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THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO ARGONAUT

Faculty consider plus-minus grading system

BY SAM TAYLOR
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The University of Idaho Faculty Council is discussing the possibility of switching the undergraduate grading system to one that includes plus and minus symbols behind letter grades.

The majority of the council members who spoke during a Nov. 16 meeting were in favor of switching to the new system, but others around campus have voiced concerns.

Faculty Affairs Committee chair Fran Wagner, a former Faculty Council president, recommended the council not change the grading system at this time because the affairs committee members did not believe the arguments for change were "sufficiently compelling at this time," according to Faculty Council minutes.

Some council members noted that

Washington State University already uses a plus-minus grading system, and the change may be fairer to students, council member James Reid said.

"As an instructor here, I would like to have the ability to give different grades to two students whose work differs in quality but perhaps not by enough to give one student an A and the other a B," Reid said in an e-mail to the Argonaut. "I don't believe it is fair that a student who carries an 89 average and one who carries an 80 should end up with the same grade."

Other members of the council agreed with Reid. Benjamin Beard, a council representative from the college of law, said his college has been using a plus-minus system for about 17 years.

"I'm obviously biased. . . I can't imagine not having it," Beard said. "What I heard around the table is there's a real split of opinion . . . but I think the more

specificity and more precision, the better when evaluating someone."

Beard said he thinks law students prefer the system, and on the whole it has allowed the college to see better grade point averages from its students.

"Our students have always accepted it," he said.

Mark Anderson is a graduate student and Faculty Council member who volunteered for an ad hoc committee that will further research the issue for the Faculty Council. He said while the discussion is still preliminary, there are good points presented by both sides of the argument about the new system.

"There is a question of someone getting an A- and only getting a 3.7 GPA instead of a 4.0. Is that fair?" Anderson asked. "At Faculty Council the major concern was if people who barely have a B, why should they get the same grade as someone who has a B+? But what

about stressing out students who will now try to reach for an A or an A+ because an A- will hurt their 4.0?"

Anderson said he thinks the council will have to research all arguments thoroughly before making a decision.

Outgoing ASUI President Isaac Myhrum said he believed the new system might hurt some students, but help others.

"A plus-minus system has much more potential to affect GPAs," Myhrum said. "I haven't heard a lot about it yet, but I think the negatives outweigh the positives at this point, from everything I've heard."

Anderson said there was also discussion about whether or not the Banner Web System the university uses to file grades could handle a plus-minus system.

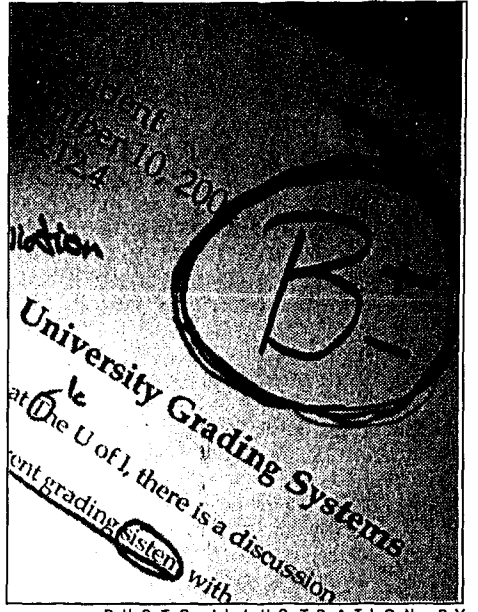


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Faculty members are discussing the possibility of switching to a plus-minus grading system.

Second suspect in murder arrives in Latah County

BY JESSIE BONNER
NEWS EDITOR

A Washington man charged with soliciting the murder of a University of Idaho football player made his first appearance in an Idaho courtroom Thursday.

Thomas J. Riggins, 23, the nephew of two men charged with the murder of Eric McMillan, waived formal extradition in a Washington courtroom earlier this week and was moved to the Latah County Jail in Moscow Wednesday.

Matthew R. Wells, 27, is also being held in the Latah County Jail on first-degree murder charges. His brother, James J. Wells, 25, the third man charged in McMillan's murder, remains in the Whitman County Jail awaiting extradition to Idaho. All three men are being held on \$1 million bonds.

Riggins appeared at the Latah County Courthouse Thursday afternoon wearing a bright orange jumpsuit and asked District Court Judge John Stegner several questions as the charges against him were read. Riggins and the Wells brothers were indicted last month by an Idaho grand jury, which convened in Latah County shortly after McMillan was killed in September.

Riggins was arrested Nov. 4 and has spent the past month in the King County Jail in Seattle. He is charged with being a principal to commit first-degree murder, and with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder. Riggins said he was employed, earning \$220-\$330 a week, but has not been able to work since his arrest.

"I had my girl tell my job what was going on with this process," Riggins told the court.

Riggins said he has one child, a 16-month-old daughter named Taniyah Riggins, and he would not be able to afford legal counsel.

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Money 101: Prepping for the winter road

Snowy road conditions call for automobile preparations and driving precautions

BY LISA WAREHAM
ARGONAUT STAFF

While many University of Idaho students will be driving home for Christmas break, the chances of encountering snow and ice on the roads are high. The American Automobile Association predicts it will be assisting more than 140,000 motorists between Nov. 1 and Feb. 28 in the Washington and northern Idaho area.

The association recommends automobile maintenances to prevent winter breakdowns and to add safety.

Dave Oversheet, a AAA public affairs employee, said vehicle owners should get a maintenance check on their car once or twice a year, and especially in the winter. He said breakdowns are more common during winter because vehicle operations change due to the temperature.

"No one buys a house and expects to live in it without doing maintenance," Oversheet said. "It's the same thing with a vehicle."

Monte Gash, manager of Bruneel Tire Factory in Lewiston, said general maintenance checks are free at Bruneel and other places. He said some places charge around \$65 for an hour of labor.

Gash said a general checkup includes checking breaks, belts, hoses, shocks, the battery, tires and lights. According to AAA guidelines, vehicle owners can check and perform maintenance on their automobiles after first referring to their owners' manuals.

Snow tires and studded tires can help with traction in winter weather, Gash said.

Patrick Holloway, a UI sophomore English major, said he drives with snow tires. He said he recommends students traveling through southern Idaho for Christmas break should purchase them for traction on Idaho's curvy roads.

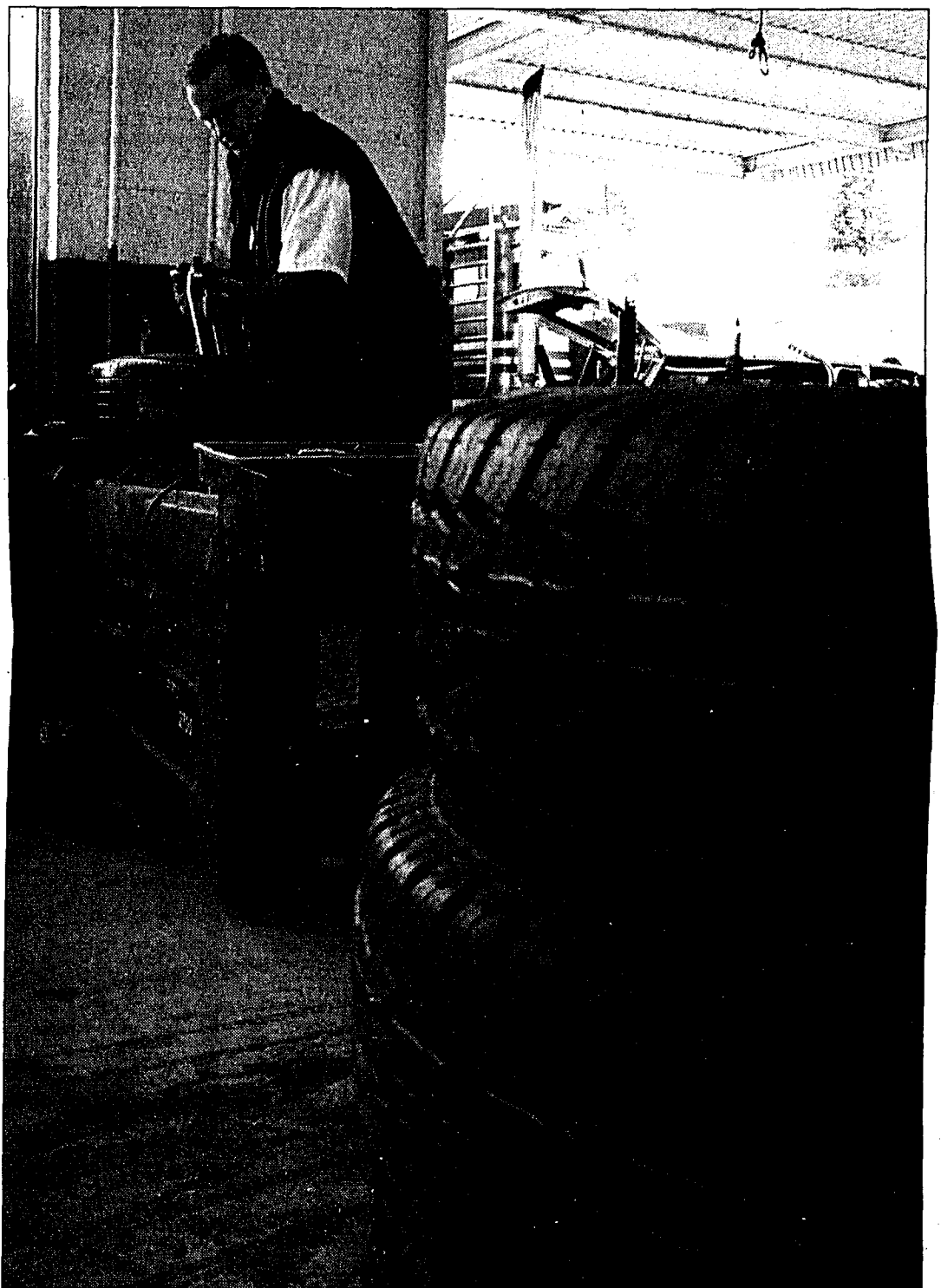
"You'll be spending a lot less time with the deer," he said. "The drive to Boise and anywhere in southern Idaho is killer."

Gash said four snow tires cost \$175-\$800 depending on the vehicle. According to AAA, all tires should be replaced when the tread is worn to three-sixteenths of an inch.

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UI SOPHOMORE

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JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT

Clayton Madison tests customers' tires to make sure they are in proper condition for winter driving Wednesday afternoon at Les Schwab Tire Center.

Families send love to troops in Iraq

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI
ARGONAUT STAFF

University of Idaho students and Moscow families with loved ones in Iraq got more than companionship Thursday night when they met at Support Each Other and Our Troops.

Those who attended the event had the opportunity to help support those fighting overseas as well.

Like other families in attendance, Susan Woodall and her daughters, 7-year-old Kassie and 10-year-old Katie, made cards using construction paper and markers to go along with the care packages UI students put together over the course of a few weeks.

The care packages included such in-demand items as cookies and other snacks, hand lotions, flavored drinks, shampoo, toothbrushes, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

"There isn't a lot of support available in the local community since most of the units are deployed out of Lewiston or Spokane," said Megan Thompson, ASUI Civic Engagement Board chair. "So it's kind of an area of deficiency."

Thompson and senior Casandra Byington organized the event, which was put on by the Civic Engagement Board and the Civic Education Project, a branch of the UI Volunteer Center.

Thompson and Byington invited military wife Beth Brownell to speak about coping with the stress and emotional trauma of having a loved one fighting in a war.

Brownell has seen her husband, David Brownell, leave for five 6-month deployments over the course of their marriage. She described how precious letters



JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT

Katie and Kassie Woodall work on cards made from construction paper as their mother Susan chats with others about life with a family member in the armed forces during the Support Each Other and Our Troops reception Thursday night in the Idaho Commons.

and other supplies or keepsakes from home are to the troops. Brownell remembered a friend in the military who used to post all the letters he received from his family on his wall.

Brownell also explained how family members could feel every emotion conceivable when experiencing a war. She said many people feel angry their family member made the choice to join the military, feel lonely if they live alone, or are scared and worried about the well-being of their loved one.

Woodall cried as she spoke about her husband, Sgt. David Woodall.

David, 33, is stationed in Iraq with the U.S. Army, and will not return home until December 2005.

"It's really hard," Woodall said of not seeing her

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Eating disorders on the rise at UI

Compulsive exercise and rigid dieting are signs of an epidemic sweeping college campuses

BY AMANDA SCHANK
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During her sophomore year, Autumn Halazon says she would eat two or three apples, a serving of sushi and some soy milk, and call it a good day.

When Halazon slept, she had to move every five minutes because her bones dug into the bed's mattress. The sorority girl who had spent the previous year on the cheer squad now spent her time alienating people.

The 5-foot-7 Halazon weighed 135 pounds in August 2001 and says she lived a normal life. Seven months later she weighed 105 pounds. Any traces of her normal life were gone, and it was noticeable to everyone but her.

"It's weird because your mind takes over," Halazon said. "Your body will be so fatigued, but your mind will just keep going and allow yourself to do it. . . . You never stop and you never think about it."

Halazon, a University of Idaho senior majoring in anthropology, was clinically diagnosed with anorexia athletica. Her story is not uncommon among college students as eating disorders and weight preoccupation trends continue to rise, a problem some think demands more attention and efforts from the UI campus.

"So often when we just talk about eating disorders, people say what is wrong and it's

WHERE TO FIND HELP

National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders:
This nonprofit updates its informative layperson's Web site monthly. More than 50 documents are on file, including warning signs, statistics and relapse prevention. Will respond to questions via e-mail.
www.anred.com

National Eating Disorders Association:
This Seattle-based association has a toll-free hotline at (800) 931-2237, which takes 2,000 calls a month. Also found online at www.nationaleatingdisorders.org

always about them, about the person with the disorder," UI family and consumer science professor Laurel Branan said. "But when you deal with weight preoccupation it's about all of us, because it affects so many people."

Branan conducted a campus-wide study in 1989 on weight preoccupation, surveying women ages 18 to 23. The study found 25 percent considered themselves preoccupied with their weight. Branan ran the identical survey 10 years later to find the number had increased to 36 percent.

Branan said people who have a preoccupation with their weight are at a high risk for developing an eating disorder or disordered eating habits.

Nationally, the numbers support growing DISORDERS, see Page A4

OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for Today (Showers), Saturday (Rain), and Sunday (Partly cloudy) with high and low temperatures.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

Calendar listing events such as Dissertation by Joe A. Small, International Human Rights Day, and various exhibit openings.

SENATEREPORT

Dec. 8, 2004

The last senate meeting for the fall 2004 semester was full of thanks and goodbyes to those who are leaving and welcomes to those who will be arriving on the ASUI senate.

Open Forum

Hank Johnston gave his "State of the Hank Address" for the last time Wednesday, and encouraged the senate to "take on the big fights" with the administration, athletic department, state board of education and state legislature.

"Check your re-election plans at the door, and stay firm and represent the students," Johnston said.

Johnston gave some last words of advice on Vandal Taxi's new route system. "If this program has run its course, then so be it," he said, adding that the senate needs to support programming that encourages inclusion of all students.

Johnston spoke out against favoritism and elitism in the ASUI senate. "This favoritism must stop. ... There are amazing ideas that do not get heard because they're not part of this elitist little club," he said.

Hank said he would like to see more representation for off-campus and residence hall students, saying that Greeks were "over-represented."

Chris Dockrey, director of Vandal Taxi, followed with updates for the senate about Vandal Taxi and the forum that was held earlier this week.

"A whopping zero students showed up," Dockrey said. Vandal Taxi will be operating this weekend for the last time before Christmas break.

Civic Engagement Board chair Megan Thompson reminded the senate of the care package program, which will be sending gifts to American troops in Iraq. Thompson said there would be a reception for all those with family who are fighting in the war at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Aurora Room of the Idaho Commons.

Thompson said she hopes to begin building a social network for students who are affected by the war. The Civic Engagement Board will also be running its Books for Africa program, in which students donate old textbooks for students in Africa.

Jacob Parker, director of violence prevention, spoke to the senate regarding remarks made by Moscow Police Capt. David Duke in a recent issue of the Argonaut. Duke was quoted as saying, "We get a lot of victims that get way intoxicated. They actually give consent but they don't think so later." Parker said Duke's behavior was irresponsible and dangerous.

"If you cannot remember giving consent, then no consent was given at all," he said. Senate Resolution F04-03 was passed later in the meeting, which demanded that Duke clarify and/or apologize for his statements. It was further resolved that Moscow Police Department ensure that all its employees are educated in the matters of rape. Parker also said Moscow Valley Transit will not be running during break.

Presidential Communications

ASUI President Isaac Myhrum gave his final speech as president. In his speech Myhrum reflected on his past accomplishments with the SRC and keeping it under student control. He was proud to say the \$100,000 ASUI deficit was reduced by two-thirds this year.

Myhrum looks forward to seeing work done by the recently organized alcohol task force, which will be looking in to the culture of alcohol abuse and how it may be stopped.

Senate Business

Senate resolution F04-03, regarding David Duke passed unanimously. Senate resolution F04-04, regarding UI football cornerbacks coach Alundis Brice passed unanimously. The resolution called for the immediate resignation or termination of Brice as coach. The resolution stated, "Brice's attempt to intimidate students is inexcusable, particularly for an individual in a leadership role at the university."

Jacob Morris

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Solutions from Dec. 7

Solutions to the crossword puzzle from Dec. 7, including words like ACTS, MASS, PINTA, DRAW, INCH, ACORN, etc.

ondary educators, special educators, therapists, counselors, high school students with disabilities and their families. Through the two-day event, there will be presentations by experts on issues surrounding secondary transition and assistive technology.

Winter graduation is Dec. 11

More than half of the 837 UI students eligible for degrees halfway through the 2004-05 school year can walk at the winter Commencement Ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

UI officials estimate 4,500 people will be in attendance for the ceremonies. Noland Dyess, a UI alumna and former Kellogg resident, will travel from her Beaverton, Ore., home to deliver this year's keynote address about the importance of higher education now and in the future.

Dyess was one of the first women to earn a physics degree, in 1968. Until retiring recently, she was the corporate vice president for Intel Corp., managing Intel Capital, the chip maker's strategic investment group.

Thor Kilsgaard, a UI alumnus from Spokane and an affiliate faculty member, will receive an honorary doctoral degree in science.

Former Idaho governor Cecil Andrus recognized Kilsgaard with the title of Idaho's Honorary State Geologist.

The president's reception for graduates and their families will follow the ceremony on the north concourse.

Disabilities fair bridges path from school to adult living. Registration is underway for "Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair" Jan. 13-14 at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise.

The Tools for Life conference is intended for those who support individuals with disabilities as they transition from a school setting to living and working within the community — especially sec-

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Results of student survey on summer session enrollment

A summer session survey of students conducted over a period of four weeks this fall — Sept. 24 to Oct. 22 — has shown that graduating on time and accelerating the time to graduation are the two most influential factors motivating students to enroll during summer session.

Students also indicated a general concern about the lack of availability of the classes they need and want during summer.

