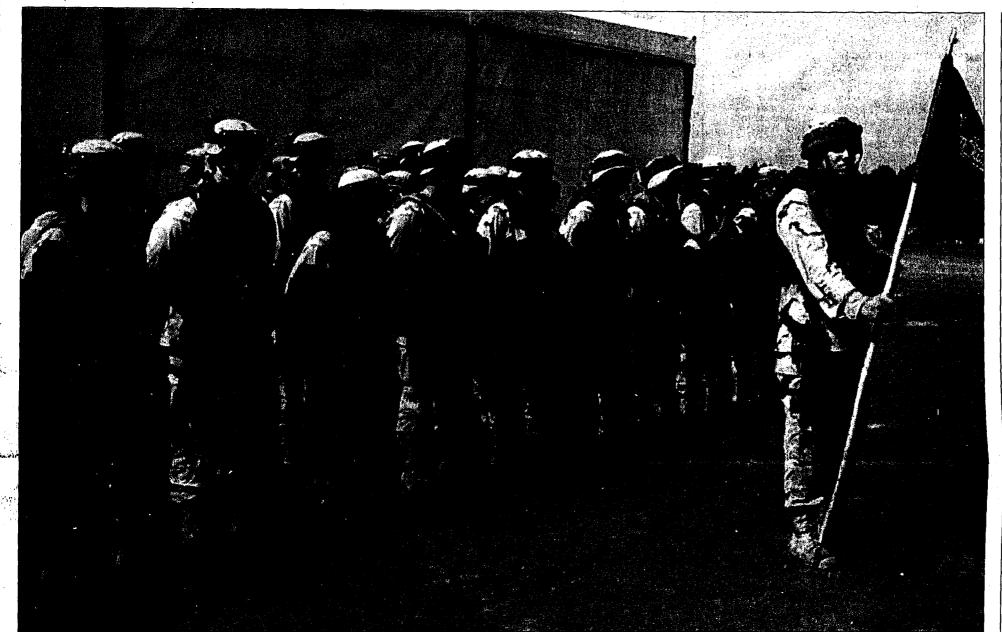
"We're going to hit the ground running," Hansen said. Hansen said she thought the

deciding issues in the election were

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JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT Autumn Hansen was announced the winner of the ASUI presidential election Wednesday night in the Idaho Commons Rotunda.



UI fraternity placed on probation

BY NATE POPPINO ARGONAUT STAFF

The University of Idaho chapter of Delta Sigma Phi has been L placed on probation by its national office and UI officials following an investigation into the Sept. 19 deaths of two fraternity members.

UI students Jason Yearout, 20, and Jack Shannon, 19, died when the motorcycle they were riding hit a railroad tie on the fraternity's front lawn. Idaho State Police determined Yearout, who was driving the motorcycle, was legally drunk at the time with a blood alcohol level of .16,

with a blood alcohol level of .16, twice the legal limit. Because Yearout was younger than the legal drinking age, both the national office of Delta Sigma Phi and the University of Idaho launched their own investigations into the events leading to his death.

"All chapter property must remain alcohol-free through the probation period."

SCOTT WILEY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DELTA SIGMA PHI

Scott Wiley, Delta Sigma Phi exec utive director, said his office decided

The Idaho National Guard is preparing in Fort Polk, La., to begin a yearlong mission in northern Iraq.

The long goodby

After five months of training the Idaho Army National Guard prepares for a Thanksgiving send-off to Iraq

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI ARGONAUT STAFF

s students desert the University of A Idaho campus for their Thanksgiving destinations, about 1,600 members of the Idaho Army National Guard will be trav-

eling in the opposite direction. Moscow is home to about 40 of the Idaho National Guard soldiers who will depart from Alexandria, Louisiana the day after Thanksgiving to begin a 12-month mission in porthorm lang northern Iraq.

The troops assigned to the 116th Calvary Brigade make up the largest guard deployment in state history, and face their rapidly approaching departure after nearly five

months of training. In early July, the Idaho soldiers traveled to Fort Bliss in Texas to join the 116th Brigade Combat Team, made up of 4,300 sol-diers from 10 different states. In early October, training continued when the sol-diers moved to Fort Polk in Louisiana.

Despite an untimely departure, the Idaho National Guard troops are eager to begin their service, said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, public affairs officer for the Idaho National Guard in Boise.

'They're ready to start this mission and sink their teeth into it, and do the mission and return home to their families and their

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PHOTO COURTESY IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne visited Idaho National Guard soldiers at Fort Polk, La., earlier this year.

PHOTO COÚRTESY IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD

the local chapter had abused frater-

nity policies and placed the chapter on probation until Dec. 31, 2005. "All chapter property must remain alcohol-free through the pro-bation period and the chapter is expected to comply with all risk expected to comply with all risk management guidelines and proce-dures of the fraternity," Wiley said.

The chapter will return to good standing if it complies with the probation requirements for the entire year. Wiley said his office will work with the chapter to ensure they meet the requirements.

"For example, in order to come in compliance they have to adopt risk management guidelines for all social activities. We'll know about that and will work with them to do so," Wiley said

Wiley said he wanted to compli-ment the chapter on its conduct dur-ing the investigation, saying they cooperated fully with the national office.

UI's investigation into the chapter also finished this week, said Bruce Pitman, UI dean of students. Pitman said UI's investigation came to simi lar conclusions and the university is issuing the same sanctions as the

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Flu vaccine not expected. to make it to UI campus

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD ARGONAUT STAFF

he University of Idaho Student Health Center has still not received any of the alternate flu vaccinations it ordered to compensate for the nationwide flu vaccine shortage

"It is still very up in the air whether we're going to get it or not."

> **BETH PAPINEAU** HEAD NURSE, UI STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The health center was informed in early October it would not be receiving any influenza shots this flu season. In response, it ordered about 300 doses of FluMist, a nasal spray containing a weakened ver-sion of the live flu virus.

Health center head nurse Beth Papineau said she

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Gov. issues warrants to bring suspects to Idaho

Suspects in murder will not face death penalty

> BY JESSIE BONNER NEWS EDITOR

The extradition of two men charged in the murder of University of Idaho football player Eric McMillan is now in the hands of Washington Gov. Gary Locke.

James J. Wells, 25, is being held at the Whitman County Jail in Colfax and his nephew, Thomas J. Riggins, 23, is being held at the King County Jail in Seattle. Matthew R. Wells, 27, arrived in Latah County Monday afternoon after waiving extradition at a court appearance in Whitman County Superior Court last week.

Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson said Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has signed a governor's warrant to bring James Wells and Riggins to Idaho, where they have

been indicted by a grand jury earlier this month. Warrants were mailed to Gov. Locke's office Nov. 12 and should have been received earlier this week, Thompson said

"We haven't heard anything from the Washington governor's office," Thompson said Thursday evening. Matthew and James Wells face charges of first-degree murder of

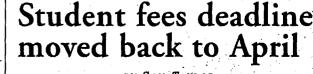
McMillan, a 19-year-old cornerback for the UI football team who died after being shot at his apartment in Moscow the afternoon of Sept. 19.

Riggins is being charged with being a principle to murder. All three are facing charges of conspiracy.

Thompson said he plans to follow up with the governor's office today or early next week if he does not receive information regarding the warrants. "I am hoping the process will be expedited," Thompson said.

James Wells remains in the Whitman County Jail in Colfax where felony charges of eluding police





BY SAM TAYLOR ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Student fees could be a major issue for the next ASUI president. The Idaho State Board of DEducation decided to change its deadline for deciding how much students should pay to attend the University of Idaho.

The state board used to regularly rule on student fee increase proposals from Idaho colleges and universities but in April, it moved its deadline for deciding on fees to January in an experiment that lasted

one year. The board recently decided to move the deadline back to April. UI administrators are not complaining, said Jay Kenton, UI vice president of Finance and Administration.

"Well, that's definitely a good thing, but during the December meeting we'll still have to discuss fees with the board," Kenton said. "Basically board policy requires approval if an institution wants to increase fees by more than 10

percent, and I'm not sure where we're going to end up."

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²² In the Nov. 5 edition of the Argonaut, the name of Greg Tatham, director of Idaho Commons and Student Union, was misspelled in the story "UI federation disputes standing of UI athletics."

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OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST SUNDAY TODAY SATURDAY



SENATEREPORT

Open Forum

David Goodman, director of Health and Wellness, updated the senate on the affairs of his department. He said there have been no challenges to the Student Health Insurance Program and no students have requested to be removed from SHIP.

'This is a first," Goodman said.

Luke Wilson, the recently appointed assistant director of Health and Wellness, is doing well in his position, Goodman said. Wilson is assisting in preparing the department for next semester's budget and also is working with Goodman to distribute a pamphiet designed to inform students of different wellness programs available at the University of Idaho

A representative from the Faculty Council discussed the possibility of implementing a plus-and-minus grading system at UI. If the system were to be implemented, a B+ would have a better effect on a student's GPA then a B or B-. The council has not yet decided on whether to implement the system. Sen. Eric Everett expressed the concerns of a UI living group.

'They were overwhelmingly opposed to the idea," Everett said.

Parliamentarian Hank Johnston spoke briefly to the senate. He said he was particularly impressed with the parliamentary procedure of the senate and gave "major kudos" to all the senators. Johnston said this will be his last semester being involved with ASU and he will be going on hiatus in the spring. He will be back in fall 2005.

Presidential Communications

President Isaac Myhrum's weekly address to the senate also was brief. He said he had participated in a meeting with the Moscow City Council to discuss the crosswalk situation on the Moscow-Pullman Highway. He planned to attend a meeting from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the College of Natural Resources, Room 200.

Communications

Sen. Alex Stegner met with Marty Peterson, UI lobbyist to the Idaho State Legislature, and discussed possibilities for student participation in lobbying the legislature to achieve full funding for UI. Stegner and his ad hoc committee for tobbying hope to meet with Peterson often to increase communication.

New Business

Four new bills were introduced to the senate. Bill F04-28 would appoint Emily Anderson to the position of ASUI Civic Engagement Catalyst editor. Bill F04-29 would appoint Kelly Erickson to the position of ASUI director of community relations. Bill F04-30 would remove the ASUI business adviser from the ASUI president's cabinet. Bill FO4-31 would appoint Shruti Upadhyaya to the position of ASUI Academics Board chair. Bills F04-28, 29 and 31 were authored by Myhrum and will be sent to the Government Operations and Appointments Committee. Bill F04-30 was authored by Everett and will be sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee.



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

UITV-8

8 p.m. Sunday SRC food and fitness drive

"UI Voices" 7:30 p.m.

NEWSBRIEFS

UI launches into space

An Idaho-developed microelectronics chip will be on board NASA's deep-space mission to the outposts of our planetary system from 2006-2015.

The chip was developed at the Center for Advanced Microelectronic and Biomolecular Research at the UI Research Park in Post Falls.

It will provide data fault protection against the effects of space radiation and other environmental "noise" as NASA's New Horizons spacecraft travels to Pluto

from 2006-2015. Jody Gambles, associate director at

the center, said the technology has been in development for 15 years.

The chip will function at the heart of the on-board memory, solid-state recorder, encoding stored data in a way that will detect and correct any upsets as

the data is later retrieved. The chip itself is radiation-hardened to prevent errors from occurring during the

encoding, detection and correction processes

Similar CAMBR chips are found on many other projects, including the Hubble Space Telescope

Besides Pluto, New Horizons will explore Charon and other Kuiper Belt objects.

Recent scientific debate over Pluto, the ninth planet in the solar system, suggests it may not be a planet at all, but part of the icy comets or asteroids in the Kuiper Belt, according to a UI press release.

As with other deep space missions, New Horizon's path to Pluto will not be direct. During the mission's second year the spacecraft will fly close to Jupiter, investigate some of the Jovian moons, steal some orbital energy and "slingshot" toward Pluto.

Wellness program plans 3,700 mile jaunts

People registered with UI's Wellness Program have been working toward a goal of walking the equivalent of the Lewis and Clark Trail, and hope to finish that goal by the last week of November.

"America On The Move," a nationwide free fitness effort to get Americans to take 2,000 more steps (one mile) and eat 100 fewer calories every day, started the program to give out pedometers to participants, including members of the UI com-

Those registered have been logging their miles and following their progress on the America on the Move Web site, which has them on one of four routes they chose Participants hope to make their goal of 3,700 miles by Nov. 25 The wellness program has been promoting the program around campus and especially to teachers and staff. 'Research shows that taking a stretch and walking around once every hour makes us more productive," said Peg Hamlett, UI weilness program organizer, of deskbound academics and office workers. "You can find an extra 2,000 steps a day by choosing stairs over elevators, parking farther from your building, walking to your davtime destinations rather than driving, and taking evening strolls. The first America On The Move day

SRC; bring two cans of food noon Monday

ASUI senate meeting

UITV-8

Fall recess Fall recess is Nov. 22-26 at UI

ter 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. Eim, Idaho, Blake, Sweet, Nez Perce, University and Paradise Creek.

Parking and storage for vehicles is available in the Kibbie West Lot and the Sweet Avenue parking lot during the cleanup.

This is especially important for vehicles being left on the street for the holiday break

The Moscow Police Department will be making extra patrols through parking lots during this time.

Once any street has been cleaned it is

open for parking again. For more information call (208) 885-6246.

Moscow Charter School hosts silent auction Nov. 20

The Moscow Charter School hosts its third annual spaghetti supper and silent auction from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Hamilton Lowe Indoor Recreation Center.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$4 for children 3-12, \$6 for adults and \$18 for a family of four. The Moscow **Charter School Parent Action Team is** sponsoring the dinner and auction. Proceeds will benefit the Moscow Charter School Playground Fund.

Thanksgiving comes 'Night Before' for student group

A UI student group from the Communications 332 class will hold a 'Night Before' Thanksgiving Dinner at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Augustine's Church across from the UI SUB. Volunteers are needed to help serve

dinner to families in the Palouse area who are not able to afford their own Thanksgiving meals.

