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"I have heard people claim that our problems can be solved very easily by a simple process leading to program elimination. It is important that the next provost understand that applying a quick fix will lead to disaster."

Monte Boisen, chair
Department of Mathematics



MORRIS

"I do not aspire to become a full-time Provost after the interim period; therefore, I will not seek the permanent position. What I do aspire to do is to lay the groundwork for the permanent provost."

Linda Morris
interim associate vice
provost of academic affairs



PARRISH

"Although I have mixed feelings about this, because my team has much work left to do in the College of Science, I do feel I could execute the responsibilities of the provost well."

Judy Parrish, dean
College of Sciences

Provost search narrows

BY SAM TAYLOR
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With University of Idaho President Tim White's call to have an interim provost named by Monday, three finalists have spent the past week interviewing to fill the position at his right hand. A five-person screening committee nominated Judy Parrish, dean of the college of sciences; Monte Boisen, chair of the department of mathematics; and Linda Morris, interim associate vice provost of academic affairs, as candidates for the position. All three candidates have Ph.D.s and a slew of experience ranging from interim appointments, to journal and other academic publications.

All have nearly 30 years of academic experience. The selection of an interim appointment comes after provost Brian Pitcher announced he would be leaving after he was hired as the chancellor at Washington State University's Spokane campus. He will begin his career there next semester. Pitcher had openly been seeking new employment throughout a transitional time for UI, serving briefly as interim president before White was hired to permanently fill the position. Each candidate went through a long interview schedule, spending an entire day with faculty, staff, students and committees for an hour at a time. Parrish stood in front of a crowd of about

25 people in the Administration Building Auditorium during her open forum session Wednesday morning. As the audience asked her questions about her qualifications and thoughts about the position and university, nobody held back. David Giese, faculty member in the department of art and design, asked Parrish how she would guarantee all members of the university community would be able to access all budget information for healthy discussion to avoid an "emotional bloodbath" his department went through — referring to the possible cutting of the studio arts program by interim president Gary Michael.

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Money 101: The sound of music

MP3 players carry hours of music and a hefty price tag for students looking for a good deal

BY LISA WAREHAM
ARGONAUT STAFF

The average price of an MP3 player: \$269. One MP3 player armband: \$20. A pack of AA batteries: \$3.85.

Turning off the heat to foot the bill: insanity. As MP3 players become commonplace on college campuses, some students are finding out the price of the small handhelds can be as much as one month's rent. But students can save money when buying an MP3 player if they shop for what they need, rather than specifications such as hard drive space they might never use. Radio Shack salesman Dave Haarr said if the buyer wants to use the device for entertainment when exercising, the best buy would be a small model with less space and no moveable parts. He recommended the Rio Cali Sport, which has no moveable parts and includes an armband. The cost is \$150.

The device holds 256 megabytes, which is the equivalent of approximately 60 MP3 songs or 120 WMA songs, depending on the size of the files. The item also includes an FM tuner in case listeners get bored with their playlist and want to listen to the radio.

Haarr said the player is able to hold more memory by adding memory cards, which can cost \$43 for 64 megabytes.

Devices with moveable parts are not adequate for exercising, he said, citing an example with the Rio Karma.

"It actually has a mini hard drive that can move and cause skipping," Haarr said.

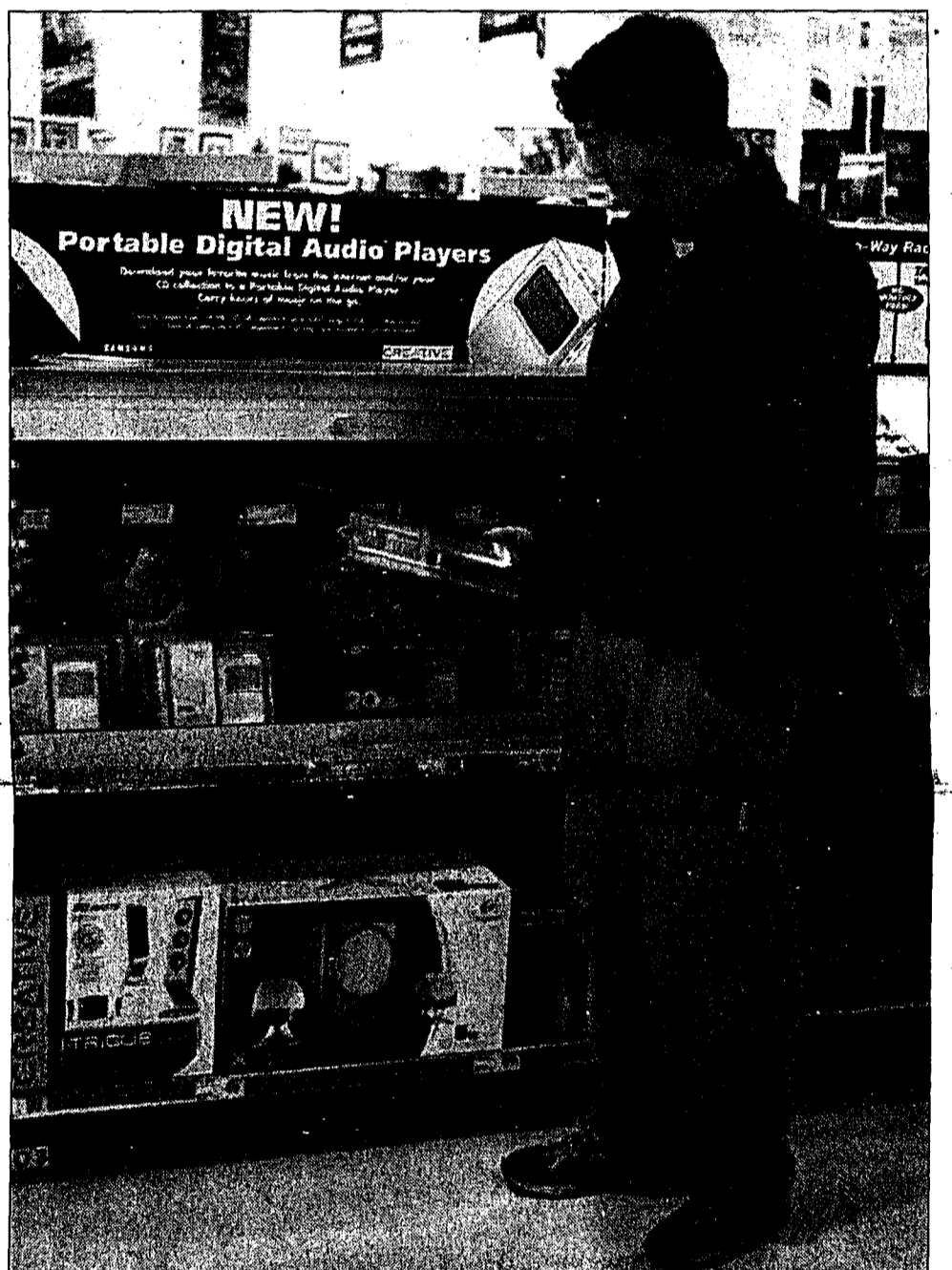
Angela Taaffe, a sophomore communications major, said she uses her MP3 player for exercising. She owns the GPX Music Stick, which costs \$60 online.

"I don't want the big expensive ones, 'cause I don't need that," she said. "Who needs a thousand hours of music?" She said her player holds two hours of music, which is enough for her needs.

"It's small. . . . You know when you have your CD players at the rec center but they fall off the machines 'cause they're big? I hated that," she said.

"I use mine every day, especially during class when I don't want to listen to a boring lecture."

CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN
UI SOPHOMORE



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT

Many models of digital audio players are available at local retailers, such as the 256 MB Samsung Yepp MP3 player being considered by senior Preston Helmstetter.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

WHERE TO BUY

MP3 players are available at local retail stores and online. Price comparisons and reviews can be viewed at www.pricegrabber.com after typing "MP3 player" in the Web site's search engine.

Blot magazine arrives on UI campus

BY AMBER EBERT
ARGONAUT STAFF

Palms were sweating for the staff of University of Idaho's new student-run magazine as they waited three and a half extra hours for the first 5,000 copies to arrive. The Mike Lynch Quartet played jazz while people in the Idaho Commons food court ate cake, drank eggnog and were the first to buy a magazine called Blot.

Choosing a name was just one step in creating Blot. The title stems from a UI magazine that was produced in the '40s and '50s. Blot editor Chris Kornelis said the magazine had a booth at Palouasfest in August. People voted on the name that would appear on the front cover of the magazine. The choice was between Lemon, Blot and any other suggestions offered. The 48-page glossy magazine is full-color

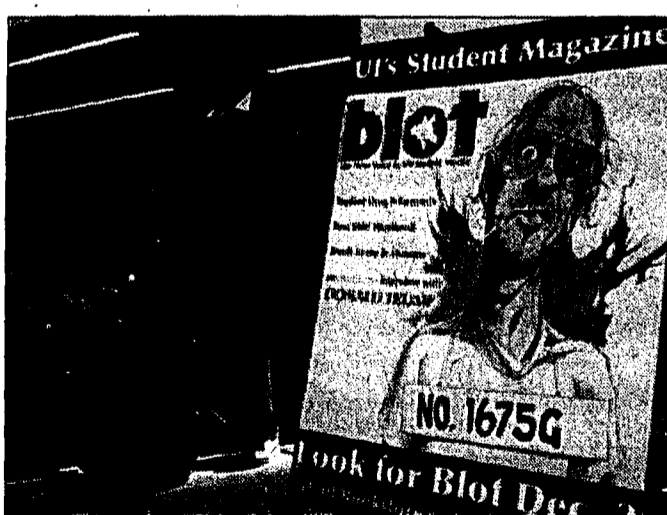
and completely produced by students, replacing the Vandal yearbook, Gem of the Mountains. Morgan Vaughn, a senior in journalism, said he was in a class last semester that helped come up with the idea of replacing the yearbook with a magazine and he thinks it is a good idea.

"Visually, it is really good looking," Vaughn said. "As far as yearbooks go, I was pretty disconnected. I mean, in high school, they were okay, but there were like, 2,000 students then. Now, there are about 12,000."

"It is completely magazine style. It's a general interest magazine. It has no yearbook characteristics," Kornelis said.

Kornelis said the magazine is run by about four people. Shawn O'Neal advises the magazine, as well as other student media.

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KIANNA HAIL / ARGONAUT

UI's Jazz Band plays during the premiere of Blot Thursday afternoon in the Idaho Commons.

Murder suspects to be extradited to Moscow

New judge to oversee trial of Matthew and James Wells

BY JACOB MORRIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

Washington Gov. Gary Locke signed first-degree murder warrants earlier this week, marking a step forward in bringing two suspects charged in the murder of University of Idaho student Eric McMillan from Washington county jails to Idaho.

The warrants to extradite the men were sent to Whitman County, where James J. Wells is being held, and King County, where his nephew, Thomas Riggins, is being held. A third suspect in the murder, Matthew R. Wells, waived his right to a formal extradition and is currently being held in the Latah County Jail.

Neither James Wells nor Riggins have been moved to Latah County as of Thursday evening, said Harry Moran, a Latah County deputy.

When they do arrive in Moscow, they will make a court appearance within a single business day.

The three men were indicted by an Idaho grand jury in November. The indictments alleged Riggins asked the Wells brothers to murder McMillan, a cornerback for the Vandal football team.

The Wellses both face first-degree murder charges while Riggins faces charges of being a principal to murder. All three face charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

McMillan was shot in the chest while in his apartment on the night of Sept. 19. He died the following morning at Gritman Medical Center.

James and Matthew Wells were previously facing felony eluding charges in Whitman County after allegedly leading police on a high-

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KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Plant and Soil Science Club members sell several varieties of poinsettias in the Idaho Commons Wednesday.

Plant club shows off green thumb at annual sale

BY NATE POPPINO
ARGONAUT STAFF

When students walk through the Idaho Commons today they may be surprised to find a hallway filled with poinsettias.

The plants are the handiwork of the University of Idaho Plant and Soil Science Club, a student-run organization that sells the plants every December. The club grows several different kinds of plants in the UI greenhouses on Sixth Street and sells them throughout the year.

Senior agricultural education major Ariel Spaeth, club president, said the 15 club members began planning for the poinsettia sale in February, when they ordered poinsettia cuttings. Cuttings arrived in August and club members worked from August until December to grow

the plants and prepare them for sale. In October they began covering the plants overnight to block outside light and develop the various shades of red for which poinsettias are known.

"We'll hopefully donate the leftover poinsettias to nursing homes in the area."

ARIEL SPAETH
CLUB PRESIDENT

"It's all students doing all the watering, fertilizing and trimming. It's a lot of effort from members," Spaeth said.

Bob Tripepi, professor of plant science and club adviser since 1995, said

the club started out as the Idaho Agronomy Club in 1956 and changed its name in 1969 to attract more members. He did not know when the poinsettia sale started, but he said the club was selling them when he was its adviser from 1984 to 1986.

Sophomore Mary Barstow, a crop sciences and agriculture industries management communication major and the club treasurer, joked that the lack of students on campus in August means not all of the club members are able to work on the plants.

"No one's here in summer so anyone within 30 miles gets to help," Barstow said.

Barstow said the club sells the poinsettias for \$8 each and usually makes \$1,500 to \$2,000 during the two-day sale. This year the group

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OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for Today, Saturday, and Sunday. Today: Mostly cloudy, Hi: 39, Lo: 31. Saturday: Rain/Snow showers, Hi: 40, Lo: 29. Sunday: Snow showers, Hi: 35, Lo: 25.

SENATEREPORT

Dec. 1, 2004

Open Forum

Megan Thompson, Civic Engagement Board chair, encouraged the senate to promote awareness of coming events involving the board. The board is still collecting items to include in care packages to be shipped to U.S. troops in Iraq.

Students are encouraged to help put together cards and letters from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 7. In another effort to support the troops, the Civic Engagement Board will have a reception for their families titled "Support Each Other, Support Our Troops."

The board is also accepting textbook donations during finals week for children in Africa. Textbooks are preferred, but novels and other books can also be donated.

Vandal Taxi will be running on its new route system this weekend from 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Busses are expected to complete their routes within 30 minutes.

Director of Violence Prevention Jacob Parker showed the senators copies of a draft of wallet-sized business cards that will be handed out to students to inform them of important safety contact information.