Student families dispute SHIP coverage

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD
ARGONAUT STAFF

There is a small uproar concerning the university's health insurance policy among a population of students that is often overlooked at the University of Idaho: students with families.

One student in particular has taken it upon himself to voice these concerns.

UI graduate student Maqsood Rahman is married and has an 8-month-old baby. What should have been some of the best times in his life, Rahman said, were ruined because of complications with the UI Student Health Insurance Plan.

"It's the worst health insurance I've ever seen in my life," Rahman said.

Though SHIP did cover some of the procedures of the cesarean section his wife needed to deliver the baby, they were still left with hefty bills from blood and lab tests, ultrasounds and most importantly, he said, the baby's immunizations.

"These procedures add up," he said. "I pay an additional \$624 for my child every semester and in return I'm not getting anything."

Rahman said the university

needs to design a student insurance plan that can take care of single and family students. Either that, or don't offer family coverage at all, he said.

"It seems to me there is discrimination here," Rahman said. "They seem to be saying since there is a majority of single students, they are more important."

Hal Godwin, the director of Student Benefits, Health and Wellness Administration, said the reason SHIP cannot cover services such as immunizations and dental care is because that would drive up costs for everybody. Godwin said given the majority of the student population, it would be unfair to charge additional costs for services most SHIP holders would never use.

"We have to keep in mind that our primary covered student is a single person between the age of 18 and 27. We don't want this group to be responsible for the smaller group," Godwin said.

Godwin said they have so far been able to offer SHIP to students for a reasonable price, considering the coverage they get. This year the price went up 14 percent from last year, in comparison with the national average of a 20 percent

increase, he said.

Godwin said the problem isn't necessarily the SHIP plan, though, as much as a lack of understanding about how insurance works.

"It's the worst health insurance I've ever seen in my life."

MAQSOOD RAHMAN
UI GRADUATE STUDENT

"It's not only just the student population either," he said. "People in general in the United States don't understand how insurance works."

A common misperception about insurance is that it covers everything, Godwin said.

"Insurance is the distribution of risk. When you participate in an insurance plan, you're not relieved of obligations to pay for some medical-related services," he said. "Insurance isn't intended to pay 100 percent."

Godwin said although students are required to have health insurance by the Idaho State Board of

Education as a condition of enrollment, they do get to choose their insurance.

Rahman admitted he did not know what he would be insured for when he bought the SHIP plan. He said nobody does.

"How many students in the entire university go through this plan? Nobody bothers to do that," he said.

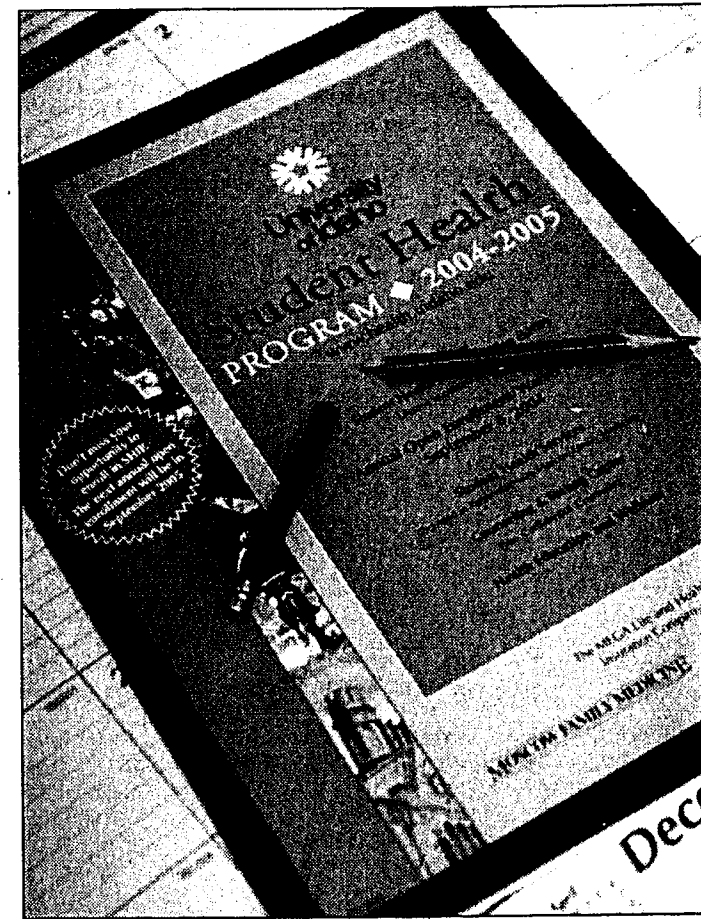
Rahman said he trusted the university administration to provide a plan that covered everything students would need.

"They should have an orientation program in the beginning of the year for students," Rahman said.

Godwin said orientations are a suggestion SHIP officials are considering providing throughout the semester.

"The only problem is it's very hard to get people to come to these sorts of things," Godwin said.

Until then, Godwin said, students can come to the Student Benefits Office and meet with an insurance specialist. Students can set up appointments by phone at 885-2210 or e-mail at health@uidaho.edu, or stop by the office located next to the Student Health Center.



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Some UI students with families say they do not understand the coverage SHIP provides and that it ultimately does not meet the expectations of a family insurance plan.

Student earns long-awaited degree

BY NATE POPPINO
ARGONAUT STAFF

Some students graduate in four years. For Hazel Hamann, it took 56.

Hamann, who first attended the University of Idaho in 1944, will receive her bachelor's degree today in secondary education, along with a teaching major in general science and a teaching minor in psychology. The degree comes after Hamann's 42-year teaching career and her retirement in 1989.

"This was kind of one of those things mostly for satisfaction," said Hamann's granddaughter, Donella Pratt, who helped petition for Hamann's

diploma. "It was a big thing for a woman to go to college in the '40s, and then she never actually had a diploma."

Though Hamann declined an interview, Pratt said she was glad to talk about her grandmother. "She's kind of shy sometimes," Pratt said.

Hamann, originally from Kootenai, skipped her senior year of high school to attend UI as part of a program to recruit teachers.

"It was a special thing back then because they were desperate for teachers," Pratt said. "It got her on a track where if she did this she could be a teacher, so she did."

Hamann finished the program in 1948 with a pre-professional certificate, which was not a degree, but allowed her to teach. She began teaching that year in a two-room schoolhouse in Algoma. After teaching in various northern Idaho towns, she was eventually moved back to Kootenai Elementary School, which she attended as a child.

After teaching for more than a decade, Hamann became curious about her UI degree.

"In 1965 she realized she didn't have enough credits to graduate," Pratt said. "While she taught, she did classes at UI. She never quit her job or went to Moscow."

Pratt said she wasn't sure how her grandmother took her classes, but assumed she did them through the mail. By 1978 Hamann finished her credits, but never completed the student teaching requirement that is part of an education degree.

Hamann may never have received her diploma if it had not been for Pratt, who started petitioning for it this year.

"I just got a master's degree and had a question about my diploma, so I just asked while I was in there," Pratt said. "They have a wonderful secretary named Patty Gibson who wrote out a petition to waive the student teaching requirement. Then they did some sort of formal thing where they presented the petition, they granted it and she could have her diploma."

Pratt said now that Hamann has her diploma, she will go back to enjoying her retirement.

"She does grandma sorts of things," Pratt said. "She takes care of my cousins and was until last year volunteering at the school. Even after she retired she's very active."



COURTESY PHOTO
Hazel Hamann gets her degree this year after a 56-year wait.

UI officials defend move to the WAC

BY JESSIE BONNER
NEWS EDITOR

The case for the University of Idaho's move into the Western Athletic Conference next fall came down to basic economics Wednesday night in the UI College of Law Courtroom.

Steve Peterson, a UI lecturer and research economist, and UI Athletic Director Rob Spear said moving into the WAC was the smartest choice for the university financially and academically.

Peterson said moving back to the Big Sky Conference would result in substantial losses in private giving to the university, which ranges from \$5 million to \$10 million per year.

"There is a fundamental lack of support for such a move among the alumni and boosters," Peterson said.

Winning and losing records are not as important as the money and exposure brought to the university by competing as a Division I-A school, Spear said.

"I'm committed to moving our athletic department forward," he said.

Spear said the university would lose \$640,000 annually if the school were to return to I-AA standing. "It doesn't make sense financially," he said.

Peterson compared moving back to the Big Sky Conference to suggesting the Washington State University football team leave the Pac-10 Conference in order to improve its record.

"It would be absurd on the face of it to suggest they leave to improve their win-loss record," Peterson said.

Spear said academics, not ath-

letics, became a deciding factor when presenting the university's proposal to move into the WAC before university presidents from the conference.

"We threw in some of our athletic successes - we've had some - but we talked about the academic successes of our university," Spear said.

The UI became the fifth land grant institution to enter the conference, Spear said.

Addressing the recommendations made in the

University Vision and Resources Task Force report regarding the move into the WAC, Spear said he presented his case before the task force, which recommended the school return to I-AA standing if UI was not successful in its attempts to remain in I-A.

"They say they're recommending we move forward," Spear said. "They said, 'Go back if you're not successful.'"

UI Faculty Council vice chair Robert Zemetra asked Spear if academically programs would eventually see some of the revenues the athletics department could potentially earn from playing in I-A bowl conferences.

"Would I love to be in that position right now? Would I love to give money back to academic programs? Absolutely. Is that feasible right now? Absolutely not," Spear said.

Most of the audience that

filled the courtroom was made up of students from an economics course Peterson teaches at UI.

UI senior Carly Conklin said moving into the WAC made sense financially after crunching the numbers in her economics class.

"We've talked about it in class so I think it will be interesting to see what's going on," Conklin said. "I'm also a student, so it's relevant."

After the presentation, Zemetra, a professor in the department of agriculture and life sciences, said a resolution is scheduled to come before the Faculty Council in January regarding the university's move into the WAC.

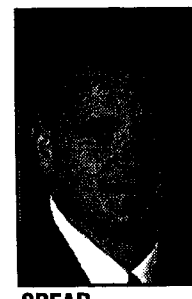
"I believe it is a resolution to return to I-AA," Zemetra said. "There's some faculty that are more interested in going back to I-AA."

Nick Gier, a former UI professor and president of the Idaho Federation of Teachers, will present the resolution to the faculty, Zemetra said. Gier has openly criticized the university's decision to move into the WAC without the approval from UI faculty in a letter to UI President Tim White recently.

"White will talk to the council about how he made the decision," council member Jerry Exon said.

"I think what we would do is have Nick's data available to the council and then have Rob's data available to the council so we can have a consensus on what is the feeling on campus," Zemetra said.

"I haven't heard a strong argument, at least in my department, to go back to I-A, though I haven't heard an argument to stay I-A."



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DISORDERS

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trends of disordered eating at UI. Research by the Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders organization suggests 91 percent of women on college campuses have chosen to control their weight with dieting, and 35 percent of those cases will progress to an eating disorder.

The organization also estimates one in four college students have a full-blown eating disorder, suggesting 3,206 UI students deal with an eating disorder daily.

The most common types of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa, which is self-starvation; bulimia nervosa, which is binge eating followed by purging; and binge-eating disorder, where the person excessively eats without compensating for extra calories.

Branen estimates weight preoccupation, which accompanies disordered eating, and binge eating are the two most prevalent disorders on the UI campus.

In disordered eating, the person exhibits characteristics simi-

lar to eating disorders, but to a lesser extent. Warning signs include food phobias, excessive exercising, food restriction, and bingeing and purging.

Martha Kitzrow, a licensed psychologist at UI's counseling and testing center, said students who exhibit disordered eating habits hold unrealistic expectations of themselves and have trouble doing anything in moderation.

"To look at these people from the outside, they appear to be very successful and it looks like they have it all together," Kitzrow said. "But a lot of times they don't have confidence in themselves and they always feel they can do better."

Halazon had all the classic symptoms.

Unlike others, her disorder began not from a desire to be skinny, but from an undiagnosed digestive disease causing pain when she ate. To counter it, she chose not to eat because "it just seemed like a good idea," Halazon said.

Kitzrow said the primary characteristic about people with disordered eating habits or eat-

ing disorders is a need for control in their lives. For Halazon, it was about controlling her sickness.

After a few months, Halazon's disease was treated, but her mental state was not normal.

"I was in that mentality of not eating, and even though I knew everything was going to be fine, I was so afraid of getting sick again," Halazon said. "I had dropped 10 pounds and I never honestly thought I had to lose weight before. I started comparing myself to other people and seeing things differently. I kept losing weight, and I didn't want to go back."

Halazon increased her exercise schedule from three days a week, to five to seven days a week, sometimes working out as much as four hours a day.

Kitzrow said compulsive exercising and disordered eating go hand in hand. The person follows a rigid eating and exercise pattern that begins to dominate his moods and ultimately, his life.

Peg Hamlett, the wellness program coordinator at the Student Recreation Center, said compulsive exercising is often noticeable in both women and

men at the SRC. "We see it frequently," Hamlett said. "We have girls who come for three hours in the morning, go to class and then come back for three hours."

"You don't know which is worse, the girls who come in with skimpy clothes flaunting it, or the ones who overdress. Then you go in the locker room and see the overdressed one strip down and immediately run to the scale, and she's just skin and bones."

Halazon became obsessive-compulsive, studying eight hours a day and keeping three journals logging her calorie intake, her exercise routine, and everything she had to do in a day, to the point of brushing her teeth.

Halazon said her compulsive behavior and unhealthy eating habits didn't register to her as abnormal.

"Christmas Break was the biggest shocker," Halazon said. "I lost 10 pounds and had no clue how it happened. I honestly didn't think I had a problem."

Branen said disordered eaters recognize that something is wrong, but don't stop because they can't or don't want to.

People with eating disorders don't have that recognition.

"I've worked with many people with eating disorders," Branen said. "It's almost eerie because they all say the same thing: 'I used to have an eating disorder, but now it has me.'"

At the urging of her family, Halazon sought help from a campus nutritionist. She said facing the disorder was a constant struggle.

"People don't touch upon the mental part of it," Halazon said. "The biggest thing I had to overcome was my need for control, and then the food would come back."

Halazon was one of the 60 percent of the people who are able to recover from an eating disorder with treatment, according to the Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders organization.

Unfortunately, disordered eating is a problem many struggle to recognize and get help for, often requiring an outsider's assistance.

Although the SRC is one of the primary places on campus where compulsive exercising habits are seen, SRC officials cannot legally

approach anyone until it reaches the point of a medical emergency.

"Student patrons often come up to us with individuals that they're genuinely concerned with and think that we should be doing something about," said Robin Dankovich, the SRC's operation manager. "We think we should be doing something about it too, but our hands are tied in the situation."

Dankovich said the SRC now offers educational programs as avenues of information to students, rather than directly approaching them.

Now, after three years, Halazon said she is still struggling with the mental scars that the disorder left on her life.

"I still have things that I'm afraid to eat, or if I haven't worked out in days I start to freak out a little bit," Halazon said. "There's still things in my head, but I'm trying to push them away."

"I know what's right for me, and at least now when I look in the mirror, there are some things I don't like, but I feel healthy. And that's what's more important to me."

SUSPECT

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Stegner appointed Moscow attorney Greg Dickinson as a public defender for Riggins, who was advised not to speak with anyone but his attorney throughout the case.

Stegner told Riggins during his trial he would have the right subpoena anyone to testify on his behalf.

"The way I look at things, my only true witness is God," Riggins replied.

According to Latah County documents, the grand jury examined more than 70 witnesses before issuing the first-degree murder indictments, which allege Riggins asked his uncles to kill McMillan.

Matthew and James Wells traveled to Riggins' residence in Kent, Wash., to obtain ammunition the morning of Sept. 19. The men then traveled to Moscow, according to the indictment, where either Matthew or James shot the Vandal corner-

back in the chest with a handgun at his apartment that afternoon.

McMillan died the following morning at Gritman Medical Center.

Riggins is scheduled to enter a plea to the murder charges at an arraignment Dec. 20. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison for each count of murder and a \$50,000 fine.

Latah County prosecutor Bill Thompson has assigned two of his deputy attorneys to prosecute Matthew Wells' case. Lead counsel in the case will be deputy prosecutor Robin Eckman, assisted by felony deputy Michelle Evans.

Riggins will not be facing the death penalty, said Evans, who appeared on behalf of the prosecution during Thursday's proceedings.

Although Washington Gov. Gary Locke has signed a warrant to bring James Wells to Moscow to face the Idaho murder charges, Evans said he is still in the Whitman County Jail in Colfax and she does not know when he will be brought to Moscow.

"He's still in Washington. I don't have any further information on him right now," Evans said.

TROOPS

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husband. "We haven't even put up the decorations yet because he's not here. ... It's just not the same."

Woodall's daughters attended the event and made cards to send to their dad. Woodall said she recognized the importance of a support group.

"We're all experiencing something that has turned our lives upside down," she said.

Members of the Civic Engagement Board and Civic Education Project will take the cards made Thursday night and mail them to troops in Iraq, along with the care packages currently being collected from UI residence halls and from other volunteers.

That is not all the members of the two entities wished to accomplish with the event, however.

"We want to provide an opportunity for students to know that there are resources available and that people are going through the same thing," Byington said. "We also want to let some of our troops know, especially the students from U of I that are over there right now, and that we are thinking about them."

DRIVING

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Oversheet said weak batteries should be replaced during cold weather to prevent being stranded.

"At 32 degrees, with a good battery, it loses 30 percent of its power," Oversheet said. "And at zero degrees it loses 60 percent."

A battery is weak if lights inside the car dim when the vehicle is started, Oversheet said, or if the engine is slow to start.

Batteries should be replaced every 4-5 years, Oversheet said. Gash said the cost is \$35-\$100, depending on the type.

Antifreeze levels in the radiator should be checked frequently during winter months and filled if needed, Gash said, or the engine might have problems later.

The cost for antifreeze is about \$9 for a gallon.

The radiator should be flushed if the antifreeze is a rusty color, according to AAA guidelines. Gash said there are three different types of flushes that can be done. He said the drop and

fill flush consists of emptying the radiator and filling it with antifreeze; the cost is \$40. He said a power flush consists of flushing the radiator and things near it, such as the water pump; the cost is \$90. A chemical flush is the same as the power flush, but with a chemical added to remove rust; the cost is \$110.

Oversheet said a radiator should be replaced if it has cracks or holes. He said professionals can patch the radiator, but he recommends buying a new one for higher quality.

Windshield wipers should be replaced every six months, or if smearing occurs on the windshield, according to AAA guidelines. Gash said the cost for two new blades is about \$11.

Car owners should also check their headlights, emergency flashers, parking lights, turning signals, taillights and brake lights to prevent accidents, according to AAA guidelines.

Oversheet said when a vehicle becomes stranded the driver should first call 911, the police, a towing service or someone they know for help. He said the driver should stay with the vehicle and pop the hood so the person they called can identify them easily.