The student group asks any community members who will be in town Wednesday to donate a dish for the dinner or be available to attend and supervise the event

All forms of donations are accepted and would be appreciated.

People interested in volunteering for this event can e-mail chri3671@uidaho.edu with their name. contact information, how they would like to participate and the times they would be available to neib

The Latah County Human Rights Task

Two recipients are selected each year.

This year's breakfast is scheduled for

One award is given to someone who has a

A Junior Award is presented to a high

school, university student, or some other

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The award is named for Rosa Parks,

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Past recipients include Moscow

schoolteacher Susan Hodgin, Upward

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Thanksgiving Break street cleanup starts Saturday

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deciding issues in the election were related to safety and she intends to pursue plans for an alcohol task force that is in its beginning stages in the current ASUI senate.

The new team intends to improve relations with the Idaho State Legislature through Marty Peterson, special assistant to UI President Tim White and UI lobbyist, and an ad hoc committee organized by presidential candidate Tom Callery and his running mate Alex Stegner. Callery and Stegner will remain members of the ASUI senate through spring semester 2005 and said they are excited to begin working closely with their newly elected leaders.

Stegner commented on his loss, saying, "Well, we gave it our best shot. And that's democracy for you;

you can't argue with that." Hansen and Helsley said they saw things in Callery and Stegner's platform that were appealing and could possibly be implemented. "It was really exciting to

see that passion in the candidates," Hansen said.

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Other clinics around Moscow are also still dealing

Center, only flu vaccines for its Kendrick and Potlatch

clinics are still available, said Sue Rand, Gritman's

infection control practitioner.

Moscow patients," she said.

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The new ASUI administrators said they hope to create a more well-rounded student experience in which students can put trust in their professors. They want to implement an "experiential advising" program to make the student advising process more efficient. "I have worked hard to

establish my credibility," Hansen said. "People know us; they trust our leadership.'

În an emotional conversation with his daughter, Hansen's father, K.C. Hansen, said, "Just make sure everything you do you can look back on and be proud of."

Hansen assured her father she would do just that.

Callery and Stegner are not sure if they will run for the executive branch next year, but said they have not ruled out the possibility.

"I've got a lot of time left here at UI, and next year I'll be a year wiser and a year stronger," Stegner said.

ASUI senators also were elected Wednesday. The seven new senators include Kirsten Cummings, Eric Everett, Travis Galloway, Kris Kido, Brady Lang, Ryan Marsh and Hartley Reidner, who will be sworn in Dec. 13.

"We don't have any adult

flu vaccine, although we do have some for children up to age 18," Nurse Mary Pernique said.

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FluMist," Berger said.

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Despite the difficulties faced by those in search of

the flu vaccine this year, Papineau said there have

been very few cases of the

Control and Prevention stat-

"We've seen a case here

Myhrum prepares to exit

said.

BY ALLISON OCKINGA ARGONAUT STAFF

As a new team of student leaders gets ready to be sworn into office next month, Isaac Myhrum is putting the finishing touches on his term as ASUI president.

The University of Idaho saw many changes during Myhrum's term, he also dealt with several large issues that had a major impact on UI.

Myhrum said stopping the consolidation of the Student Recreation Center into the athletic department in the spring was a major accomplishments under his leadership, as well as bringing back Vandal Taxi for this academic vear.

Other matters Myhrum had a hand in include the uniselection versitv's of President Tim White and a "feisty battle" to keep student fees low. This ongoing battle will fall into the hands of the incoming president when the issue is voted on in April.

"There were lots of big challenges this year, which brought on unique opportunities and encouraged strong relationships. It's tough to leave, but I'm confident that whoever's in office will keep

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Peter Berger, Moscow national fraternity. Family Medicine administra-"We feel that it is in the tor, said they have a very low best interest of the chapter number of the FluMist availto just have one set of sancable. Berger said he thinks tions to deal with," Pitman people would prefer to receive the regular flu vaccisaid. "We are interested in the health and welfare of the guys in this chapter and nation, which contains the feel these sanctions will help improve chapter cul-"There has been more resistance by the public to ture.

Pitman said the investigation focused on a fraternity party that evening when members got together to

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Matthew Wells made an initial court appearance in Latah County Tuesday where he was introduced to new legal council. Steve Martonick, who represented in Matthew Wells in Whitman Supe County, is not licensed to practice in Idaho.

Stegner appointed Charles Kovis as a public defender and bail was set at \$1 million. An arraignment has been scheduled for Nov. 29.

Thompson said he would not be seeking the death penalty against the three men, who face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

James Wells is scheduled to appear at 10 a.m. today Whitman County Superior court.

> Additional reporting by Abbey Lostrom

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lives as civilians in Idaho," Marsano said. "They're all looking forward to that first day of being in Iraq, because they know that that's when the clock starts for them to spend a year there."

The Department of Defense notified the Idaho National Guard of the mission earlier this year. The guard has undergone extensive preparation ever since, Marsano said.

"We knew our soldiers were going to be deployed back in May," Marsano said. The Pentagon notified us on February 29 that it was possible. So in early May, we were told that it was going to happen.

Quickly thereafter, the soldiers of the Idaho National Guard began taking the necessary preparations, notifying their employers and most importantly, their families, before attending the Idaho National Guard's annual training in May and June in Boise.

There, the soldiers were reintroduced to basic training in first aid, weapons training, map reading and many other areas before disembarking for Fort Bliss, Texas, for more intense and specialized training for operations in Iraq.

In early October, training continued when the soldiers moved to Fort Polk in

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Kenton said a significant amount of increase requests have been asked for this year, including a \$24.75 increase per student from ASUI president Isaac Myhrum.

Because of the significant requests we got, we will say we may want a request of more than 10 percent in total, and we are working with student leadership on that," Kenton said.

Administrators, however, will be meeting with a new set of student leaders next semester, due to the large number of new senators being elected and a new executive branch being put into office by UI students.

"(President) Tim (White) and I would like to go in to the board with the student leaders in agreement about what we want." Kenton said.

There are no solid plans for fee proposals from Kenton's office, where he is still fairly fresh from his transfer from Portland State University, where he was considered instrumental in bringing the institution out of a financial rut.

Kenton, along with other budget offi-cials at PSU, demolished the "tuition plateau," or the flat rate students paid for taking 12-18 credits at the universi-

According to budget records from PSU, when students began paying per credit for classes, student tuition rev-enue at the school increased by about \$10 million.

Earlier this semester, Kenton sat down with the UI Faculty Council to discuss fee issues and mentioned that it might be appropriate for the university to consider implementing the same thing Portland State University did.

Hey Night Owls, want a job?

Louisiana. There, the troops received a visit from Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne. Kempthorne will return to the base for five days over Thanksgiving with state civilian and military leaders to visit and eat dinner with the troops.

The 116th Brigade Combat Team will be deployed by plane Nov. 26 to Kuwait. After receiving equipment by ship, the troops will spend about two weeks assembling and preparing it. They will then head to their assigned position in Iraq

Soldiers were given 20 days of leave following their training in Fort Polk. A majority decided to return home.

Of those soldiers that got it, I'd say almost all of them came back to Idaho to see their families," Marsano said.

Marsano said morale among the soldiers has remained high during the days leading up to their departure. All have accepted the call to serve their country, and are taking responsibility for their actions, he said.

"They volunteered," Marsano said. And when they sign that contract to join, they know that there is always a possibility that they might need to serve their country if called, and that's what's happening.'

Kempthorne will travel to Louisiana next week, fulfilling a promise to shake the hands of all of the Idahoans who are members of 116th Calvary Brigade.

"I've also had discussions with the VPs of other public institutions, when we sat down for meetings, and we put a lot of issues, fees being one of them, on the table," Kenton said. "We're also looking at changing the definition of profes-sional fees and moving the fee threshold

away from nine credits." Kenton said while discussion of removing the plateau at UI has taken place, he is not optimistic that any "profound changes" will happen.

"We're going to look at all of those items and work with students," Kenton said.

While at PSU, Kenton also helped institute a 10 percent tax on all student organization transactions. But UI already had a tax on auxiliary accounts in place prior to his arrival, he said.

While he was not sure the actual increments, Kenton said he believed the tax would be slowly increased over a period of time.

"I don't have any proposals at this time, just a lot of thoughts," Kenton

Kenton said he would like to start a budget process that examines the "resource forecast" of the institution before any planning takes place.

"I do want to work with the stu-dents," Kenton said. "We have some problems financially right now that we have to deal with, and I'm hoping students don't have to bear the brunt of it, but they'll have to take some of it.'

"I want to work mutually with students when we go to the board, and I think we'll be better of if we do that rather than going there with two differ-ent sides to the issue," Kenton said, "I think that's a bad precedent to set. Obviously there's going to be some com-promise that both parties have to make.'

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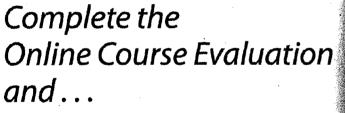
widespread flu activity at that time. The flu is present in 29 states, they said, but the number of cases is well within the norm for this time



and there, but so far it's been From Page 1 a very light year nationwide and here at the University of against him and his brother Idaho — nothing like last have been dropped. The Centers for Disease

ed in a Nov. 9 report that no states had reported any

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MAILBOX

Bicyclists should wear helmets

Dear Editor.

Although many students may imagine that a few scrapes and bruises are the worst thing that could result from a bicycle accident, the truth is that many are seriously injured as a result of deciding not to wear a safety helmet. For this, students who ride a bicycle should be required to wear a helmet, regardless of where they are riding.

Many students may think that wearing a helmet can be a waste of time or an inconvenience. Others may feel that wearing a helmet is dumb, uncool and unnecessary. Bicycles can be very expensive; however, helmets are very affordable. Unfortunately, this is something I came to realize after I had experienced a traumatizing bicycle accident. The truth is that heimets take only a few seconds out of your time to put on and can be easily latched to a backpack or even your bicycle so you don't have to carry it. In all actuality, there isn't any shame in trying to prevent brain damage or incurring a huge medical bill that could have been prevented with a helmet.

Evervone should wear a helmet regardless of his or her age when it comes to riding a bicycle on a public street or sidewalk. Parents should make it their responsibility to ensure that their children are wearing a helmet anytime they are on their bicycles and adults should take it upon themselves to set this example

Even though wearing a helmet might make you feel awkward or mess up your hair, you need to take a moment and realize that there are bigger things than your hair might get messed up, like your life

> Alex Martinez Freshman Bioloav

Appreciate campus walkways

Dear Editor,

Few probably knew that the University of Idaho's campus closed central roads because of ash from the Mount St. Helens eruption and developed into a pedestrian campus since

Today, a stunning majority of students are pedestrians on our campus. As convenient as cars have become, we must ask ourselves if these are a necessity, especially in our everyday life in Moscow.

It is the pedestrian campus that makes our school among the more friendly campus-es in America, according to the Princeton Review. I commend those who have preserved the campus walkway system and encourage the expansion of these pedestrian areas. Closing off many roads to vehicles would make the campus a more social place and expand the atmosphere that we are best known for.

Tim Hedrick

Thanks, Provost Pitcher

ollowing the resignation of Provost Brian Pitcher on Nov. 12, the Argonaut editorial board has decided to write an unprecedented edi-

torial praising an administrator. In recent history, University of Idaho administrators have been easy and deserving targets for criticism. Former presidents Bob Hoover and Gary Michael and their respective regimes committed unspeakable acts, from supporting the financially drain-ing University Place project to ignoring student voices during the attempted hijacking of the Student Recreation Center. Though their misdeeds sup-plied perfect fodder for editorials, the experiences tore apart the university.

Provost Pitcher worked with both Hoover and Michael. However, the Argonaut has never had to report that Pitcher was abusing his privileges, misusing university funds or other news of a negative nature. Instead, we have been able to report on his achievements in helping to develop and implement the UI Strategic Plan of 1998, increase

enrollment by more than 10 percent and increase funding for scholarships, academics, research and facilities.

Pitcher came to the university in 1997. He survived the collapse of the Hoover administration and served as interim president from March to June 2003. He remained as a student supporter under the Michael administration and was here to welcome President Tim White to the UI community. Throughout the upheaval, he was the one constant on which the university, its faculty, its staff and its students could depend. He did not abandon his post

In February, the university trembled as it was announced that Pitcher was one of four final candidates for the chancellorship of the North Dakota University System. Those on the North Dakota search committee cited Pitcher's competence, communication skills and leadership style among the many desirable factors that lead to his consideration. When the search committee appointed another candidate,

the UI community began to breathe again.

However, Pitcher did not remain safe from the temptations of other educational institutions. He has accepted the position as chancellor of the Washington State University Spokane extension and will begin in spring semester 2005. As he prepares for a new challenge, the UI community braces for a national search and wonders how a newcomer could possibly meet the high standards of service and

friendship set by Pitcher. As we say our fond farewells, we have one final request --- nay, demand. We ask that you, Provost Pitcher, though now a member of the WSU community, continue to root for the Vandals in the annual Battle of the Palouse.

Good luck, Provost Pitcher, the Argonaut and the students of the university will miss you.

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Friday, Nov. 19, 2004

Veryone knows that politi-cians are jackasses, but sometimes they really outdo themselves.

In the relative comfort of a brand-new term and a lame duck session of Congress, the Republicans in the House of Representatives just proved themselves to be beyond even basic common sense. Followers of poli-tics won't be surprised to find that the origin of this jackassishness is Texas Republican Tom DeLay.

Already admonished three times in the past year by the Senate ethics committee (he won his election handily anyway), DeLay is a little worried about his job. Several of DeLay's close asso-ciates have been indicted by a Texas grand jury for fundraising violations. Many feel that DeLay is not far behind.