Violence Prevention is working with a UI civic engineering professor to gather information on the dangers of not having a crosswalk between Perimeter Drive and Line Street across the Moscow-Pullman highway.

Parliamentarian Hank Johnston was excited to announce the coming "State of the Hank Address," a speech he will be giving at the next ASUI senate meeting.

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum was not able to attend the senate meeting. Presidential policy adviser Caroline Miner spoke on his behalf.

Myhrum is collaborating with Vice President-elect Jess Helsley and Idaho State University student government to develop allegiances for lobbying at the state legislative level.

Miner said at a state board of education meeting Thursday that UI officials were scheduled to discuss their contractual obligation to purchasing the Tau Kappa Epsilon House on Nez Perce Drive.

UI was also scheduled to address a new plan for employee health insurance. The plan would not see changes in policies or premiums, but would allow administration to more efficiently use the money spent on insurance.

UI officials were also scheduled to ask the State Board of Education to consider lifting the 10 percent cap on fee raises for the coming year. UI Vice President of Finance Jay Kenton does not want to rule out any possibilities for solving UI financial problems.

Miner also relayed Myhrum's condolences to the family of Heidi Bohac, a UI student who recently died in an auto accident. In his written statement to the ASUI senate Myhrum said, "The loss of Heidi affects us all and sends shockwaves of grief throughout our tight-knit residential campus."

Senate Business

Bill F04-28 passed, appointing Emily Anderson to the position of ASUI Civic Engagement Board Catalyst Editor.

Bill F04-29 passed, appointing Kelly Erickson to the position of ASUI Director of Community Relations.

Bill F04-30 passed, removing the ASUI business advisor from the ASUI presidential cabinet.

Bill F04-31 passed, appointing Shruti Upadhyaya to the position of ASUI Academics Board Chair.

Jacob Morris

CAMPUSCALENDAR

Today

Dissertation: Josh Szasz, Agricultural Science Building, Room 62 9 a.m.

Plant & Soil Science Club poinsettia sale, Idaho Commons 11 a.m.

Provost Candidate: Linda Morris, Administration Building Auditorium 11 a.m.

Dissertation: Koffi Yoffi Sampson, Buchanan Engineering Lab, Room 205 3:30 p.m.

Student recital: Ethan Lane, clarinet, School of Music Recital Hall 5 p.m.

UIRA holiday reception, St. Augustine's Catholic Church 5 p.m.

President's holiday celebration, Student Union Building 6 p.m.

NEWSBRIEFS

ASUI adviser hired for national position

Steven Janowiak, director of Student Activities and Leadership Programs and ASUI adviser, was recently named to the National Advisory Board for Idealstoncampus.org.

Idealist on Campus is part of Idealist.org, a division of the national nonprofit organization Action Without Borders. Idealist on Campus promotes civic engagement, political involvement and work in the nonprofit sector for college students and recent graduates.

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

"Mostly Moscow" UITY-8 7:30 p.m.

"Adding Machine" Hartung Theatre 7:30 p.m.

Student recital: Scott Bradford, tuba, School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

ASUI senate meeting UITY-8 8 p.m.

Late Night at the Rec Student Recreation Center 9:30 p.m.

Saturday

Army/Navy flag football game, Guy Wicks Field or Kibbie Dome if rainy 9:30 a.m.

Student recital: Aheli Pimienta and Dawn Sanchez, flutes, School of Music Recital Hall 2 p.m.

Student recital: Marissa Peterson and Kajsia Wilkins, both piano, School of Music Recital Hall 4 p.m.

Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra, School of Music Recital Hall 7:30 p.m.

"Adding Machine" Hartung Theatre 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Student recital: T.J. Eriksen, baritone saxophone, School of Music Recital Hall noon

Student recital: Bradley Barwell, saxophone, School of Music Recital Hall 2 p.m.

"Adding Machine" Hartung Theatre 2 p.m.

University Chorus and Vandaleer Choir, Administration Building Auditorium 4 p.m.

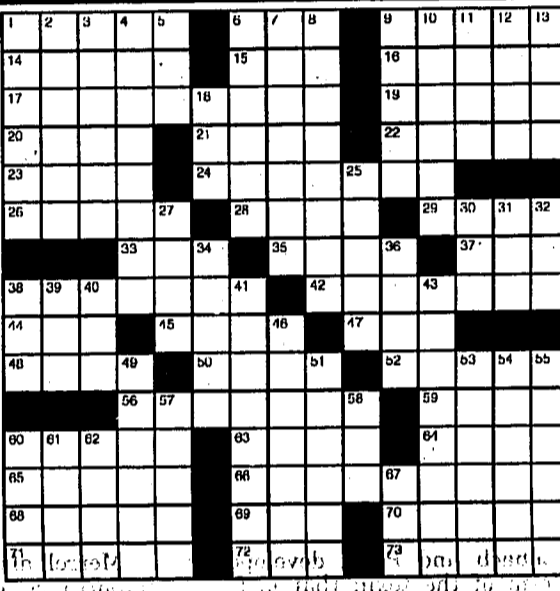
Monday

Graduate Student Association holiday open house, Commons Whitewater Room 2 p.m.

UI 2004 Bellwood Lecture UITY-8 8 p.m.

CROSSWORDPUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Sufficiently polite, 6 Stroke gently, 9 Opera songs, 14 Empress of Byzantium, 15 Stein filler, 16 Haute, IN, 17 One who conveys, 19 Snivel, 20 Not pro, 21 Adult male pig, 22 Ancient fabulist, 23 Poor grades, 24 Ol' Blue Eyes, 26 Ababa, 28 Painful, 29 Infrequent, 33 Almond or cashew, 35 Melon coat, 37 Helfer, 38 Theater troupes, 42 Former orphan, 44 At this moment, 45 Devitalized, 47 Big CA, 48 Spike and Robert E., 50 Promissory notes, 52 Find a new tenant for a flat, 56 Marberry matron, 59 Rescue, 60 Prison chambers, 63 Response times, 64 At that time, 65 Pontificate, 66 Volcanic events, 68 Cruise ship, 69 Behold, 70 Be of one mind, 71 Estate documents, 72 Morose, 73 Lager and ale, DOWN: 1 Noisy insect, 2 Pressed, 3 Aired, 4 Carving, 5 August sign, 6 Vernacular, 7 Beatles song, 8 "Rigby", 8 Lizard containers, 9 Fighting battles, 10 Listen to an appeal, 11 Garden bloom, 12 Florence's river, 13 Ooze, 18 Nat'l. TV network, 25 Looks after, 27 Litigates, 30 False front, 31 Cavalier, 32 Ram's dam, 34 Work at getting in shape, 36 Gloomy, 38 L. Michaels' show, 39 End of a sock, 40 Stupefied state, 41 Impeccable, 43 Level of esteem, 46 Section in a section, 49 Like some peanuts, 51 Made a smooth transition, 53 City near Rawalpindi, 54 More level, 55 Past, present and future, 57 Operators, 58 Psychic's gift, 60 Chilly, 61 Toledo's lake, 62 Highway subdivision, 67 Hunter of films



Solutions from Nov. 30

A grid of words from the crossword puzzle solutions, including: SELL, CLAN, STARE, ARIA, HOME, TUBER, GASTRITIS, AREAS, ASPHALT, TRUNDLE, BLOC, ANT, SHABBY, OFF, COLOR, HANOI, SMITH, AWE, ELSA, NUMBS, INNS, AVE, POMES, EMCCEE, RELATION, AMPERE, LOS, DRIP, BUBBLES, ESTONIA, AGREE, EARLY, BIRD, CLAIM, ARGUE, ICED, KITTY, TONS, TESIS.

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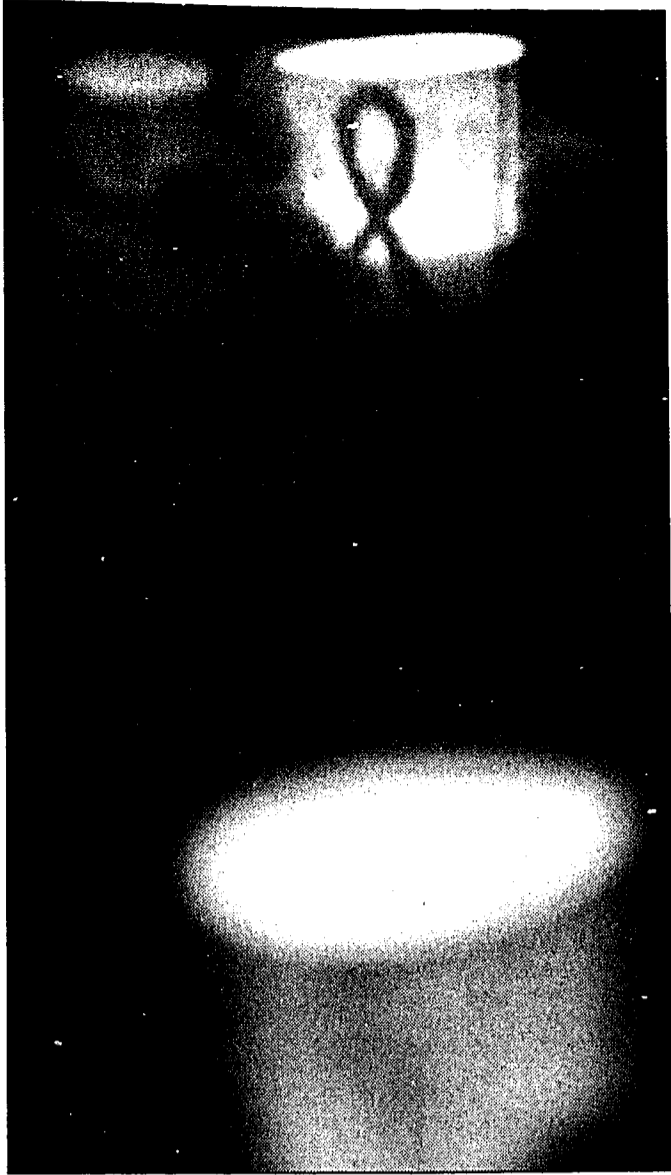
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ALTA CUTLER / ARGONAUT
A candlelight vigil for World AIDS Day was held Wednesday evening outside the Idaho Commons.

UI sheds light on World AIDS Day

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD
ARGONAUT STAFF

AIDS and HIV in the United States

- 850,000 to 950,000 U.S. residents are living with HIV infection, one quarter of whom are unaware of their infection.

- About 40,000 new HIV infections occur each year in the United States, about 70 percent among men and 30 percent among women. Of these newly infected people, half are younger than 25 years old.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates out of the new cases among men in the U.S., about 60 percent of men were infected through homosexual sex, 25 percent through injection drug use and 15 percent through heterosexual sex.

- Of new infections among women in the United States, the CDC estimates about 75 percent of women were infected through heterosexual sex and 25 percent through injection drug use.

- When 2002 came to an end, an estimated 384,906 people in the United States were living with AIDS. As of Dec. 31, 2002, an estimated 501,669 people with AIDS in the United States had died.

Statistics compiled by Argonaut reporter Cynthia Reynaud from a July 2004 report issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A mere eight flames flickered during a candlelight vigil held outside the Idaho Commons Wednesday night to honor AIDS victims and those living with HIV and AIDS today.

The small turnout, however, did not reflect the size of the goal of the eight women standing in the cold that night.

"We're a small group here; this is a large campus. There are many we can reach," UI Women's Center director Jeannie Harvey said.

The theme of the night was "Turning Remembrance into Action," and the vigil was part of a series of events this week in observance of World AIDS Day.

"Today we must learn and we must act to stop AIDS, to stop the conditions that lead to AIDS and to call on our governments and our communities to work to end HIV and AIDS," Harvey said.

As Harvey spoke, she placed a special emphasis on how AIDS affects women around the world and said increasingly it has become the face of a woman or girl that is the face of AIDS.

"The continued spread of HIV and AIDS is linked to gender inequality, violence against women and the continued denial of women's entitlement to full human rights," she said.

Following the vigil, participants were invited inside the Commons to view a quilt commemorating this year's World AIDS day. Living groups, student clubs and individuals around campus made the quilt

squares earlier this week.

Carrie Wright, a senior interior design major, said looking at the quilt made her remember a larger quilt she viewed in her hometown of Houghton, Mich.

"When I was in middle school, the touring AIDS quilt came through town," she said. "Seeing that many squares representing people who had AIDS really touched me. ... You felt like you really knew them when you looked at the quilts."

Wright said she thought the quilt in the Commons was a great start for UI, one that could turn into an ongoing tradition.

Tuesday a panel made up of international students discussed the growing problem of AIDS around the world. The event was put on by the ASUI Civic Education Project and drew students from Kenya, Japan, Nepal, Malaysia, India, China, Indonesia and the United States.

Kiran Dhami, a graduate student from India, said four to five million people are infected with HIV in India. This is the second largest number of cases in the world.

"It's spreading at a very fast rate," she said. "In about 10 years they expect it to be 20 to 25 million. ... It is very much a grave situation in India."

Despite the numbers, Dhami said the Indian government is not addressing the issue within the country. She said people might become more informed if sex and HIV and AIDS were discussed at the school level.

Junior Yumi Machida said in her country of Japan they also do not receive sex education. "People are so conservative, they

avoid talking about AIDS, sex and HIV," Machida said.

Machida said she became informed only because she specifically looked for information on the disease in magazines and on television and the Internet.

Simba Tirima, a Kenyan Ph.D. student in environmental law and policy at UI, offered several ideas as to how to help reduce the number of AIDS patients around the world. He suggested teaching abstinence, passing out condoms, addressing poverty issues, educating people and empowering the female population.

"Someone said if you're not infected you're somehow affected," Tirima said. "Globally we are very, very connected. ... We cannot sit here and think that we're isolated."

For 17 years, World AIDS Day has been observed on Dec. 1 around the world. Its purpose is to celebrate the progress made in the battle against AIDS and examine the remaining challenges for the future. This year's theme, "End Violence Against Women," put focus on the link between AIDS and violence against women.

According to a report released by UNAIDS on Nov. 23, the number of women living with HIV in each region of the world has risen over the past two years. They make up nearly half of the 37.2 million adults between ages 15 and 49 living with HIV worldwide.

The total number of people around the globe living with HIV has reached its highest level at 39.4 million people, an increase of 2.8 million people from 2002.

"It's a huge issue and the world needs to face it," Harvey said.

UI licenses vaccine to Korean firm

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI
ARGONAUT STAFF

UI microbiology research will no longer only impact the surrounding community and economy.