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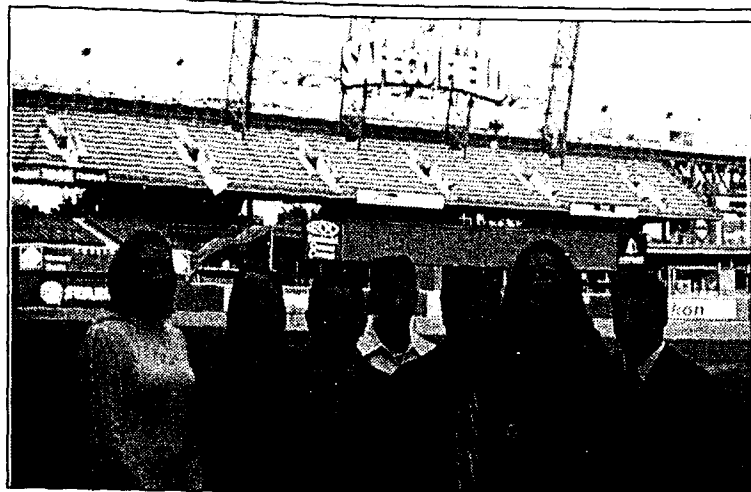
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COURTESY PHOTO

HR club tours Safeco Field during a recent trip to Seattle.

HR club takes in the sights

BY AMBER EBERT
ARGONAUT STAFF

Members of the University of Idaho Society for Human Resource Management say they enjoyed their recent trip to Seattle.

From free teddy bears and T-shirts to a visit with the Mariners' human resource manager and Seattle Regional Children's Hospital, the club knocked on the door of the professional world.

Gene Huie, the club's financial adviser and travel co-chair, said it was a great learning experience.

"It really opened my eyes to the field of human resource management," Huie said. "When we took the tour of the children's hospital, I was surprised. When I think nonprofit, I think small and not very much money, but they seem to be doing well for themselves."

One of the HR club's purposes is to keep students up-to-date on developments in the field of human resource management.

Seattle Children's Hospital offered the club a chance to see firsthand how a nonprofit organization works. The hospital is ranked as one of the best children's hospitals in the country and serves Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. It has annual operating costs of around \$500 million.

The club also visited Safeco field and talked with HR manager

er Jeremy Weir, who graduated in 2000 from UI.

Dan Evelith, the club's adviser, said members chose which businesses to visit. The club tries to take a field trip once a semester, usually to Portland, Boise, Seattle or Spokane.

"The club is pretty much student-driven. This particular chapter has been very active," Evelith said. "There are basically two issues to joining SHRM. One is to get your foot in the door and the other is to decide if it's really what you want to do."

The UI Society for Human Resource Management is part of a national chapter as well. It works toward superior merit awards and merit awards each year, and UI has been awarded several in recent years. The club earns points by taking field trips, doing civic projects and various other activities and merit is awarded based on total points.

"Last year, UI's chapter gave a presentation in Spokane and they just wowed them. UI really did a wonderful job," Evelith said. "It is also a good confidence builder. It validates students and confirms that UI does put out really good people."

There is a \$5 fee per semester for local membership. UI has about 12 members involved with the national and local chapter.

"It really is a way to make connections and gives you an advantage to job searching," Evelith said.

UI steam plant on the job 24/7

BY JUSTIN LLOYD
SPECIAL TO THE ARGONAUT

Most students walk by it every day. It warms the University of Idaho's dorms and classrooms during the winter, cools them in the summer and saves the school up to \$1 million a year.

Michael Lyngholm has been the manager of the UI Steam Plant since 2003. He explained how the plant operates, what it does and why UI uses it as a heating source.

The steam plant was built in 1927 and is the UI's second. The first was built in 1908 and was torn down in 2002 to make space for the Idaho Commons. The plant originally heated by burning coal. Later, it was upgraded to heat with oil, then natural gas, and now wood.

"I like wood. It's cheap and renewable," Lyngholm said.

The steam plant burns cedar for its heating. Most of it is waste wood purchased from local logging companies. The five main suppliers are Potlatch, Idaho Cedar Sales, Three Rivers Lumber, Sunrise Cedar and Bennett Lumber.

The plant uses 45,000 tons of waste wood from these companies every year. The wood is brought in by truck during the summer and stored behind WinCo for use in the winter when the lumberyards aren't in full operation.

Byron Cannon, of Idaho Cedar Sales, said his company ships four trucks of cedar to the university per day all year long. The trucks carry 17.5 tons every trip, totaling 15,470 tons per year.

Cannon was not sure where the cedar waste wood would go if it weren't sold to UI.

"The market for cedar as beauty bark in landscaping has disappeared. When the university came along, it was a great fit," Cannon said.

The steam plant has one

truck, which brings wood chips from the stockpiles behind WinCo every day. During the summer the plant uses less than a truckload per day, but during the winter it can use as much as 25 tons a day, or 10 truckloads.

Lyngholm said wood is the least expensive of all heating fuels and costs one-third the amount of natural gas. Even though the steam plant costs about \$2 million a year to operate, Lyngholm said the use of wood saves UI more than \$1 million a year when compared to the costs of heating with natural gas.

Most other schools prefer natural gas because it's easier to use, requires less maintenance, and looks prettier, Lyngholm said, but the excess cost of using gas comes from raises in tuition.

The steam plant needs to be supervised 24 hours a day and has two or more of its 13 employees on staff at all times to keep it in full operation. There are a lot of safety valves to watch, pressures to maintain and maintenance to perform.

"We sometimes have as many as four safety valves on one system and numerous alarms," Lyngholm said. "And we're always working on efficiency, like cleaning the boilers and little things here and there. It all adds up."

If the wood boiler goes out, they start up smaller natural gas boilers to compensate. By the time the wood boiler has cooled down, the gas boilers have warmed up.

"(The boiler) has to stay running; if someone's got a bunch of lab rats they've been experimenting on for the last three months, they can't come in the morning and find them frozen and have to start over," Lyngholm said.

During the summer, the steam plant is used to operate the university's air conditioning through a process known as absorption air conditioning. The



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The UI Steam Plant burns cedar wood chips to create the steam that is used to heat sidewalks, dorms and other campus buildings.

steam is used to operate the chilling plants on the campus. The chillers then send the cool air to the buildings.

Pipes line most of the walls and ceilings of the steam plant and the boilers are intermixed between all the service walkways. There are several natural gas boilers, which are used when the wood boiler is under maintenance or on extra cold nights when the wood boiler is not enough.

The furnace where the wood burns is 35 feet tall and fills most of its end of the building. View ports on the sides of the boiler on the first, second and third floors revealed the 25-foot turbulent flames that burn inside the furnace at 1,600-2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The steam boiler on top runs the length of the furnace and is kept at a constant 150 pounds of pressure per

square inch with steam at 358 degrees Fahrenheit.

"It's basically like a giant tea pot, with added safety features," Lyngholm said.

The steam is vented out of the plant through heat tunnels that run underneath the campus to the dorms and most of the campus buildings. Once the steam reaches the buildings, each building has its own means of using the steam to heat itself. When campus buildings on campus are done with the steam, it is sent back to the steam plant. By the time it gets back to the plant, it has cooled to around 180 degrees Fahrenheit and has condensed back into water.

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MAILBOX

Blot serves important purpose

Dear Editor,
I have been a student at UI for going on five years now, and one of the biggest things that I wish I had the past four years is a great school magazine for students. I have always loved reading the Argonaut, and in five years I don't think there has been an issue of the Arg that I haven't at least glanced over. Although the student media on campus, such as the Argonaut and KUOI, are great sources for information, they still don't include many of the topics and issues that I am interested in. However, the new UI student magazine, Blot does include a lot of these issues and topics. The Blot is definitely going to be an important student medium on campus. The Blot enables students to learn about current issues, stories and events that can't be found in any other student media. The Blot will also serve as a resource for many educational and entertainment purposes that the Argonaut and KUOI can't provide. This magazine is going to be an outstanding student medium, but the only way it is going to be that way is if students support it and buy it. The magazine is only \$2, and it went on sale for the first time last Friday, however it only experienced average sale. How is the Blot going to serve its purpose as the next big student medium if it doesn't receive the support of the students?

Rory Tipton
Senior
Public communications

Captain's remarks unacceptable

Dear Editor,
I am writing with deep concern regarding the "Clubs take precautions against date rape" (Nov. 30). Captain David Duke of the Moscow Police Department is described as saying "Out of eight acquaintance rapes reported in the past two years ... five of them would be considered unfounded." And he was quoted saying, "We get a lot of victims that get way intoxicated. They actually give consent but they don't think so later." For a high-ranking police officer to make statements such as these is completely unacceptable. The majority of rape cases are not reported, and for those victims who do come forward, they deserve respect and sensitivity. A victim's level of intoxication has no bearing on whether or not they were assaulted. When a victim is intoxicated to the point of not being able to say yes or no, then consent is not given. I am disappointed with Captain Duke's implication that if a victim is drinking, it implies consent. It takes a large amount of courage to come forward and report that you were raped, and for the resource you are seeking help from to say, even indirectly, that you did consent when you in fact did not, is demeaning not only to the victim but the legal system as well. In light of these actions Captain Duke should make a public apology and issue a retraction of his statements.

Megan Thompson
Senior
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Columnist wrong about ratings

Dear Editor,
Bill Urdrian's article ("Liberal media do not measure up to competition," Dec. 7) had some incorrect information that I thought needed correcting. According to an April 2004 article by Extra! Magazine, TV ratings are determined by the average number of people who watch a certain station every minute. A person who stays on one station for an extended period of time brings a higher rating to that station, but it doesn't mean more people are watching it. So while Fox may have a higher rating, CNN has more viewers. (In April of last year, "105 million viewers tuned into CNN compared to 86 million for Fox" [Cablefax, 4/30/03].) Also, while Fox might be known as a more conservative channel, according to the Extra! article, "the ad agency Carat USA (Hollywood Reporter, 8/13/03) found that 37 percent of viewers calling themselves 'very conservative' watch CNN in the course of a week, while only 32 percent tune to Fox." So, before yet another inaccurate, poorly written, angry tirade against liberals is published, please, Bill, find a real issue to write about and do your homework, or else please stop writing.

Ann Tripepi
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OURVIEW

Do not forget men's rights

The ASUI senate passed a resolution Wednesday condemning Moscow Police Captain David Duke's comments about date rape in Moscow.

Duke said, "We get a lot of victims that get way intoxicated. They actually give consent but they don't think so later." He also said that five of the last eight reported rape cases have been unfounded.

It is not popular to say anything against the status quo of the current handling of rape cases in the United States. A public outcry against Duke should be expected for his perceived insensitivity and ignorance of rape law (if a victim is too intoxicated to remember giving consent, then consent is not given).

The problem is that no one stopped to give Duke the benefit of the doubt. As captain of the police force, he is well informed on rape law and has privileged information about rape cases. If Duke, a professional, says there are unfounded cases of rape, why wouldn't people believe him?

The stigma around what is probably the most heinous crime outside of mur-

der also forces a certain hypocrisy in the way society deals with rape. Because so many rape cases are not reported and victims feel an unfounded sense of shame after the attack, extra steps are taken to protect victims who come forward.

These precautions are necessary for this particular crime, but they also come with a cost. A mere rape allegation is as good as a guilty verdict for most males involved. Most of the time, with modern forensics, rape can be easily verified. However, when it comes to cases of intoxication and consent, the situation reverts into a he-said, she-said situation.

Herein lies the main problem with the status quo: Men have almost no rights in this situation.

It is accurate that intoxication can nix any consent given by a rape victim. But has anyone spouting this philosophy stopped to think about the man's level of intoxication as well? If the man is also too drunk to remember what happened in the morning couldn't he, by law, also report having been raped?

The Argonaut is not trying to devalue the importance of a strict enforcement of

rape law — rape is a very serious crime — but is simply addressing the unfair situations that society tolerates because of a stigma.

In the last year, both Pullman and Coeur d'Alene have had cases of women filing false reports about rape. If the comments made by Duke were so inflammatory, then these cases should be worthy of an all-out crusade.

When rape cases turn out to be a "Boy Who Cried Wolf" scenario, it hurts the rape prevention (and punishment) cause far more than a police captain who spoke words that are not conducive with the perception of the perfect world of rape cases (the incident gets reported accurately and the person responsible is punished accordingly).

The slippery slope nature of these cases makes it difficult, if not impossible, to make changes to a system with so many important variables. But the important thing in the crusade to stop rape is to remember the men and their rights, because ignoring those is a crime in itself.

S.O.

Bickering will lead nowhere

Last Saturday, a football commentator on ABC said something that triggered me, and it was the most simple and applicable statement I've heard about the quarrel between college athletics and academics.

"At some schools where the academics and the athletics are fighting, those (football) programs don't win," said the commentator. I doubt he fully understood the words that came from his mouth, as they are true for many institutions, including the University of Idaho.

In the last few weeks Nick Gier, emeritus professor and UI president of the Idaho Federation of Teachers, has been leading the charge to drive the UI Athletic Department back to the Big Sky Conference and I-AA football. He has worked hard at writing letters to every newspaper in the state to rally support and pressing President Tim White to take the first step in making this happen.

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But hey, as a faculty member, he's doing what comes natural.

From the beginning of college athletics, even before the days of intercollegiate play, when it was only intramural-like activities, those who are described as "academics" have been, for a good part, against the activities of athletics. This situation came about primarily because athletics take away from the "academic pursuit" of students.

Ever since those earliest days, when football was still just a game and not yet the force it is today, academics have been trying to tie students down to their schoolwork while students have tried to find a little fun to go along with their studies.

Nevertheless, times have changed, and at many institutions across the country the desire to win and the achievement of success at the highest levels of sport have driven many into the use of petty differences and resorting to an "us vs. them" (or academics vs. athletics) attitude.

This attitude has only been reinforced the past few years, as UI football has been somewhat short of successful. However, after four years in the far-flung Sun Belt Conference, UI has been able to land in the Western Athletic Conference, and with it the promise of more favorable conference matchups and a hope of greater success.

It is that hope of greater success on the field that many anticipate will make up for, if only for a while, any animosity between the two groups.

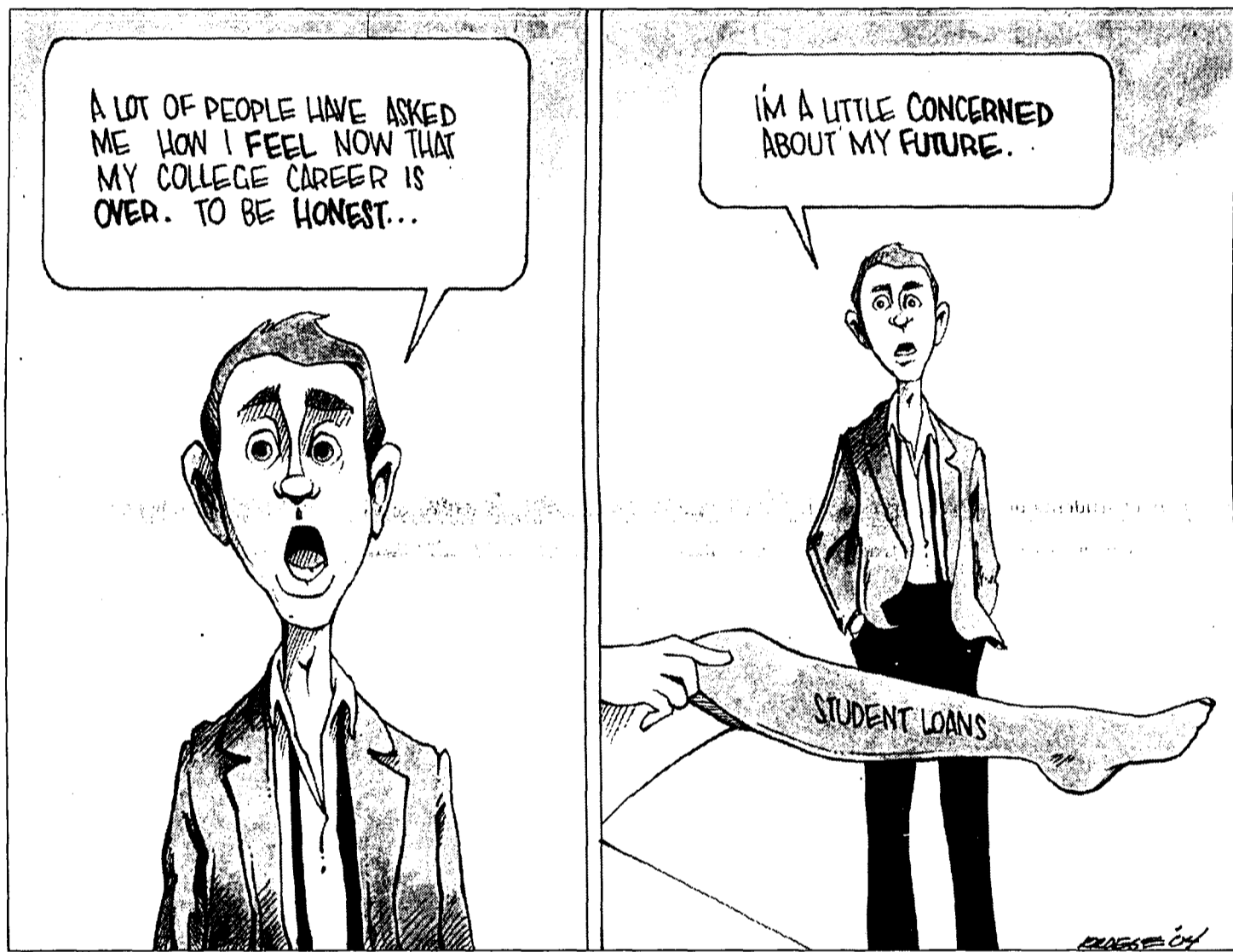
The greater problem is that there is such a difference between the two groups. The political atmosphere of the university during this time of budget crisis and the ill feelings toward athletics will not be cured by a move back to the Big Sky. The differences go much deeper.

What needs to happen is to find a common ground, build a sense of community on the UI campus where neither athletics nor academics feels it is second-priority. For both, there is too much pride involved to admit wrongdoings and their own self-importance to think about what is better for the school.

The fact is that athletics brings money and students into a community and a university, and the more the big-time sports win — especially football — the more draw a university will have for both. Unfortunately for UI, both success on the field and money for everyone is short, and until one of these situations improves, athletics will always take the greatest amount of hostility for the demise of the university.

No matter how you look at it, for most of those involved the issue comes down to money. When athletics makes a lot because of its successes, nobody will say anything about the excesses of the department. When the tables are turned, everyone is ready to cut funding, support and, sometimes, even programs to help save face.

The understanding comes when the university is in a situation, like now, when every allotted dollar is being fought over. While better decision-making may have helped solve problems before they happened, hasty and unjust decisions now will not cure those problems.



NOAH KROESE / ARGONAUT

Strange that the educated lean toward Democrat

George Will is famous for two things: being a syndicated conservative columnist for the Washington Post and Newsweek, and getting crazy drunk and accusing animals of trying to eat his shadow. This second one has neither been confirmed nor denied by the right wing, but their silence on the issue speaks volumes.

Anyway, in a recent Post column, George "Ted Kennedy of the Right" Will reported on a trend that shocked me to my core: College professors are predominantly liberal!