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Indebted to DeLay for leading the charge to redraw district lines in Texas (causing the Democrats to lose five seats in the House), Republicans have rushed to

Sean's column appears his aid by passregularly on the pages of the ing a law that Argonaut. His e-mail would allow arg opinion@sub.uidaho.edu DeLay to stay in power, even

if facing felony charges that carry a possible sentence of two or more years in jail. This was, of course,

a closed-door vote. Instead of distancing them-selves from something as politically embarrassing as breaking laws in fundraising, the politicians have decided to stick by DeLay and repeal a law that they themselves passed 10 years ago when they were worried about ethical violations by Democrats.

Naturally, they are claiming the investigation is politically motivated. And I'm not saying it isn't. But if the charges are true, why does it matter what motivated the investigation? If there is enough evidence to indict DeLay

Architecture

Legalize industrial hemp

Dear Editor.

In the recent years it has become apparent that farmers in Idaho are having more and more trouble trying to make a living. This can especially be witnessed around the Moscow area. This lack of income can be attributed to many factors, one of which is a lack of profitability in the crops themselves.

What is needed is a new, more lucrative crop for farmers in Idaho and the rest of America to grow. What I'm talking about is industrial hemp (not marijuana). Such a crop can be used for building supplies, paper, foods and fuel. It has proven to be quite lucrative in Europe and other foreign markets, but has not succeeded in America due to government regulations against the farming of hemp. Such regulations are in place because the DEA has found it easier to discriminate against all species of cannabis, even though hemp has no psychoactive properties.

The movement to legalize hemp has always been viewed as very liberal, but this is not true. Conservative farmers all across America can identify with the hemp movement, and it is necessary for them to fight for their right to farm industrial hemp.

> Alex Swanson Freshman Mechanical engineering

No routes for Vandal Taxi

Dear Editor.

Most people, especially in this

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Letters policy

The Argonaut welcomes letters to the editor about current issues. However, the Argonaut adheres to a strict letter policy:

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- · Letters should focus on issues, not on personalties.
- The Argonaut reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, length, libel and clarity
- · Letters must be signed, include major and provide a current phone number.

Irony cannot make up for lack of talent

went to a show a while back. The performer, a mediocre acoustic guitar-strummer from a well-respected independ-ent label, will remain nameless. He was a relatively

underground artist; no one who would get top 40 play, but his name would be recognized by a good percentage of our indieinformed KUOI DJs.

His show sucked. He suffered through an original song or two before falling back onto covers. The musician called everybody at the show to form a circle around him and started strumming out an awful Savage Garden song. He followed

it up with a Britney Spears cover and wrapped up his set with some Matchbox

20. You would assume that a crappy musician covering crappy songs crappily would have annoyed the crowd, but it didn't. The audience members partook in the obligatory indie-show nodding-and-swaying dance and smiled to each other in general appreciation of the spectacle. The singer had beaten his mediocrity and won approval by copping out to irony, a tactic that is infiltrating entertainment and engendering complacency more and more.

The contemporary music scene is rife with ironic covers. A couple years back, Dynamite Hack – a band-moniker that's half-truthful – covered NWA's "Boyz in the Hood," securing its 15 minutes. A slew of

rap covers in alternative formats followed, including a country version of "Gin and Juice" and a host of ensuing pretenders. Alien Ant Farm, another mediocre MTV-dependent flash in the pan, covered Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal.³

Not to say that all covers are the mercenary flailings of mediocre hacks, but so often recently, co-opting a legitimately good song, or one with enough kitsch value to appeal to ama-teur hipsters, is an effective last-ditch effort to boost an appropriately flagging career or sell a few records. An inter-esting example of the opposite is Britney Spears' cover of Joan Jett's "I Love Rock and Roll;" irony incarnate itself as Britney and her ilk have done more to grind down rock than all the country's Tipper Gores and evangelical church groups combined.

The same phenomenon is impeding the quality and originality of movies as well. The vastly overrated career of Kevin Smith is absolutely dependent on mining the pop culture predecessors that made his career possible. M. Night Shyamalan, possibly the most narcissistic and middling director working, borrows so much from Spielberg he should give him co-writer status. Guy Ritchie's (Mrs. Madonna) Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" and "Snatch" are like Quentin Tarantino scripts optioned from the bargain-bin at Wal-Mart (though I'll concede "Swept Away" was pretty good).

I'm sure this has always been the case; for every Beatles there are five Dave Clark Fives. More than ever, however, this kind of backdoor plagiarism and commitment to postmodern ironic dismissal as originality has become not only acceptable, but also chic.

There is a periodical ad on The Onion's homepage for an online T-shirt merchant that specializes in the manufacture of ironic clothing. With the Goodwills and Salvation Armys of the country picked over, you can now go on the Net and spend \$18 (plus shipping and handling) to purchase a shirt manufactured to look as though it was purchased for two bucks in a thrift store. Or save that money and go to the mall for a shirt or hat hilariously emblazoned with "Jesus is My Homeboy

A similarly popular clothing mascot is Che Guevera. A week or so ago, in the course of one sitting at a local bar, I saw three different women sporting Che shirts. Not to mention the daily sightings of Che Guevera trucker caps. If there is anything CIA-murdered Communist revolutionaries would respect, it's having their likeness plastered on American clothing and sold at Zumiez next to the Sum-41 baby T's. VIVA REVOLUCION!!!

(and he has yet to be indicted). shouldn't people be a little worried about his participation in the nation's government? He wouldn't be fired if cleared of the charges.

But logic is far from a useful tool when dealing with jackasses and they have decided to give DeLay a free pass. No worries about his previous ethical lapses. no worries about his association with fraud and no worries about the idiocy of their actions could stop the House from protecting its

own. Besides, if the Republicans were so convinced DeLay hadn't done anything wrong, they wouldn't worry about passing a law to protect the congressman. The right has 30 more seats in the House; losing one for a few months is not going to hurt any voting pattern. It makes no sense to go out of their way to be hypo-critical about a law they passed in the first place.

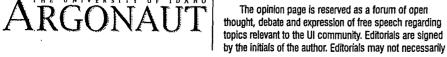
It is no secret that any jackass would have a problem dealing with possessing power (and Republicans have an abundance of power at the moment), but if this sets a precedent for how they will use it, Americans should brace themselves for the jackass movement to take control of our future.

DeLay has already proven he cares little for ethics in government, but it is sad to see his peers hop on the bandwagon and condone his actions. Don't let them get away with

it. Even if you are a devout Republican, prove to the left that your standards are higher than petty politics protecting those who have little reverence for the laws they create. Plus, if the Dems ever try to get away with this kind of nastiness (and they will, if they get the chance), you have ground to stand on to denounce it.

DeLay has made no attempt to hide the fact he is a jackass, but it is sad to see that everyone else seems to think it is OK to be one with him. This is a time to sigh, shake your head and mumble, "Jackasses," if I've ever seen one.

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Columnist not thankful this Thanksgiving

My first column sucked, and I deleted it.

And that's why, in the spirit of Thanksgiving (and being perturbed that my columns suck), I'm going to have to speak a little bit about why I'm not too thankful for anything right now

You see, it all started back in 1984. My parents — we'll call them "Bob and Julie Taylor" to protect them --- had been married nigh one year and decided to - we'll call it "copulate" to protect your young ears. And so, like totally 18 months later, I came into this

beautiful Assistant News Editor world called Earth by many intelligent people. Besides

speaking about my parents, and shoving images of old people relations into your innocent

heads, one of the things I'm address is not so thankarg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu ful for is the

phrase "like totally." I used that to make an example; I bet you shuddered

when you read it You see, this phrase came

into popularity after the film "Clueless" hit theaters nationwide, making it popular to wear insanely bright yellow and pink fashions and date your stepsiblings. I am not thankful for that movie.

I'm also not thankful for the Vandal football team. Man oh man, do they make me steam up like a hot teapot ... on the stove ... heating up ... and get-ting really hot ... and starting to steam up.

The Vandals are getting ready to play their last game in the Aloha State. No, not Arkansas silly, I'm talking about Hawaii. I'm not thankful that I will be going home to sunny, warm Coeur d'Alene and the football team gets to travel to hula girls and mai tais, that's

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for sure.

I'm also not thankful for Old Navy holiday commercials. Although, I don't know how many times I haven't just absolutely loved hearing them sing about turtlenecks - this year's hot fashion. I think the reason why they're so scrumtralescent this year is because they hide fat neck warbles (turtlenecks, not Old Navy commercials, I mean).

And so we circle the wagons back around to the point of this article - my columns suck and, for that, I'm not thankful.

Sure, I really had a doozy talking about, well, we'll call it "poo" for my sake, and I also had a whopper of artistic glory with the one about Gmail, but do you know how many other articles I've written since I've begged (and oh boy did I beg) to write in this section? 5.478.

That's right, I've written a total of 5,480 articles for this paper, but I've deleted all but two. I'm not thankful for that. Namely, I deleted them because most people wouldn't be able to handle how friggin' awesomely sweet they would be. Some of them sucked too.

I'm also not thankful for the people throwing rocks at me right now.

Oh sure, I'm on my balcony in my underwear half-dancing a jig and singing a song about dolphins, but has that ever forced people to throw rocks at me before? YES! I mean, no! OK, you see, I'm not really

unthankful during this great time of cornucopias, turkeys and football.

Sometimes, I'm just so sad that we as a community can't share in the glory of Thanksgiving. It's an important time.

Every four years we have an election and the vitriolic misers pop back down into their holes thereby leaving us to feast on the flesh of beasts smaller than we. What's better than that?

Well, besides dancing in your underwear on a balcony, I mean.

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Unorthodox bipartisans could help

(U-WIRE) U. Florida — Blue-and-red electoral maps cause America to appear firmly polarized, but a paintby-numbers nation does not accurately represent each state

Democrats hold statewide offices in red states ---likewise for elected officials in blue regions. States and their representatives cannot be easily categorized. Arlen Specter and Harry Reid, two of the elected odd men out, could play large roles in the U.S. Senate's next session - and move the body toward greater cooperation through their nontraditional partisan views.

Specter, a blue-state Republican senator, likely will take over the Senate's powerful Judiciary Committee, which has the power to prevent President Bush's judicial nominees from reaching the Senate floor. At a postelection news conference, Specter outraged abortion opponents when he said judicial nominees who would seek to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case legalizing abortion, would be "unlikelv" to be confirmed by the Senate.

In 1987, the Pennsylvania senator campaigned hard against the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court after the former attorney general ---- and Yale law professor --- indicated he would reverse Roe v. Wade. During former President Clinton's impeachment trial,

Specter criticized his own party for pressing forward with the charges.

Specter narrowly won the Pennsylvania Republican Senate primary this year against a far-right challenger who said the former Philadelphia district attorney was too liberal.

Like Specter, the Senate's new minority leader easily does not fit into a partisan mold.

A devout Mormon, Reid is a red-state Democratic senator who opposes abortion and voted against the assault weapons ban. Following his election to the Senate's top Democratic post, he urged his Republican counterparts to work alongside him.

"I would always rather dance than fight," Reid said. But he offered a warning: "I know how to fight."

His reputation as a consensus builder contrasts the fallen Tom Daschle, the South Dakota Democrat whose Nov. 2 defeat made him the first Senate leader in nearly half a century to lose a re-election bid. Widely viewed among Republicans as the stumbling block for Bush's legislative agenda. Daschle's ouster gives Senate Democrats the opportunity to revive the bipartisanship the nation sorely needs.

Furthermore, the selection of Reid and Specter to their respective positions represents a push toward the middle by both parties. Specter appeals to abortion rights advocates, not a traditionally Republican voting bloc.

Bush has extended an olive branch to Democrats. Reid may be the best choice to reach back.

Four years ago, the Senate delicately was balanced between the two parties. Republicans held a tiny majority by way of Vice President Dick Cheney's tie-breaking vote. Senate Democrats persuaded Vermont Republican Jim Jeffords to drop his party affiliation in the summer of 2001 and the Republicans did not regain their majority until the 2002 midterm elections.

Now, Republicans have strengthened their hold on the legislative chamber and the Senate's 44 remaining Democrats must prepare to be the minority for a long, time. Compromise is essential for both parties ----Democrats because they can't afford to lose any more ground and Republicans because they are five votes short of the 60 votes required to prevent filibusters.

Specter and Reid are refreshing for sticking to convictions unpopular within their own parties. Both lawmakers' effectiveness proves that both parties can gain ground in states where they traditionally have not been successful.

Suicide surrounded by sad social stigmas

(U-WIRE) U. Oregon - Suicide touches us all. Everyone knows someone who has contemplated it, or might have contemplated it themselves. Suicide can happen to anybody. Nobody is immune and it can hit without warning. At one moment a person might feel deliriously happy, content, even bored, then at the next moment everything can feel wrong. For those who suffer from depression, even the smallest incident can bring about suicidal thoughts.

When the sadness comes, it reaches to your bones. And, worst of all, it feels like it is never going to go away. It convinces you that it is permanent; that you will never again feel the slightest twinge of happiness or pleasure.

Of course, this is never the truth. Things always change. Life is always in flux. We are never powerless. Happiness will return to a sad life, just as sadness will return to a happy life. Sometimes we just need to be reminded of that. Sometimes we just need to talk to somebody. That is why 24-hour suicide hotlines and campus counseling services, make such a critical difference. A caring, anonymous voice, even in the darkest and most troubling hours of the night, can save a life.

Suicidal feelings are nothing to be ashamed about. As a culture, we need to be more open about our dark emotions. We aren't weak for feeling these things. We aren't "mentally ill." It isn't abnormal. It isn't childish. There should be absolutely no stigma attached to having suicidal thoughts. What we need to foster is stigmafree open communication.

That is why the Emerald is concerned about proposed policy changes, which would allow the University to force suicidal students to take medical leave. We understand that the policy is only meant for the rare depressed student that refuses to seek help and is becoming danger to others. We understand the University's concerns about liability issues.

It is of concern that the policy might create an environment of fear, real or imagined, in students; they might think if they admit to suicidal thoughts, they will get kicked out of school. The last thing the University should be doing is giving students additional reasons to stay silent and keep their pain a secret.