After the signing of a pact Monday, a vaccine for dairy cows discovered by UI and Seoul National University scientists was licensed in an agreement between the Idaho Research Foundation and South Korean corporation LG Life Sciences Ltd.

The pact will not only solidify an international link between the two countries, but aid in the treatment of bovine mastitis around the world as well. LG Life Sciences creates and sells pharmaceuticals and animal health and agrochemical products, focusing on chemicals, energy, electronics and telecommunications. Representatives from the corporation, along with Professor Yong Ho Park of Seoul National University, who worked closely with Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station director Greg Bohach on the project, were present at Monday's signing.

The event comes just five years after UI and Seoul National University signed a memorandum in 1999 to begin a

collaboration to create and develop the vaccine.

Throughout the entire process, the two entities received financial support from the United Dairymen of Idaho, National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service of the Republic of Korea also helped to complete the necessary work to ready the product for licensing and to be put on the market. The project also utilized the expertise of Larry Fox and Bill Davis of Washington State University. The two evaluated the product after its creation, along with Bohach and Park.

"One of the things that resulted from this collaboration was the interest in reducing the impact of bovine mastitis, which is the number one agriculturally important disease in the United States," Bohach said.

UI science writer Bill Loftus said Bohach described the new vaccine as more of an "immune system booster." The vaccine helps dairy cows develop antibodies against the disease. The new microbiological product consists of a modified form of the bacterium that most commonly causes mastitis, known as staphylococcus aureus bacterium.

"Mastitis is a complex disease, so no one treatment can cure it," Bohach said.

Dairy cows with mastitis have shown higher somatic cell levels in their milk. For the dairy industry, this quality has led to significant losses in milk production and quality. A higher somatic cell count in milk is usually an indicator of bacterial infection within the udder of the cow, as well as inflammation. Thus, higher counts are considered abnormal and milk with this characteristic will fetch a lower price at market.

Researchers, including Bohach and Park, developed a form of the toxin that is fairly safe to the dairy cows. While the toxin is physically not dangerous, the dairy cows' immune systems think otherwise, and react by producing antibodies in preparation for destroying the mastitis toxin.

From this reaction, the researchers hope to reduce the total monetary loss for the U.S. dairy industry, which has the potential to hit or surpass \$1.7 billion each year. Park and Bohach also hope to increase milk production and quality and lower the cost of treating the dis-

ease itself. Some estimates have shown the expense of the disease to be about \$200 per cow each year.

"This is exactly what the state of Idaho needs," acting director of the Idaho Research Foundation Gene Merrell said. "It needs wonderful investigators, and graduate students with post doctorates to come together, to use their intellect to develop ideas and test those hypotheses. In this case, the key was to develop a product and test it on a small scale to prove to the world that it has had economic impact, that it is affecting initiatives important to societies around the world."

Merrell also acknowledged the importance of the product in bringing the two entities, the IRF and LG Life Sciences together in a partnership, as well as the assets such operations added to the state.

"There is not a better example of the role of universities, the role of companies, and the role of research companies combine," Merrell said. "The fact that it's global really underscores the point that Idaho economy is in fact a global economy."

SNOW CARNAGE



SARAH QUINT / ARGONAUT
History major James Schneider helps art and design major Grant Boomer out of a ditch they crashed into while sledding on slopes of the UI campus Tuesday evening. They made their sled out of an air mattress, tarp and rope.

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UI Plant & Soil Science Club

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& Friday, December 3

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grew 335 plants for the sale. The sale is one of three the club holds. Members sell house plants in October and garden plants in spring. The money goes to pay for an annual trip the club takes over Spring Break.

"We go to places in the Northwest and go on garden tours. It's always industry-related," Spaeth said. "The trip is all expenses paid. Members just have to put in the hours."

This year Spaeth said members are planning to go to the Japanese Garden in Portland, Ore. Some may also go to Guadalajara, Mexico, to learn what programs a college there has. Last year 15 members went to Victoria, British Columbia, and toured the Butchart

Gardens. Along with the trips, Spaeth said the club also does several service projects in the community. Members sponsor a family during the Christmas season, provide a \$400 scholarship for a club member once a year and help prune apple trees for the Nature Conservancy in the spring. Spaeth is hoping the poinsettia sale will allow enough funding for another service project.

"We'll hopefully donate the leftover poinsettias to nursing homes in the area," Spaeth said.

The poinsettia sale started Wednesday and will run today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The club meets every Thursday night at 5:30 at the UI greenhouses. Students interested in joining can either show up at the meeting or e-mail Spaeth at spaeh8807@uidaho.edu.

Racial mascots cause stir

BY ALLISON OCKINGA ARGONAUT STAFF

Sociology professor Ginna Babcock probably didn't know what she would get her Anthropology 427 class into when she showed a video addressing the problems with using American Indians as team mascots.

The award-winning 1998 film, "In Whose Honor? Using American Indian Mascots in Sports," caused quite a stir among the students in the Racial and Ethnic Relations class.

Babcock's students say the topic is as important as ever today.

Tasha Marcum, a senior in the class, said the video had a strong effect on several students. "Many people in my class

were inspired by racial tension," she said after watching the film. "One man decided to do something about it."

"Many people in my class were inspired by racial tension."

TASHA MARCUM
UI SENIOR

Marcum spoke in reference to classmate John Meninick, a Nez Perce tribal member from Lenore, who feels particularly drawn to fight for the cause of eliminating offensive racial mascots after viewing "In Whose Honor?"

Led by Meninick, the class organized an event Thursday that featured a public showing of the film as well as a panel discussion. In the Administration Building Auditorium, the audience discussed the racial problems associated with using American Indians as team mascots, like the Atlanta Braves, Washington Redskins and Cleveland Indians sports teams do.

Meninick is in the midst of making his own follow-up documentary on the subject in conjunction with a Moscow film production agency. He is in discussion with PBS to air his documentary early this summer. After contacting the panel of five people who were interviewed for the original video six years ago, he filmed Thursday's event and the subsequent interviews with

panel members Charlene Teters, Wally and Karen Strong, Betty Labbee, and Richard King.

"In Whose Honor?" focused on schools like the University of Illinois, whose team mascot is the Fighting Illini. Its logo is an Indian chief. Meninick plans to send his video of the panel discussion to the University of Illinois and speak with the president of the university in hopes of changing the mascot to one that is not offensive to American Indians.

Not everyone feels that potentially offending ethnic groups is reason enough to change the mascots for teams that have existed for ages. Long-standing tradition is the cause of most opposition to team mascot changes.

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speed chase that began in Pullman and ended in Vantage, Wash.

Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy later dropped the eluding charges so Idaho authorities could move forward with the first-degree murder charges.

Matthew Wells' arraignment at the Latah County Courthouse was scheduled to occur Monday but was delayed after his attorney, Charles Kovis, moved to disqualify District Court Judge John Stegner. Attorneys are allowed to disqualify one judge without

cause by Idaho law.

Second District Judge John Bradbury was appointed by Stegner after his disqualification and the arraignment has been rescheduled for Dec. 6.

Latah County prosecutor Bill Thompson has said he plans to prosecute all three suspects in the same trial, but it is still unclear if that will happen. If separate trials are to be carried out, there is no certainty that Bradbury will preside over all of them.

Police are still investigating the events of the night McMillan was killed. Police have not publicly announced if a murder weapon has been found, or if a motive has been established.

BLOT

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"But, he was totally hands-off," Kornelis said. "If I had questions, I would ask him and he would answer. Or, if he had any suggestions, he would talk to me, but other than that, everything is run by students."

Kornelis said Blot is enriching and educational, while serving entertainment purposes. Articles' subjects range from student drug informants to getting to know your wine. There is also a sports section called Perimeter. Associate editor Elizabeth Dalesio said the section focuses on student clubs and organizations with which a lot of people aren't familiar.

"We wanted to write about sports that aren't recognized. We went through a list and picked clubs we knew nothing about," Dalesio said. "We didn't even

know loggers sports club existed. We just wanted something people knew nothing about."

The magazine also includes an exclusive interview with Donald Trump.

"It was a matter of making a lot of phone calls," Kornelis said. "It's almost more fun to go after the interviews than to actually do the interview."

Blot will be published twice a year, at the end of each semester. The staff hopes to go after several big names and see whom they can land for interviews.

Students interested in writing for Blot are encouraged to submit their stories. Kornelis said the only real guideline he has is that the writing be good.

"The primary goal of the magazine is to learn. We had to figure out how to do things. We started from scratch," Kornelis said. "We've found things that would be better the next time around, but that's what it's all about: learning."

MUSIC

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Taaffe said the device is adequate when she flies because she doesn't need to carry a case of CDs.

Christopher Golden, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, said he uses his 20 GB iPod at least 10 hours a day.

"I use it in class, while I work-out, while I'm walking to class, and when I go to sleep," Golden said. "I use mine every day, especially during class when I don't want to listen to a boring lecture."

Golden said he chose an iPod because its software is easy to understand.

"This is coming from a person who knows absolutely nothing

about computers," Golden said.

He said he likes iPods better than CD players because of size and quality.

"CD players are bulky and you can only listen to about 15 songs, then you have to change the CD," he said. "MP3 players don't skip and you can listen to hours of continuous music."

Golden said the iPod includes games, can be a personal organizer, and some 40GB iPods can take pictures.

He received his iPod from his parents, but Golden said he would have bought the product even if his parents didn't.

"I think it would totally be worth the money," he said.

Carol Mosman, a sales associate in the computer department of the UI Bookstore, said MP3 players hold information files as well as music files. Mosman said

some university departments bought iPods as hardware backups.

Mosman said the store has sold about 180 iPods and iPod minis this semester, and sales have been increasing because Christmas is near. The store sold 10 of the devices on Monday.

"It really is the hot item," Mosman said.

Although iPods can be costly, UI students could get one of the MP3 players free of cost by participating in online course evaluations. A drawing will be held Dec. 13.

Haarr said people who will use their MP3 players primarily for road trips should buy a device with more space, which will hold more variety in music. He said an example is the Rio Carbon. The device holds 80

hours of MP3 music or 160 hours of WMA music.

Haarr said a good device to play music at a party is the Rio Karma because it can connect to a stereo system. And at \$300, it can also hold more than 5,000 MP3 files or more than 10,000 WMA files.

"You can always take out a CD and change it up. But with this you can organize it by genre," Haarr said.

Many people are replacing their CD players with MP3 players because of the MP3 devices' small size, Haarr said, as well as the ability to download music from the Internet and anti-skip convenience.

"If you drop it, nothing can break inside ... and there's no skipping with MP3 players."

SEARCH

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"Sometimes things are too general," Parrish explained. "I think that when we analyze units here we need to understand that the same criteria for one unit won't be the same for another. I can't address the situation of studio arts specifically because I don't know all of the details. I think we need to talk to all of the units about what criteria is appropriate for them when we're implementing it."

Others asked Parrish, who came to UI in 2003, if she believed she would be able to handle the position since she is so new.

"There seems to be a learning curve, because you're fairly new," said Brenda Helbling, senior administrative assistant of UI's Medical Education

Program. "I see a lot of time spent making you aware of the position."

Parrish said having been the dean of the college of sciences, she "came up pretty fast in the position" because she communicated with people who already had a grasp of situations at the university.

"Nobody can do this job without the people of the university," Parrish said.

Parrish also said she felt fortunate to be a part of UI and said the university had a "magical quality about it."

Thursday, Boisen also spent the day in interviews, vying for the interim position.

"I was very honored to know some colleague, or colleagues, thought enough of me to nominate me for such an important position," Boisen said Thursday.

Boisen, who recently chaired the University Vision and Resources Task Force, said he

thought the biggest issues the interim provost faces next semester are the university's budget issues, but the university had three good candidates for the position from which to choose.

"It's up to President White to decide whether I'm a good fit for the job," he said.

If he were selected, Boisen said he would do everything that could be done to protect the academic quality of the programs.

Boisen and Parrish both said working fast with solid plans for the university's future was very important in the spring.

Morris, who has spent her entire academic career, from graduation to the work force, at UI, said she was initially hesitant to accept her nomination because of the tough work with which the interim provost would be involved.

Morris said if she were select-

ed she would work hard on implementing the UVRF recommendations with President White.

"Specifically, there are challenges with the prioritization tool. It needs metrics and I think that's the first challenge," she said.

The prioritization tool, Boisen agreed, was fairly vague in the report but was essential in deciding what priorities the university needed to align itself with for its future.

A nationwide search will begin immediately next semester in search of a full-time provost.

Both Morris and Parrish said they would not seek the full-time provost position, but Boisen said he was "not shutting any doors."

"I love working in the math department, but I'm not going to say yes or no," Boisen said.

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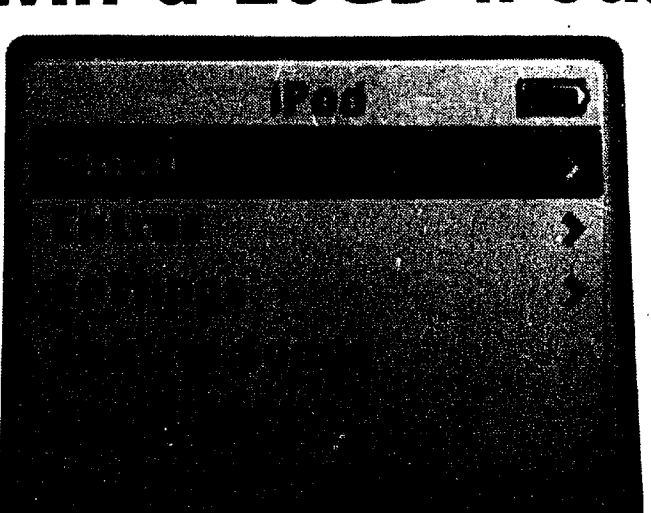
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MAIL BOX

Arafat was a modern Hitler

Dear Editor,

Although it is a sad occasion when anybody dies, one must be objective when discussing the deceased's legacy. So it is with former PLO President Yasser Arafat.

As the world memorializes his passing, they seem to overlook the fact that this man was a modern-day Hitler. Like Hitler, Yasser Arafat sought a state free from Jews. He also approved of and funded the indiscriminate killing of countless Jews; maybe not six million, as with Hitler, but I would categorize it as mass murder.