In a survey conducted by Professor Daniel "Red" Klein, it seems that Democratic professors outnumber their Republican colleagues seven to one in the humanities and social sciences. In another study, professors at Berkeley and Stanford on average were a nine to one Democratic majority.

Liberals at Berkeley? This philosophical disparity was tagged by the hyperbole-prone Will as an "ideological dictatorship." Even more shocking, the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics found that employees at Harvard and the University of California gave 19 times more money to John Kerry than George W. in the last election.

And you know what? I believe it. I can say from personal experience that most of the professors I've encountered have been more likely to be lefties than right wing. Not to toot my own horn, but I feel that my commitment to my education (so great, in fact, that I've dedicated myself to six or seven years, so far, of undergraduate studies) puts

me in a worthy position to judge that kind of thing. So, Will ponders, "how did academia, supposedly dedicated to the free exchange of ideas, become so intellectually monochrome?"

The most terrifying consequence of this liberal stranglehold is a kind of anti-conservative affirmative action.

English professor Mark "Marx" Bauerline of Emory University notes in an essay that "from graduate school through tenure decisions," universities "filter out" anyone who doesn't "toe the line" for the Democrats. For example, "if you disapprove of affirmative action, forget pursuing a career in African-American studies. If you favor nuclear families, you can write off women's studies."

Due to the perpetuation of this conservative nightmare, whole generations of students are going through school and being indoctrinated by their progressive educational dictators.

One of the recent favored tactics of nervous conservatives is attempting to turn liberal concepts against their originators. To that end, tighty-righties like Will have suggested a sort of anti-liberal conceptual affirmative action, forcing universities to begin to employ more Republican educators. This sort of tactic has been locally championed by Doug

Wilson and his crew, who ingeniously repel wild, unfounded accusations of intolerance by claiming the accusers themselves are intolerant.

Call me crazy (if you do, it's because you're crazy) but this seems absolutely ridiculous. The issue that all of this seems to avoid is that maybe it isn't academic prejudice. Maybe college professors are more liberal than other groups because education has a tendency to engender progressive thought on its own. If a history professor teaches a class on social revolutions in Latin America (as one here does), it seems reasonable that the professor will come to the conclusion that America has really screwed Latin America. A professor who has invested years in women's studies may very likely gravitate to the reality, despite the failing of the right, that perhaps nuclear families are not the absolute apex of perfect familial dynamics.

A student filed a lawsuit a while back because a biology professor didn't choose him for advancement on the basis that he rejected evolution in favor of creationism. If I were a professor, I would do the same. If a student were attempting to get a scholarship in botany, but refused to accept that photosynthesis occurred, he or she might run into similar denial.

Study after study shows that the more educated are far more likely to vote Democrat. This isn't to discount conservative thought as false or accuse conservatives of being ignorant, but the fact is education and progressive thought are as linked as Iraq and a lack of weapons of mass destruction.

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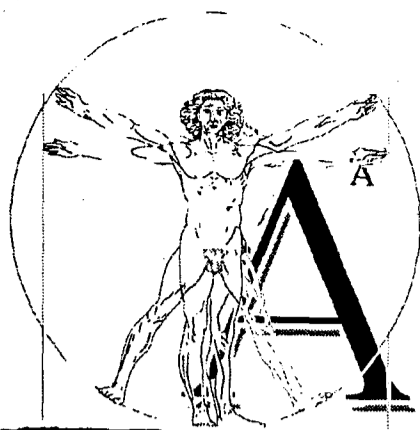
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ARTS & CULTURE

Old dance form slowly takes over downtown Moscow

BY TOM BANKS
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Contra dances, along with the Thursday night swing dances at CJ's, stand as the most routinely occurring, and least known about, dances in Moscow. Most people simply do not know what the term implies. "It's an American dance form derived from the Scotch and Irish," David Christian said. Christian is president of the Palouse Folklore Society, the organization responsible for coordinating the dances. "The dancers keep changing partners throughout, kind of like (in) a barn dance," he said. The Moscow Contra Dances were started in the 1980s by a group of people

who had encountered the dance form in New England. It has since grown, and now the dances, the next of which is Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1912 Building, regularly draw crowds of 50-60 people. Many of these people have just stumbled onto the dance. "We have a core of regulars, but usually about a third of the people are there for the first time," Christian said. The spread in age of the dancers appears about as diverse as the individual people that attend. "It's quite a mix. We have mostly people around 40, but we also have college-age people and people in their 70s," Christian said. The turnover of new people replacing those who stop attending appears more or less steady, he said.

"It's simple enough that most people can do it and have fun on their first night."

ROBERTA RADAVICH
FORMER PRESIDENT, PALOUSE FOLKLORE SOCIETY

"Some people come because they're looking to find friends and other people who are not part of the bar scene," former society President Roberta Radavich said. "Others come because of the music,

which is something they wouldn't do if it were just played on CD." The music is supplied "mostly by local bands, although we do occasionally get groups from Sandpoint, Spokane or Boise," Christian said. It consists of "old timey" American folk tunes, many of which come from the Appalachian song-writing tradition. Among the local bands that play at the dances are Potatohead and Dancing Trout. "I like the energy that comes from musicians and dancers interacting more than the energy at a concert," Carla Chandler says. Chandler is a member of the band Dancing Trout. The band plays "The type of folk music your grandparents may have listened to," she said.

One unanimous opinion reached by attendees of the dances is how easy contra dance is to master, regardless of age. "It's a form of dance that can be danced when you're quite old," Radavich said. "It's simple enough that most people can do it and have fun on their first night." What is it about folk dancing that gives it an appeal in a college town like Moscow? "I think it's just a combination of the people, the dancing, the high energy and good music," says Christian. The Dec. 18 dance is open to people of any age, and promises more of the "high energy and good music" that Christian was talking about.

Holiday Concert brings diversity of musical styles

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
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The annual Holiday Concert is a tradition on and off campus. More than 700 performers from regional schools, along with the university jazz choirs, the Hamptones, Jazz Band IV and the Vandal Marching Band drum line, descend on the Kibbie Dome tonight for an evening that has been dubbed a gift to the community. The concert is free and starts at 8 p.m.

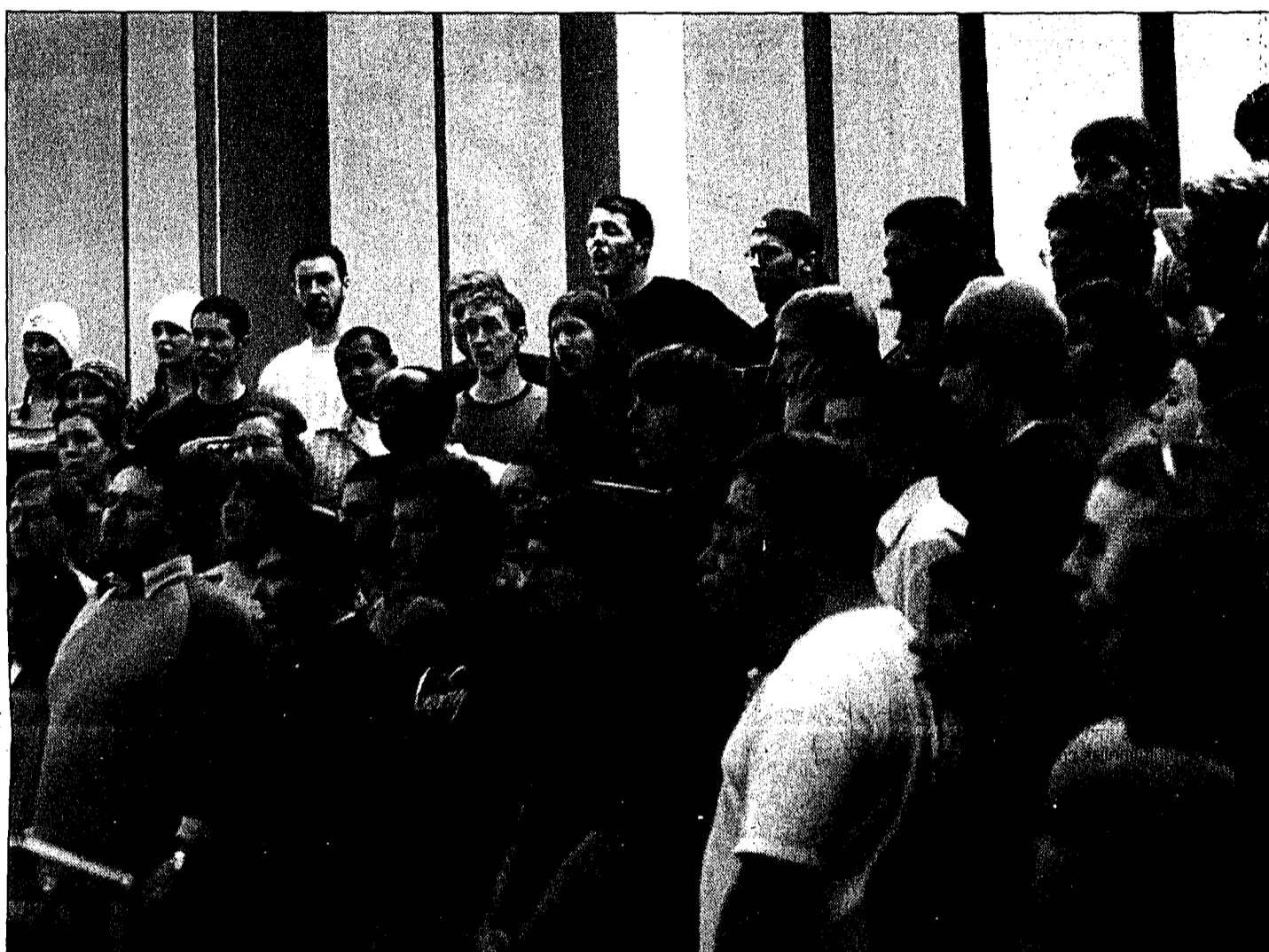
"It's pretty impressive that the concert can be put together in such a limited amount of time and resources," Volk said. Bukvich said preparation for the show includes extensive lighting and 90 microphones to carry music through the Dome. "It's been an exercise in organization," Bukvich said. Moore performed in last year's concert for the first time, and looks forward to being involved in this year's production.

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JEROD MOORE
SOPHOMORE MUSIC MAJOR

The evening was conceptualized in the mid-'80s by UI music professor Dan Bukvich. In the early years, the concert was held in the Administration Building; it was moved to the Dome when attendance became too great and the previous venue could no longer accommodate the audience. Junior music major Michael Volk has been inspired by the experience of rehearsing and preparing for the concert. He said it takes lots of practice to ensure a strong performance. "Working with Dan has been such a lesson in a lot of ways, such as composition, directing, rehearsal and performing," Volk said. Sophomore music major Jerod Moore said the musicians in the UI music program have been working on material to incorporate in the concert in class three days a week, with only one rehearsal the afternoon before the performance at the Dome.

"It was an awesome experience," Moore said. "The turnout is impressive, with one of the biggest audiences the music students play for." Bukvich agreed and said with a free opportunity such as this, attendance will be in the thousands. For the concert, the university invites an array of students of different ages to the Dome. To keep the repertoire familiar, the program is rampant with traditional holiday selections. Along with the cherished carols, many untraditional holiday songs round out the 30-tune set list. "A lot of the things we're singing are brand new," Volk said. One of the new pieces being sung is Bukvich's "Missa de Montunos." The mass is a contemporary piece commissioned by a company on the East Coast and will be performed by Jazz Choir I. "It's been an interesting project, meeting the conditions of the commission," Bukvich said. In the style of a Christian mass and including songs like "Hallelujah," movements from the piece will be performed for locals for the first time. "It's research I enjoy and get funded to do," Bukvich said. Former professor at the Africa University in Zimbabwe Tendekai Kuture also gets a chance to shine in the concert. Kuture is getting his master's in



UI Jazz Choir 1 practices Wednesday for the Holiday Concert.

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music education at UI and has written a piece for the concert. His composition, "Mabalabala," incorporates African folk music and culture into the program. "In my culture, every folk tale has a song," Kuture said. He hopes to show another culture's view and to prove that African music explores the realms of music genres. "He is incredible," Bukvich said. "It has been great to have someone here to

merge African music with Western culture." Aside from being involved in music education on campus, Kuture said he enjoys teaching students about culture in Africa and British education in Rhodesia. "I've had the joy of teaching marimba, mbira, singing, and movement and drumming in the area," Kuture said. By bringing youth onto campus dur-

ing the holiday season, a different tone is created as students head into finals week. "It's a good opportunity to get kids involved in a music program at a young age," Moore said. Bukvich echoed his thoughts. He said the program benefits the community, including children. "That's what we do this for," Bukvich said.

Some great books to curl up with next to a fire over the long winter break

BY TARA KARR
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Winter break may be between semesters — and a book list may be the last thing on minds numbed by months of homework — but that's no reason to abandon good literature. Here's a list (in no particular order) of holiday and winter-themed reading for a snowy day. "A Christmas Carol": This tale of a very special Christmas lesson is first on the list because it should be on the bookshelves of every winter reader. With the billions of parody and film versions out there, it's good to be familiar with the original, too. The book is brief (for Charles Dickens at least) and full of fascinating characters and a little adventure. The book even has some ghosts and dead things for readers who shudder at the words "a very special Christmas lesson." "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Barbara Robinson's book is the modern tale required on every Christmas reading list. The wicked Herdman kids are wicked fun, and who can't laugh at wise men bringing ham instead of frankincense? Like "A Christmas Carol," there's a moral to be had, but it's in a fantastic context. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe": Though not technically holiday- or winter-themed, C.S. Lewis' snow-drenched land of Narnia is populated by people who wear fur mufflers and drive sleighs. For those celebrating Christmas as Jesus' birth, the book's allegory is fitting and light enough not to distract from the story.

"Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins": Trina Schart-Hyman's intricately detailed pictures play off Eric Kimmel's equally wonderful story in this children's book. For more Hanukkah reading, Kimmel has written a stack of Hanukkah-themed books including "The Magic Dreidels" and "When Mindy Saved Hanukkah." "The H Street Sledding Record": In this short story by Ron Carlson (from his collection "A Kind of Flying") a father throws horse manure on the roof of his house every Christmas and convinces his daughter it's from reindeer. This tender and distinctive story has every right to become a holiday classic. "Betty Crocker's Best Christmas Cookbook": Everything from cranberries jubilee to cheese trees to classic jeweled fruitcake can be found in this cookbook, complete with full-color, drool-inducing illustrations. An excellent light-reading choice, though the results may add to holiday heaviness (it's worth it). "Snow": Though there are ample snow-related poetry in the world, these are all conveniently by the same person, U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins. Read them while laying in the snow for extra points. Other great poems include "Shoveling Snow with Buddha," "Neither Snow" and "Snow Day." "A Wish for Wings that Work": Another story not quite about holidays or winter, this children's book tells the story of a hopeful little penguin. Fans of cartoonist Berkeley Breathed may find the penguin familiar — he's Opus from Breathed's various comic strips — and Breathed is the author and illustrator. The book has the same humorous flair of the comics, but is a sweet story in its own right.



Movies to watch while it's cold outside

BY TYLER WILSON
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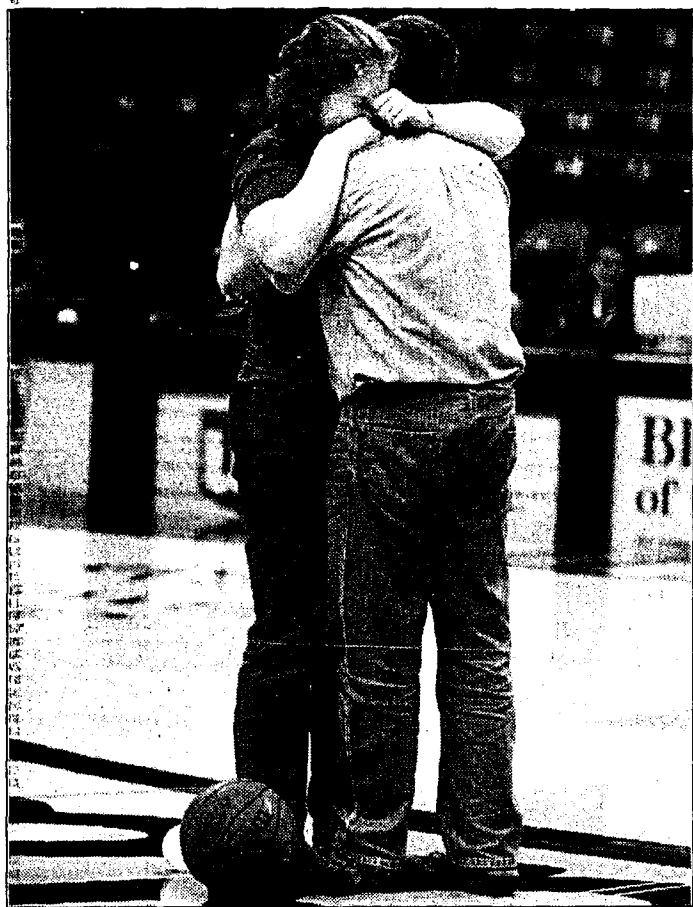
Selecting the best Christmas movies ever is an entirely subjective process. The easy answer would be to say nothing even compares to "It's a Wonderful Life," and nobody would argue much. But is Frank Capra's 1946 classic really a holiday tradition for younger audiences today? Judging by NBC's dismal ratings for its annual showing, that answer is no. There hasn't been a new classic Christmas song in ages, but because Christmas movies tend to appeal to children, new classics grow out of each generation. Several films in the last 25 years have mixed the right doses of Christmas spirit with inventive ideas to result in repeat viewings from a wide variety of audiences. While not for everyone, the following films have earned a spot in at least one viewer's annual traditions. "A Christmas Story" (1983): It could be called the new "It's a Wonderful Life." Slowly gaining popularity with 24-hour viewings on TNT, the story of Ralphie and his quest for a Red Ryder BB Gun has become as iconic as the holiday itself. No other Christmas movie could get a viewer to watch it on TV with commercials and then watch it again just because it restarts immediately. Much of the success lies in the wide spectrum of audiences it attracts. Older viewers can identify with growing up in the 1940s, younger audiences relate to the quest of a much-desired toy and everyone can relate to how absurd spending the holidays with family can become. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989): Despite some horrible projects over the years ("Cops and Robbers"), Chevy Chase is one funny everyman. And his adventures with twinkle lights, industrial lubri-

cants and an attacking squirrel prove the fact. Not only is this the most consistently funny holiday film (even after 15 years), but there's also a warped sweetness to it. There's something about watching a Santa's sleigh decoration launched into space accompanied by "The Star Spangled Banner" that just screams Christmas spirit. And the scene where Chase comments on Bing Crosby tap-dancing with Danny Kaye might be the funniest moment ever in a Chevy Chase movie. "Miracle On 34th Street" (1994): OK, so it isn't quite the classic the 1947 version is, but this is certainly one of the more honorable remakes around. The story about the real Santa Claus being on trial for believing he's Santa is the perfect holiday premise for such cynical times. Plus it's got Richard Attenborough (you know, that guy with the cool cane from "Jurassic Park") as Santa! Some man-eating dinosaurs would have made this flick the best holiday movie ever. "The Santa Clause" (1994): Released at the height of Tim Allen's "Home Improvement" popularity, this film took all that was funny about his sitcom and added snow, lights and all the other classic Christmas elements. Who would have thought Allen's masculine humor would work so well in a children's movie about Santa Claus? Even the film's inferior sequel conjures up more Christmas spirit than say, Gov. Schwarzenegger's dismal "Jingle All the Way." "Elf" (2003): Will Ferrell is a comedic genius, so it was only natural to have this film be considered a great holiday flick. The thought of having such a flamboyant comedian play an



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WISH!