We don't know if our concerns are justified, mostly because the student body has not been involved in the process up to this point. The Emerald insists that, at the appropriate stage in the process, the student body is given the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. We further insist that student comments are taken seriously and that they result in changes to the developed policy, if that is the will of the students. Refusing to do so will make the policy illegitimate in our eyes and it will greatly hamper the university's effectiveness in enforcing it.

Occasions like this one are an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about the issue of suicide. The university should be worrying more about ways to encourage students with suicidal feelings to come forward rather than giving them more reasons to stay quiet. We must as a society work to remove the stigma surroundina suicide.

Private airport screeners put nation at risk 3

18 (U-WIRE) Northern Illinois U. --- With Osama bin Laden continuing to send video footage that predicts impending terrorist attacks and the United States' terror alert status remaining at the yellow or "elevated" level, the Transportation Security Administration's decision to b make it easier for airports to replace federal baggage and passenger screeners with privately employed works ers may not be the wisest - or safest - decision.

The agency announced Tuesday that airports had and extended deadline to apply for permission to switch to 34 private contractors. After the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, inv airports were required by the agency to switch from privately employed screeners to an all-government work- and force.

Although the country has undergone many changes since the attacks, the switch back to privately contracted screeners will only open the doors to more problems? and the risk involved just isn't worth it.

It is unlikely that private contractors would screen x potential candidates as rigorously as the federal governet ment screens its workers. Rep. John Mica, chairman of@ the House Transportation Aviation Subcommittee, said 39 private screeners would have the same qualifications as federal screeners. But that doesn't mean each group would be subject to the same hiring procedures.

The government instills more fear in people than workers in the private sector can ever hope to. The sight of a federal employee rifling through purses and carry-on bags at the metal detectors is more intimidat- 79 ing than a private screener who took the job just because it paid well or because it was more appealing to than working security at an office building.

Airport directors critical of the federal screeners are happy about the decision because they think private contractors can do a better job. These critics find the federal bureaucracies too inflexible when it comes to assigning workers to handle large crowds of travelers. They say it results in long lines at security checkpoints.y

It's true that a longer wait to pass through airport security may be a bit of an inconvenience, both for passion sengers and airport personnel. But even a five-minute inconvenience is worth the wait if it prevents potential terrorists from slipping through security and enacting the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks all over again.

Editor's note: The Argonaut is looking for a new editorial cartoonist for the coming semester. Anyone interested should pick up an application in the Argonaut office on the third floor of the SUB or call 885-7705. Samples of artwork will be required.

The bettom line? The best way to support our troops is to make sure that they are used in an appropriate way and have adequate training and equipment. They volunteer to serve, if needed, and it is our responsibility to see that they are only used WHEN needed. True support for the troops is to be aware of the community are well aware of the amount of alcohol consumed issues involving them and encourage political action to see that illegally in the country. The statistics are, no doubt, staggering. they are taken care of and treated like the valued, volunteer

heroes that they are!

Bonnie Wiscarson

Senior Anthropology and sociology economics, while the blues have given us 235.

In 2004, 39 states gave Kerry 1.5 million more votes than Bush, while 11 states (the heart of the Confederacy) gave 5 mil-

lion more votes to Bush. Check this graphic that shows the 2004 vote adjusted for the size of red and blue populations:

users.moscow.com/ngier/home/red&blue.htm.

John Edwards was correct to speak about two Americas, one that feeds at the federal trough and one that thanklessly fills the trough.

> Nick Gier Professor emeritus of philosophy

condemning the abortion ban passed in 2003, the American. dure may be the best way to save the life or preserve the health of a woman.

More importantly, the abortion ban is both dangerous and unconstitutional. The decision to have any medical procedure should be made by the patient and her medically trained physician, not a politician. This ban was struck down as unconstitutional in three separate district courts and opposed by much of the medical community because it placed the life and health of a woman in the hands of untrained politicians. The ban was no different than politicians deciding how a doctor should treat a patient with a broken leg. In America, freedom means being able

Sam's column appears regularly on the pages of the Argonaut. His e-mail

SAMTAYLOR

adults in America

As recently demonstrated by local tragedies on campus, the combination of the two is one deadly duo. So why not eliminate two leading causes of death with one stone? There is what seems like a simple solution - don't let them drive. The Vandal Taxi is the most simple, effective method we have of keeping kids off the road. To limit its accessibility and effectiveness by creating a bus-stop-like schedule is the most harmful thing we could be doing to our students, literally.

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The minimum legal drinking age is useless. I have a front row

seat here at the University of Idaho campus, watching more fall

victim to the law's ineffectiveness every day. In addition, as

every State Farm-insured mother or father can testify, teenagers

are wrecking their cars guicker than we can fix them. These two

things account for the two leading causes of death among young

The time and efficiency of Vandal Taxi is not the issue here; it's the safety of those riding it. This new route requires people to find a way to and from the stopping points along its route, which is the exact behavior Vandal Taxi was created to avoid.

In the face of all this, we are being told that change is inevitable and good. But I would consider changing a completely safe and effective system to more conveniently suit budget crunches to be a progressive step in the wrong direction.

> Kate Elgee Freshman English

Rent too high in Moscow

Dear Editor,

Students are being robbed of their hard-earned cash. Why does it cost so much to live in Moscow when most of the places to live are more than 50 years old?

The system is taking advantage of students who choose to pay high rates of living in exchange for an education. The only affordable residences in Moscow lack the simple amenities such as garbage disposals, dishwashers and washer and drver hookups that make life easier for us hard-working students. Luckilv. most places have a heater, although turning them on sometimes threatens the existence of the building, not to mention the number on the gas bill.

Should I do the dishes or my homework? With a dishwasher, I could do both. But at the price rent is settled at now, my dishes and laundry should be done before I even get home.

> Chance Munns Freshman Landscape architecture

Support troops by using them wisely

Dear Editor.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS! What does this mean? Well, understanding some basic issues affecting them is a start.

Ever hear of the "backdoor draft?" Here's a way to understand that oft-misused term. In 2002 the Army issued a stoploss order, which prevents soldiers whose contracted enlistment times are over and those eligible for retirement from leaving active duty. Even if you are no longer willing to volunteer for reenlistment, you're kept in the service. This is used both to deploy troops not otherwise eligible and to extend tours of those already deployed. To date, 45,000 troops have been affected by that order. Their contracted times are up, yet they are not allowed to leave. They are now draftees, not volunteers! Hence the term "backdoor draft."

Even with the stop-loss, recruitment for the Army National Guard did NOT meet goals for this year (it was at 88 percent). Retention rates in both the guard and reserves also failed to meet goals. Why does this matter? Because those groups currently constitute almost half of the troops in Iraq. They are often underfunded and lacking in equipment. They are subjected to longer deployments than active duty troops are, spending 18 months to two years away from their families and civilian lives.

Contact representative with concerns

Dear Editor.

I write to thank students and staff who have given me the opportunity to serve another term in the state legislature. I look forward to working with you to improve support for higher education.

If you have particular issues for consideration during the upcoming session, feel free to contact me at 883-1005 or ringoshirl@moscow.com.

> Shirley Ringo Representative, District 6

UI cutting military ceremony shameful

Dear Editor,

As a recent graduate of the University of Idaho who is now pursuing his master's at Washington State. I was happy to learn that I would simply be able to walk from my apartment to Martin Stadium to watch the Homecoming game. I became even more excited when I found out that due to the efforts of Brian Stewart, a Marine veteran, they would be honoring the students who are members of the Idaho National Guard Unit that is soon being shipped off to Iraq. My excitement turned to anger, however, when the university called Brian at 7 p.m. on Friday and told him that the small ceremony honoring the men and women serving their country was being canceled because it might cut into the presentation of the Homecoming king and queen.

As an alumnus of the University of Idaho, I am ashamed of my alma mater and any students or faculty involved with this chain of events. These men and women are going to Iraq to risk their lives for their country and they received a clear message from their school: "Your sacrifice is less important to us then a fraternal popularity contest!" Whoever was involved in the decision to cancel this event should be ashamed of themselves, be they student or faculty. We, as current and former students of the University of Idaho, have an obligation to point out this colossal mistake. Regardless of any negative opinions of the war in Irag, these men and women deserved much more respect then they received from their university.

> Shane O'Brien Alumnus Pullman

Blue states contribute more than reds

Dear Editor.

A recent book, "The Great Divide: Retro vs. Metro," by John Sperling puts the lie to comments that people live in blue states because of government handouts there. Contrary to widespread belief, no more than 6 percent of Americans were ever on Aid to Dependent Children, the main federal program.

Here are some of Sperling's points:

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The red states have 35 percent of the population and 50 senators, while the blue states have 65 percent of the population and 50 senators.

Subsidized industries (agriculture, oil, gas, etc.) dominate in the red states, and nonsubsidized manufacturing, financial and information services dominate in the blue states.

The reds pay 29 percent of federal tax while the blues pay 71 percent.

From 1991 to 2001 the reds received \$800 billion more in goods, services and cash from the feds than it paid in taxes, while the blues paid the feds \$1.4 trillion.

The reds have produced 23 Nobel Laureates in science and

University of Idaho

Abortion letter has facts wrong

Dear Editor.

This letter is a rebuttal to the previous letter to the editor regarding partial birth abortion ("Abortion not needed," Nov. 5).

The potential ban on PBA is attempting to stop women from making the best choice, their own choice, to protect their life and health. The Supreme Court has already ruled that no exception for the health of a woman is unconstitutional. This ban is attempting to make that invalid.

Though Congress has said that PBAs are never medically necessary, Congress is wrong. This ban does not limit its jurisdiction to only healthy pregnancies --- it bans medically necessary abortions such as in cases of diabetes or if the mother is at risk of having a stroke.

The experts on pregnancy, The American Nurses Association and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, also oppose this ban. It eliminates a woman's right to consult with her family and physician to make her own choice.

This potential ban is vague and incomplete and leaves NO room for exceptions. Please support medically necessary abortions. Stop politicians from playing doctor.

If anyone is interested in being a part of defending women's rights on the UI campus or would like to know more about us, please email uivox@yahoo.com and join our group VOX! Thanks again.

> Crystal Anderson President

VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood

Partial birth abortion ban unconstitutional

Dear Editor.

The debate regarding so-called partial birth abortion continues to be a relevant topic in our country and on our campus. The question, however, is not about whether abortion is right or wrong, but about whether the ban is constitutional. Clearly, it isn't. The current ban has broad, vague language and leaves out all exceptions for women's health. This ban is not about making abortion illegal, but about taking away a woman's right to choose. This is the view of Planned Parenthood as well as three district court judges that have ruled the current ban unconstitutional. This opposition is also supported by The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and many other major medical organizations. It is up to women and their doctors to make private and personal health care decisions; it is not the politician's job to make these choices for others. Every child deserves to be wanted and loved and every woman deserves the right to choose.

Stand up for your rights; this ban is unconstitutional!

Stephanie Miller VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood

Right to choose important

Dear Editor,

Ms. Jody C. Gayhart's letter on so-called "partial birth abortion" ("Abortion not needed," Nov. 5) was both misinformed and misleading. Her arguments that this procedure is never needed and that 80 percent of the procedures performed are done for a healthy pregnancy are incorrect. In truth, the procedure may be done for a woman who has a stroke, renal failure or diabetes, or when there are severe problems with the fetus. In their statement to say what you want, believe what you want and, most importantly, do what you want with your own body. Any abortion ban infringes upon a woman's right to choose what happens to her own body. To put any caveats on that right is to chip away at one of the most fundamental foundations of democracy.

> Jessie Duval(; VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood

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Fix problems, not symptoms

Dear Editor.

In reading about the unfortunate accident on Line Street and A the Moscow-Pullman Highway, I was reminded of reactionary policy-making. This is where policy is made in reaction to some tragic event.

Generally, the notion of reactionary policy-making would seem to be a good one: people see a problem and fix it. Unfortunately, they usually react to a symptom instead of a probability lem. This is the case in the campaign to make the Line Street, Moscow-Pullman Highway intersection "safer."

The intersection is already safe. The fact of the matter is the attention on this latest incident has been drawn from the real problem: safe practices in the intersection. Running red lights and running across an intersection seem to be what caused the is accident, not an "unsafe" intersection, Instead of concentrating on making the intersection "safer," everyone would be better served if they looked for the woman who struck the students, prosecuted her to the fullest extent of the law and publicly discussed intersection safety.

I urge people to think carefully about things before jumping on the bandwagon and putting their energies into what may be the wrong direction in an issue.

We, as a society, need to learn to react to a problem, instead of a mere symptom. In this way we can fix a lot more and nega- 4 tively affect a lot fewer people. More importantly, we can avoid legislation that seeks to avoid consequences of poor decisions. Is it really fair that taxpayers pay a million dollars for a bridge because someone made bad decisions?

Michael Wolf

Juniok Veterinary science

Pedestrians the problem in crosswalk

Dear Editor.

In response to the "Accident spurs campaign to eliminate 'suicide run'" (Nov. 12), it is not just the driver's fault in an accident such as this one. Crossing in a crosswalk is a safe way of crossing the street only if you respect the signals. The bright orange "DON'T WALK" sign does not mean RUN, it means it is unsafe to cross the street --- which unfortunately is why the two students were hit by a carl

I agree that crossing the Moscow-Pullman Highway is dangerous and it is a safety concern for UI students and the general public. However, it is the pedestrian's responsibility to follow crossing signals if they plan to safely cross a street. Running across the street when the signal is changing in the middle of the night is not a responsible or safe way of crossing the street. There should not be a "suicide run" at an intersection with a traffic signal directing you when it is safe and when it is not safe to cross the highway.

> Stacy Smith Graduate student Environmental science



BY JON ROSS ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

oscow is slowly becoming a first-class jazz town. The newest venue to pursue the live jazz trend sweeping downtown is the Nuart coffee house.