Arafat believed the Jews were the bane of civilization and, like Hitler did with Neville Chamberlain, Arafat used peace as a shield to gain his desires. Arafat used HAMAS, Hizballah and Al-Fatah to carry out his annihilation of the Jews, just as Hitler used the SS to carry out his exterminations. The rejection of countless peace accords kept the Palestinian people in a constant state of war.

Arafat was not interested in their well-being, he just wanted to slaughter Jews. So why does the world mourn the recent loss of one anti-Semite mass murderer, but breathe a sigh of relief in the 59-year-old suicide of another?

Christopher Johnson
UI alumnus
Pensacola, Fla.

Soldiers outrank royalty

Dear Editor,

I was upset to read Shane O'Brien's letter ("UI cutting military ceremony shameful" Nov. 19). As a sibling of a soldier in Iraq, who is an alumnus of UI AROTC, and an alumnus of UI, it was disheartening to see where our priorities are, especially coming from a campus that has three branches of ROTC on it. These soldiers are putting their lives on the line so that we are able to live in a free country and celebrate such traditions as Homecoming.

Why are we more worried about crowns, sashes and beauty than allowing those that need to be given honors and respect have their moment to shine? Even though Moscow is a smaller town in Idaho, we should not lose sight of what is going on in the world around us. So, I ask those on that made this decision: Do you sleep better at night knowing that the Homecoming royalty had more time?

Christine Robbins
UI alumna
Moscow

Why steal ribbons?

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Moscow for the past 40 years and worked at the University of Idaho for the past 24. I have always enjoyed the friendly, open environment of both Moscow and the UI.

However, I was deeply troubled by what happened yesterday while my car was parked in the Sweet Avenue lot. Two patriotic magnetic ribbons were removed or stolen from my car. One ribbon pictured the American flag and said "God Bless the USA." The second ribbon was yellow with the text "Support our Troops." My oldest son is currently in the Army and he does have my support! Plus, I am very proud to be an American and I do believe in God.

These ribbons did not just fall off. The magnets are strong and can even withstand an automatic car wash. Other friends here on campus have also had their ribbons removed or stolen.

Why?

Kim Farbo
Moscow

Bush will take freedom

Dear Editor,

This letter will begin my fight for truth and freedom in America. One month after the elections I am beginning to see the tremendous amount of work I have as a student and as a woman to begin to protect my rights in and pride for this country.

With the re-election of George W. Bush, our freedom to make responsible choices about our lives and our bodies will soon begin to diminish. I am confused about how a country that was built on and prides itself in the freedom of our citizens has chosen a leader that will surely take these freedoms away. This has become a trend under the Bush administration and will only prove more

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OURVIEW



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

Brice has no place in athletics

Dear Athletic Director Rob Spear and football coach Nick Holt,

The Argonaut understands this has been a difficult year both on and off the football field. We would like to wish both of you the best of luck next year in your continuing effort to make Vandal athletics great.

There is, however, an issue that is non-negotiable in the future of Vandal football. The Argonaut demands the resignation — or termination — of cornerbacks coach Alundis Brice.

There is no dispute of his talents as a coach. Unfortunately, he has shown poor judgment in the utmost degree in choices outside the realm of football.

When Brice chose to retrieve his gun from underneath the seat of his car and display it to students with whom he was in an argument Aug. 15, he proved that he has no place at this university.

When Brice pled guilty to disturbing the peace Monday, he settled the matter with the city. It is now time that he settle with the school as well.

The charges brought against Brice are not the issue that is of concern. The important issue is that Brice freely admitted to police that he displayed the weapon, as if he had done nothing wrong.

If the situation involved little more than an argument over Brice's car in the parking lot of CJ's, a local bar, there would be little more to discuss. It was Brice's short-sighted actions that brought the incident into the spotlight. It was his gun, in his car, drawn specifically to intimidate UI students, that made the situation unacceptable. He has no excuses for his behavior and

has written his own walking papers.

There is no place at an institution of higher learning, even in athletics, for a man in a position of leadership who makes those kinds of decisions. Whether or not it is a savory idea to call a coach at this level a role model, there is no denying that, with players and fans alike, coaches do have an effect on those around them. There should be no university interest in an individual who chooses to escalate an argument with a weapon.

The Argonaut is sympathetic that Brice has been the victim of a gunshot himself. That unfortunate event does not, however, excuse him from making a fool of himself and the university.

Brice may be sorry for his actions. He may make apologies; they are deserved. But now that he has shown the quality of decision-making in his character, there is no way he should be given another opportunity to embarrass Vandal athletics again or bring an element of violence not usually found in Moscow into the student realm.

Many people make mistakes. And for most mistakes people should be given another chance. It is this specific situation, involving both students and a deadly weapon, that warrants a no-tolerance policy from the two of you.

It is a disgrace to the university, the students, the players, the hard-working coaches and especially yourselves to allow Brice to remain as a tarnished spot on an otherwise admirable program.

Thank you for complying with this just demand and good luck in all Vandal endeavors.

S.O.

Administration has policy of arrogance

Earlier this week an incident at the APEC summit in Chile epitomized the American arrogance that has enraged the majority of the people on the planet and, unfortunately, set the tone for the next four years.

This year the United States hosted the ironically titled Asia Pacific Cooperation Summit in Chile. According to Chilean paper *La Nacion*, the Secret Service "went out of its way to sneer at Chilean security measures." Eventually the Chileans tired of the SS detail's derision.

Entering a banquet hall, the Chileans allowed only one agent to follow Bush to the table, physically restraining another. Hyper-stimulated (from marathon "In the Line of Fire" viewing is my guess), the restrained agent struggled against the native security officials, yelling, "That's my president! That's my president!" The Chilean official reportedly responded, "Yeah? Well this is my country."

Characteristic of Bush's mastery of political sensitivity and diplomatic subtlety, the president undermined and insulted his Chilean hosts by pulling his agent out of the scuffle and leading him into the banquet hall.

Ricardo Lagos, President of Chile, was later forced to cancel the centerpiece state dinner in order to avoid insulting the attending Chilean elite. The Secret Service insisted that everyone attending undergo "humiliating searches." It has been speculated that the incidents were more latent animosity spurred by Lagos' refusal to join the Coalition of the Willing than unrelated occurrences of machismo.

As optimistic as I'd like to be about the future of international relations and the future of the human race, Bush's lame-

duck pogrom of any dissent at all doesn't bode well. Colin Powell, certainly the most (bipartisanly) respected member of Bush's cabinet, sacrificed four years, his credibility and a promising career attempting as best he could to soften Bush's hard-line edge.

Powell's replacement, Condoleezza Rice, is exactly what Bush wants. She's a mentor, yes-(wo)man and general knowledge tutor. Along with having to teach the president the basics of European history at his ranch in Crawford, Condi once had to inform Bush that Brazil had a black population larger than our own after Bush asked the Brazilian president, "Do you have blacks too?"

Apart from being Official Executive Branch Common Sense Provider, Rice is a hawk. Her response to dealing with European opposition to the war in Iraq was to "pardon Russia, ignore Germany and punish France."

Similarly, new CIA director Porter Goss recently distributed a memo to the rest of the agency, reading in part, "As agency employees, we do not identify with or champion opposition to the administration. ... We support the administration and its policies in our work." This is the first time in American history a CIA director has openly demanded his organization absolutely support the presi-

dent.

One of the myriad disheartening facets of these new changes, appointments and declarations is the confirmation of Bush's plan to further insulate himself among advisers that offer no dissenting opinions. More telling than his inability to admit mistakes or see shades of complexity during the presidential debates was how unaccustomed Bush was to dealing with any class of opposition. His responses to John Kerry's criticisms were a troubling mix of confusion at being questioned and indignation; presumably that the God-appointed warrior had to deal with protest, particularly from a French-looking flip-flopper.

Worse yet, Bush won the last election ... legitimately. It's extremely hard for me to say that, and for the record, I'm not totally convinced it's the case. Paranoia aside, despite the claims of our incumbent coup-profiteers, the election was by no means a "mandate." Even the loading of the house was due in many, many cases to blatant Republican gerrymandering, Rovesque dirty tricks and fear-mongering. Forty-eight percent of the vote went to Kerry, who was not a dream come true for the Democrats.

Bush was a sitting president, engaged in wars in two different nations and sleazed into office by the skin of his teeth. None of this will matter even a little to Bush and company as divine right defeats rationality for our president. If any progress is to be made building bridges to a disenfranchised globe, the administration needs to recognize the rights and beliefs of those beyond the tiny minority being pandered to.

FRANK MCGOVERN
Argonaut Staff



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Confessions of a true rodeo princess

Oh, the college life. You either love it or hate it, but I think most people can agree that this is probably one of the most outrageous times in life.

The end of this semester, for some, marks a new beginning into what we refer to as "the real world" as they graduate and move onto greener pastures. Each fall brings a plethora of new freshmen to Moscow, trying their hand at the college life. And for them, the end of this semester brings about the question, "Can I really handle college?"

Four years ago, I remember being that freshman. As much as I hate to admit it now, I was scared to death and wanted to go screaming all the way back to the simple little Northeastern Oregon town where I grew up. To a small-town country girl, the University of Idaho was huge.

Now, when I say small-town country girl, it's not an understatement, and I know there are many of you out there who can relate. This is Idaho, after all. I also know that small towns often yield your typical male or female Wrangler-jeans-wearing, Copenhagen-chewing, country-music-blaring, class-A "hick." My town was no different.

In my small town, we have an event called Chief Joseph Days, which draws in even more of these types of people, like moths to a flame. The greatest attraction of this event, though, is the rodeo. And as most of us know, along with every rodeo is a rodeo princess. I just happen to know one of these past rodeo princesses fairly well and to my luck, she's given me a few lessons in "rodeo princess 101."

For her, being a rodeo princess was a claim to fame. For me, it's probably just a basis for writing this column. And for you, the entertainment value of hearing about the trials and tribulations of actually being that rodeo princess. Right now I know you are picturing big cowboy hats, sequins, fringe, belt buckles and big hair. You can rest assured that you are thinking right. Along with that, here are just a few more things that my friend shared with me to understand even more about being a rodeo princess:

To the general audience and those of us who don't know any better, a rodeo princess is the girl who sits pretty on a big horse, smiling and waving.

What you don't know is that the pants that she poured herself into before she mounted her horse are usually one to two sizes smaller than her normal size. They're starched so stiff that she has to use a sharp, flat object to pull the pant legs apart before she could even begin to put them on. After she gets them on, she has to do about 50 squats to loosen them up to the point where they don't squeak when she walks.

And as for the large-brimmed cowboy hat that is the main part of the ensemble, it isn't just perched on her head. It is meticulously bobby-pinned to her hair, all the way around her head, so it has no chance of moving slightly, let alone flying off her head as she zooms around the rodeo arena with her horse in high gear. One of the true tests I've learned of being a rodeo princess is whether or not you're brave enough to use double-sided sticky tape on your forehead, to give your hat that extra grip and your forehead a permanent red mark.

Perhaps one of the most important things my friend taught me is that you can never

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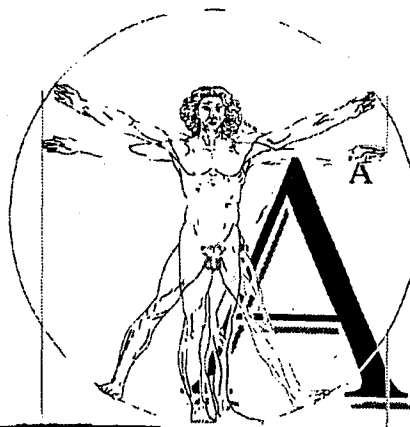
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ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

Taking writing through Idaho; taking Idaho to the world

BY TARA KARR
ASSISTANT ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

Idaho's newest writer-in-residence, Kim Barnes, knows some people are surprised that "Idaho" and "writer" can go together.

Barnes and her husband, poet Robert Wrigley, were recently at a party in New York City for poet Sharon Olds. They met a man there who was in awe that Barnes, an Idaho native, has written two memoirs, a novel and several essays.

"Being an artist in Idaho is like the feral child coming out of the woods," Barnes said, laughing. "It's not that she can speak well, but that she can speak at all."

Barnes said she is glad to let the

world know that Idaho is a place of artists, musicians and writers of all kinds. "We're not made up of isolated wilderness camps, Aryan Nations and potatoes."

While Barnes enjoys sharing her craft with those outside Idaho, she said she's especially honored to be called "writer-in-residence" at home.

"This is my home. It was my birthplace, and it remains my home," Barnes said. "To be acknowledged by the people who know you ... to me has a value and an honor all its own."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne named Barnes Idaho's writer-in-residence this summer, but because he was ill, he did not immediately make an official proclamation. University of Idaho, where Barnes is on faculty in the

English department, just released the news to the public in November.

"To be acknowledged by the people who know you ... to me has a value and an honor all its own."

KIM BARNES
WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

As writer-in-residence, Barnes receives an \$8,000 stipend from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the responsibility to present public read-

ings throughout the state for three years.

Her first reading was in Culeda, where she read at an outdoor literary festival. Though she's read around the country, Barnes said the novelty of travel has worn off and she's pleased to read in little Idaho towns. She's scheduled to read in Kooskia, and named off Weippe, Bear Lake and Bonners Ferry as places she'd like to visit.

Barnes is familiar with these types of towns. She grew up in Pierce, a tiny logging town near Orofino, where parts of her memoir "In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in an Unknown Country" are set. One of the things Barnes loves best

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COURTESY PHOTO

Author Kim Barnes was declared Idaho's writer-in-residence this summer.

From The Vault:

*Eminem waxes immature,
Carlton misses the mark*

Regardless of the controversy that constantly swarms him, Eminem is a talented rapper. His new CD, "Encore," once again demonstrates his skill to make even the most trivial lyrics sound fresh and rhythmic. However, it's Eminem's complete lack of maturity that makes "Encore" overwhelmingly disappointing.

Eminem at least tries to mature on his fourth album, but most of his efforts end up as heavy-handed retreads of his previous albums. He's still angry with his ex-wife Kim on the disgusting and appropriately titled "Puke," and he wastes entire songs on pointless feuds with other rappers (on the otherwise catchy "Yellow Brick Road").

He raps about being the bigger man and letting a feud with rapper Ja Rule go, but it doesn't really resonate from a guy who just spent the entire track arguing how he was right about it in the first place. Even his requisite song to his daughter, "Mockingbird," lacks the emotional impact of previous albums.