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Andrew McConaghy, a senior in computer science, proposes to Jill Nieborsky, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, Wednesday evening at the Cowan Spectrum.

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innocent, caring human raised by elves doesn't really process into true holiday spirit, but Ferrell's character is so innocent that his story is engaging to kids who only care about the magic of Santa Claus. Not to say that Ferrell isn't any less funny in this than his raunchier films. In fact, this may be his funniest film to date.

"Bad Santa" (2003): The complete opposite of "Elf" but probably the funniest (and dirtiest movie) in a long, long time. Billy Bob Thornton is perfect as the most disgusting and depressing department store Santa Claus ever. There's more profanity and sick jokes than all of the teenage-stoner flicks combined, but funny is funny no matter what expletive is put around it. And Billy Bob learns a lesson too, just not a lesson the kiddies need to learn any-time soon.



ARTS BRIEFS

Bead workshop sign-ups open

UI's Center on Disabilities and Human Development in the College of Education is holding free beaded jewelry workshops at 129 W. Third St. one Friday a month from noon to 1:30 p.m.

People with and without disabilities are invited to attend. The workshops will teach crafting skills and supply everything needed to create earrings, necklaces and bracelets.

Debbie Hornbuckle will lead the workshop. She has led similar workshops for more than 90 people.

The workshop is funded by a grant from Stepping Stones, Inc. of Moscow. The grant enables workshops to meet through Sept. 2005. The goal of the workshops is to provide interaction between people with and without disabilities, and allow them to experience the benefits of inclusive activities, Hornbuckle said. Hornbuckle is seeking at least six people without disabilities for the first group.

Holiday Concert tonight

The Lionel Hampton School of Music Holiday Concert will be at 8 p.m. tonight in the Kibble Dome. The concert is free, as a gift to the community from LHSOM and UI.

There will be more than 700 performers from around the region, as well as jazz bands and choirs from area schools. UI Jazz Choirs I-III, the Hamptonites, the marching drumline and Jazz Band IV will also be performing.

Auction and dance performance Dec. 18

The Graham Academy of Classical and Contemporary Ballet and the Graham Ballet Theater will host a night of dancing and purchasing. The first annual fundraising auction will be held in conjunction with the Gladish open house. Some of the items in the auction include a ski weekend, handmade quilts, wine baskets and certificates for massage and physical therapy. The dance and auction will occur Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gladish View Room of the Gladish Auditorium.

Seasonal exhibit opens tonight

The Moscow Arts Commission will open its third annual Winter Solstice Exhibition tonight at the Third Street Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception from 5-7 p.m.

A variety of media will be featured, including fiber, photography, oil paints, watercolors, acrylics and pottery. Twenty artists will be featured.

Shows at John's Alley tonight

Oracle Shack and local acoustic band Chubb's Toga will share the stage at John's Alley tonight. The show starts at 9 p.m. For more information on the bands, visit www.oracle shack.com or www.chubbstoga.com.

Video game tournament Saturday in Commons

A "Halo 2" and "Super Smash Bros." tournament will be from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday 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 scorers.

'A Christmas Carol - the Ballet' comes to UI Dec. 17

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 Neill's Flowers and Gifts and BookPeople for the UI performances and at Klings' Good Health and Wasem's Drugs for the Clarkston performances.

Contra Dance will be Dec. 18

The Palouse Folklore Society's December Contra Dance will be Dec. 18 in the 1912 Center. Mitchell Frey of Moscow will teach and call to the music of Hired Hands.

Dance instruction begins at 7:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 8 p.m. Cost is \$4 for newcomers who arrive at 7:30 p.m., \$5 for society members and \$7 for non-members.

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.moscowrenfaire.org."

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

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

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

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A lump of 'Krank's' in your X-mas stocking

BY TYLER WILSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

Looking for the perfect gift to give your most hated enemy? Try a movie ticket to "Christmas with the Kranks," a 90-minute holiday disaster with more cringe-worthy moments than a Jessica Simpson holiday special.

Based on John Grisham's non-legal novel "Skipping Christmas," the film's name was likely changed to avoid confusion with Ben Affleck's clunker, "Surviving Christmas."

"Christmas with the Kranks" centers on an empty-nested couple that decides to go on a cruise for Christmas, which angers the crazy, holiday-obsessed neighbors. At least Affleck's desperate attempt to be funny in "Surviving Christmas" was somewhat amusing. This film can't manage much more than one or two decent laughs.

Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis desperately try to infuse humor into the Krank couple, but their cookie-cutter characters offer little more than lousy slapstick better deserved for another direct-to-video "Home Alone" sequel.

Curtis is especially embarrassing. She is reduced to screaming irritating shouting noises for laughs, which may instead induce nightmares. Allen fares a bit better in the humor department, but most of his antics are tired re-creations of his previous work, notably the Christmas episodes of his sitcom "Home Improvement."

While it's difficult for a comedy to work without laughs, there are other reasons to avoid spending "Christmas with the Kranks." (That pun is roughly the humor level of this flick.) For one, director Joe Roth and screenwriter Chris Columbus don't produce even a pinch of tension during the first half of the film. The Kranks spend the majority of the film prepping their trip and ducking neighbors. This might be enough for a funny movie, but the running time can start to test a viewer's patience.

The sad thing is, both Roth and Columbus should know better than to make such drivell. After all, Columbus has directed some of the most successful family films ever made ("Harry Potter," "Home

Alone"), and Roth runs an entire film studio (Revolution Studios).

The second half of the film at least offers more conflict than sun tanning and hiding behind curtains. When their daughter tells the Kranks she's coming home for the holidays, the parents rush to get the house ready for the annual Christmas party. Unfortunately this section is also humorless, and the goofiness of these "Will They Pull It Off In Time?" scenes is almost unwatchable. They manage to embarrass even more normally funny actors like Dan Ackroyd and Cheech Marin.

Fear not, because there is a nice little scene at the end where Mr. Krank finds his Christmas spirit. Of course this meaningful little moment almost comes completely out of nowhere and involves a character that is hardly mentioned during the course of the film. But darn it, there's Christmas music and gently falling snow. For a few minutes, "Krank's" actually captures what this movie should've been about in the first place. But it's hardly worth the other 86 minutes.

In fact, "Christmas with the Kranks" just about derails everything that is charming about Christmas movies altogether. As "Bad Santa" proved, Christmas movies don't have to be sweet to be entertaining. And "Elf" proved that even a simple script can work if the heart is in the right place.

"Krank's," on the other hand, is heartless, sour and couldn't even be loosely defined as entertainment. And also unlike "Bad Santa" or "Elf," the movie isn't funny! At all. Then again, what else is expected from a movie with the tagline, "No! Ho! Ho!"

DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

Skip the movie, read the book 'Skipping Christmas' instead

BY TARA KARR
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John Grisham's 2001 novel "Skipping Christmas" is the newest in a long line of great books made into crappy movies. (think "Sphere," "Timeline," "The Lost World" — basically anything by Michael Crichton).

For those still slamming their heads against the wall from viewing "Christmas with the Kranks," read the book. It might just be the light treat to ease your aching brain.

Though best known for his lawyer novels, Grisham does a fine job with this simple, charming story of a middle-aged couple, Nora and Luther Krank, who decide to skip Christmas and take a cruise. When their daughter Blair, who is supposed to be in Peru with the Peace Corps, calls Christmas Eve to announce she and a surprise fiancé are headed home, Nora and Luther cancel the cruise and scramble to create a semblance of holiday cheer.

Blair's homecoming, though, is only the last third or less of the story. The real focus is the building momentum of the Kranks' seasonal protest and its consequences.

Grisham rips on suburban life while describing the Kranks' upscale neighborhood — there are matching decorations on every house, house-to-house memos and high expectations of conformity. When the Kranks forgo posting a 7-foot, light-up Frosty on their roof, a neighborhood-wide "Free Frosty" campaign erupts that is both preposterous and

quite funny.

The commercialism and social pressures of Christmas are targeted as well. Nora's friends Candi and Merry are horrified at the skip, and the Boy Scouts, police and firefighters who usually benefit from the Kranks' holiday purchases are not satisfied with the prospect of donations at another time of year.

Christmas to the Kranks is an engulfing monster of money and time that overshadows any other meaning, but when the Kranks stop focusing on it, the vices of other areas of life sneak up on them. Maybe they're not caught up in cards and candy canes anymore, but they lose themselves in tans, waistlines and little bikinis. They become increasingly stressed and upset, despite convincing themselves everything's getting better.

The story erupts in slapstick chaos when Blair calls to announce her homecoming, but amidst the insanity, the big point of the book comes through. The Kranks were concerned with avoiding commercialism, but forgot to find something better to fill the gap. Blair's homecoming teaches them the token Christmas message of friends, family and love in a lighthearted, genuine way.

"Skipping Christmas" manages to be a commentary on the growing commercialism of the holidays (and life in general) without reading like one. It's light, fun holiday reading that indulges feelings of silliness and sentimentality and finds a happy medium.

REVIEW



JOHN GRISHAM

"Skipping Christmas" ★★★★★ (of 5) Now Available

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From the Vault:

Christmas cheer and old time jazz

On Dec. 6, 1908, Jack Johnson became the first black American to win the Heavyweight Championship of the World. Because of Johnson's skin color and the fact that he had defeated "The Great White Hope," celebration music was probably not heard on the streets of Sydney. But back home, Johnson supporters were surely reveling in the moment with their very own creation, jazz.

Almost a century later, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis sent his septet into the recording studio to produce a soundtrack reminiscent of the turn-of-the-century sound. For "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson," which also happens to be Ken Burns' latest project, Marsalis set about creating the New Orleans jazz sound prevalent during the time period.

To accomplish this feat, Marsalis added Douglas Wamble on banjo and guitar, and asked his regular sidemen to double on a few instruments. All the reed players pick up clarinets for obbligato lines and some musicians, like pianist Eric Reed, are equipped with some more unusual instruments. On the title track, "What Have You Done?" Lewis plays the washboard and Wycliffe Gordon, Marsalis' virtuosic trombonist, shoulders the tuba on a few tracks.

The tracks on "Unforgivable Blackness" can serve as standalone tracks, but ultimately function as part of a whole work. Pieces like "But Deep Down" and "I'll Sing My Song" are short snippets of a larger work that probably serve as introduction music to "chapters" in the documentary. The tracks are all composed in the same vein and reflect the times on which they are based.

Marsalis composed most of the tracks on the album and utilized some compositional techniques common in the Dixieland era. On "The Johnson 2-Step," Marsalis wrote a stride piano part for Lewis and pieces like "The Jack Johnson Two-Step" and "High Society" feature the kind of polyphonic writing that was common practice in the 1900s. There are also no high, virtuosic trumpet parts — Marsalis still makes ample use of mutes, plungers and trumpet techniques such as half valves — and most of the pieces lie in the middle range of the instruments.

This project was a good one for Marsalis. In the past, Marsalis has been criticized for not looking forward and concentrating heavily on old music; in this case, his predilections are just what the soundtrack needed. The music is beautifully and superbly played; while not worthy of replacing the timeless compositions of Louis Armstrong and other Dixieland masters, this still serves as a true representation of the New

Orleans style.

Jon Ross

Jason Rubero belongs to the group of introspective acoustic guitar slingers that are popping up all over the Northwest. Being a local, he is also in the company of Josh Ritter, Eric Anderson and many others who have left Moscow in search of fame.

This Muscovite's Christmas album is the latest key to the movement; the album contains stripped-down versions of songs taken from the canon of traditional holiday music. Supported by his acoustic guitar — and the occasional stagnant chords courtesy of an organ — Rubero sings softly about the real story behind Christmas. On most songs, he arpeggiates chords on his guitar while singing softly about the holiday spirit and uses overdubbing technology to include piano and organ textures. In this manner, Rubero can play all the instruments on the album himself and sometimes even harmonizes with his own voice.

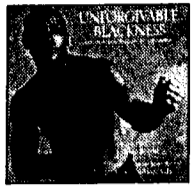
His short program includes the songs "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away In a Manger" and "Silent Night," the tunes all focus heavily on the religious side of the season. A listen to the CD brings things into perspective and provides a soft edge to the hectic side of Christmas. Rubero also includes three bonus tracks dubbed "Snow Sailing," according to the liner notes, the tracks were recorded "between 11:05 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. on the night of October 28, 2000."

In regard to the holiday music, Rubero presents the songs in a way that is boringly familiar. He simply does not do anything new with the pieces. This may be okay for a group of carolers, but not for a serious musician. His voice is strong and he obviously has musical talent, but choosing not to showcase his selling points may not have been the best idea. The disc can almost be likened to a group of musicians covering songs from their favorite band; it's aurally pleasing, but it's been done before.

Some credit should be given to Rubero, because he is donating the proceeds of the release to meaningful causes. It is obvious this is a labor of love and Rubero just wanted to record a few tunes that were close to his soul. He felt that giving an offering to the Christmas season that did not have anything to do with Santa and reindeer would be a good idea, and he should be applauded for this decision. The record was conceptualized and recorded in Moscow, so a purchase would be supporting the local scene, but the album brings nothing new to the holiday.

Jon Ross

REVIEW



WYNTON MARSALIS

"Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson" **★★★ (of 5)** Now Available

REVIEW



JASON RUBERO

"Brilliant Peace" **★½ (of 5)** Now Available

Keep yourself entertained this break

The end of the fall semester is a time to reflect on things past; it's a time when each student — aside from the freaks — is near death, thanks to finals. And it's also a time to try to figure out fun things to do in the snow during the winter break.

Personally, I'm going to spend my break building the perfect Santa trap. I've never been able to catch that tubby sucker, but when I do, you can bet your bottom dollar 'tis the season where I interrogate that guy for not giving me the pony I've always asked for.

I don't even need a saddle. I just want the pony.

Besides my main focus of cracking down on Santa commando style, I've compiled a list of other things in which you, my fine collegial fellows, can also partake over your own break:

1. Most Extreme Sledding
I was perusing the aisles of our fine Wal-Mart when I happened upon a gloriously delightful invention: the laser tag gun set. What's better than teaching the children how to "tag" each other with laser-guided weapons?

Start 'em young, I say. That's not the most important part. What's important is that, combined with some sledding saucers, this game can be fun for the whole family, even the family's traditional college student. This is most extreme sledding, however, so you have to add even more elements to it. Like booze.

I do not condone underage drinking, nor do I promote drinking and driving. But hell, if those of-age students believe it to be pertinent to their existence, drinking, sledding and playing laser tag should be an important part of their holiday break.

And for those underage sledding laser tag advocates — like myself, of course — drink some juice,

because it's tasty stuff.
2. Human Snow Man
What's better than April Fools' Day? Winter Fools' Day, that's what.

Granted, I've made the holiday up, but how else do you think holidays are created? It's not like people have some random impulse to signify a certain day as being any more important than other day for any reason. And so Winter Fools' Day is born, suckers.

Imagine if you will, yourself — inside a snowman. How's that for an image? You think Michael Keaton can touch this? Jack Frost my ankle.

So get yourself in a snowman, and I don't know how you would do this, but you can figure it out. I won't judge.

Once you're in that snowman, wait for grandma to come over with those fabulous checks she puts in your stockings, and prepare to have them replaced with coal.

The next step should be obvious: jump the heck right out of the snowman screaming something to the effect of, "My bones are cold, Grandma! MY BONES ARE COLD!"

Winter fools!
3. Christmas Lights-of-Fire
I wouldn't normally do this, but I have to ask you to burn down your family's Christmas tree. I know what you're thinking. I assume you're thinking that is just crazy, and shouldn't be done. It's even dangerous. But imagine the look on Mom's face when she comes out of the kitchen, just having cooked a hot meal to see the tree lit up like, well, a Christmas tree — on fire.

"Gorgeous," she'll probably say, with tears in her eyes. Probably not from joy, though. And the comment of gorgeousness will most likely be sarcastic — or drug-induced. Again, I don't judge.

And so my University of Idaho friends, I wish you all a merry break, stay safe, wear helmets, and I look forward to forcing you all to read my drivel next semester. I've got to go now.

Santa's calling.



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Henry Rollins is set to rock as a film critic

BY JOE NEUMAIER
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The days of the sweater-clad, thumb-ranking, warm-and-fuzzy TV film critic may be at an end: Rocker Henry Rollins is in the movie house.

The frontman for '80s punk band Black Flag, radio talker, spoken-word artist and self-proclaimed "angry man" now hosts his own movie review program, "Henry's Film Corner," airing the first Saturday of every month at midnight on the Independent Film Channel.

True to his contrarian ways, Rollins — who has acted in such films as "Heat" and "Bad Boys II" — proclaims his love for art-house dramas and such foreign directors as Akira Kurosawa and Werner Herzog before rhapsodizing about "Die Hard" and "Predator." "Every genre will get a fair shake on my show," Rollins said. "I love

big blow-'em-up films. Yet I want to say to young people, 'Sure, go watch all your action films, get yer ya-yas out. But leave time for 'Cool Hand Luke' and 'The Godfather.' If it's junk into your mind, then it's junk out. If all kids do is watch 'Dumb and Dumber,' then they, too, will be dumb and dumber."

In addition to such staples of review shows as discussions of recent blockbusters and DVD choices, "Henry's Film Corner" will include an examination of political and social issues in films and "Rollins' Revenge," a segment in which no movie is safe from the host's pent-up wrath.

Rollins, wearing a black T-shirt, also will discuss cinema with celebrity guests and everyday folks. In the first episode, he talks with his mailman, Raoul, about the similarities between the Tom Cruise epic "The Last Samurai" and Kurosawa's "The Seven Samurai."

"Hollywood wants guys like Raoul to shut up and consume, so they can feed him another turgid, overdone, CGI-filled piece of junk. But I want to hear Raoul's thoughts," said Rollins, who cites "Apocalypse Now" as his favorite movie.

"Reviewing can be an art, and if Hollywood listens to the right critics, maybe their films can be better. I'm approaching my show as a guy who loves movies," he said. "As a fan, I'll respect a film enough to care if it's bad. But if a film angers me, I'll torch it."

And he knows what he doesn't like. "I have a contempt for lazy filmmaking," he said. "A movie like 'Terminator 3' was boring and insulting to the bricklayer who pays 10 bucks times two, with parking, for him and his date. Arnold Schwarzenegger owes that guy dinner!"