A Wednesday night devoted to jazz was added eight weeks ago to compliment the already established schedule of entertainment - Monday is open mic night and Tuesdays owner Eric Engerbretson plays acoustic gui-tar — and features a house band of University of Idaho music majors.

Jazz night at the Nuart came fruition when Engerbretson,

who performs under the name Eric E., was playing a jazz set at Bucer's. After the show, he started talking with a group of stu-dents about his idea for an open jam jazz night at his coffee house.

Engerbretson came up to the group and said, "Well, why don't you try it next week," musician Phil Morin said.

The students - Morin on alto saxophone, guitarist Andy Short, drummer Shawn Smith, bassist Jon Manning and Emily Jackson on vocals — had already started an informal group and agreed to

play. "Its been great to have them," Engerbretson said. "We're hoping that it will become a hot spot for

people to jam."

The music night is very informal and musicians of all abilities are welcome to sit in.

"We're hoping it will become a hot spot for people to jam."

ERIC ENGERBRETSON OWNER

"We want it to be a jam session instead of a group," Engerbretson said. To emphasize his point, he picked up a bass Wednesday and played with the students. "We want people to come and trade in with us," Morin said. So far this has been less than successful with only two or three people coming to jam, he said. He attributes this to the lack of information circulating about the coffee house.

"I think the Nuart's not publi-cized enough," he said. One thing the musicians have done, if not attract fellow artists,

is bring a bigger audience of coffee drinkers to the Nuart.

"Before we didn't have any-body on Wednesday night," Engerbretson said.

The group, which is comprised entirely of freshmen, started playing together at the beginning the semester and use

Wednesday night to fine-tune playing styles. This gives the per-formances spontaneity not found

in seasoned performing acts. "We don't really need to prac-tice as a group, per se," Morin said. He added that most of the practicing is done individually and the group only works on a few ensemble issues in its rare practice sessions.

One thing group members work on is the ending of tunes.

"Sometimes the group won't be on the same level when we get to the end of a tune," Morin said.

As of now, the house band at the Nuart remains nameless. A debate has been raging since the group formed, but no decision has been made.

"A lot of names are in the air: we don't really know yet," Morin said.

Jazz can be found almost any night of the week within the small strip of downtown. Engerbretson points out that jazz night at the Nuart is a little different from that at other venues because those places feature more polished acts.

"Here it's more of a learning thing," he said.

Engerbretson also said there is no ill will directed at other clubs that offer the same type of music.

"The last thing we want to do is compete with other venues," he said.

Real Life' for students with no common sense

BY TARA KARR ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

emember the old adage, "Don't Judge a book buy its cover?" Don't take the prom-

ise on the cover of REVIEW this book too serious-

Derek and Steve Avdul's "Real Life 101: A Guide to Stuff that Actually Matters" claims to be "the essential manual for your home, car, health care and finances." The book proves to be somewhat helpful, but is far from essential.

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The guide in sepa-rated into 20 chap-ters regarding home, ** (of 5) Now Available car, health and

finances. The basic design is efficient – simple, straightfor-ward and concise. Though the authors present their information clearly, there are some major flaws.

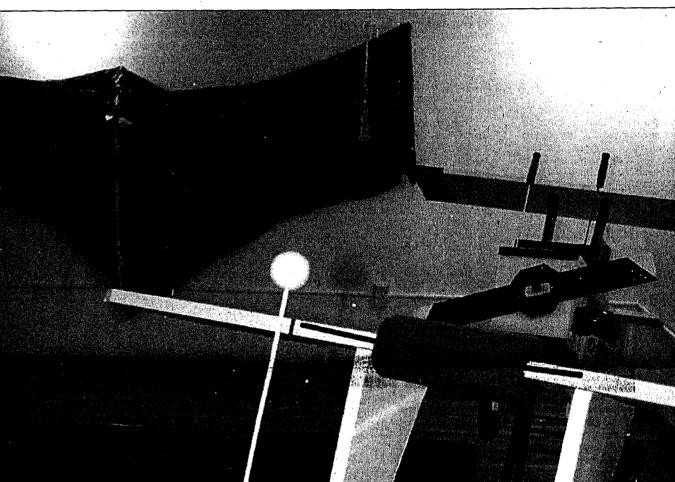
For one, the Avduls often assume their readers aren't too bright and address issues as if the b being read by cavemen or secondgraders. While a few chapters address ssues that many young adults do not understand - for example, the difference between an HMO and a PPO or what all the technical terms involved with a car lease are – many chapters are far too simplistic. Some are simply matters of logic; most people can figure out what to look for in an apartment without reading

Chapter 2, "Renting an Apartment." Issues involved in selecting a bank, insurance company or doctor can be determined without reading the guide.

Other chapters are for total boneheads only. In "Furnishing Your Home: The Big Stuff," the Avduls cheerfully give their readers helpful hints such as: "If your apartment has a dining area or a large kitchen, it's great to have a table and chairs." (Wow. And I bet you were going to buy a lawnmower for the kitchen, right?)

Another major flaw is the complete lack of outside sources. Though the Avduls carefully cite sources for each of the trivial tidbits included in little bubbles throughout the book, the main information is desperately lacking attribution. This means two things. The information is solely the authors' opinions; therefore it is possibly inac-curate and incomplete. Also, if there are any questions that remain unanswered in the book (So I know I need a table for the kitchen, but do I eat under it or on top of it?) there are no resources to get those questions answered.

Though "Real Life 101" is potentially useful in some respects, the majority of information in it can be gathered book. College students who need tips on managing their finances and doing their taxes can get personalized, oneon-one help from more experienced family members and friends without shelling out \$15 and suffering through the Avduls' lame jokes. Anyone unsure whether a table goes in their kitchen, however, is desperately in need of this book ... along with some common sense.



FLYIN' HOME

Coincidence Consequence?

Jonestown: Bad Kool-Aid or bad federal Kool-Aid?

n Nov. 18, 1978, Rev. Jim Jones joined a list of American boogiemen of the likes of Charles Manson and Richard Nixon by ordering the suicides of 913 followers in his People's Temple. FRANKMcGOVERN

Jones died the same day of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. In the aftermath of his death, he also joined a list of potential government patsies.

There is a lot of circumstantial evidence to support the notion that Jones was more than a charismatic — if mis-guided and evil —

cult leader.

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also is a lot of evidence to the contrary: Jones spoke with extra-terrestrials, suffered from divinely inspired fainting spells, declared himself to be both Christ and Lenin, worked as a faith healer and saw post-apocalyptic visions.) While living in Brazil before building his faith, he reportedly told neighbors he was U.S. military and received a monthly stipend from the government. One neighbor said, "Some people here believe he was an agent for 'the American CIA."

Before arriving in Brazil, Jones stopped in Georgetown, Guyana, and made local papers for claiming the Guyanese churches were spreading Communism. More than a decade later, 'Jones promised his followers that the lot of them would relocate to the Soviet

Union.

The genesis of the lone-nut killer scenario that eventually would brand Jones bears some similarity to that of Lee Harvey Oswald, a possible CIA contact who was quietly infamous (until JFK died) as being staunchly both pro-and anti-Communist.

Jones and flock did have plenty of contact with Soviet officials, even squirreling more than \$500,000 dollars to the Soviet embassy shortly before the mass deaths. This relationship with the Soviet Union garnered the interest of the Agency (if the People's Temple and the CIA are indeed separate).

On the day of the massacre, some of Jones' flock attacked Congressman Leo Ryan and entourage, who had come to Guyana to investigate possible human rights violations perpetrated by Jones. Among the investigating party was U.S. embassy official and CIA agent Richard Dwyer, who was wounded in the attack in which Ryan died.

After the attack on Ryan and company, Jones ordered his flock to drink cyanide-laced Kool-Aid, hence the 913 corpses. Several discrepancies in this account have since been identified. The initial body count rose by more than 400 within two days of the suicides, leading some to suspect that a large chunk of the dead were "suicided" after the fact and dragged back to Jonestown

Leslie Mootoo, the Guyanese coroner who examined the corpses, testified that as many as 700 showed signs of foul play. Joseph Holsinger, aide to Ryan, said, "I believe that it is possible

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ALTA CUTLER / ARGONAU

Local artists exhibit their creations at the Above the Rim Gallery located above Paradise Creek Bicycles.

'National Treasure' worth less than the cost of celluloid

REVIEW

"NATIONAL TREASURE"

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO ARGONAUT STAFF

The movie "National Treasure" starts out promising ample fuel for adventure buffs, but, by the end, fizzles out like many other Hollywood action movies.

The story revolves around Benjamin Franklin Gates (Nicolas Cage), a descendent of a family of treasureseekers. Gates and his team are on the hunt for a multi-billion dollar treasure hidden by the Founding Fathers after the Revolutionary War.

With help from his father, played by Jon Voight, Gates is led to believe clues left on government documents such as currency and an invisible map on the back of the Declaration of Independence indicate the location of

the treasure. **Gates** races

against his nemesis (Sean Bean) and the Feds to steal the Declaration of Independence and discover the treasure's whereabouts. The longer Gates runs from his competition and the FBI chasing ridiculous clues, the faster the movie declines.

It goes without ★1/2 (of 5) saying that every Disney movie has a Nicolas Cage character who Now Showing serves no purpose other than comic



audience's attention. Diane Kruger of "Troy" plays Abigail Chase, a skeptical National Archives historian who gets dragged along on Gates' adventure. Kruger is relegated to the role of the stereotypical girl Cage has to kiss when he's feeling heroic.

The movie has a potentially intrigu-ing storyline, but questionable casting choices and horribly cheesy events make this movie mediocre. Although the rating of the film is PG, it will have no effect on box office sales; this

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'The Corporation' showing tonight at the Kenworthy

"The Corporation," a documentary examining the evils of big business, is showing at the Kenworthy this week.

The film is based on Joel Bakan's book "The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power." Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbot directed the film.

The movie is unrated and runs two hours and 25 minutes. Showtimes are tonight at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 4 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

This weekend is full of shows at Bucer's

Bucer's Coffeehouse and Pub will feature jazz nights tonight and Saturday.

Marcel St. Jazz will play from 8-11 p.m. tonight. The band features Pullman High School and WSU students on saxophone, drums, upright bass and bass guitar.

The Queener Jazz Ensemble will play Saturday from 8-11 p.m.

There is no cover charge or age minimum for the performances.

Young People's Arts Festival will be 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 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 this weekend

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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.

Ozomatli performs Nov. 30 at **Beasley Coliseum**

Los Angeles-based band Ozomatli will bring its hip-hop-meets-reggae sound to Beasley Coliseum at WSU Nov. 30. The

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show begins at 7:30 p.m. and the doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for WSU students and \$25 for the general public. Tickets are on sale at the coliseum.

The nine-member band began playing together in the '90s to help benefit a local food bank, and went on to a larger-scale music career.

"Ozo," as it is often called, will be promoting its album, "Street Signs," while in Pullman. The show is sponsored by the Associated Students of WSU Student Entertainment Board and Beasley Coliseum

Fine arts students' work on display in Ridenbaugh Hall

A showcase of work by seniors in Ul's Bachelor of Fine Arts program is on display in Ridenbaugh Hall. The showcase is open to the public through Dec. 3.

The work of Luke Baumgarten, Timothy Gregory, Noah Kroese, Linda Lillard, Craig Morgan, James Staley, Tasi Sunia and Llovd Winter is on display.

Their work includes paintings, graphic design, music and more.

Jazz septet Eleven Eyes plays at John's Alley Dec. 3

Eleven Eyes will perform Dec. 3 at John's Alley. The psychedelic jazz septet just released its CD, "Depth Perception." The Eugene, Ore., band has been com-

pared to the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Floater, After stopping in Moscow, Eleven Eves will play Dec. 4 in Clarkston, Wash., and Dec. 5 in Sandpoint.

Moscow Renaissance Fair seeks poster artist

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, PO. 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 freehand 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.

'America's Most Wanted' still captures viewers

BY DAVID BIANCULLI NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

It goes unnoticed, but "America's Most Wanted" is the most-watched program in its time slot on Saturday nights. It's also No. 8 on a much more impressive list. This Little TV Show That Could has lasted long enough to be ranked as one of the longest-running series in the entire history of prime time.

"America's Most Wanted" began on Fox's owned-and-operated stations in February 1988, and went national on Fox that April. John Walsh, whose son Adam had been found dead in a nationally famous missingchild case, was and remains the host nearly 17 years later, with more than 800 fugitives captured.

Families of victims, especially, trust Walsh - because he's experienced in the ordeal they're undergoing.

"Unfortunately, I've walked in their shoes, so I know where they're coming from," Walsh said. "The media can be bru-

"After Adam was murdered, a lot of the media that we begged to keep Adam's story

going for the two weeks that he was missing lost interest after the first or second day. I had begged them to keep helping us look for this little boy, and, of course, when parts of him were found two weeks later — the most horrible murder — they were all camped out on our front lawn."

It was a horrible experience, he said.

"It's actually part of my deal with Fox, that I'll never do a story a victim doesn't want me to do," Walsh said. "We'll never show the face of a molested or abused child. That criteria has been my standard for 17 years. And if they don't want to say something, or are uncomfortable — this is not '60 Minutes,' this is my'show. If they don't want

to talk about it, it's okay." The program, modeled after the BBC's "Crimewatch U.K.," went after FBI Top 10 wanted killer David James Roberts in its pilot, and caught him — identified by several people at a Manhattan homeless shelter.

^{*}When it started," said "AMW" executive producer Lance Heflin, "everyone was just shrieking in horror. 'Oh my God, it's vigilante TV! Everyone will be turning in their brothers and their neighbors! Here comes

George Orwell and company!'

"It was never that, and never turned out that.

The show helped catch John List, then the Texas 7, and, most famously, helped return Elizabeth Smart to her parents after nine months.