It doesn't help that Eminem chooses to insert puking and farting noises into more than a couple tracks. He also raps about how all his haters are just "big weenies" on, surprise, "Big Weenie." He even devotes four minutes to making fun of Triumph the Insult Comic Dog on "Ass Like That." Sorry, but dissing a puppet just isn't something a Grammy-winning musician should be doing to mature.

Another annoyance on "Encore" is Eminem's use of repetition and gibberish to fill time. The gibberish works to humorous effect on the album's first single, "Just Lose It," but to have Eminem brag about being too good to waste time filling tracks with real lyrics gets annoying when the argument is repeated ad nauseum.

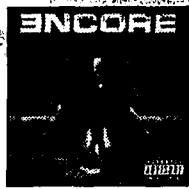
Thankfully, the album isn't a total bust. "Just Lose It" may not be the sharpest single Eminem has ever released, but it's catchy enough for repeat listening. "Crazy In Love" isn't the sweetest love song ever created, but the up-tempo '80s-style chorus plays well against his odd lyrics. And Eminem's collaborations with D-12 and the duo of Dr. Dre and 50 Cent on "One Shot 2 Shot" and "Encore" respectively, mix strong raps with lively production values.

Eminem even shows at least a fraction of growth on two tracks, which should have carried over to the disc's other 18.

On "Yellow Brick Road," he addresses the controversy around an early recording that had him making racist comments about black women. He reflects on the situation earnestly, and Eminem's apology is as sincere as he could have made it. On "Mosh," he throws in his two cents on the current political administration without overdo-

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EMINEM

"Encore"

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The Dol Baran Celtic Band plays tonight at Bucer's.

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Band puts new spin on Celtic style

BY TOM BANKS
ARGONAUT STAFF

Dol Baran, a local Celtic band, derives its name from the splendor of the area. "Dol Baran is a Gaelic phrase which basically means 'rolling golden hills,' which reminded us of the Palouse," said Zach Greenfield, percussionist for the group.

The band, which has been together about five years, plays in traditional Scottish and Irish folk music styles. Repertoire also includes the group's original interpretations of the material, which come courtesy of Luke Nieuwsma, the band's musical director.

"I find the tunes and construct chord progressions for the band," said Nieuwsma. In addition to arranging songs Dol Baran performs, Nieuwsma also plays the Irish bagpipes and various tin whistles.

Dol Baran's set list includes such Scottish and Gaelic traditional tunes as "Earl's Chair," "Morrison Jig" and "Nearly Kissed a Quaker," as

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well as an original composition, "Coffee Spree."

The members of Dol Baran were attracted to Celtic music for a variety of reasons.

"There's a simple beauty to Celtic music that you don't find in other styles of folk music, or even classical. It also fits in very well with many types of occasion, whether it's an upscale dinner or just a party," Nieuwsma said.

"It's very vigorous with lots of rhythm, and has a good mixture of fast tunes and slower waltzes," said Hans Leidenfrost, another percussionist in the group.

Luke Ryan, who plays mandolin and didgeridoo, offered a different reason for liking the material.

"I've always been interested in my Irish back-

ground, and the music brings me closer to that," Ryan said.

Ryan's didgeridoo is an anomaly in a Celtic band. It is actually a traditional Australian instrument with a low timbre that is generally played in Aboriginal tribal music.

"I play didgeridoo because it makes me look cool and also adds a depth of sound to our music that was missing because of all the other higher-registered instruments," Ryan said.

In addition to the aforementioned musicians, Dol Baran features Joe Mikler on flute, John Moss on fiddle and Nieuwsma's brother Benjamin on guitar.

"We plan to play (together) indefinitely. We're a tight band and play well together. We would also be willing to take advantage of recording, if the opportunity presented itself," Greenfield said.

"I think we could feasibly make a career out of this, depending on how much time, money and how much of a personal investment we were will-

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Swing dancing makes a comeback in downtown Moscow

BY MEG BREWINGTON
ARGONAUT STAFF

Take a blast to the past with the music and dance style of the 1930s. Social club Swing Devils brings all of this back with its weekly meetings.

The group meets every Thursday night from 8 p.m. to midnight above C.J.'s. These nights are filled with dancing and include lessons. Cost of dancing and lessons is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

Sarah Harrison, a former University of Idaho student, started Swing Devils. She began the club because she wanted a

place where people could dance, wear vintage swing clothing and listen to swing music.

"The primary goal for the club is to spread the knowledge and appreciation of swing dance and swing music," group adviser Matt Parks said.

The club provides a clean environment for people of all ages to come and dance.

"It is one of the few places where you can meet someone in a nonsmoking, nonalcoholic environment," said Dale Kromarek, Swing Devils treasurer.

Swing Devils also provides many opportunities for beginning level dancers. The lessons that

occupy the first hour of the night are taught by volunteers and targeted at beginners.

"About 30 people show up for lessons," Kromarek said. "They break into groups, learn to politely introduce themselves, walk with style and some dance moves."

Members of the club, especially those who have been dancing for some time, are particularly receptive and helpful to beginning dancers.

"A lot of people come with two left feet," club president Alex Boughamer said. "For someone who it is their first time, it can be intimidating, but if they realize

that no one is watching and realize that everyone there was just like them once, it helps."

"I often bring several shirts as a kind of courtesy as to not be too sweaty for the ladies."

ALEX BOUGHAMER
CLUB PRESIDENT

"My favorite thing about Swing Devils is dancing with all the new people," participant Ann

Batt said. "It is actually pretty different and a lot of fun to watch them all and to be able to help out. Anyone can dance with me if they want to."

From 9 p.m. to midnight is when everything really starts to get rolling.

"After the lessons are three hours of selectively DJed music, spinning, whirling, prizes, dancing, friendship and joy until midnight," Kromarek said.

About halfway through the night there is a break for announcements.

"We have birthday dances where the birthday person gets out in the middle of the dance

floor and dances with a bunch of different partners until the end of the song," Parks said.

Those who really get into the spirit of the swing dance era sometimes dress up in vintage era clothing.

"Dressing up is one of the more fun parts," Boughamer said. "Some people like to dress vintage. It's fun because the guys can dress up to shine as bright as the women."

"I sometimes wear a twirly skirt," Batt said. "It's 12 layers so it swishes back and forth really nicely when I dance."

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about reading in small towns is the variety of people she talks to. In Culesac, Barnes met with retired loggers, farmers whose wives dragged them off the fields to "do something cultural," rural teachers and students, and more.

"That is a mix that is exciting," she said. "It's rewarding; it can also be challenging and intimidating." Unlike college students on the other side of the country, people in Idaho communities often ask more personal, less aesthetic questions about Barnes' work, she said.

When she's reading in small towns, Barnes likes to read what will connect her with her audience.

"If I think the audience is more interested in personal narrative and family history, I read from the memoirs," Barnes said. "People in smaller communities are interested in telling their own stories or family histories."

Barnes said giving readings as writer-in-residence helps her create a sense of community.

"That's why people tell stories, to create community," she said. "At least that's why I tell stories."

Wrigley, who was Idaho writer-in-residence in 1986, said he's elated and proud Barnes has been given the honor.

"She's going to bring a lot to the position," he said. "I love the fact that my wife is writer-in-res-

idence. She'll do this state well."

Barnes remembers the days when she traveled around the state with Wrigley when he was writer-in-residence, and said things are done differently now.

"I remember it vividly," Barnes said. In 1986, Idaho's writer-in-residence was not given travel money and had to give more readings. "It was really just almost an act of charity at that time," she said.

Wrigley agrees — while writer-in-residence, he put 50,000 miles on his car and read in all but one Idaho county. He said he's glad Barnes won't have to do as much.

"It's hard to be away from home quite so much as I was."

Another former writer-in-residence, UI professor Ron McFarland, said Barnes is up to the challenge of the title.

"The person selected must be an energetic and eloquent spokesperson for writing, and I can say for certain that Kim Barnes is both," McFarland said. "Kim also presents (that is, reads) her work extraordinarily well. She can move an audience; prompt it to feed from her hand."

While she is writer-in-residence, Barnes will continue teaching classes at UI and working on her writing, including a new novel and possibly a third book of memoirs. Of course, she also intends to keep on showing the world that, yes, there are artists in Idaho.

"We have to go out into the larger part of the world and take Idaho with us."

DEVILS

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The club promotes ideals of respect for one another, especially those of the opposite sex, and the value of good, clean fun.

"I often bring several shirts as a kind of courtesy so as not to be too sweaty for the ladies," Boughamer said.

"Swing Devils has gotten a nationwide reputation as being a fun and friendly club," Kromarek said.

Swing Devils is all about having fun, meeting new people and dancing the night away. Fear is no reason not to try.

"I was always afraid to dance because I was too self-conscious all my life. You have to realize that you can do it," Boughamer said. "Just come out and try."

"Think of it as an extreme social sport," Kromarek said.

The club provides opportunities that people wouldn't be able to find anywhere else.

"Where else can you hold hands with someone for three minutes without anyone thinking anything of it?" said Batt.

DOL BARAN

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willing to make," Nieuwsma said.

The band has done some limited touring in the Northwest, but mainly sticks to the Moscow circuit. Dol Baran regularly plays dances, weddings and other society events, as well as regular gigs at Bucer's Coffee House.

"It's funny how a lot of people really like listening to Celtic music; whether or not they listen to it on their own, they come in and hear us playing it and really seem to enjoy it," Greenfield said. "Also, Moscow has an attraction to the folksy side of things, which makes it an open place for our band to play."

"It's not that hard to play Celtic music. Anyone can play it but it's playing it lyrically and with feeling that makes it attractive. Anyone can play it, but would you want to listen to anyone play it?"

ARTSBRIEFS

Eleven Eyes plays tonight at John's Alley

Eleven Eyes will perform tonight at John's Alley. The psychedelic jazz septet just released its CD, "Depth Perception."

The Eugene, Ore., band has been compared to the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Floater. After stopping in Moscow, Eleven Eyes will play Saturday in Clarkston and Sunday in Sandpoint.

Senior Dance Recital on Dec. 11

Rebecca Hall, a senior dance major, will be presenting a recital Saturday December 11th at the UI Physical Education Building. The performance is at 5 p.m. and will feature choreography by seniors Hall, Stacy Smith, Kelsey Hammon and Elaine Luarino. Tickets are \$3 and will be sold at the door.

Winter Farmers Market will be Saturday

The second Winter Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the 1912 Center Great Room. Heart of the Arts, Inc. is sponsoring the market.

Organizers expect about two dozen vendors, many of whom are regulars at the Moscow Farmers Market. Goods for sale will include glass art, African baskets, wreaths and wild mushrooms. Muffins, coffee and pastries will be available at the Market Café.

Phil and Janet Anders of Moscow will provide music from the balcony overlooking the Great Room. Janet plays flute and whistles and Phil plays a variety of stringed instruments. They will perform Celtic tunes, old-time songs and Christmas carols. Future Markets will be Jan. 8, Feb. 12 and March 12.

Winter shows at John's Alley Dec. 10

Oracle Shack and local acoustic band Chubb's Toga will share the stage at John's Alley Dec. 10. The show starts at 9 p.m.

For more information on the bands, visit www.oracleshack.com or www.chubbstoga.com.

Video game tournament will be Dec. 11

A "Halo 2" and "Super Smash Bros." tournament will be from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Idaho Commons.

Two- or four-person teams can sign up for "Halo 2." The tournament will be round robin with double elimination. Teams will play random levels with generic weapons. The top four spots will win cash. The prize amount depends on the number of entries.

"Super Smash Bros." will also be a round robin tournament with double elimination. First place will receive about \$40 and the rest of the pot will be split between the next three highest scor-

'A Christmas Carol — the Ballet' comes to UI

Festival Dance and Performing Arts will present "A Christmas Carol — The Ballet" at 7 p.m. Dec. 17, and 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Hartung Theatre. The ballet will also be performed at 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Clarkston High School auditorium.

Festival Dance has translated Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to ballet and Celtic dance. The performance features more than 100 performers.

The ballet tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, whose cold and twisted heart is melted after visits from three spirits Christmas Eve. There are a few tweaks to the story — instead of Tiny Tim, the ballet features Tiny Tess, whose dreams of becoming a ballerina can only come true if Scrooge is changed.

A variety of musical styles are used for the show, including traditional Christmas carols, classical, New Age and Irish.

Festival Dance first performed a version of "A Christmas Carol" last year, and it was so well received they decided to perform it this year also.

Local business sponsors are University Inn Best Western for the UI performances and the Lewiston Morning Tribune for the Clarkston performances.

Reserved seats for the UI performances are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under and can be purchased through Festival Dance. General seating tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$8 for children 10 and under. Tickets are on sale at Nell's Flowers and Gifts and BookPeople for the UI performances and at Klings' Good Health and Wasem's Drugs for the Clarkston performances.

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, P.O. Box 8848, Moscow, Idaho 83843, www.moscowrenfair.org."

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

Designs can be produced using 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.

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overdoing it. The result is a powerful protest song that is the highlight of the album.

But for every "Mosh," there is an extended intro of a puking noises and lyrics about Mary Kate and Ashley Olson growing "bum bums." It could be that this release is Eminem's sick joke to the millions of listeners who buy his albums, but what that joke is remains to be seen. While he still holds the reputation of being a talented rapper, "Encore" is easily his most disappointing album to date. Hopefully, Eminem has all his childish behavior out of his system, because it can't go much further than fart and puppet raps.

TYLER WILSON

the light/flickering above the highway/I hold my head and know the streets are mine."

Another major problem that pops up throughout the album is the string arrangements, which sound like boring retreads of familiar, post "Eleanor Rigby," territory. Altogether, the production and song arrangements do nothing to improve the actual songwriting and turn a musical endeavor or that is humbly uninspired into one that is decidedly bad.

In "C'est La Vie," Carlton seems to be aiming for the vaguely aggressive lyrical territory formerly occupied by the likes of Fiona Apple, but the sparks fail to ignite, and the song falls ingloriously on its face. Another eyebrow-raising point comes in the form of "Annie." For this song, Carlton seems to "adapt" the verse melody from The Verve's 1997 single "Bitter Sweet Symphony," which in turn had been ripped off from the Rolling Stones. It's a curious etymology, and probably the only thought-provoking element on the entire album.

The only tracks that sidestep the prevailing tedium are the final three tunes. "Papa" is a gently understated song and in "The Wreckage," Carlton explores the world of vocal inflections. The main standout would have to be "She Floats." The song's effortlessly drowsy melody elevates it high above the other 11 tracks on the record. Otherwise, all that is offered in this collection is stagnancy replacing substance. These days this comes as less and less of a surprise.