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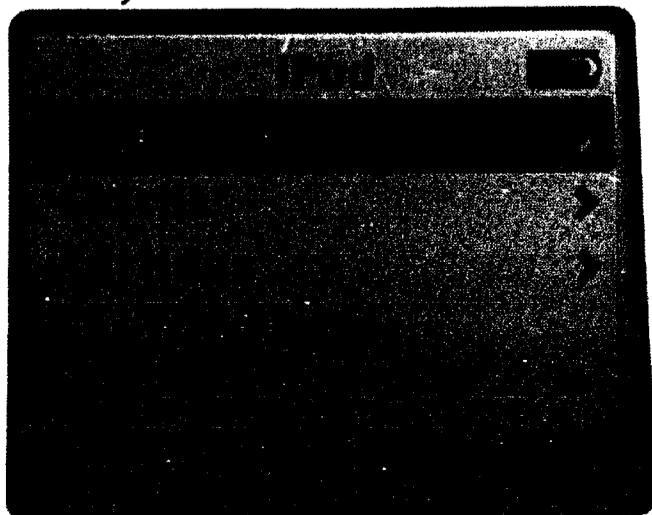
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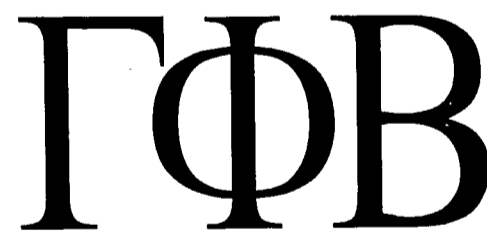
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KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Leilani Mitchell dribbles toward the basket in the first half of the basketball game against Montana Wednesday evening in Cowan Spectrum.

Final shot lifts Vandals over Grizzlies

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY
ARGONAUT STAFF

Heather Thoeke's last-minute shot from behind the 3-point arc ended up being the answer the Idaho women's basketball team needed Wednesday to take a win away from a surprised Montana team.

Down three, Thoeke put up the shot and got the foul call as the ball dropped through the net, resulting in the chance for a four-point play. After two timeouts, Thoeke went out and sunk the free throw to put the Vandals (4-3) on top 59-58 with 2.1 seconds left. The Vandals held on for the win as Thoeke stole the Grizzlies' ensuing inbound pass.

Idaho's chances at winning the game had looked doubtful at halftime as Montana (4-2) went into the break up 30-21. Montana was able to keep the lead the

entire half as it controlled the tempo of the game.

With the help of Montana's poor passing and Idaho's aggressive defense, Idaho was able to stay close. And in the second half, the Vandals came out with much more intensity.

"We were getting good shots, but none of them were falling," Thoeke said. "Our defense was good and that is what kept us in the game."

"Good things happen when you work hard. I've always felt that teams shoot the ball better when you are aggressive,"



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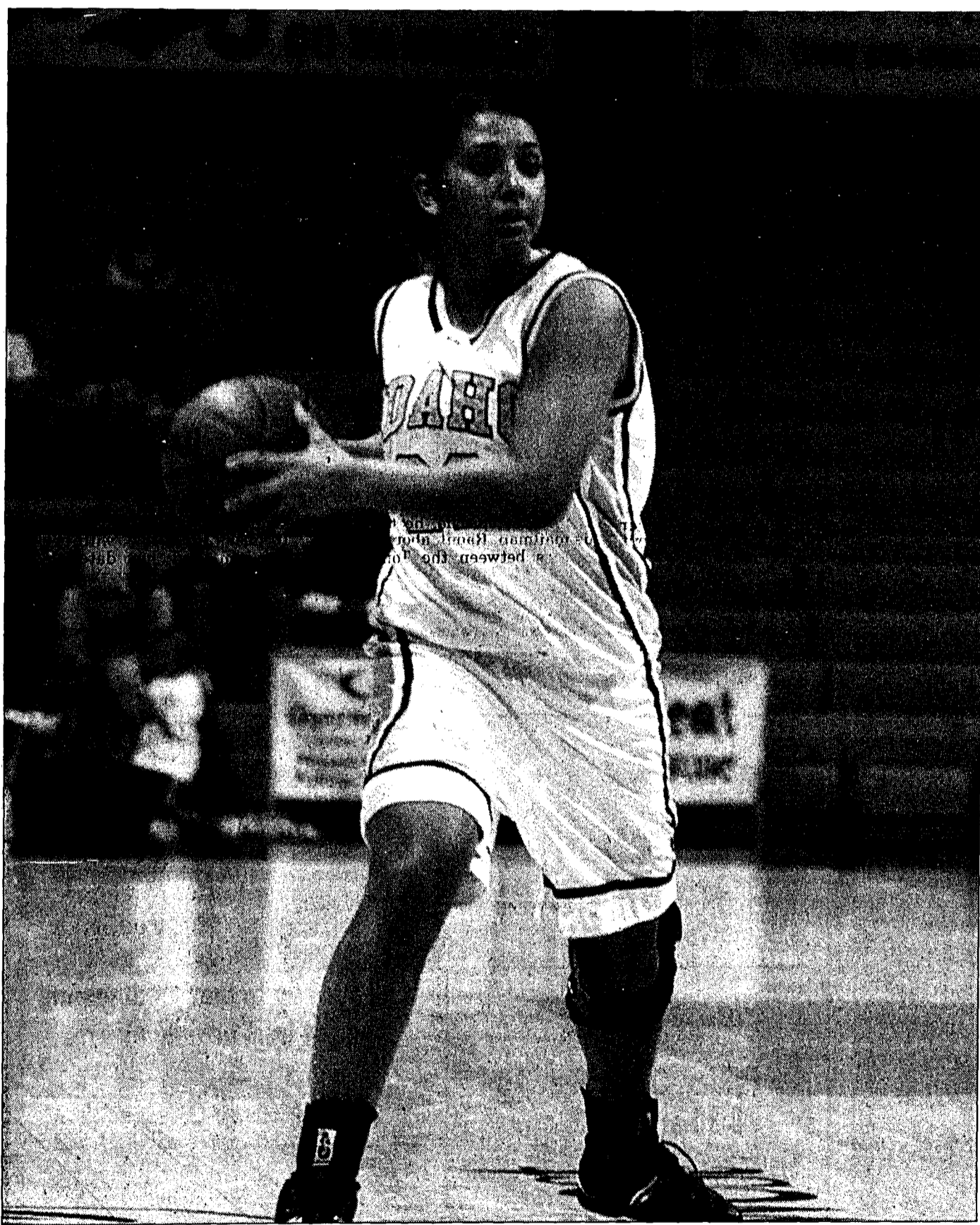
Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "I think when you are aggressive on both ends of the floor you are going to be more successful."

Idaho's aggressive play in the second half was evident in the difference between its first and second half stats. In the first half, Idaho shot 7 of 28 from the field including 2 of 7 from behind the arc. In the second half, the Vandals brought the percentages up as they shot 11 of 23 from the field including 6 of 9 on 3-point attempts.

Idaho came out of the locker room and took over the momentum of the game right from the start of the second half.

"We shot the ball extremely well in the second half and we made our free throws down the stretch," Divilbiss said. "I think that we were really aggressive offensively"

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KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Tacey Westbrook waits for the right time to pass the ball during the basketball game against Montana in Cowan Spectrum Wednesday.

Westbrooks back on the court

After a year of injury, she's still just trying to make an impact

BY AMANDA SCHANK
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As a freshman, Tacey Westbrooks started in her first college basketball game. She played for 30 minutes against Portland State, went for a lay-in, got fouled and crashed to the floor. She didn't get up.

Westbrooks tore her ACL in the first game of the 2003-04 season, putting her out for the remainder. Now a sophomore and almost fully recovered, she's ready to play for the team on which she says she's always just wanted to make an impact, even when she was on the bench.

"At first it was hard to watch everybody, especially on hard practice days because I knew people were dying and I couldn't be there with them," Westbrooks says. "Everything was hard at first, but then I adjusted. I got used to being the cheerleader, and I accepted my role."

Cheering on the sidelines wasn't how Westbrooks got her start, however. The 5-foot-8 Westbrooks grew up in Brush Prairie, Wash., where she began playing basketball in fifth grade. Westbrooks also participated in soccer, cross country and track, but it was on the court where her skills and knowledge grew under the guidance of her dad, who also played college basketball.

Early in her high school years, Westbrooks played on a summer league team coached by Debbie Roueche, now Idaho's assistant coach, and her recruiting process began.

Coach Mike Divilbiss says Westbrooks, who is a guard, was the perfect match for Idaho basketball from the beginning.

"I watched her play in the summer and we liked her athleticism, her quickness and speed, and the love of the game she plays with," Divilbiss says. "She's our kind of girl."

In high school, Westbrooks was on the varsity team all four years, a team that won the state championship in 2003. Her senior year she was voted Most Valuable

Player and to the All-State team.

Westbrooks was also a McDonald's All-American nominee and selected first team All-Greater Saint Helen's League.

She says when she came to Idaho, she "just wanted to be an impact on the team." But in her 30 minutes of play last season, Westbrooks had little time to work the court.

She underwent surgery for a torn ACL on Dec. 4. Three months after the surgery Westbrooks was allowed to start running, but she wasn't able to play basketball again until July.

Westbrooks says, the rehabilitation process was one of the hardest things she's had to endure, but quitting was far from her mind.

"Maybe it's just because it was the first time I've ever been hurt before, but I had high hopes," Westbrooks says. "It took a lot of motivation from myself to go through it, but I knew I'd come back. I just always looked ahead."

Westbrooks says even after the injury she didn't forget her goal and put her energy into being a positive impact on the team from the sidelines.

"She was the most enthusiastic person and she didn't feel sorry for herself," sophomore guard Leilani Mitchell says. "It was amazing how happy she was when she was hurt. It just shows how much of a team player she is."

Westbrooks attended every practice and spent the hour before and after working with trainers to strengthen her knee. She lifted weights by herself and taught herself how to walk properly again. Westbrooks also had the opportunity to travel with the team.

"It's really a testament to her mental toughness," Divilbiss says. "She worked as hard as anyone I've seen to get ready to play. She'll be a tremendous asset to our team in the next four years."

Westbrooks has played in all seven games this season for a total of 93 minutes of

WESTBROOKS, see Page A12

Swimmers stick around campus for finals week

BY JESSICA LEWIS
ARGONAUT STAFF

With finals approaching, the Idaho swim team is taking a breather as it prepares for its coming events.

Originally scheduled to go to the Husky Invitational Dec. 3, the Vandals instead decided to attend the Jingle Bell Invitational Dec. 3 and 4 at the UI swim center.

"We thought since it was right around finals week we shouldn't do any traveling," Idaho coach Tom Jager said. "Our first priority at UI is school, so we didn't want to put any extra pressure on the girls in the water."

Some of the team enjoyed the meet. "It was fun to swim at a club meet because I got to see a lot of my friends from my old teams," freshman Katie Kolva said.

At the moment, the Vandals are practicing for their next meets and raising

money for their trip to Palm Springs for Christmas training. The team and their parents are solely paying for the trip.

"I'm so excited for Christmas training. It's going to be so fun," Kolva said. "It'll be really cool with the team. I'm really looking forward to it."

Last week Kolva was the Vandal Scholarship Student Athlete of the Week. "I was really excited to be the Vandal of the week. I didn't really know much about it so it was a total surprise," Kolva said. "It was exciting and I'm happy I could do that. It was a big accomplishment for me."

After the team's training in Palm Springs it will be traveling to Corvallis, Ore., for a double duel against Oregon State and Washington State on Jan. 28-29. Following the meet, the team will swim against WSU on Feb. 5 in Moscow.

"We really want to promote this meet," Jager said. "We might not be able to beat WSU but we're definitely going to give them a run for their money."

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but those guys who get paid to figure out the computer rankings) with a playoff to settle the matter of a true champion, but still ensures that every team that is worthy gets into a bowl game.

The greatest dilemma in getting the plan to pass is that the NCAA would need to reduce the number of regular season games to no more than 11. For most schools this is not a problem, as that is the number of games regularly played now, and

would allow for 11 games and one bye week if started on the last week of August or the first week of September.

All regular season games must be played by the weekend before Thanksgiving so conference championship games can be played the Saturday after the holiday.

Now for the 16-team playoff schedule ...

To be fair for every conference, each of the 11 conference champions get an automatic berth into the playoff (yes, including the Sun Belt and Mid-American) and the independent team with the best winning percentage also gets a spot. The remaining four spots will go to "Wild Card" teams decided by a BCS-style point system yet to be decided upon.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

Men's track and field recruits ranked seventh nationally

The 2005 UI men's track and field recruiting class has been ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest edition of Track and Field News. UI was ranked ahead of perennial track and field powers such as Arkansas and UCLA. Cal-Berkeley received the highest ranking. Georgia, Texas, Florida State and South Carolina rounded out the top five. The men's recruiting class features five freshmen, led by Matthew Wauters. At the end of his senior season, Wauters was ranked fourth in the nation in the shot put, seventh in the hammer and 16th in the discus. Also joining the team for the 2005 season are five transfer student athletes.

Volleyball signs letters of intent

UI volleyball coach Debbie Buchanan has announced the signing of five student athletes to compete in 2005. Joining next season are Kelsey James, Anna McKinney, Haley Larsen, Sarah Conwell and Debbie Pederson. James is a 5-10 setter from Sandpoint. She was selected to the Inland Empire All-League First Team her junior and senior seasons, as well as the First-Team All-State team both years. James has competed for the North Idaho Volleyball Club Team for nine years and was chosen as the Emerald Classic Tournament MVP in 2004.

McKinney is a 6-2 middle from Federal Way, Wash. She was named the Holy Names Academy most valuable player this season after leading the Cougars to the 3-A state tournament. McKinney was an Honorable Mention All-Metro League selection her senior year and the Seattle Post Intelligencer selected her to the 2004 All-Area team. Larsen is a 5-11 outside hitter from Santa Clarita, Calif. She led the Cougars to the Division 1-A state playoffs and was a First Team All-League selection.

Conwell is a 5-11 outside hitter from Kent, Wash. She was chosen as the South Puget Sound League MVP after leading the Kentwood Conquerors to an 11-3 record and the state 4-A tournament. She was also selected to the Seattle Times all-area First Team, and was named the Athlete of the Week by the Seattle PI, King County Journal and Seattle Times.

Pederson is a 6-3 middle blocker from Grangeville. She was chosen as the 2004 Grangeville High School most valuable player after leading the Bulldogs to their third straight appearance at the 2-A state tournament.

Schwab named Big West Swimmer of the Week

UC Santa Barbara sophomore Jennifer Schwab was named the Big West Female

Swimmer of the Week after a pair of top-10 finishes at the Texas Invitational. Schwab also set two new UC Santa Barbara records in the 100 butterfly (55.41) and the 200 butterfly (2:01.48). She took sixth overall in the 200 butterfly and ninth in the 400 I.M. (4:22.30). All three are the top times in the Big West, and her 2:04.49 is the second fastest 200 I.M. time in the conference.

Kelly Zimmerman joins UI staff

The UI Athletic Department announced the hiring of Kelly Zimmerman to lead Academic Support Services on Monday.

Most recently Zimmerman was the director of Academic and Career Services at WSU. Prior to that she was the academic counselor for Athletics at WSU. Zimmerman received a doctorate in higher education at WSU in 2002 after earning her master's in counseling and guidance at Pacific Lutheran University in 1993.

While at WSU Zimmerman provided academic and career counseling for student athletes, as well as being actively involved in peer mentoring, recruiting and retention programs.

Idaho drops seventh straight

Dandrick Jones' 32-point effort was for naught Wednesday night after a couple of late-game blunders sent the Vandals to their seventh successive loss, 74-70, to Idaho State University.

It was Jones who tied the game at 68 with 3:05 to play to set the stage for a comeback from a 10-point deficit midway through the second half. The teams traded possessions before things began to unravel for the Vandals. It started when Doug D'Amore stole Armend Kahrimanovic's entry pass. D'Amore went the length of the court for the layup and was fouled by Kahrimanovic in the process. He converted the free throw with 1:17 to play for a 71-68 lead.

Jerod Haynes missed a 3-point attempt on the Vandals' next possession. Lionel Davis had the rebound, but stepped out of bounds and the ball went to the Bengals with 1:02 to go. Doug Hardy, who was fouled by Haynes as he attempted a layup, converted one of the free shots for a 72-68 ISU lead with 0:28 remaining.

The Vandals had another chance to trim the lead when Haynes was fouled on a 3-point attempt. He missed the first, but made the next two to bring the Vandals to within two, 72-70, with 0:21 to play. On the in-bounds pass, Tanoris Shepard fouled D'Amore. He made both shots for the 74-70 lead.

A trio of missed 3-point shots by the Vandals with the final rebound going to Jesse Smith of ISU clinched the game for the Bengals.

Jones finished the game with 32 points for the Vandals, good enough for 16th on UI's all-time single-game list. He also had six rebounds and four steals.

SPORTSSTANDINGS

Big West men's basketball standings (as of Dec. 7)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Utah State	0	0	0	5	2	.714
Pacific	0	0	0	2	1	.667
UC Riverside	0	0	0	3	2	.600
Cal State Fullerton	0	0	0	2	2	.500
UC Irvine	0	0	0	2	2	.500
Long Beach State	0	0	0	1	4	.200
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	0	1	4	.200
Cal State Northridge	0	0	0	1	5	.167
Cal Poly	0	0	0	0	4	.000
Idaho	0	0	0	0	6	.000

Big West women's basketball standings (as of Dec. 7)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Cal Poly	0	0	0	4	1	.800
Long Beach State	0	0	0	3	1	.750
Utah State	0	0	0	3	2	.600
Idaho	0	0	0	3	3	.500
Pacific	0	0	0	2	2	.500
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	0	2	2	.500
UC Riverside	0	0	0	2	4	.333
Cal State Northridge	0	0	0	1	3	.250
Cal State Fullerton	0	0	0	1	5	.167
UC Irvine	0	0	0	0	3	.000

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For example, this year's Wild Card schools would be Texas, California, Georgia and LSU. This also gets more nationally ranked teams into the playoff for a long-shot chance at a national title.

The same BCS-style point system can be used to set the seedings for the playoff (for example: 1-USC, 2-Oklahoma ... 16-North Texas)

The JCS playoff will begin the first week of December, unfortunately for the teams that play the week earlier in conference championships, but it's the only way to get through the post-season in time for bowl week. Much like

the Division I-AA playoff system, the higher-ranked team will host the game; that is until the championship game, which will be a traditional bowl game and can be rotated much like now.

Using this year, for an example, the first round would have taken place last Saturday, the second round this week and the semi-final round on Dec. 18. For dual purposes of Christmas and needing a week off, the fourth week of the month will be a bye week before the championship game during the first week of January, like now.

However, and this is where the JCS goes crazy, to appease the bowl committees and sponsors, there will still be a full set of bowl games, much like now. To accomplish this, the conferences will keep their traditional bowl

ties-ins (i.e., Pac-10 and Rose Bowl), and if the conferences' second- or third-place teams don't fill the bowl, it will wait until a team loses out of the playoff to invite a school.