"America's Most Wanted" has lasted so long, Heflin said, because its audience (7.7 million viewers last week) is so loyal.

"People trust us, and they know what they're going to get with us," he said.

That has helped keep the show running. The top four longest-running shows still on the air are "60 Minutes," the Disney umbrella showcase, "Monday Night Football" and "20/20."

How many reality shows will run that long? Not many.

As for reality the genre, Walsh is dismissive.

"I think it's unreality TV, to tell you the truth." he said. "A woman in a bikini eating two yards of horse colon is not reality TV. Who Wants to Marry a Ho?' That's not reality TV."

ន់រ៉ុ Reality check: Hype slows but some hits stay course

BY PAMELA SITT THE SEATTLE TIMES

It's been a tough fall for reality TV. And by that I mean both the season and the corresponding ratings tumble.

While networks continue to roll out new reality shows at a mind-boggling tear, viewers finally seem to be saying, "Enough already!"

Recent premieres like FOX's "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss" and NBC's "The \$25 Million Hoax" tanked. Follow-ups to last season's breakout hits — "The Apprentice," "The Swan" — are stumbling. Former franchise hits like "The Bachelor" are so over it's not even funny, kinda like Tara Reid (although some-one forgot to tell ABC, which is planning a seventh edition).

There are bright spots. ABC has bona fide hits in "Wife Swap" and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," and has just announced plans for an "Extreme Makeover: Wedding Edition." (Genius!) The kazillionth edition of CBS's "Survivor" is still going strong. Ratings machine "American Idol" returns to FOX in January.

'THE BACHELOR 6'

The series reached a new low

when Byron used the word "irregardless." And speaking of meaningless words, can we ban the phrase "Everything happens for a reason" from reality dating shows, please? No one who says it ever means it - like when someone breaks up with you but says, "We can still be friends." (9 p.m. Wednesdays, ABC)

'SURVIVOR: VANUATU'

I have to say I will miss Sarge and his one-liners, delivered in that mumbling Southern drawl. When a cute, spotted little piggy is delivered to the recently merged Alinta tribe and the survivors are instructed to feed the pig rather than eat it, Sarge responds: "It was about as big a letdown as when I found out Estrogen City was moving into Lopevi." Why is Eliza still here? (8 p.m. Thursdays, CBS)

'THE APPRENTICE 2'

The most fun part of this task - organizing à bridal trunk show — was watching the men try to help women find wedding dresses. One customer says she's looking for a sleeveless gown. Bumbling Wes' agreeable response: "Who likes sleeves?" **Incompetent Maria continues to** be so by forgetting to include a

phone number on a mass e-mail to New York brides, which also happens to be Mosaic's main marketing effort.

But Mosaic, whose not-sosecret weapon is bridal-shop owner Sandy, still wins by a landslide and Bleeping Chris of bleeping Long Island, as Apex's project manager, is fired. (9 p.m. Thursdays, NBC)

'AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL 3'

Diva Eva has a mini-meltdown when faced with a photo shoot involving tarantulas. Ann continues to take bad pictures. Toccara can't pronounce "Jean Paul Gaultier" and gets bounced. This week: Actor (and former model) Taye Diggs shows up and will likely out-pretty the girls. (8 p.m. Wednesdays, UPN)

'THE SWAN 2'

You know, after watching the stories on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," it's hard to get excited about people getting makeovers just because they got fat. (9 p.m. Mondays, FOX)

The clueless contestants have

to sell hot soup on the street on a sweltering July day in Chicago. They're actually not

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bad at it, either. We also are introduced to the 1 fake boss's fake trophy wife and fake daughter, who is described as a "not-so-bright cousin of Paris Hilton." Yowza. (9 p.m. Sundays, FOX) 2

'THE SURREAL LIFE'

VH1 has announced the cast of its upcoming fourth installment of "The Surreal Life," which cemented its place in popculture history with this season's unlikely romance between Flavor Flav and Brigitte Nielsen.

The new motley crew includes Verne Troyer (aka Mini-Me), Adrianne Curry ("America's Next Top Model"), ai Marcus Schenkenberg (male d supermodel, Pamela Anderson's v! ex), Christopher Knight ("The... Brady Bunch"), Jane Wiedlin (former Go-Go, not Belinda Carlisle), Chyna Doll (former WWE wrestler) and Da Brat (rapper, starred in "Glitter" with la Mariah Carey). The show is in production now and premieres Jan. 9.



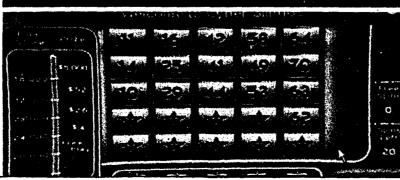
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Nicholas Cage stars as treasuer seeker Benjamin Gates in "National Treasure."

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level of entertainment would be best enjoyed if the viewer were extremely gullible or inebriated.

Director Jon Turteltaub's resume of dull creativity includes a list of theatrical failures including "The Kid," "Instinct" and "Phenomenon." With his former productions in mind, it's a wonder how this guy could muster the confidence to cover the heap of stunts and action set pieces reminiscent of an "Indiana Jones"-style adventure. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is also to blame for hiring someone who would create such an intellectually inept

film. With lessons from American history class, a hunt for hidden treasure similar to "The Goonies" and flamboyant conspiracy theories, this movie can speak to everyone's desire to

search for treasure. However, the plot is as bogus as the actors in the movie, and is especially weak and messy at some places.

York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., with poor and messy choreography, dodging bullets and deciphering codes. When the movie moves from the streets to underground, the sequence of action scenes is sloppy and mediocre, leaving the audience more confused and annoved than captivated. Trevor Rabin's musical score adds pointlessly dramatic tone to scenes, making them even more predictable.

While this movie is successful as a guilty pleasure, those who view it should not take it too. seriously. The idea behind the film is entertaining enough to shine through the sub-par acting and ineffective screenplay, but in the end, "National Treasure" is simply a nice idea.

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that Jonestown may have been a mind-control experiment, that Leo Ryan's congressional visit pierced the veil and would have resulted in its exposure, and that our government, or its agent in the CIA, deemed it necessary to wipe out over 900 American citizens to protect the

secrecy of the operation." Further fueling the CIA-involvement rumors is a tape-recording of Jones himself during the massacre screaming, "Get Dwyer out of here!" If agent Richard Dwyer did indeed leave the scene of his ambush to head to Jonestown, and later lie about it, as the 80 Greatest

Conspiracies of All Time puts it, "the implications are chilling." Jones' biographer, Tim Reiterman, assumes Jones simply made a "mistake" in his identification.

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Most of the People's Temple peons were black, while Jones and most of his lieutenants were white. Former cultist Joyce Shaw suggests the mass suicide story was a cover-up for "some kind of horrible government experiment, or some kind of sick, racist thing ... a plan like the Germans' to exterminate blacks."

Don't worry, though. When the House Permanent Select Committee on intelligence investigated the deaths in 1980, they found "no evidence" of CIA involvement with the Jonestown massacre. Thank goodness — another bullet dodged.

Conspiracy tidbit: Coming down hard

The only reported acid casualty of the government's MK-ULTRA oper-ation (last week's conspiracy) was government scientist Frank Olson. On Nov. 28, 1953, Olson plunged from the window of the Tony Statler Hotel in New York and fell 13 stories to his death. His only company in the hotel room on the sight of his goald draw use Bebert Lashbrock CIA the hotel room on the night of his acid drop was Robert Lashbrook, CIA agent, of course. Depending on the day, Lashbrook says that either he awoke to see Olson charging the window and throwing himself through thick plate glass, or awoke to the sound of shattering glass.

Several weeks earlier, Olson had been administered a dose of LSD without his knowledge and suffered a particularly bad trip. After the trip he deteriorated steadily until the night of his death, when after the secret dosing of even more LSD, he jumped out the window in a panicky fit of depression.

But (of course there's a but) the circumstances surrounding his death are mysterious, at least. Olson was intent on quitting his work as a government scientist after his clandestine dosing, a move that made the Agency nervous.

The hotel manager said, "In all of my years in the business, I never encountered a case where someone in the middle of the night jumped through a closed window with the shades and curtains drawn

Even more eerie is the post-suicide conversation recounted by the hotel switchboard operator who overheard it. Someone in the room, presumably Lashbrook (deputy to the CIA's "wizard of mind-control and exotic assassinations") called a number in Long Island. The conversation was short.

"Well, he's gone," Lashbrook said. His callee responded, "Well, that's

too bad," and hung up. A declassified CIA manual on assassination suggests throwing someone from a window to fake suicide.

Years later, Olson's son, a proponent of the murder theory, visited the hotel room and found that making the running start necessary to break through the glass would be virtually impossible.

Gerald Ford (former Warren commissioner) eventually offered the family of Frank Olson an official government apology. As it is with any conspiracy worth its salt, the questions remain, likely never to be adequately resolved.

Accessories are all the rage on the university's campus

Mother always said it's the little things that count, and for once, she was right. This year, accessorizing is all the rage. The more interesting or novel the

accessory, the better. "Accessories" is an extremely broad category that includes everything from jewelry to shoelaces. Beginning at the top are earrings and necklaces. It has become popular to wear earrings that are easily interchangeable with other piercings, such as lip labrets, eyebrow rings and belly rings.

The other recent trend that has emerged in the earring department is earrings with a certain

amount of character. Some examples of this are earrings that dan-gle almost down to the shoulders, are in the shape of fruit or animals, or are miniatures of every-

day things. Necklaces have emerged from simply a chain and charm into much more complex structures. The first example of this more complex neckwear is a series of circles or half-circles, linked together and hanging from the base of the neck to mid-chest. These necklaces tend to fall into upside-down triangles and usually contain small jewels strung within the circles.

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The second example is a wire loop worn at the base of the neck with a large charm. These charms can be anything

from large, colored shapes, such as a circle or square, to fantasy creatures, such as fairies and unicorns. Moving down the body, there are the trends in rings and bracelets. Rings have changed from being a

simple band and stone to much more creative entities. There are several examples of these more creative pieces of jewelry. The first example is rings that encompass the entire finger, usually ending in a claw.

The second example is the newfound love for large, gaudy jewelry, such as rings that extend from knuckle to knuckle. These rings can include equally large stones or simply be intricate creations of metal.

Bracelets have gone from delicate metal circlets to bands of leather or cloth. In the case of the leather bands, they are usually equipped with metal studs or spikes. If this is not the case, then they are usually engraved with logos or tribal designs.

The cloth bands have evolved from their lowly sweatband cousins to become quite the rage. They come in a wide variety of colors and have a logo, a popular character or snappy saying.

The newest rule with accessories is that bigger is better. Everything must be big, bold and make a definite statement. This new trend is moving in the right direction. The time of understated elegance is over. It's time to take the world by storm. It's time to leave fears of standing out in a crowd behind. As is said when hitting the slopes, go big or go home.





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Tournament Dreams Idaho's success tied directly to Kennewick trio

BY BRENNAN GAUSE SPORTS&REC EDITOR

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t's not common for a college team to have three players from one high school on its roster. It's even less common for those players to be the key to the team's success.

Kennewick, Wash., graduates Emily Faurholt, Leilani Mitchell and Heather Thoelke led the University of Idaho women's basketball team in every important statistical category last season and, with help from coach Mike Divilbiss' most recent recruiting class, the trio could lead Idaho to its first NCAA tournament since the 1984-85

While all three are important cogs in the Vandal machine, it's upon Faurholt's shoulders that much of Idaho's dreams of success ride.

Last season's national scoring leader with 25.4 points per game, Faurholt has been named a Preseason Wooden Award Candidate as well as a Naismith Trophy finalist.

I've coached a lot of really successful teams and coached for a number of years," Divilbiss said, "and I hate to compare between one player, one leader or one team and another. But it would be a very easy statement to say she's the best I've ever coached.

Scouting the Vandals

Guard

When Leilani Mitchell came to Idaho as a freshman, it was clear she had the talent to become a top point guard for the Vandals. What came as a bit of surprise was how quickly she took control of the offense. In her first collegiate game

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Mitchell scored 13 points, had 16 assists and seven rebounds.

While many freshman spend a season redshirt-ing or playing limited minutes as they acclimate themselves to the strenuous schedule and tougher competition of college bas-ketball, Mitchell spent hers averaging 15.6 points, 5.9 assists and 4.5 rebounds per game. Now that Mitchell is a sophomore, Divilbiss expects her experience and development, both physical and mental, will help her take the next

step. "Her body's stronger and I think that will really help her get through the minutes she's going to have to play for us to be as successful as we want to be," Divilbiss said

A healthy Ticey Westbrooks should help Mitchell. A fellow freshman last season, Westbrooks tore her ACL in the first game and

"Watching all last year I think actually helped me," Westbrooks said, "because I got to see every-thing that was happening and I learned it better and now I'm just really excited to be out there." With Westbrooks back, Mitchell, who averaged

37.2 minutes per game, may be able to stay better rested as Westbrooks handles part of the workload.

"Hopefully she's going to play a lot," Divilbiss said. "She missed a whole year last year ... and there's times she looks like an incoming freshman and there's times where she looks like she's heard all this before, so we'll see. She's a very athletic, very quick, strong kid and understands the system very well.'

Wing

The lone senior on the team, 6-foot Heather Thoelke, will be counted on once again to provide leadership for a young team while providing a consistent source of offense from the outside.

Moved back to her natural position at wing last season after playing the previous one at point guard, Thoelke set the Idaho single season threeguard, indexe set the idano single point field-goal percentage record – sinking 44 of 101 attempts for a staggering percentage of .436. Sophomore Karly Felton stepped into the starting rota-tion last year after Westbrooks

went down in the first game. While she may not average 29

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stats will increase in her second season of college ball.

A stress fracture will keep sophomore Emily Halliday off the court for a while, but when she comes back she should once again provide Idaho with a reliable option off the bench.

With a year of experience behind her, Halliday could see a larger role, especially on the defensive side of the ball, a place where she has an immediate impact when she steps on the floor.