TOM BANKS

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Holiday

Buying 101: ready, set, shop

BY MADELEINE MARR
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — Terence Grennon really, really hates to shop. So much so that he claims to be wearing, in essence, the same outfits since he was 16 years old: chinos and button-down oxfords.

The 37-year-old financial consultant says he shops only twice a year — once, for himself, when Brooks Brothers, New York, has its annual sale and on so-called Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, for his mother, two sisters and girlfriend. This is when he goes to J. Crew and buys duplicate sweaters in different colors for everyone.

"That way, they can switch with each other if they don't like them," he says. Sounds like a good possibility.

But you can't blame Grennon. Just his gender. A recent University of Exeter, England, study found the majority of men and women fit two profiles based on primitive roles — the hunter and gatherer, respectively. For men, researchers said the focus is on "the kill," targeting what they need and purchasing it on the spot. Women, like their cave-dwelling sisters, tend to be bent

on "gathering" and view shopping as a leisure pursuit, in which they can pick and choose to their credit card's content, the study found.

In the stores at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, you'll always see more than a frantic handful queuing up, grabbing a George Foreman grill for the brother who can't cook or Glass Vase No. 921 for Mother, who could open a glass museum. Truth is, holiday shopping is up there with public speaking.

Attention, hunters and gatherers: There are ways to combat your pain.

"Holiday shopping is like looking for a relationship," Ilene Rosenzweig and Cynthia Rowley write in "Swell Holiday" (Atria Books, \$16). "You never find the prize when you're prowling for it. ... It has to hit you by surprise."

Monique Graciotti, manager of Personal Touch, a free personal shopping service at Nordstrom, Village of Merrick Park, agrees.

"Start early or else you run the risk of spending way above your means."

She cites one of her clients, a harried business executive and mother of three of Key Biscayne, Fla., who spent \$1,500 in less than 30 minutes

14 hours before Christmas morning. She didn't even set foot inside the door; she drove through and picked up the pre-bought loot from the concierge. Convenient, yes, but hardly warm and mushy.

Rosenzweig, a former style editor for The New York Times, and Rowley, a fashion designer, bristle at last-minute shopping. In essence, they say, to get the best, most thoughtful gifts possible, you should be thinking about the big day all year long: Start with a list, in January. Fold it up and put it in your wallet. Stockpile trophies in a closet. Don't think, buy. Got it?

This advice is all well and good for Christmas 2005. But that still leaves the Christmas 2004 countdown. Prepared? Probably not. To arm yourself, here are some suggestions, according to present pro Graciotti.

—Start by getting organized. Write everyone's name down and figure out how much you want to spend on each person. Do your best to pay off your credit cards before the season starts so you have a clean slate.

—When hitting the malls, dress comfortably — sneakers are a must, along with loose-fit-

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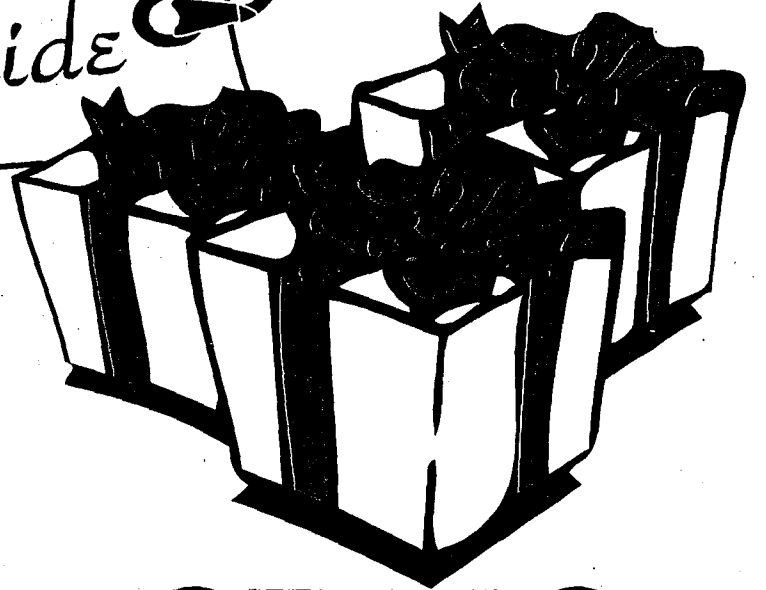
ting clothes. Figure you will have a lot of bags and you'll be pounding some serious pavement.

—Take it easy on yourself. At many department stores, you can leave your bags with a concierge. Or ditch them on your hubby. In the men's department at Nordstrom at Merrick Park, there's a shoe shine service as well as several small plasma TVs to entertain the non-shoppers in your party.

—Make sure you're well-fed — the food courts are usually so packed or the cuisine is so unhealthy that it won't give you the energy you need to power-shop. Tote an energy bar and a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

—The easiest times to shop are weekday mornings. Call in sick or take a mental health day midweek and wake up as early as you can. Many department stores have extended hours. You'll probably be able to buy for everyone within a few hours if you just concentrate.

—Spend the extra money on valet parking. The crowds at the parking garage, verification tickets and trying to locate your car are always a hassle.



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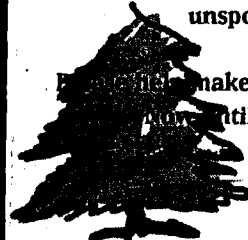


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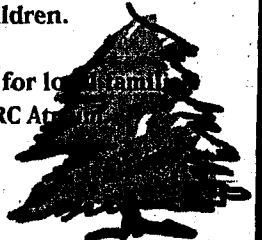
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Huskies pose tough challenge for Vandals

BY BRENNAN GAUSE
SPORTS&REC EDITOR

There's not much about the Idaho volleyball team's first-round opponent in the NCAA Tournament that isn't impressive.

Last season the Washington Huskies made it to the Elite Eight. This year third-year coach Jim McLaughlin earned his second Pac-10 Coach of the Year award en route to leading the Huskies (24-2) to their first-ever Pac-10 Championship.

McLaughlin's award was well deserved as the Huskies rolled off 22 consecutive victories to start the season, spending seven weeks ranked No. 1 in the USA TODAY/CSTV Top 25 poll. Washington, which is currently ranked No. 5, lost its top ranking after losing to then No. 9-ranked Stanford on Nov. 18.

The team's only other loss came to then No. 6-ranked USC in its second to last match of the regular season. Washington's success isn't intimidating the Vandals (17-12) though.

"With volleyball we always say it's anybody's game on any given day," said Idaho middle blocker Sarah Meek, a member of the Big West All-Conference First Team this season as well as last. "So if we show up ready to play and we compete hard there's no doubt in any of our minds that we can definitely beat them."

One of the most impressive things about the Huskies' season is the dominating fashion in which they've won their matches. In 18 of its 24 wins

Washington swept its opponents. The Huskies didn't lose a game until their 10th match of the season, and lost only 16 games all season.

"They're a good team for sure," Idaho outside hitter Brook Haerberle said. "They're definitely well rounded; they've got a lot of heat that they can bring from all areas. And I think we're just going to try to approach the match well balanced and play our game."

Washington's success came despite having to play without 2003 All-America Second-Team outside hitter Sanja Tomasevic for a four-week stretch during the middle of the season. Tomasevic broke her hand Oct. 14 and didn't return until Nov. 26. In her first two games back Tomasevic had a combined 42 kills and 50 digs and was named Pac-10 Player of the Week.

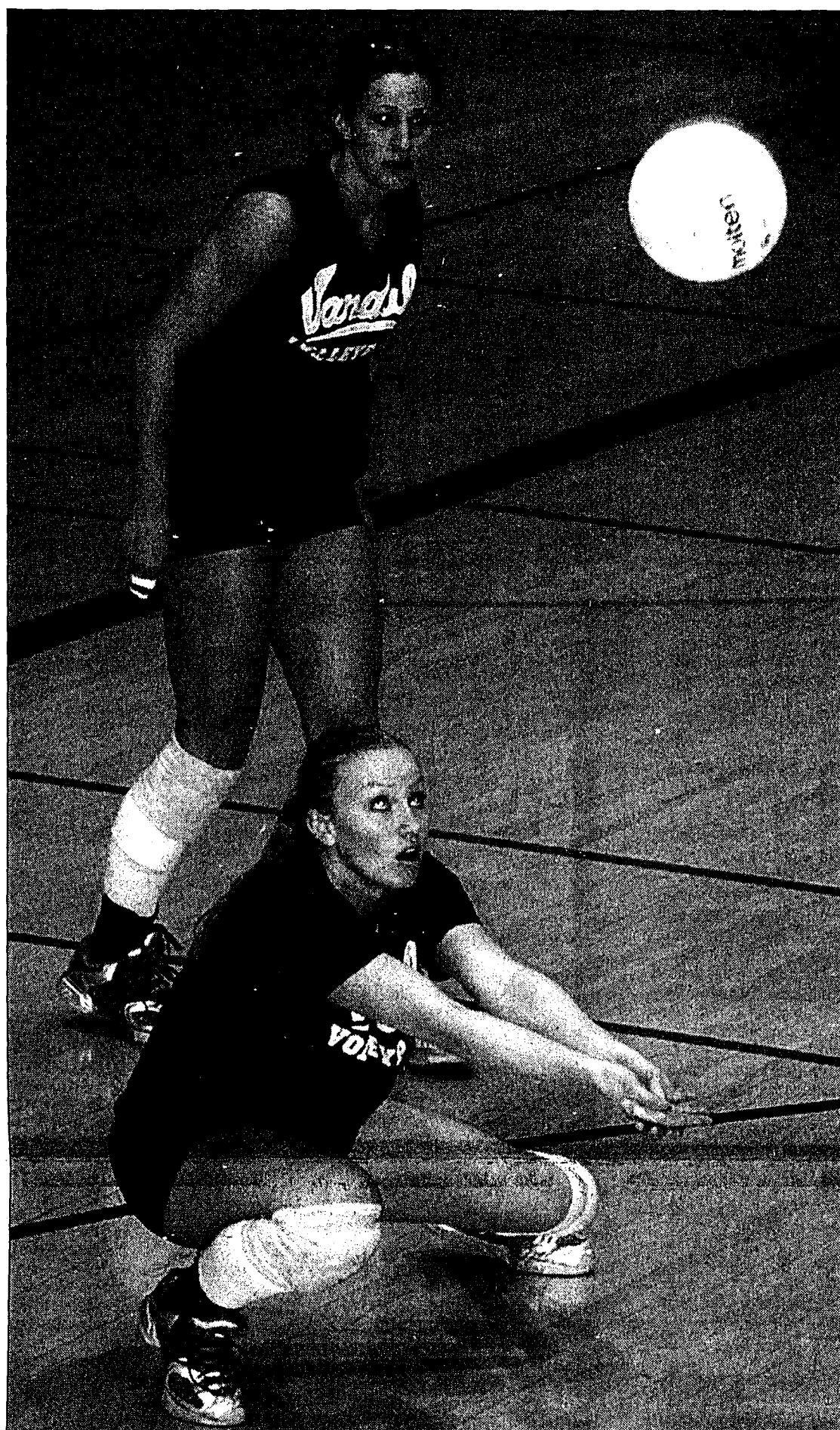
Tomasevic's injury kept her from earning a place on the All-Pac-10 teams, but five other Huskies were named. Juniors Brie Hagerty and Candace Lee, sophomore Courtney Thompson and freshman Christal Morrison were each named to the All-Pac-10 First Team, while junior Darla Myhre made the Second Team. Morrison was also named the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year.

"I think we match up well against them," said Idaho outside hitter Kati Tikker, who earned her first Big West All-Conference First Team honor this season. "We played against them last year and we've seen them play a couple times this year on TV and stuff, and I think if we can all play well we'll match up well against them."

Washington swept Idaho in the match between the two teams last season. The Huskies hold a 12-4 lead in the series.

"Washington's a great team," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "They have two great outside hitters and they run a fast offense."

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DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT
Amanda Bowman (bottom) and Brooke Haerberle practice for their game against Washington Monday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals play the Huskies today at 7 p.m. in Seattle.

Sporting an addiction

Some may say it's a curse to be obsessed with sports. Others may feel it's just a waste of time and money. Those poor, simpleminded fools.

I've been a sports addict since I first had one of those big, red whiffle ball bats placed in my hands and I've loved every second of it.

Seriously, what else can stimulate a person to such emotional extremes?

What else can provide that wonderful mixture of excitement and comedy that can make even the dullest life seem like it has meaning?

One needs look no farther than the now infamous Indiana-Detroit brawl.

You won't find anything quite as funny as playing in slow motion the tape of Ron Artest charging the fan in the stands. The fellow's face that Artest is about to go ape-nuts on is priceless. It reminds me of mine the time I watched "About Schmidt" and Kathy Bates slogged her way out of the hot tub — a combination of disbelief, horror and an overwhelming sense of nausea.

Perhaps I carry my addiction too far. I mean, it would be nice not having to buy a new remote for the TV every couple months because I broke the old one in a fit of sports-induced rage. And maybe I could get more done around the place if I didn't watch Olympic curling for hours on end. But that's just nitpicking; for the most part I love the fact that I can lay on the couch in cutoff sweat pants for days without changing the channel off of ESPN and not feel an ounce of guilt.

I'm sure there are other sportsmen out there whose consciences are telling them to slow down, though. To perhaps have only four fantasy teams going on at once instead of eight.

If you're one of these fellows you should probably tell your girlfriend to quit whispering such blasphemy in your ear.

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Divilbiss happy with team's growth, four non-conference games remain

BY AMANDA SCHANK
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Idaho women's basketball coach Mike Divilbiss knows his team has chemistry — and he has the numbers to prove it.

His numbers include the 21 points and five rebounds that sophomore guard Leilani Mitchell averaged per game in the Rainbow Wahine Classic. Mitchell's play placed her on the All-Tournament team and earned her the Big West Conference Player of the Week honor.

His numbers include the dou-

ble-double notched by freshman post Jessica Summers in the Nov. 27 game against California. She finished with a career-high 15 points and 11 rebounds.

His numbers include the team's current 3-2 record, including an 82-72 win against the Pac-10's California (2-3).

With only five games into the season, the Vandals have already begun working on the smaller details in their game. According to Divilbiss, the women's last three games in the Rainbow Wahine Classic helped the team grow by showing where it needs improvement.