For instance, say Michigan is the conference champ and is in the playoff. The Rose Bowl can reserve its invitation until Michigan's fate is set. So if the Wolverines lose in the second round, they can still get a spot in the Rose Bowl. If Michigan plays to the championship game, the Rose Bowl can invite the second-place team.

Now to the money aspect. All teams will receive bowl money much like the current system, with a portion of that money to go to the representative conference. All money that is generated by the playoff games, after

expenses are covered, is split equally and given to the representative conferences so that everyone benefits by the system, not just those playing.

So, with the Jerke Championship Series, everyone does win. There are the playoffs to determine a definite No. 1 and the bowl games for all the sponsors to benefit. Really, nobody loses.

Of course, we only have to pass this plan past a couple people before it becomes reality.

Oh, and just in case you wanted to know who would have been this year's champion in the JCS system ... following wins over Pittsburgh, Utah, Louisville and one hell of a championship game over California, Auburn is this year's champ (decided by the JCS crack panel of experts).

BASKETBALL

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and we shot 50 percent from the three."

"We tried to be real active, diving and cutting to the basket when the low post had the ball," Leilani Mitchell said. "We did a better job of finding the open players and flashing to the open spots."

Mitchell ended the night with 26 points on 9-of-14 shooting. She was 4-of-5 from the three, with three of them coming late in

the game to help close the gap between Idaho and Montana.

Montana played Idaho's second leading scorer Emily Faurholt tough throughout the game, keeping her from getting as many looks at the basket as she would have liked. When she did get the ball, the Montana defense made sure to get at least one Grizzly between her and the basket. Even with all of the attention, she was still able to end the game with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"Emily has a really good feel for the game; she experiments and finds out how people are playing her," Divilbiss said.

WESTBROOKS

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playing time. She redshirted last season, leaving her four years of eligibility. She wears a brace around her left knee, but says her knee is growing stronger every day.

Academically, Westbrook is a sports science major. She hopes to be a physician's assistant or nurse, but says for now her focus is on the team.

Divilbiss says that in the seven games Westbrook has played, she has done "exactly what we wanted her to do."

"She's a real team player," Divilbiss says. "She's going to have a great basketball career."

"She has that fire, that competitive spirit that's hard for one to measure or instill if someone doesn't have it - but she has it."

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday

UI men's basketball vs. University of Great Falls
Cowan Spectrum, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday

UI women's basketball at Portland State
Portland, 2 p.m.

Dec. 18

UI women's basketball at Gonzaga
Spokane, 3 p.m.

UI men's basketball at Southern Utah
Cedar City, Utah, 7 p.m.

Dec. 23

UI men's basketball vs. Utah State
Cowan Spectrum, 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 29

UI women's basketball at Utah State
Logan, Utah, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 30

UI men's basketball at Portland State
Portland

Jan. 2

UI men's basketball at Eastern Washington
Cheney, Wash., 2 p.m.

Jan. 6

UI men's basketball vs. Cal Poly
Cowan Spectrum, 7:05 p.m.

UI women's basketball at Cal Poly
San Luis Obispo, Calif., 7 p.m.

Jan. 8

UI men's basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara
Cowan Spectrum, 7:05 p.m.

UI women's basketball at UC Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, Calif., 2 p.m.

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Michigan prosecutor details assault charges against 5 Pacers, 5 fans

BY FRANK WITSIL AND BEN SCHMITT
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — John Green started it. That's what Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca said Wednesday. In a nationally televised press conference covered live by cable outlets CNN, MSNBC and Fox News Channel, he announced assault and battery charges against five Indiana Pacers players and five Pistons fans involved in the Nov. 19 melee at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Using a slick Power Point presentation, Gorcyca took a national audience through the stages of the infamous brawl: rewinding and fast-forwarding video blow-by-blow on a large blue screen showing clenched fists, punches, cups, liquid and a chair flying through the air, facial expressions and the chaos that has captured international attention for weeks. The attention to detail left national news outlets impressed enough to comment on air about the event.

Gorcyca used a laser pointer to highlight offenses as the video rolled — and when he was done, an assistant projected the faces of the men accused of fighting on screen. While it appeared smooth and informative, the production required some late-night preparation and the technical assistance of three assistant prosecutors.

"We had a couple of dry rehearsals because we knew the national media would be here," said assistant prosecutor Paul Walton.

Gorcyca walked often of a theme: He placed the onus of the fracas on Green, coincidentally his former neighbor.

If Green, a 39-year-old West Bloomfield, Mich., man, hadn't thrown a blue plastic cup at Pacers player Ron Artest, Gorcyca said, an enraged Artest would not have leapt into the stands and punched people, chaos

would not have ensued, the police would not have investigated and charges would not have been filed.

"In my opinion," Gorcyca said, "I'd like to hold Mr. Green more accountable. John Green, in my mind, single-handedly incited this whole interaction between the fans and players and probably is the one that's most culpable."

Even defense lawyers for Pacers players and rowdy fans found Gorcyca's blame game intriguing.

"He basically said that Green set this whole thing in motion," said Wally Piszczatowski, who represent Pacers player David Harrison. "It is interesting; he really did seem to label Green as the protagonist."

Green was charged with two counts of misdemeanor assault and battery — each count punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine — for allegedly throwing the blue plastic cup that struck Artest. In the last minute of the game, Artest and Pistons center Ben Wallace got into a shoving match. Artest laid down on a scorer's table, and the cup was tossed.

After the cup landed on him, Artest charged in the stands at the wrong person, punching Mike Ryan, 26, of Clarkston.

Green then punched Artest from behind, Gorcyca said focusing pointer at the larger-than-life video image.

Artest's lawyer, Clarence Tucker, said he was impressed with the way Gorcyca handled the news conference and found him to be fair.

"He said when the cup was tossed at Mr. Artest, it really triggered the entire brawl," Tucker said. "I think that is an accurate assessment. The thing was at a point where it had to be calmed down when the cup was thrown."

Under the circumstances, Gorcyca said, they were the most severe charges he could file.

"I don't think Steve Jackson has committed a crime. He sees his teammates attacked and they are all alone in basically T-shirts and underwear and there is no barrier, no nothing and everybody in that arena hates him."

JAMES BURDICK
JACKSON'S ATTORNEY

Green's attorney, Shawn P. Smith, said his client was not at fault — and should not have been charged.

"Ron Artest started the whole thing," Smith said. "Ron Artest had no business going into the stands attacking innocent fans. Even if someone does throw a cup at you, that's not appropriate behavior. I think Gorcyca and the NBA and the Palace are trying to put a stop to those types of players and they're happy to use John as the target. The whole thing is hypocritical."

Artest was charged with one count of assault and battery for attacking Ryan.

The courts, Gorcyca said, have ruled that a person could be charged with battery for touching, shoving — even spitting at someone.

But charges of inciting a riot or felony assault, did not apply in this case, he said. It takes five people

working together to be considered inciting a riot — and felony assault requires someone to be injured. All but two people were treated at the Palace, and there is no evidence that anyone was seriously injured, Gorcyca said.

Four other fans also were charged with assault and battery: John F. Ackerman, 35, of Grand Rapids, whose 67-year-old father said he was hit in the head with a courtside chair and filed a civil lawsuit against the Pacers and the Palace; William Paulson, 26, of Grand Blanc, who also filed a civil lawsuit; David Wallace, 33, of Selma, Ala., and brother of Pistons center Ben Wallace; and Bryant D. Jackson, 35, of Mundy Township.

Jackson, a season ticket holder, also was charged with felony assault for throwing a chair that struck several fans and an Auburn Hills police officer, Gorcyca said. He was charged as a habitual offender and could be sentenced up to eight years in prison if convicted, twice the usual penalty. Jackson turned himself in and was arraigned Wednesday.

Green, Ackerman, Paulson, Wallace and Jackson have been barred from the Palace.

Gorcyca and Auburn Hills Police Chief Doreen Olko said they are still trying to identify other spectators who threw beverages on the players during the frenzy.

Gorcyca charged three other Pacers players with one count of assault and battery: David Harrison, Stephen Jackson and Anthony Johnson; and Pacers player Jermaine O'Neal was charged with two counts.

Stephen Jackson's attorney, James Burdick, said Jackson reacted to a mob mentality.

"I don't think Steve Jackson has committed a crime," Burdick said. "He sees his teammates attacked and they

are all alone in basically T-shirts and underwear and there is no barrier, no nothing and everybody in that arena hates him. He didn't pick some guy out of the blue and decide to hit him."

Piszczatowski agreed. "It was an extremely volatile situation," Piszczatowski said. "David Harrison's actions during the entire incident were that of a peacemaker. Anyone who puts themselves in David's shoes would have done exactly what he did."

O'Neal vaulted over a scorers table to get in the stands and hit an usher, Mel Kendziorski, in the jaw, Gorcyca said. He also punched a fan, Charlie Haddad.

But, except for Jackson and Green, who also have a criminal record, it is unlikely that any of those charged for participating in the melee would serve any jail time.

Bob Lanza, former chief counsel of the NBA Players Association and a partner with the Sonnenschein Nath firm in New York, predicted that if convicted, the players will pay a fine. "No one believes what the players did was right," Lanza said.

Two fans, Haddad and Alvin Shackelford, will be charged with misdemeanor violation of an Auburn Hills ordinance that prohibits spectators from going onto the court and throwing things at players.

Haddad and Shackelford also have been barred from the Palace, a spokesman said Wednesday.

And while Gorcyca knows Green from their old neighborhood in Royal Oak, he said he found Green's violent acts disturbing.

Gorcyca said, coincidentally, he bumped into Green at a restaurant Friday. It was the first time in more than a decade. Gorcyca said he told him: "Nothing personal, John."

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Teaming up for Heisman votes – except for Utah's Smith

BY JEFF SHAIN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — Determining the nation's most outstanding player isn't the problem in this year's Heisman Trophy dilemma. It is trying to discern whether a candidate is the best on his team.

USC's Matt Leinart or Reggie Bush? Oklahoma's Jason White or Adrian Peterson? Auburn's Jason Campbell or Carnell Williams? Cal's J.J. Arrington or Aaron Rodgers?

Never has the field been filled with so many dynamic duos. You might find one school with a twosome — recall Miami's Ken Dorsey and Willis McGahee in 2002 — but three sets? Or four?

Which makes this the most complex Heisman race in memory. It's a crapshoot as to how the vote will even be split among teammates.

This being an election year, maybe it's worth taking a cue from presidential politics: running mates.

You know, the White-Peterson ticket. Arrington-Rodgers. Leinart-Bush. Or, considering the current White House resident, Bush-Leinart.

Hey, even Bush's teammates call him "Mr. President."

"Anytime he touches the ball, he can score from anywhere on the field," Leinart said.

The past two weeks sum up the USC dilemma. Facing Notre Dame, Leinart supposedly assumed front-runner status by throwing for 400 yards and five touchdowns.

Then, against UCLA, the lefty was held without a TD pass for the first time as a starter. Bush took the starring role with 335 all-purpose yards, including TD scampers of 65 and 81 yards.

"I think I might have shook up the votes a little bit," Bush said afterward.

Oklahoma's situation is no different.

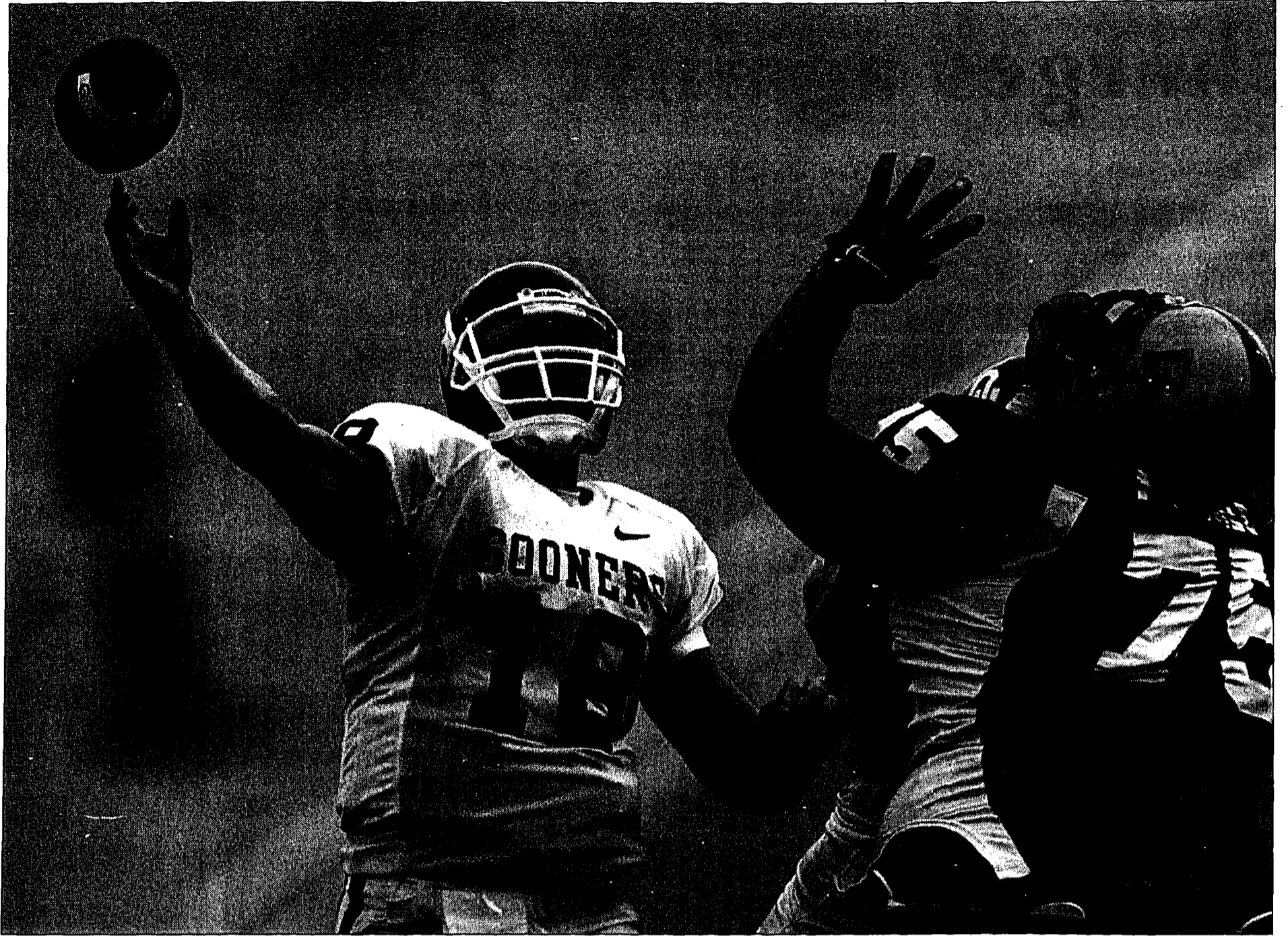
White has the best raw numbers among the QB candidates, and has improved his efficiency from last year's Heisman-winning campaign.

But when midseason struggles ensued, Peterson's legs were the antidote. And once defenses started keying on the freshman, White's game took off again.

"It's always been a collective effort with us," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "Our offense has worked well together this season."

Isn't that the objective anyway? One weapon softens defenses for the other, no matter the order. It does make for a Heisman jumble, though.

And the biggest beneficiaries might



Oklahoma quarterback Jason White fires a pass during the Sooners' 35-0 victory over Baylor at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco, Texas, on Nov. 20.

be Utah quarterback Alex Smith, who shouldered a heavier load than his counterparts. Smith is the lone finalist who won't have a teammate at the presentation.

CODE OF SILENCE
The American Football Coaches Association has rebuffed a demand from Pac-10 officials to reveal the names of

six voters who ranked California lower than sixth on Sunday's ballot.

"This year's votes will not be released," executive director Grant Teaff told The San Jose Mercury News. "We've been doing this for 54 years, and we've always done it the same way."

Four coaches placed the Golden Bears at No. 7, and two more had them

eighth. Cal lost 28 points from the previous week among the coaches and 11 more in the AP poll — enough to drop them behind Texas and out of a BCS bowl.

A ballot analysis by USA Today, which administers the poll, also turned up a few other oddities.

One coach ranked Texas second, put-

ting them ahead of either USC or Oklahoma. Three others had the Longhorns third — moving up on two of those ballots. Cal had no second-place votes and one at No. 3.

Teaff has pushed twice in recent months to make the final ballots public, but both times was shot down by his membership.

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Generation X now 'generation debt'

BY JACKIE COHEN
CBS MARKETWATCH

(KRT) — SAN FRANCISCO
Thanks to mushrooming college tuition and what's been called predatory marketing by credit card companies, young people are ruining their credit histories before they've had a shot at building wealth.

Credit card debt among 18- to 24-year-olds has spiked 104 percent from 1992 to 2001, according to a new report by consumer advocacy group Demos.

Such debt has also risen 55

percent among 25- to 34-year-olds during the same time frame.

When accounting for all households, debt rose 38 percent. "College tuitions have had double-digit inflation annually over this period of time, while Pell grants cover a much smaller percentage of school costs," said Javier Silva, an analyst at Demos. "Generation X is the first to pay its way through loans rather than grants."

Exacerbating young people's money problems is stagnant wage growth since the 1970s, at least for entry-level jobs. These

positions also tend to have less comprehensive health-care benefits, if any — forcing young people to either go without care or default on medical bills.

Granted, such burdens are being shouldered by people of all ages; consumer credit outstanding hovers near all-time highs. But young people's problems are another sign of these indebted times.

Bankruptcy filings have reached record levels in recent years, and 25- to 34-year-olds have the second-highest filing rate after 35- to 44-year-olds.

"Medical emergencies have become one of the biggest causes of bankruptcy today, along with job loss and divorce," Silva added.

Demos reports that about 12 out of every 1,000 people ages 25 to 34 filed for bankruptcy in 2001, a rate 19 percent higher than people at that age a decade earlier.

This finding correlates with the fact that, historically speak-

"College tuitions have had double-digit inflation annually over this period of time, while Pell grants cover a much smaller percentage of school costs."

JAVIER SILVA
DEMOS ANALYST

About 10 percent of the people in this age group consider their debt burdens to be a hardship, meaning that they spend at least 40 percent of their income on paying off these loans.

That jumps to one in seven people ages 25 to '34 in similar financial straits.

Clearly, student loans and low incomes are making it harder than ever for young people to get out of debt.

To remedy these problems, Demos calls on Pell grants and other federal programs to keep up with tuition costs.

The advocacy group is also drafting model legislation requiring card issuers to provide a two-week grace period for payments coming in after the due deadline.

Such practices used to be the norm before the deregulation of the credit card industry in the 1970s and 1980s. Before these changes, issuers were capped on the amount of interest they could charge.

Consequently, people with less than stellar credit were simply unable to obtain cards, because issuers couldn't price their rates and products based on risk.

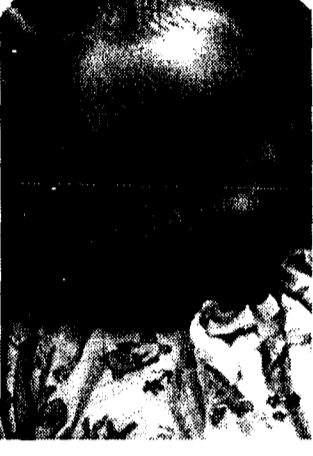
Today, this young demographic has become one of the most lucrative for credit card issuers and consumer products companies alike.