Post

If the Vandals are going to succeed and make the NCAA tournament, their post players need to become a force on the boards. Last season Faurholt set six school records while

leading the nation in scoring and hauling in an average of 6.7 rebounds per game. But after her, the team had no one else to provide a consistent presence on the inside, leading to a 5 rebounding margin for the team.

In an effort to provide Faurholt with help inside, Divilbiss brought in a recruiting class heavy with post players, two of whom will be expected to contribute imme-

diately. Lauren Frazee and Jessica Summers both saw plenty of playing time in Idaho's

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minutes a game, there's a good chance her bition game against Baden Sports, and that will continue throughout the year.

"They're working hard," Divilbiss said. "We're stretching them a little bit and trying not to stretch too far, but they've got to be ready to go it's that simple.

"They give us a physical presence that I don't think we had last year. They're both big, strong, physical kids who can rebound the basketball."

If the 6-0 Frazee and the 6-1 Summers can make the jump to college ball and consistently contribute, the Vandals will have a solid threeplayer post rotation - giving Faurholt a little more room to breathe inside, where she constantly faced double teams last season.

"They're so awesome," Faurholt said. "And to have somebody down there who's really strong and can grab the ball and be tough and take some pressure, like physically, off is so nice.

Analysis

Idaho's road to the NCAA tournament travels through Santa Barbara, Calif., where the Gauchos are once again expected to repeat as league champions. If the Vandals want to compete with preseason All-American Kristin Mann and Co., they'll need Frazee and Summers to step up and contribute immediately. Even if Idaho fails to grab the Big West's automatic berth into the tournament, the team has a good chance of earning an invitation behind the play of Faurholt, Mitchell and Thoelke

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n their ongoing effort to gain recognition on a national level, the Vandals will travel to Hawaii on Nov. 26 to participate in the Rainbow Wahine Classic — a tournament featuring several quality teams.

Georgia, Idaho's first-round opponent in the tournament, is currently ranked fifth in the Associated Press poll. Guaranteed three games in the tournament, the Vandals could end up facing another ranked team in Michigan State (No. 15) as well as two other teams (Texas Christian University and Utah) that garnered votes in the poll.

"It's going to be a tough schedule," Divilbiss said. "We're going to have our hands full."

With an overall record of 22-7 last season, the Vandals far exceeded preseason expectations and nearly made it to the NCAA Tournament before falling to UC Santa Barbara 68-51 in the Big West Conference Championship game. Despite finishing with 22 wins, Idaho failed to gar-ner an invitation to the NCAA or NIT tournaments, due in part to key losses to low-ranked teams and a fairly weak strength of schedule.

Voice of the Vandals goes silent Broadcaster Bob Curtis retires after 47 years

BY AMANDA SCHANK ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITO

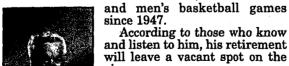
om Morris says he'll never forget his first professional experience with Bob Curtis, the voice of the Vandals.

The scenc was 1985; the teams were the University of Idaho versus Oregon State. At the first major play of the game, the Vandal defense intercepted a pass and Morris interrupted Curtis to

intercepted a pass and Morris Interrupted Out is to broadcast the interception. "He just turned and looked at me," says Morris, Curtis' broadcasting partner. "Then on the commer-cial, he laid into me and said, 'Don't ever interrupt me again!' So I learned to just shut up until he was done.

"My first impression of him was he was a big, old, loud lion, but the more I got to know him I saw his dedication to the profession and his passion for the game. He lived for Vandal football.

After Saturday's football game against Hawai'i, Curtis' signature "Good night and good sporting" sign off will travel the radio waves for the last time in his final broadcast of Vandal athletics. Curtis, who is retiring, is known throughout the Northwest as the voice of the Vandals, announcing football



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will leave a vacant spot on the air. "He's the greatest Vandal of them all," football coach Nick Holt says. "He travels with us and we're going to miss him greatly. It's always great to have

him by my side on the airplane. He's like a father figure to all of us.'

Curtis first picked up the microphone as a 20-year-old student at Washington State University, then Washington State College. An injury prevented him from playing basketball, so in 1945 he took to announcing it.

One year later, Curtis signed with Tidewater Oil's college sports network, officially labeling him a radio sportscaster. He graduated from WSU with a major in journalism in 1947. Based in Spokane for 10 years, he covered WSU, Idaho and Montana State games, with WSU games his primary beat.

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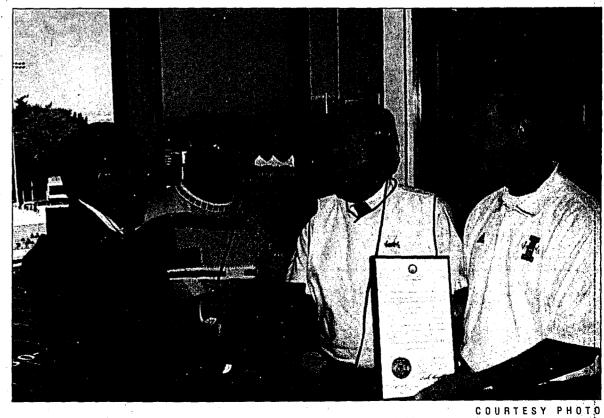


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Bob Curtis (second from right) has been Idaho's full-time sportscaster since 1957.

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Heach college in charge of its own media. Curtis says he wanted to stay with WSU, but a \$125 salary difference led him to

"Idaho. "Curtis says WSU only wanted to pay him \$25 per game. "I said, 'Go stuff it up your pose," Curtis says. "Idaho said they would pay \$150 and I said, "You bet.' At the time, I did it to

prove that broadcasters could

command that kind of salary, but

after one year with Idaho they

Idaho's full-time sportscaster on the weekends while working as a

farmer on the weekdays. For Curtis, radio was a hobby that

became a lifelong passion. In the past 47 years, he has announced 527 consecutive foot-

ball games and more than 1,000

basketball games. He took a 10-

year break from basketball to watch his own children play, but returned in 1996 until retiring

Curtis has been named Idaho's Sportscaster of the Year

32 times and declared an hon-

orary UI graduate. According to Morris, Curtis has become one of the best-known voices in Idaho through

his dedication and ability to become "the eyes and ears of the

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Series: This will be the fourth meeting between Idaho and Hawai'i. Hawai'i holds a 3-1 lead in the series and won the last meeting between the teams 21-6 in 1981.

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Coach Nick Holt

"We don't have a lot of guys to bring over. We're pretty beat up. but we'll travel around 58 to 57 kids. It's hard to find that many kids that are able to play due to all the injuries and things like that."

"I think they've had some injuries and on top of that they lost some really good players off of last year's defense. ... They play really well at home and they have good team just like we have."

Morris says. "To him, the countryside is not in fall colors: instead, the autumnal splendor is in full bloom. ... He has a way with words." 1956, Tidewater Oil Morris says Curtis has even dropped its college rights leaving

come to the press box with horrible colds, bringing enough medicine to fill a chest. He appeared perfectly healthy to listeners, but transformed to a sick man when he was off the air.

In 2001, Curtis underwent hip surgery and only waited 10 days before returning to the microphone.

Curtis says the sacrifices and time spent were worth it.

"It's about just being with the athletes and the coaches, getting close to them, forming lifetime friendships with both over a period of time," Curtis says. "Idaho's been very good to me, done everything in the world for me." Morris will fill Curtis' position

as the play-by-play announcer for the Vandals. In the meantime, Curtis will focus his efforts on the two Windermere Real Estate agencies he owns and runs in Coeur d'Alene with his wife, Lynn.

But, according to Morris, the 79-year-old lifetime Vandal will not be far from the press box

Idaho named after him. "His presence will always be in the booth, and I guarantee he will always be a part of this," Morris says. "He's not going to just fade away; I'm not going to let him.

"When he was born they broke the mold - he's just an amazing guy.

BY BRENNAN GAUSE SPORTS&REC EDITOR

For the second time this year the University of Idaho football team will face a team from the Western Athletic Conference - Idaho's future conference.

conterence. Saturday's game against Hawai'i will not only end the Vandals' (3-8, 2-5) season, but will provide Idaho with a peek into its future. "I think it's a great opportunity for us," coach Nick Holt said. "Obviously we opened up with a WAC opponent (Boise State) who just complete-by outmanned us in our opener and we've ly outmanned us in our opener and we've

improved tremendously since then. 'Hopefully we give Hawai'i a lot better foot-

ball game. I think we will." UI is currently a member of the Sun Belt Conference. Its move to the WAC makes sense in more ways than just geographically.

"It's a great conference; it's an exciting con-ference," Holt said. "There's some great football players in this conference and we're really excited to have an opportunity to get in the WAC. ... It really makes our program alive and our recruiting will be enhanced and our exposure will be enhanced. We'll be really competitive in this conference in the next couple years.'

Hawai'i

After facing the nation's leading rusher last Saturday, Jamario Thomas of North Texas, Idaho will see a different type of offense when it squares off against Hawai'i.

Led by senior quarterback Timmy Chang, who set the NCAA career passing record earlier this season, the Rainbow Warriors showcase one of the top passing attacks in the nation. Their run-and-shoot offense ranks fourth nationally with an average of 307 passing yards per game and the 402.9 yards of total offense ranks 35th.

"As far as the D-line goes we're going to get in our pass rush stance," defensive end Mike Anderson said. "It's going to be kind of nice because last week we just played the run every single down. And we have some fast linebackers and some fast defensive backs, so I think we match up pretty well with them."

Although Hawai'i will throw the ball more often than most of the teams Idaho has faced, Holt doesn't plan on changing his defense much. "We don't even do the things we've done for

the last four months correctly sometimes," Holt said. "How can we change things up and expect

yards, which ranks second in the nation, and 20 touchdowns. In his career, Chang has compiled

"I expect them to load the box up with eight guys and make us run, and they'll play hard and we have to be ready to go."

NICK HOLT

IDAHO FOOTBALL COACH

15,470 passing yards and 99 touchdowns. Thirty-two times he has thrown for more than 300 yards, and has eight career games with 400 or more yards.

"We just got to tackle really well," Holt said about how to defend against Hawai'i's offense. "They're going to get their catches -- Timmy Chang's awesome. The guy has a phenomenal release. He knows exactly where he's going he's an NFL quarterback, so he's going to get his throws. Hopefully a couple of those throws bounce off their shoulder pads and into our

hands and we get some interceptions." While the Rainbow Warriors' offense puts up impressive statistics, the defense has been a weak spot for the team, especially against the run. In a 69-3 loss to Boise State on Oct. 29, Hawai'i gave up 425 yards on the ground, including eight rushing touchdowns. On Saturday, Fresno State's rushing game piled up 503 yards and nine touchdowns in a 70-14 victory over Hawai'i.

"They probably haven't played the run as well as they wanted to," Holt said. "So we kind of have the same struggles. ... I expect them to load the box up with eight guys, nine guys and make us run, and they'll play hard and we have to be ready to go."

The Vandals may have a difficult time taking advantage of the Rainbow Warriors' defensive struggles though. Jayson Bird and Rolly Lumbala, Idaho's freshman running backs, both injured themselves against North Texas. Junior Antwaun Sherman, who had begun to see playing time in the backfield, injured himself in practice and wasn't able to travel to North Texas.

Texas. With all three running backs questionable for Saturday's game, senior fullback Willie Sipoloa, who -rushed for 53 -vards- against the Mean -Green, could see the majority of carries, "I'm pretty much looking at playing tailback" this game," Sipoloa said, "so I won't go in not knowing what's going on."



COURTESY PHOTO Bob Curtis (center) has broadcast 527 consecutive Vandal football games and more than 1,000 basketball games.

Idaho takes on Hawai'i in match-up of future fellow conference members



Nationally ranked swimming program travels to Moscow

'BY MACKENZIE STONE ARGONAUT STAFE

To say the Vandal swimmers plan on winning the meet against No. 24 University of Washington would probably be a stretch – but come Saturday, that's not the point.

The first-year program is going for its best effort and looking to gain valuable experience when the Huskies come to Moscow.

"We are focusing on the long-term picture," coach Tom Jager said. "This is their hardest week in the water so far because we are preparing for the Big West Championships, not the meet on Saturday.

Jager said he wants his ath-letes to go into the meet physically tired, serving as good experience for the conference championships in February.

As one of the strongest teams in the Northwest, the Huskies defeated Idaho 110-12 two weeks ago at the Big West Shoot Out in Irvine, Calif. Since then, Idaho's practices have been very intense.

After returning from the Shoot Out, Jager said he received several phone calls congratulating the women on their performance.

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UC Santa Barbara

Long Beach State

Cal State Northridge

Cal State Fullerton

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Idaho

UC Irvine

Utah State

Cal Poly

UC Riverside

North Texas

Troy University

New Mexico State

Middle Tennessee

Louisiana-Monroe

Louisiana-Lafayette

Arkansas State

Idaho

Utah State

Jager said the Vandals have

Big West volleyball standings (as of Nov. 13)

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the same work ethic and talent as the Huskies, but it will be a tough task to match the wellestablished program. He hopes the meet will be an eye-opener for the athletes about what he plans to accomplish at Idaho.

Jager said his goal is to build a program with the ability to beat the Huskies within five years.

Freshman Paige Lee said the team spent the week leading up to the meet giving "85 to 100 per-cent for two hours in the pool with little pool with little rest," at every practice. Junior Leia Spillman said Jager wanted the women to stay mentally strong and suggested they keep emotions out of the meet.

"Tom is the most enthusiastic coach I've ever had," Spillman said. "He has a lot of high goals for us this weekend. I have been working on my turns and my goal is to give my best effort and do what is expected of me by my coach.'