"We have a better understanding of the importance of defense and rebounding," Divilbiss said. "We have a better understanding of the importance of doing the little things ... the tiny little things that make the difference in whether you win the game."

Idaho placed sixth overall in the Nov. 26-28 tournament in Honolulu. The women suffered their first two losses against then No. 3 Georgia (5-1) and Utah (3-2), 77-55 and 57-50, respectively.

The amount of wins in non-conference games is not a measure of success for the team right now though, Divilbiss said.

"This may sound funny," but we don't want to be eight and one when conference starts," Divilbiss said. "That means we didn't get stretched enough. We want to have a decent record, but we want to grow as a team. We want to be challenged. We want to play against the best, and I think we're doing that."

Divilbiss named defense as the Vandals' primary area needing improvement. He said the team's strengths lie in its unselfishness and belief in each other.

According to senior wing Heather Thielke, the team's flu-

idness is growing on and off the court.

"We're just getting better," Thielke said. "Our chemistry's getting better every day. Each game we're getting stronger and growing closer together. It was good to go on that long trip to bond a little bit."

Dec. 5 gives the women their next chance to test their strengths. The Vandals will host a game in Kennewick, Wash., at the Tri-Cities Coliseum against Eastern Washington.

In the Eastern Washington series, Idaho has won 23 of the

last 35 meetings. Two seven-game winning streaks are included in the 23 wins.

With only four non-conference games remaining, Mitchell said the team has begun setting season goals, but is trying to focus on the overall picture rather than the numbers.

"We have some statistical goals, but we just want to make sure that we're always seeking excellence," Mitchell said. "If we do that, then we'll play hard, we'll play good and we'll finish high in the conference. ... We're excited. We're excited to play."

Last-second play by Washington State fells Vandals

BY JASON LEIBLER
ARGONAUT STAFF

Idaho was 2.5 seconds away from its first win of the season before a defensive breakdown cost it a hard-fought game against the Washington State Cougars.

The Vandals had just taken the lead on a possession that included three missed free throws, five offensive rebounds and a dramatic tip-in from Dandrick Jones to put the Vandals up by one and send the crowd into a frenzy.

Idaho led 36-35 as the Cougars missed a potential go-ahead shot with five seconds left. Jones had a chance to grab the rebound, but was unable to grasp the ball as it went out of bounds under the Cougar basket.

"I feel if I would have grabbed the rebound, the game would have been over right there," Jones said. "But we still should have come up with the stop."

With only 2.5 seconds remaining, Cougar forward Jeff Varem took advantage of Idaho's inability to track down the loose ball. On the inbound play he was left unguarded and slipped down the lane. Varem took the pass

from Kyle Weaver and unleashed a monstrous two-handed slam.

"Coach drew the play; told me if somebody tried to cheat, go to the rim. And that's what I did," Varem said.

"I take full responsibility for the loss," Idaho coach Leonard Perry said. "Communication broke down between myself and A.K. (Armen Kahrmanovic). We had two guys guarding one."

"We repeatedly said 'no switching' in the huddle. I thought I said it eight or nine times specifically. I didn't say it enough; I should have said it 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 times."

Both teams struggled to score throughout the game. Idaho made three of 26 shot attempts in the first half, for a shooting percentage of 11 percent and had zero assists compared to seven turnovers. It took great rebounding and some nice hustle plays to keep the Vandals close, as their shots wouldn't fall.

"I'm just relieved we won," Washington State coach Dick Bennett said. "I don't know if we deserved it. It wasn't a pretty game, but it was hard-fought. We're very fortunate."

In the second half, the Vandals came out



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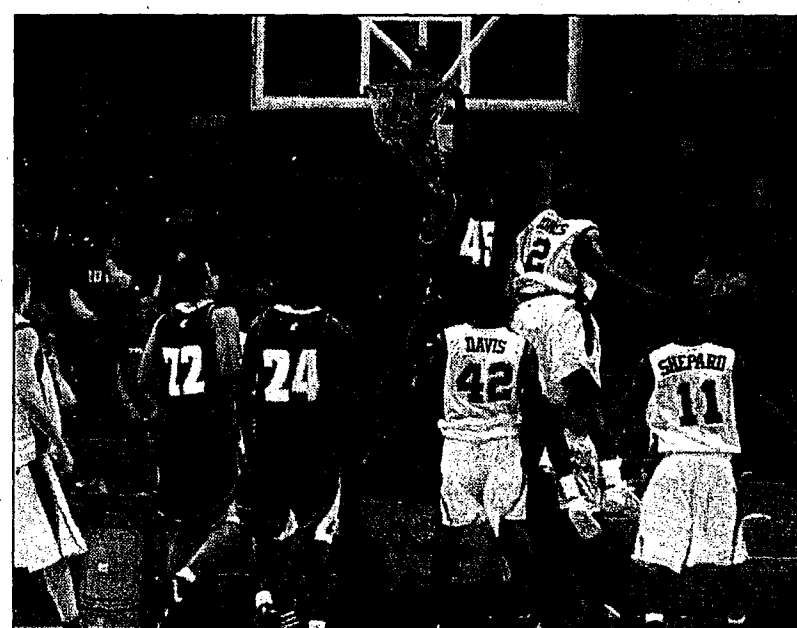
with a zone defense and it was the Cougars who went cold from the field. WSU was held to 18 percent shooting on 5 of 27 from the field in the second half.

"There's no solace in losing," Perry said. "I'm not about losing. I've never lost in my life. Lately that seems to be all we've done. I'm extremely disappointed in myself."

Anton Lyons led the Vandals with eight points and 11 rebounds. No Idaho player shot more than 50 percent. Thomas Kelati led the Cougars with 11 points.

The loss drops the Vandals to 0-5 and marks the longest stretch without a win to start a season since the 1975-76 season, when Idaho also lost its first five games.

"I feel like I'm going to be Tyrone Willingham," Perry said. "I feel like I'm going to be fired. I'm not getting my team to play or execute when the game is on."



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
No. 45 Jeff Varem slams WSU's game-winning points during the last seconds of the game against Idaho at Cowan Spectrum Tuesday evening.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Sun Belt names Players and Coach of the Year

North Texas running back Jamario Thomas has been named the 2004 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year...

195 in 1969. He was ranked second nationally in receptions per game. Snyder earned a starting line-backer role last spring...

Thomas is the third North Texas student-athlete to earn Sun Belt Player of the Year recognition...

Thomas leads NCAA Division I-A in rushing with 189.9 yards per game, is third in all-purpose running...

Thomas earned his first start of the season against Colorado on Sept. 18 after last year's national rushing leader Patrick Cobbs was injured...

Thomas was a four-time Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week honoree in 2004. It is also the fourth year in a row that the Mean Green have placed a running back on the all-Sun Belt first team.

Troy senior defensive end Demarcus Ware earned Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year honors, ending a three-year hold by North Texas on the honor...

North Texas offensive lineman Dylan Lineberry became the second North Texas student-athlete to earn Newcomer of the Year honors. Lineberry graded out as the Mean Green's second-best overall offensive lineman...

North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey was selected by his peers and a media panel for a fourth Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year honor. Dickey led the Mean Green to its fourth consecutive Sun Belt Conference championship...

Three UI players on Sun Belt all-conference team

Senior Bobby Bernal-Wood, junior Cole Snyder and freshman Jayson Bird received recognition Tuesday on the Sun Belt all-conference teams.

Alumni and VSF to hold pre-game rally for women's basketball in Tri-Cities

UI alumni and Vandal Scholarship Fund members will hold a Vandal Rally for the women's basketball team at Tri-Cities' Three Rivers Coliseum in Kennewick, Wash.

The optional pre-game reception will be held in "Founders Club" at 1:30 p.m. It will feature athletic director Rob Spear and coach Mike Divilbliss.

Reception tickets are \$5. Tickets for the game are \$7 for adults, \$3 for students. For ticket information call UI ticket office at (208) 885-6466.

Zdenek rips down Player of the Week accolades

Christina Zdenek led Utah State to a pair of road wins last week.

The Utah State sophomore became the Aggies' first-ever recipient of Big West Women's Basketball Player of the Week honors after a pair of stellar road performances.

Against Utah Valley State, the 5-8 guard posted 10 points and four rebounds and shot 2 of 3 from 3-point land while coming off the bench for the Aggies.

At Southern Utah, Zdenek came off the bench to tally game highs of 21 points and 11 rebounds to record her second career double-double. Utah State's two road wins so far this year have already matched last season's total for road victories.

Simonsen and Nagata speed up at Speedo Cup

UC Irvine freshman Chelsea Nagata is this week's Big West Female Swimming Athlete of the Week.

Nagata had two fourth-place finishes and one fifth at the Speedo Cup while breaking the school record in the 50 freestyle (23.62) and helping break another in the 200 medley relay (1:45.89).

SPORTSCALENDAR

Today

UI swimming at Jingle Bell Splash Moscow, 5 p.m.

UI volleyball at Washington Seattle, 5:30 p.m.

UI women's club hockey Palouse Ice Rink, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

UI swimming at Jingle Bell Splash Moscow, 9 a.m.

UI women's club hockey Palouse Ice Rink, 7:30 p.m.

UI men's basketball vs. Boise State Moscow, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday

UI women's basketball at Eastern Washington

Tri-Cities, Wash., 3 p.m.

Wednesday

UI women's basketball vs. Montana Moscow, 7 p.m.

UI men's basketball at Idaho State University Pocatello, 7:05 p.m.

Note: Intramurals - Entries for team sports will be open one week before entry

deadline. For more information call the Campus Recreation Office at 885-6381.

Outdoor Program - For more information call the office at 885-6810.

Sports calendar items must be submitted in writing or e-mailed to arg_sports@uidaho.edu by Sunday or Wednesday before publication.

SPORTSSTANDINGS

Big West men's basketball standings (as of Nov. 30)

Table with 6 columns: Conference (W, L, Pct.), All Games (W, L), Pct. Lists teams like Pacific, Utah State, Cal State Fullerton, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Long Beach State, Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly, Idaho.

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But if that doesn't work you could always sit down and watch a WNBA game from start to finish. Even if you haven't gouged out your eyeballs by the time the fourth quarter is over, you should be fairly cured.

the Charlotte Sting is too scary of a thought, you could record an NBA basketball game being broadcast by Bill Walton and play it on repeat while you sleep.

Or you could become a Cincinnati Bengals fan. If watching them year in and year out doesn't turn you off of sports, well, you must have an iron stomach.

For the addicts who are completely out of control (these are the people who actually

have a season ticket to a WNBA team) let me suggest attending a high school girls' softball game. I will warn though, that this should only be a final measure and taken only in small doses.

Personally, I find the thought of being anything besides a sports nut absurd. Life's too short to spend it helping people and being a constructive member of the community.

VOLLEYBALL From Page B1

Matchup-wise though, we do some things well also and ... we have similar play in the middle.

"It's going to come down to just competing, defense, blocking and serving tough."

Idaho is coming off a bit of a disappointing end of the regular season. The Vandals lost their final three matches, against Cal State Northridge, Pacific and Colorado State.

TEAM STATS

Table with 3 columns: Hit/Pct., Kills/Game, Assists/Game, Aces/Game, Digs/Game, Blocks/Game. Compares UI and UW.

"Against all three of those teams we just didn't compete at the level we normally do," Haeberle said. "I think we were fighting our heads a little bit, and now that we're in the tournament I think that that's a huge step for our team just as taking a lot of pressure off ourselves."

The Vandals were out in each of the matches. Against Colorado State, Idaho hit a season-low .082 percent.

"I don't think it was our best volleyball for sure," Buchanan said. "We knew that we could definitely play better, and being on the road is hard and you got to deal with it and step up and do those things. I think that the biggest thing is just reducing our errors, blocking a few more balls and side-out at a higher percentage. If we can do those things we'll be in good shape."

Police, prosecutors to discuss charges regarding brawl

BY FRANK WITSIL KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - Auburn Hills, Mich., police detectives plan to meet on Friday with Oakland County prosecutors to discuss charges they said could be filed early next week against four Indiana Pacers and at least two spectators allegedly involved in the Nov. 19 brawl at the Palace.

Since the melee in the final minute of the Pacers-Detroit Pistons game, Auburn Hills Police Lt. James Manning said detectives have examined video showing four Pacers players - Ron Artest, Jermaine O'Neal, Stephen Jackson and David Harrison - and at least two Pistons fans - John Green, 39, of West Bloomfield and a 35-year-old Mundy man identified by his attorney as Bryant D. Jackson - involved in the fray.

Green, who has been barred indefinitely from the Palace of Auburn Hills, allegedly threw the blue plastic cup at Artest that sparked the fracas.

Bryant Jackson, who could face a felony assault charge, allegedly tossed a courtside chair into the crowd.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said "numerous Pacers players and fans are implicated in criminal wrong-

doing." Most charges would be for assault and battery, a misdemeanor, but no arrest warrants would be issued until the police investigation is completed, he said earlier this week.

In addition, Gorcyca said, other spectators could face charges under local ordinances.

Manning would not estimate how many people could be charged.

If misdemeanor charges are filed, Manning said, out-of-state players and fans cannot be extradited to Michigan unless the police get special extradition warrants.

Manning said he expects players and fans to turn themselves in should they be charged.

Police said Harrison, a Pacers reserve center who was not among the nine players suspended by the NBA, was caught on video slugging two spectators.

Detectives initially thought Harrison was O'Neal, but it is clear on video that it was Harrison who was involved in the brawl, Manning said.

NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said the basketball association did not penalize Harrison after reviewing video of the melee and there are no plans to change that decision.

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Diversity takes a hit with firing

BY FRED MITCHELL
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(KRT) — Richard Lapchick, chairman of the University of Central Florida's sports business management program, refers to the last eight days as "a low point in our society because of the biggest exit of African-American coaches in the history of college football."

With Notre Dame's firing of Tyrone Willingham on Tuesday, the Nov. 24 release of Tony Samuel at New Mexico State and the Nov. 22 decision of San Jose State's Fitz Hill to leave coaching, two black coaches remain among the 117 major-college football programs in the nation.

The two remaining for next season in Division I-A football are Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State. In Division I-AA, excluding historically black institutions such as Grambling, there are no black head coaches.

"I think I'm pretty good at seeing when coaches are coming or going, and I didn't see this happening," Lapchick said of Willingham's dismissal. "I guess having a winning record this year and going to a bowl game isn't enough."