The heightened likelihood of defaults that comes with this territory simply gets passed on to other cardholders, in the way of higher interest rates and attendant fees.

"We'd like to see credit card issuers require a co-signer for people under 21, unless they can prove they have independent means of income," said Silva of Demos. "And we want to limit any rate increases to future activity."

Today, when an issuer raises a cardholder's interest rate (for whatever reason), the new percentage applies retroactively, adding to people's debt burdens.

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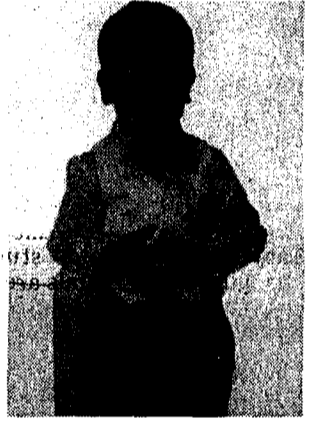
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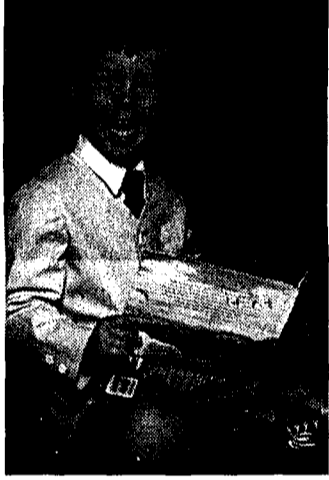


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Job outlook good for graduating seniors

BY DAINA KLIMANIS
KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

(KRT) — The future looks bright for college grads entering the job market — especially if they majored in accounting.

Seven out of 10 employers who responded to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' "Jobs Outlook 2005" survey expected to offer new graduates salary increases. These predictions of salary increases averaging 3.7 percent more than salaries offered last year accompany projections of a 13.1 percent increase in college hiring in 2004-2005 over last year, which the NACE previously reported.

Employers said they're especially eager to hire grads with engineering, business and computer-related degrees, as in previous years, and accounting majors were the most desired of all.

Accounting programs have seen an enrollment boost in recent years, according to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the number receiving bachelor's degrees in accounting rose 6 percent and the number of master's degrees rose 30 percent in 2003-2004, as compared to the previous year.

However, this increased interest in accounting comes only after years of mostly declining enrollment. As recently as 2000, a widely regarded report by W.

Steve Albrecht of Brigham Young University and Robert J. Sack of the University of Virginia bemoaned low interest in accounting.

The modest number of recent accounting graduates mean those who do major in it are in high demand, said Charles DiGiovanni, vice president of the American Association of Finance and Accounting.

"Talent out here is few and far between," DiGiovanni said. "Good, sharp accounting graduates have a substantial opportunity out there. It's really, I think, a simple economic equation of supply and demand."

Though an increased interest in accounting increases the supply of accounting grads, there are more job openings for these students than in recent years. The number of graduates with bachelor's degrees hired in 2003 increased 5 percent, and master's degree hires increased by 8 percent, according to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. It is the first rise in hiring since 2000.

Furthermore, firms said in 2003 that they expected to increase their hiring through 2008. Some of these predictions have already come true. For example, international accounting and consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers is hiring 2,672 college graduates for full-time employment this year, an increase of 20 percent over

last year.

The report also said more than 80 percent of responding employers rated the job market for new graduates as good, very good, or excellent; last year, only 38 percent of employers gave the job market those ratings.

Employers also said they will be reassessing their hiring needs more often than last year, which may indicate they view the college job market as more robust, the NACE concluded.

The NACE conducts the survey four times annually; the most recent portion was conducted from mid-August through September. Surveys were sent to 1,040 NACE employer members nationwide; 24.4 percent responded.

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SOURCE: National Association of Colleges and Employers, "Job Outlook 2005."

Colleges, employers not always on the same page

BY TERESA M. MCALEAVY
THE RECORD

(KRT) — We all hear that to be successful career-wise, college is a must.

But there's new evidence suggesting a real disconnect between what bosses want in their employees and what schools are doing to prepare tomorrow's job candidates.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers, in its fall journal, published data on the topic by researchers from Michigan State University.

"We wanted to know what employers look for in recent college grads and what colleges look for to see if they match up," says Smriti Shrivastava, a graduate student at Michigan State. "What we found is there is a disconnect."

The college administrators surveyed, for example, rated ethics, integrity and knowledge as "very important" to develop in students. They also rated social

responsibility and multicultural appreciation as desirable skills.

Employers gave the same ratings for ethics and integrity, but they rank leadership, perseverance, interpersonal skills, adaptability and life skills as "very important."

"The contrast is that employers did not really rank as important as the department heads things like multicultural appreciation or social responsibility," Shrivastava says. "And those differences may be due to the fact that colleges don't necessarily cater to what employers want."

NACE, a nonprofit organization, serves both employers and those at colleges who are guiding students into the job market.

"Our job is to connect the two," says Pattie Giordani, associate editor for NACE.

Giordani says some efforts are under way to bridge the gaps.

Until recently, for example, she says colleges didn't consider things such as interpersonal

skills and adaptability as important to weave through the curriculum.

"The good news is there used to pretty much be emphasis on traditional academic goals, instead of things like communication and adaptability, which I'm seeing taught more and more," Giordani says.

"There is some disparity, but I do think there's less of a disconnect than in the past," Giordani says. "It takes time for colleges to give employers what they want to see."

Even so, this study and others suggest more work needs to be done to help prepare students for the work world. A Rutgers University report released in June found that with so much emphasis placed on the importance of a four-year college degree, career preparation has been all but ignored. That study recommended more emphasis be placed on career options — starting as early as high school.

School's out permanently for Tyndale College

BY LORI HIGGINS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — Two classes. That's all Nathan Holmes needed to complete his undergraduate degree at William Tyndale College.

But those classes were canceled this semester because of low enrollment. So Holmes planned to take them next year — until the college announced last week that it will close Dec. 31.

Now Holmes and the school's other 312 students are left with questions: Where to go? How to transfer loans and financial aid? And how could this happen to the small, Christian college in Farmington Hills, Mich., that many thought was on the right track?

Some are angry and frustrated. "I'm angry with the administration for not letting us know things were so bad. Things weren't as rosy as they were telling us. Either they were lying or they were ignorant. I don't know which is worse," Holmes said Monday.

And some were just sad as they contemplated finding a new college that fits the Christian principles that Tyndale College has espoused for nearly 60 years.

The news was particularly difficult to take for students who stuck with the college even when its future was in doubt years

ago.

"I love the people I met here, and I love the professors. The people have really changed me," said Stacey Highfield of Holly, a junior majoring in English.

The college had spiraled toward financial ruin for several years because of declines in enrollment and funding. Enrollment has dropped from an all-time high of 651 in 1998.

"It appeared there was a very good-faith effort, a good likelihood we would be able to preserve the college, keep it going and even expand into the future."

DENIS ROOT
CHAIRMAN, WILLIAM TYNDALE COLLEGE,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In March 2003, the college said if it didn't raise \$1 million, it would close that May. A savior arrived in the form of Pat Robertson's Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., which has injected \$2 million into the Michigan college. But it wasn't enough.

The college looked optimistically toward the current school

year, expecting huge enrollment gains that didn't materialize.

In late September, another savior was found, or so the college thought. Detroit World Outreach, an evangelical church in Detroit, pledged to help Tyndale financially and to work to double enrollment.

College officials were so optimistic about the deal they decided not to tell students of the college's predicament.

"We really wrestled with that," said Denis Root, chairman of the college's board of directors. "It appeared there was a very good-faith effort, a good likelihood we would be able to preserve the college, keep it going and even expand into the future."

That deal fell apart last week, when Detroit World Outreach informed the college it could neither fulfill the funding nor the enrollment promises it had made, Root said.

Detroit World Outreach officials declined to comment Monday.

Students have little time to make decisions. They've been guaranteed that their credits will transfer to Regent, but that would involve leaving Michigan or taking courses online.

There are no guaranteed local institutions — even those with Christian ties — will make things easy for Tyndale students, though college officials are working hard to get the best deals for students, officials said Monday.

Hats off to our December 2004 Graduates!

All the best from the Department of Art & Design

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Men sued after selling MBA to cat

BY SILLA BRUSH
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

(KRT) — Colby Nolan might well be smart (for a cat), but a 3.5 grade-point average on MBA coursework?

Pennsylvania's attorney general's office thought not. The state this week sued a Frisco, Texas, man and his brother, accusing them of using spam e-mail to peddle bogus degrees from a Dallas operation called Trinity Southern University.

Colby, a black cat belonging to a state official, got his MBA and a transcript showing he notched a 3.5 grade-point average, for \$398.

"These diplomas have no value in the job market except to harm genuinely accredited colleges and universities and their online academic programs," said Jerry Pappert, the Pennsylvania attorney general.

Colby had enough work experience to qualify for an 'Executive

MBA' from Trinity Southern University. Officials in Pennsylvania paid \$398 for the animal's academic degree. Craig Barton Poe, 35, of Frisco is named in the civil complaint, along with brother Alton Scott Poe, 40, of St. Cloud, Fla.

Craig Poe, listed as president of the "school," answered the door at his 4,000-square-foot home Wednesday but declined to comment. His brother, listed as the dean of admissions, could not be reached.

The two are charged with violating Pennsylvania's Unsolicited Telecommunication Advertisement Act and Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law. Penalties could range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per violation.

Since January, Trinity Southern has sent out 18,000 e-mails designed to look as if they were sent by dozens of legitimate institutions, including Penn State University, Comcast Corp.

and the Pennsylvania Senate, officials said.

"Clearly this is something that is being used with the sole intent of defrauding potential employers and consumers," said Barbara Petito of the Pennsylvania attorney general's office.

"The diploma mill issue is getting worse. More and more people are seeing they can make money at it."

DAVID LINKLETTER
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Prosecutors said they didn't know how many people, or house pets, bought degrees.

Undercover agents contacted the school online to get a \$299 bachelor's degree in business administration for Colby. The agents said Colby had finished three courses at a community college and worked as a retail manager, in fast food, and as a baby sitter and paperboy.

Trinity Southern said Colby had enough work experience to get an "Executive MBA." For an additional \$99, the undercover agent bought a transcript showing that Colby passed economics, accounting, finance and other classes. He was awarded all As and Bs.

This is not the first time Trinity Southern has been in the news.

Last year, the head of the Massachusetts' infectious-disease laboratory, Ralph Timperi, acknowledged that he had purchased a doctorate from the operation for \$499. He said he thought at the time that the school was accredited.

Timperi continues to lead the lab, said Nicole St. Peter, spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Like many diploma mills, Trinity Southern advertised that "life experiences" qualified clients for academic degrees without further coursework. It offered several college and advanced degrees on its Web site for \$299 to \$499.

The school claims to be accredited by Recoleta University in Argentina and a group it calls NAPLAC, or National Association for Prior Learning Assessment Colleges. Neither exists, the Pennsylvania attorney general's office said.

Pennsylvania is seeking a permanent injunction against the operation, civil penalties and restitution for violating consumer law and restrictions on unsolicited e-mail advertisements.

Texas education officials say they know all about Trinity Southern.

David Linkletter, who works on accreditation issues at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, has been gathering string for months but says it's been slow because he doesn't have investigative resources.

"We opened an investigation, and Pennsylvania sort of beat us to the punch," Linkletter said. He said he would send his

information to the state attorney general or a local prosecutor.

"We get what we can and refer them for further investigation," Linkletter said. "The statute ... doesn't really lay out much of a process for us to be the main investigator."

For Linkletter and state officials across the country, it has been an uphill battle against the hundreds of known diploma mills.

It's a big business: Some experts have said profits in the fake-degree industry run into the hundreds of millions.

"The diploma mill issue is getting worse," Linkletter said. "More and more people are seeing they can make money at it."

Allen Ezell, a retired FBI investigator who pursued diploma mills in the 1980s, said the problem isn't only at the state level.

"There is no concerted effort by any federal law enforcement agency to take on diploma mills," he said. "It is free reign. The sky is the limit."

A Government Accountability Office investigation this year found that at least 463 federal employees were enrolled in unaccredited schools. Another 28 senior-level employees in eight federal agencies such as the Department of Energy also obtained degrees from diploma mills.


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hard work and
determination.

Love you,
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Julia Decker

Your heart, smile
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the world a better
place. I'm proud of
you.

Love always,
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Congratulations Kell Bell! We are wishing you the best always.

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Love you, Dad, Mom, Travis, Erin, and Amy

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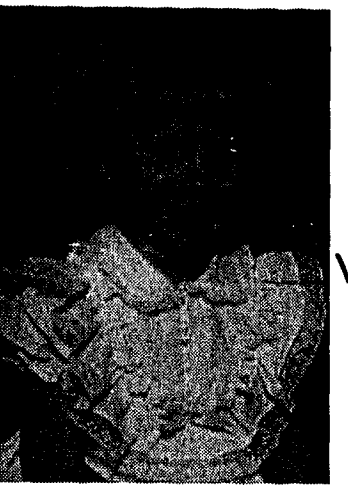


Rebecca Lynn Conrad

Congratulations Rebecca- We are proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

We Love you, Mom, Dad and Jennifer

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Congratulations! We are very proud of all your accomplishments

Love, Your Family

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Theron James De Smet

You have always been a climber. We are so proud of you climbing toward your goals and dreams. Keep on trekking higher and higher. We love you...Mom,Dad and Lynsey

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William Brian Daly

Our famous words are to "be somebody" and you are well on your way.

Love you, Mom, Dad, Andy & Curt

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Anna Keaster, B.S. Sociology
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Melissa Miller, B.S. Sociology
Miyuki Minemura, B.S., Anthropology, Justice Studies

Megan Ogden, B.S. Justice Studies, Sociology
Joshua Passer, B.S. Justice Studies
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Craig Zanetti, B.S. Justice Studies

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With college costs soaring, many grads are starting life in a deep hole

BY GAIL MARKS JARVIS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — Even before Tasha Taylor completed her education at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., three years ago, she was determined to be a social worker.

She had watched her mother heroically raise six children after losing a business in her 40s, and Taylor wanted to help welfare recipients rebuild their lives the way her mother had.

Now, immersed in that work, she has no regrets and no plan to change professions. But the pressures of massive college debt are weighing heavily on her.

At 26, she has \$50,000 in college loans hanging over her future — about a quarter of the cost of a starter home. And she worries about it every day.

At \$15 an hour, her pay doesn't stretch far enough each month to provide for her daughter and pay \$555 in health insurance, \$600 for a "hole-in-the-wall" apartment and about \$500 for student loans. Taylor eased the pressure recently by sharing an apartment with her boyfriend and refinancing the loans so she pays only \$200 a month. But to get the payments down, she had to extend them for 25 years.

That means paying thousands more in interest, and the loans will nag at her decision-making until she's 51.

Taylor is a member of what has been dubbed "Generation Broke." These are young Americans starting their lives deeply in the red because of student loans and credit card debt accumulated in college. With a tight job market since the 2001 recession, they struggle with stagnant pay, temporary jobs and an unemployment rate that has recently been higher for college graduates than for high school dropouts.

As a result, it's common for young Americans like Taylor to wrestle with career ideals that don't mesh with their financial burdens.

"One in five significantly changed their career plans because of student loans, nearly 40 percent delayed buying a home, and 20 percent reported their debt burden caused them to postpone having children," says researcher Tamara Draut, who conducted a study of 18 to 34-year-olds for Demos USA, a New York think tank.

The average person leaving college now has \$18,900 in student loans, compared with \$9,000 for 1992 graduates. In

addition, they have \$3,262 in credit card debt — a 134 percent increase since the mid-'90s.

College costs rose 35 percent over the past decade, and requests for federal loans went up 56 percent. Without enough low-interest college loan money to cover overall costs, students borrow money from private lenders at higher interest rates.

About a quarter of students even use credit cards to cover some college expenses, according to the College Board — a much more expensive and volatile way to finance college. After college, Draut says graduates manage to make minimum payments on credit cards but are so strapped they take on more debt.

The result: The average college graduate has a starting salary of \$36,000, or \$2,058 a month. Once they have paid \$307 toward their student loans and credit cards, plus covered rent, utilities, food and transportation, only \$34 is left over for child care, entertainment, clothing, furniture or emergency expenses, says Draut.

The generation is "slipping into a downward debt spiral that is unmatched in modern history," she says. "Young adults starting off in the red will find that it impacts their financial security

for years to come." Maggie Bolton-Henly of St. Paul already worries about getting sucked into the spiral, even though she hasn't completed her final year at Willamette University in Oregon.

With \$20,000 in college loans, "I do know that once I graduate, money will be a main factor in choosing a job because I do have so many loans to pay back," she says.

She's worried she will end up like a number of people she sees "who are completely unhappy in their jobs and not passionate about what they are doing but feel trapped because they have bills and loans to pay."

She is flirting with becoming a lawyer — not out of a deep passion for the profession but because she thinks it would assure her high pay and the ability to retire loans.

Yet, going to law school would probably triple her debts initially, and raises the question: How much student debt is too much?

It's a question students should consider as they select colleges and careers, says Sandy Baum, an analyst for the College Board and a Skidmore College economist.

College itself is a proven and worthy investment, but students

who take on total debt that will exceed their annual pay may be stretching too far, she says.

Over their working lives, the typical college graduate earns about 73 percent more than the typical high school graduate, and those with advanced degrees earn two to three times as much as high school graduates, according to the College Board, which studies trends in education finance. Earnings are greater for people from all ethnic backgrounds.

And despite the burden of debt, the College Board says the typical graduate, who started college at 18, has earned enough by age 33 to compensate for both tuition and fees at the average public four-year institution. At private colleges, the age is 40.

As high school seniors eye college choices this time of year, Baum says they should try to compare their likely college debts with their likely salary.

There's a rule of thumb to have loan payments no larger than 8 percent of your expected income, she says. But that's not a hard and fast rule. While even 8 percent may be difficult to bear if someone is making only \$20,000 a year, a person with a \$60,000 income could devote more than 8 percent, she says.

To consider debt levels with salaries, check www.themint.org. Click on "earning" and "careers" and "starting salaries."

Parents also must be careful about taking on too much debt.

Too many endanger their retirements by spending too generously or taking on loans themselves to finance college, says financial aid consultant Ray Loewe of College Money in Marlton, N.J.

He notes that students have a lifetime of earnings to pay off college loans, but if parents have extended themselves too far, no one is going to give them a loan at age 75 to provide money for groceries.

Consequently, he suggests that before agreeing to pay for expensive colleges, parents calculate first how they are doing in saving for retirement. If they are on target to have 75 percent of their income for each year of retirement, he says, parents can feel relatively secure about paying for college. But most parents are far behind with saving.


The average person within 15 years of retirement has saved only \$55,000.

To judge how well prepared you are with retirement saving, try the calculators at www.choosetosave.com.

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