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Stoops takes issue with USC, Auburn in the polls

BY DICK WEISS NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

(KRT) — This pressure to play in the BCS championship game is causing coaches like Bob Stoops of Oklahoma to freak out. Stoops said he just wanted poll voters to know that ESPN has a contract with the SEC and they should take that into account when the network suggests Auburn, not his Sooners, should

Auburn, not his Sooners, should play in the title game. Stoops stopped short of say-ing there was network bias, but it is obvious he wanted to plant that seed as this college football season winds down. Southern California, Oklahoma and Auburn — the top three teams in this week's BCS standings — are all 10-0 USC has a comare all 10-0. USC has a com-manding lead in the polls, but

Auburn has closed the gap between itself and Oklahoma in this week's AP and Coaches' polls, which make up two thirds of the BCS formula. The Tigers, of the BCS formula. The Tigers, who are coming off a convincing 24-6 victory over Georgia last Saturday, are tied with OU for second in AP and have pulled within two points of the Sooners in the Coaches' poll. The top two teams play in the

The top two teams play in the BCS championship game Jan. 4 at the Orange Bowl

Stoops would not say whether he felt ESPN was using its analysts to favor SEC teams like Auburn. "That would be for somebody else to comment on, not me," he said. But he did say ESPN probably affects some voters. "I don't think it's appropri-ate. I understand TV and understand what happens with pro-

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UI women's basketball vs. Boise State

UI men's basketball vs. Fort Lewis College

UI women's cross country at NCAA Championships

grams and ratings. I don't know what to say about it.

"I'm sure voters in the AP and coaches' polls are aware everybody has an agenda. Anyone on television has one. You know about viewership and ratings and those kinds of things. The closer it gets, the better for them.'

Stoops didn't stop there. He proceeded to take on Southern California, joining Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville in questioning why the Trojans have received a pass when it comes to discussion of who should be playing in the big game. "You have to look at strength of schedule, wins on the road and victories over ranked teams," he said.

Stoops suggested USC might have benefited from starting the

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office at 885-6810.

UI men's basketball at Gonzaga

UI volleyball at Colorado State

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season as the preseason No. 1. ⁴I would think there are some pepple voting because they started there," he said.

It might a good idea to post-pone the start of the polls unfil 4-5 weeks into the season."

down the rhetoric. They still have a .0271 lead over the Tigers and have the computers on their side because they have played a stronger non-league schedule — Bowling Green, Oregon and Houston — than Auburn, which padded its schedule with Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana Tech and The Citadel. Unless Auburn can find a way to become a strong No. 2 in both the AP and Coaches' polls, it seems unlikely it will pass the Sooners in the final BCS rankings.

SPORTSCALENDAR

Friday

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

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

Saturday

UI swimming vs. University of Washington Moscow, 11 a.m.

UI men's basketball vs. Southeastern Louisiana

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

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Men's basketball signs four

The UI men's basketball team signed four recruits Tuesday to letters of intent. Aaron Smith, David Dubois, Igor Vrzina and Rashad Jennings will join the Vandals before the 2005-06 season. Smith, a 6-foot-7 swingman, is entering his senior season at Troy High

School in Troy. He averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game as the White Pine League Most Valuable Player

and first team all-state honoree in his junior season. Dubois. a 6-foot-5 small forward, is

entering his senior season at Madison Lafollette High School in Madison, Wis. Jennings, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward, will come to the Vandals by way of Chattanooga State Tech Community College in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Vrzina, a 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward, will join the Vandals from Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, Texas. He averaged 14 points per game as a freshman last season.

Jones earns Big West swimming and diving honors

At her first collegiate meet, UC Irvine freshman diver Jackie Jones notched a pair of first-place finishes at the Big West Shoot Out and earned herself the

honor of this week's Big West Female Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week. Her score of 292.20 on the 3meter board qualified her for NCAA Regional Diving, Her score was the second-highest 3-meter dual meet score in UC Irvine history. Jones also took first on the 1-meter board with a score of 244.15. She wound up with three firstplace finishes at the Shoot Out to help the Anteaters to a third-place finish at the meet.

Men's golf signs recruit

Jacob Koppenberg of Everett, Wash., has signed a letter of intent to play for

Washington Junior Golf Association District I Championship. He was a mem ber of the Washington Hogan Cup Team Koppenberg is a three-time all-con-

ference honoree. He was chosen as the Washington Junior Golf Tour Player of the Year in 2002 and 2003.

As a junior, Koppenberg played at Everett High alongside current Vandal women's golf standout Renee Skidmore:

Swim team gains first recruit

The UI women's swim team gained its first recruit for the 2005-06 season with the signing of Jori McGuire of Yakima, Wash., to a letter of intent.

McGuire, currently a senior at West Valley High School, has earned first team all-conference recognition in the butterfly three consecutive years.

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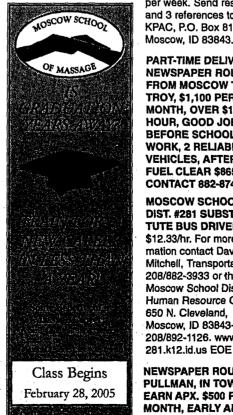
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The University of Idaho Argonaut

North Texas' Thomas, nation's eading rusher, out of the running

BY JEFF WILSON

(KRT) — A brilliant group of freshman running backs this season inspired changes to the qual-incations needed to the win the

Doak Walker Award. Freshmen, the SMU Athletic Forum's members decreed Monday, should be eligible for recognition as the nation's top running back. One first-year player was added to the list of semifinalists, and to the dismay of North Texas coach Darrell Dickey, his wasn't picked. Jamario Thomas won't win the

Jamario Thomas won't win the Dallas-based award this season, even though he has emerged as the leading rusher in the nation while etching his name in NCAA history books. Oklahoma fresh-man Adrian Peterson remains a candidate despite averaging 46 7 candidate despite averaging 46.7 yards fewer per game.

"If you're going to tell me (Thomas) is not one of the eight best running backs in the coun-try, I'd say you're crazy," Dickey said Tuesday. "For him to be left off ... it's ridiculous." Thomas leads Division I-A

with 1,709 yards in nine games (189.89 average), including games of two carries for minus-1 vard against Texas and 10 for 58 before leaving injured against Baylor.

He is one of only three Division I-A freshmen to ever gain 1,700 yards in a season, and he trails former Heisman Trophy ne trails former Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne's record by only 154 yards. He tied former Heisman winners and Pro Football Hall of Fame running backs Marcus Allen and Barry Sanders for the I-A record for consecutive 200-yard games (five)

But he won't be joining Dayne as a Walker award winner this season.

"There was a keen recognition that (Thomas) was a very worthy candidate," said Chris Rentzel, the chairman of the forum's board of directors. "When the list was handed to me at the end of the meeting, there were eight top-drawer semifinalists there. I just don't know who you exclude from that. In another year, I am sure he would have made it.

The eight who did make it are

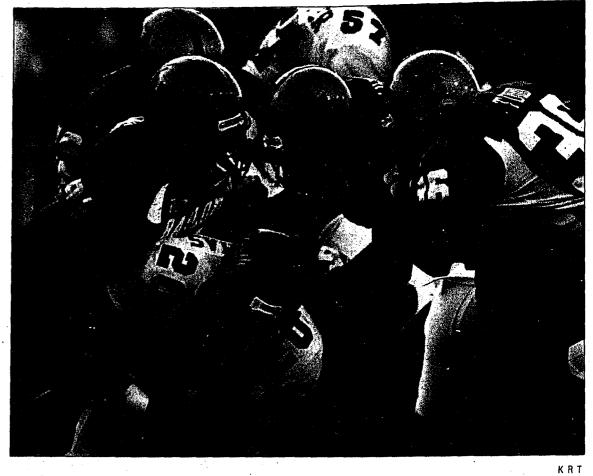
Arrington (California). Cedric Benson (Texas), Ronnie Brown (Auburn), Reggie Bush (USC), Ryan Moats (Louisiana Tech), Peterson, Carnell Williams (Auburn) and DeAngelo Williams (Memphis).

With the exception of Moats, who played at Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas, the semifinalists "were (playing) absolutely in the heat of a national spot-light, turning in big performanc-es one after another," Rentzel said.

He said award voters knew that Thomas had gained 247 yards in his first college start against Colorado, but the Mean Green is out of the national spotlight as a member of the lowertier Sun Belt Conference.

"In the final analysis, that probably played a role," Rentzel said.

Freshmen previously had been ineligible for the award because academics, leadership and character are also considered, Rentzel said, and freshmen didn't have a track record in the off-the-field criteria



University of North Texas running back Jamario Thomas (20) is smothered by Baylor defenders.

Get ready for Spurrier, South Carolina to challenge for SEC title



BY RON MORRIS KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - Steve Spurrier loves a challenge. The one he faces as South

Carolina's expected next head football coach is strangely simi-

lar to COMMENTARY what he

accepted in 1990 when he returned to his alma mater, the University of Florida.

Spurrier won a Heisman Trophy as a quarterback at Florida in 1966, but the program had won little else in the 83 sea-sons of football before his arrival as coach. The Gators promptly won their first six Southeastern Conference titles in 12 seasons under his direction.

Florida teams had produced seven seasons in which they won

nine games. Never had the Gators won 10 games. By the time Spurrier left for the Washington Redskins fol-lowing the 2001 season, his Gators had 12 consecutive seasons of nine or more wins, including nine seasons of 10 or more.

Before Spurrier started wearing his visor on the Florida sideline, the Gators had three teams finish with a ranking among the ton 10 in the country Spurr guided nine of his teams to top-10 finishes, including a national championship in 1996. You get the picture. And you

should, because it probably looks familiar.

USC captured its lone championship, of any kind, when the Gamecocks went unbeaten in Gamecocks went unbeaten in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1969. USC's bowl appearance this postseason will be the 12th in school history, and none of the previous trips was to a major bowl. Only three times has USC won a bowl game. There is one other possible similarity between the two jobs.

similarity between the two jobs. Spurrier inherited an NCAA probation from Florida's previous head coach, Galen Hall. That probation prohibited Spurrier's 1990 Gators from winning the SEC championship even though they finished atop the league standings with a 6-1 record and a 9-2 mark overall.

No word has come down from the NCAA concerning violations during Holtz's six years at USC. The NCAA has been snooping around the program for more than two years and has received what amounts to an admission

of guilt from the university. USC now awaits a ruling from the NCAA on whether it will accept the school's selfimposed penalties. The possibility exists that Spurrier's first USC team could face some sort

of probation. Whatever the circumstances, one doubts t nat Sour

"South Carolina is not one of the top teams in the conference. A couple of other teams have beaten them pretty badly this

year, too."

STEVE SPURRIER EX-FLORIDA FOOTBALL COACH

offense, which resorted to running out of the T-formation at one point this season.

Spurrier is the head coach and the team's offensive coordinator. His game is to stretch receivers from sideline to sideline and force defenses to cover the field from the line of scrimmage to the end zone.

He sends as many as five speedy receivers on precision routes across the field and gives his quarterback the freedom to exploit the defense's weakness. With Spurrier, there are no plays designed to set up the defense for the next play. Every play is called with the idea of scoring a touchdown.

As brash as Spurrier is in lling plays he /llerma

ly implies, the truth, and he lives with the consequences.

"If they boo, they're going to be booing a bunch more because we're going to keep chunking it, he said when Vanderbilt fans booed after Spurrier ordered his team to continue throwing pass-

es late in a lopsided win. He is not guarded in his com-ments about other coaches and programs. "We have to keep things in perspective," he once said after defeating USC.

"South Carolina is not one of the top teams in the conference. A couple of other teams have beaten them pretty badly this year, too."

He is not concerned that a comment of his will make the opponent's bulletin board. When asked in 1995 if Georgia had a better chance of beating Florida that season, Spurier responded, "Is Ray Goff still coaching there?" Spurier tells the truth because he has a deep-seeded belief that college football games are decided by which team has the most talent and which team is coached best. The spoken word can be used as psychological warfare, Spurrier says, but the outcome of a game is ultimately determined on the playing field.

That is where Spurrier also ill top Holtz. will annually challenge for the SEC championship, which means that USC and its fans are in for a wild run with the Ol' Ball Coach leading the charge.

Former University of Florida coach Steve Spurrier talks on his cell phone.

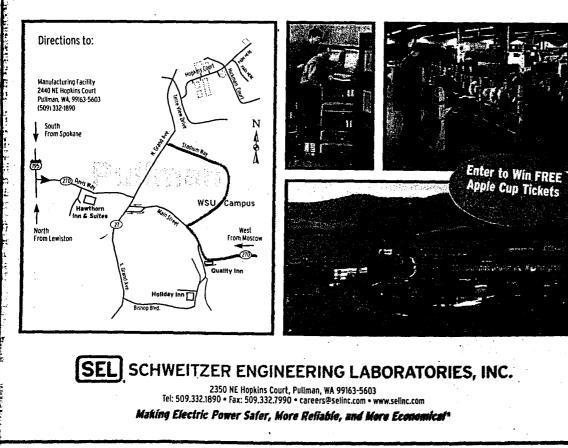
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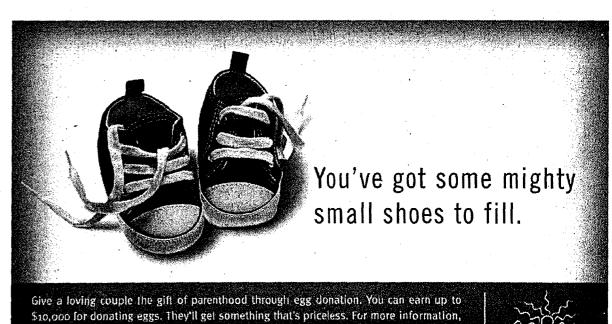
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do at USC what Holtz could not: play exciting football and chal-lenge for SEC championships.

It is a given that Spurrier's Fun 'n' Gun offense will generate more excitement than Holtz's

off the field. He does not play the old coach's game of talking up the opponent, as Holtz did in tiresome fashion. What makes Spurrier so different from other coaches is that he tells, or clear-



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