In 1998, momentum toward coaching diversity seemed to be building when the number of Division I-A black coaches reached a record eight in a sport where 43 percent of the players are black. Only 12 major-college programs — 10 percent — have even one African-American among their chief assistant coaches.

"There have been times when there were only two African-American coaches,"

Lapchick said. "But not since 1993."

Only 20 colleges have had a black head coach in the history of college football.

"There is no way anybody can reasonably say things are better in college football," Lapchick said. "Because it is Notre Dame, this firing is going to send a chill throughout all of the other colleges."

When Notre Dame hired Willingham three years ago Hill said it was unfortunate all black coaches are judged and evaluated as a group.

"That's the problem we're dealing with," Hill said. "Success for black coaches shouldn't be judged on Tyrone's success or my success. It should be merit-based individually."

Major League Baseball initiated a system five years ago requiring teams with managerial openings to submit a list of final candidates to the commissioner to show whether they were complying with new directives to give minorities a chance.

"(That was) the one thing that has made the difference," said Lapchick.

College football programs have no such hiring guidelines.

"This action sends an alarming message to African-Americans who are pursuing coaching at the Division I-A level," said Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association. "It's still going to be tough."

Lapchick notes opportunities for black coaches typically come at schools that lack winning traditions.

"That's very much a part of the problem — how do you get out of the hole?" he said.

Does Washington pursue Tyrone Willingham now?

BY BUD WITHERS
SEATTLE TIMES

(KRT) — The plot just thickened. It was a month ago Wednesday that Washington announced the dismissal of Keith Gilbertson as football coach. Not surprisingly, the search for his successor has been as quiet as a monks' conference.

On Tuesday, the teakettle began shrieking. Tyrone Willingham was fired at Notre Dame, amid all sorts of innuendo that it could have something to do with a tryst, or at least an upturned eyebrow, between Willingham and Washington.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, at a news conference to announce Willingham's firing, wouldn't confirm or deny whether his ex-coach may have talked to another school before the termination.

"I really can't," said White. "Coach Willingham is an outstanding football coach, and he's got an impeccable reputation. My sense is that there will be many suitors in the near-term."

Todd Turner, the new Washington athletic director, wouldn't talk specifics about coaches on Tuesday. But those who are rejecting the notion of Willingham as general contractor for the Huskies' rebuild from a 1-10 season should know this: Turner has tried to hire Willingham before.

Three years ago, when the perennially challenged Vanderbilt football program turned Woody Widenhofer loose, Turner, then the athletic director there, made a run at Willingham, but came up empty. Shortly after Willingham's Stanford team laid an egg against Georgia Tech in the Seattle Bowl to finish a 9-3 season, Willingham was off to Notre Dame.

Now he's a free agent again, and one of his options for the next couple of years is to collect Notre Dame paychecks worth more than a million dollars annually while he's tending his garden and rifling through the mail.

"From Sunday through Friday, our football program has exceeded all expectations

in every way," said White in South Bend.

It's Saturdays that left the subway alumni cold. On that day, White conceded, "We've been up and down and sideways a little bit. In my view, we just didn't make enough progress."

Indications are that there has been, or will be, some footsie between Willingham and Washington. But it appears the firing came independent of any interest Willingham might have here.

The school that purports to be above it all hasn't been in the business of cashing in coaches before their contracts are up. Willingham was 21-15 at Notre Dame; as recently as 1999, Bob Davie was 21-16, yet he stayed around for two more years.

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KEVIN WHITE
NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Nor could White lay it off to a bad night by Willingham at Arey's Angels, a la Mike Price.

"He personally has displayed impeccable integrity and tremendous character," White said. Oh yes, White added, players have behaved off the field and the academic thrust is at a "fever pitch."

With those assets, and the reality that his firing would drop the number of black coaches in Division I-A to two among 117 schools, one might expect Willingham to get the benefit of the doubt.

So what gave?

It seems likely that the push to act came from trustees above White. Only Sunday night, the Irish announced they were accepting an Insight Bowl bid, something they're now reconsidering.

"I'm not going to get into where I fell on either side of the ledger," said White. "The university senior administration made a decision. I am not prepared to break rank."

Realizing it might be now-or-never on a possible move to hire Utah's Urban Meyer, Notre Dame may have gone to Willingham and asked him to fire either or both of his coordinators, Bill Diedrick on offense and Kent Baer on defense, and Willingham refused.

In any case, it wasn't a banner day for Washington's search. If the Huskies are indeed pursuing Willingham, it's leaked. Meanwhile, Meyer, the hottest prospective coaching property in the country along with Cal's Jeff Tedford, will be a prime candidate at Notre Dame; it's one of a few expressly named schools that mitigate the buyout in his contract. If he doesn't take it, Tedford may.

As for Willingham and Washington, there are reasons it could work. He did, after all, take Stanford to a Rose Bowl in his fifth season there.

It might also flop. Willingham is known as an unflinching leader and disciplinarian but not as someone as good with Xs and Os as Tedford. Notre Dame's recruiting has been somewhat uneven, and in the third year of the regime, the Irish were 79th in NCAA total offense.

All those things White credited Willingham for — the academic success, attention to detail off the field — those areas the Huskies have gotten in place. If we can believe White, it's the winning that's a problem at Notre Dame, something also in short supply lately on Montlake.

If Washington is bent on someone who sizzle — Turner says that's been overstated — that may not be Willingham, whose chief allure is that he just coached at Notre Dame. He's drop-forged steel, trustworthy, above reproach — and his next colorful quote will be his first.

In any case, this is all Todd Turner's gig, and president Mark Emmert's. But in one surprising announcement three time zones to the east, it just got a little more public.

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BY DAVID SCOTT
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — So resounding was Illinois' 91-73 college basketball pounding of top-ranked Wake Forest on Wednesday, it goes far beyond some very revealing numbers. Yes, the No. 5 Illini (5-0) made 55.9 percent of their shots, held the Deacons (5-1) to 39.7 percent shooting and led by as many as 32 points while certainly knocking Wake Forest off the No. 1 perch it has held since Nov. 22. But those statistics can't quantify the Illini's victory in the ACC-Big Ten

Challenge. "They played infinitely better than we did," said Deacons coach Skip Prosser. "Their offense was exponentially better than our defense. Their defense was better than our offense. Hence the score of the game." The result at least temporarily quieted the debate over which team fields a better group of guards. On this night, Illinois' starting trio of Dee Brown (16 points, 7 assists), Deron Williams (11 assists) and Luther Head (16 points, 5 assists), as well as sub Rich McBride (nine points while Williams was in foul trouble), completely dominated

Wake Forest's Chris Paul (10 points, 6 assists), Justin Gray and Teron Downey. Illinois was led by an unexpected source, forward Roger Powell, who scored 19 points. Deacons center Eric Williams had 18 points. "They just had one of those nights," said Gray, who was held to 11 points on 3-of-16 shooting. "And when they have one of those nights, all you can do is pick it up defensively, and we didn't." Before the Deacons knew what hit them, they trailed 54-33 at halftime, the 21-point deficit the largest Wake Forest has experienced in Prosser's four seasons.

That further energized an Assembly Hall crowd of 16,618 that had been in full roar since tipoff. Everyone in the stands, it seemed, wore orange except for a small group of Wake Forest fans tucked in a corner behind the Deacons bench. Wake Forest's visit as the country's No. 1 team created a stir that Champaign had seldom, if ever, felt. The last time a top-ranked team played in Assembly Hall was Magic Johnson's Michigan State in 1979. The Champaign News-Gazette, in a spread that covered much of its front sports page Wednesday, compared the Deacons' appearance in Champaign with

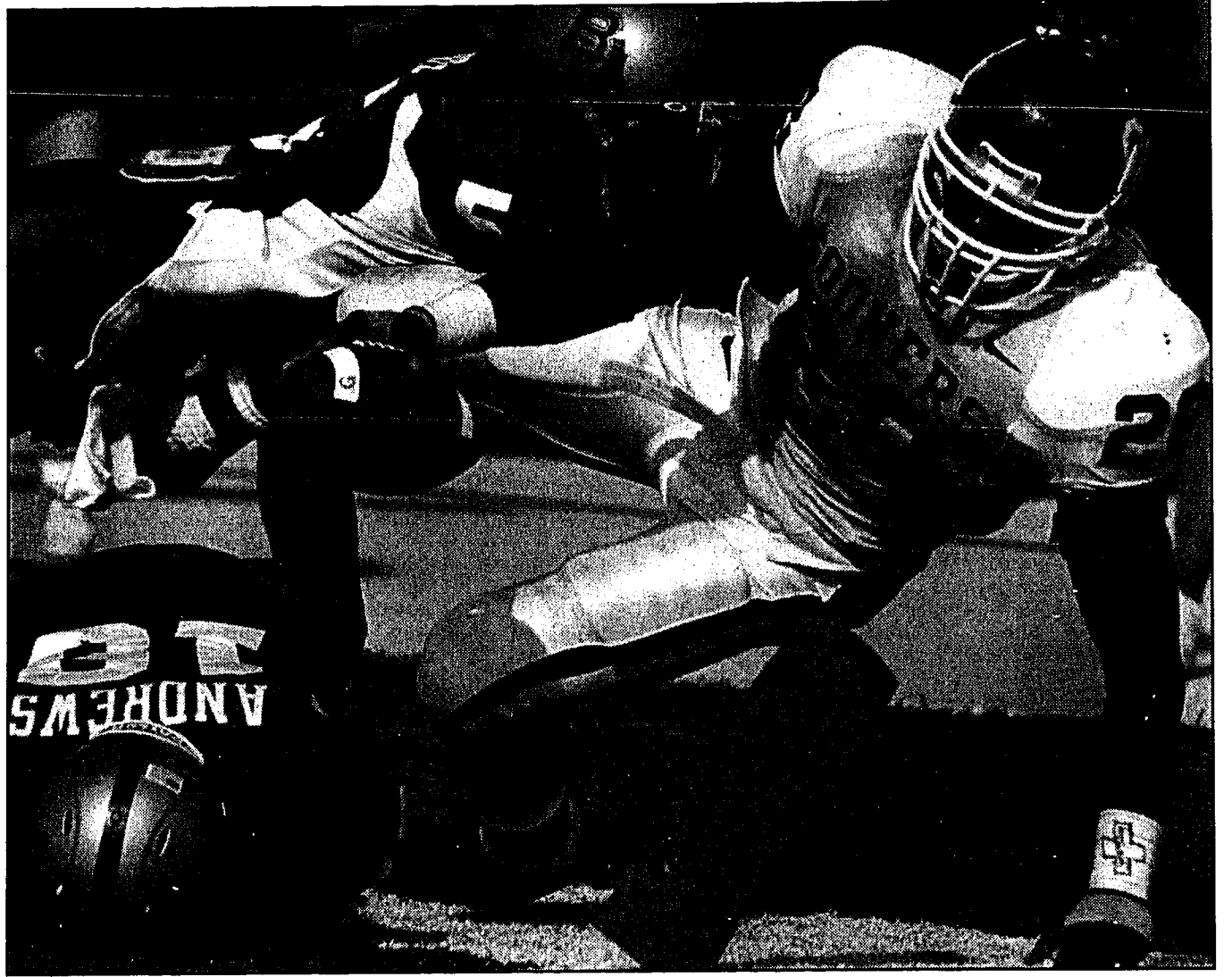
others in the past 25 years that included Bill Clinton, Frank Sinatra and Billy Graham. Those three all had better nights in Champaign than the Deacons. Whether Illinois will now vault to No. 1, past Georgia Tech, Syracuse, Kansas and Wake Forest, won't be known until Monday. The Illini have a tough game at Arkansas on Saturday. "I don't vote in that election," Prosser said. But the Illini's Brown had his own ideas: "After that performance, you tell me."

Freshman Peterson expands Oklahoma's offensive horizons

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(KRT) — Recall that Adrian Peterson listed the opportunity to play for championships as a big reason why he signed with Oklahoma. He didn't have long to wait. The second-ranked Sooners face Colorado on Saturday for the Big 12 title, and with a victory have an inside track on a berth in the BCS national championship game in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4. "We just know we have to finish, and it will be complete," Peterson said after Tuesday's practice. The freshman running back's impact has enhanced OU's chances of finishing last season's aborted quest for college football's biggest prize. That he has made the Sooners a more complete team hasn't escaped notice of CU coach Gary Barnett, who watched OU pull out a 34-20 victory last season in Boulder, Colo. "A year ago I thought they were more one-dimensional," Barnett said. "We came up with a blitz package and were able to get to Jason White (twice) because we didn't think they could run well enough to beat us. Now, that thought doesn't even enter your mind. They can." The lack of a strong run game proved to be the chink in OU's armor in 2003 losses to Kansas State in the conference title game and to LSU in the Sugar Bowl. Peterson has made the ground game a team strength in a complete offensive picture that features a Heisman Trophy quarterback, experienced top-flight receivers and a line that coach Bob Stoops has called the best he has had in six seasons.

"We have more confidence going into (Saturday's) game because we have a more complete offense," offensive guard Davin Joseph said. "Look at all the teams that do well. They always have one." Peterson's ability has only been matched by his exceptional endurance. No one in NCAA Division I-A has more than his 286 carries in a season that includes four games of 30 or more attempts. He has gained 1,671 yards (a 151.9-yard average per game) and, should he reach 100 yards against the Buffaloes, would set another NCAA freshman record with his 11th game of more than 100 yards. "Adrian right from Day One could go just like his nickname — All Day," Stoops said. "He just has that strength and ability to keep going. He's looked great the last couple of days in practice." Peterson says his twice-injured shoulder, "is good," though he admits he has taken more pounding in the past 11 games than he ever did at Palestine High School. "It's a lot tougher," he said, "but it's all about being mentally ready. I feel pretty good." Through the season, Peterson has calmed his tendency toward a go-go-go running attitude. He's learned the patience to follow, not outrun, his blockers. "As the weeks went on, I got better at slowing down and waiting for things to develop, to be patient and know the holes are going to be there," he said. "I've got a good eye for the creases." Another development that has added a wrinkle to OU's offense is his pass blocking, White pointed out. As a result, defenses can no longer assume run when Peterson is in the game.



Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson (28) goes for the pylon as he tries to score on a run in the third quarter, bowling over Baylor defenders Braelon Davis (5) and Willie Andrews (18) in the Sooners' 35-0 victory over the Bears on Nov. 20.

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