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Prosecutors fight to combine trials in murder case

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD
ARGONAUT STAFF

More Wells family members face charges

Prosecuting attorneys in the trials of three men charged in the murder of University of Idaho football player Eric McMillan will file a motion today to try them together.

If the motion is approved, Judge John Bradbury will hear arguments from the prosecutors for joining the cases of Matthew R. Wells, 27; James J. Wells, 25; and Thomas J. Riggins, 23, at 4 p.m. Jan. 28, said Latah County prosecutor Bill Thompson.

The defendants' attorneys will have the option to file an opposing response, said deputy prosecutor Robin Eckman. She said it would ultimately be up to them to oppose the motion.

"My expectation is that they will oppose it," Eckman said.

The defendants' attorneys were not available for comment at press time.

Thompson said as of now, the separate trials of the Wells brothers and their nephew have been set for April 25.

The three men are all facing charges of conspiracy in the murder of McMillan, a 19-year-old cornerback for the UI football team who died after being shot Sept. 19, 2004, at his apartment on Lenter Avenue in Moscow.

Matthew and James Wells are both facing charges of first-degree murder. James Wells, who was being

held in Whitman County, was extradited to Latah County on Dec. 27, more than a month after his brother, Matthew Wells, was brought to Idaho for arraignment. Like his brother, James Wells pled not guilty.

Riggins, who first appeared in an Idaho courtroom in early December, pled not guilty to the charges of principal to first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

Riggins was charged Dec. 16 with perjury, along with six other defendants new to the case, Thompson said.

Matthew R. Wells Sr., 63; Emmanuel R. Wells, 40; Anthony L. Wells, 38; Aaron B. Wells, 22; Mashere Harrison-Wells, 26; and Angela Brown, 25, all were indicted by a grand jury on charges of perjury, a felony offense punishable by imprisonment for up to 14 years. Aaron Wells also was indicted on a charge of accessory to murder in the first degree, according to a prosecutor's press release.

All defendants pled not guilty. Matthew Wells Sr. is the father of James and Matthew

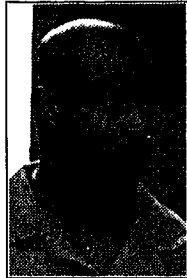
Wells. Emmanuel, Anthony and Aaron Wells are their brothers. Mashere Harrison-Wells is the wife of James Wells and Angela Brown is Aaron Wells' girlfriend.

All were released on bond, Eckman said, and they will reconvene Feb. 7 at a status conference. Their lawyers were appointed at county expense, she said.

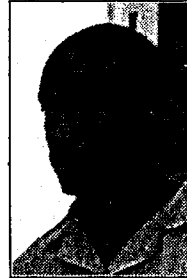
Judge John R. Stegner will preside over the trial, which still has no set date.

Stegner was originally scheduled to preside over the murder trials, but stepped down after Matthew Wells' lawyer, Charles Kovis, moved to disqualify him, citing a conflict of interest Stegner had with the case.

The Wells brothers and Riggins will remain at the Latah County Jail until their trial, Eckman said.



M. WELLS



J. WELLS



P. RIGGINS

Carrying on the dream

Daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. spreads message

BY AMBER EBERT
ARGONAUT STAFF

A small blond boy walked hand-in-hand with his mother Wednesday night after Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., spoke to hundreds of people at Washington State University's Beasley Coliseum.

"Mommy," he said, "I think her favorite color is red. The seats are red. Her clothes are red. Everything is red."

Yolanda King did wear a bright red business suit, and the seats of Beasley Coliseum in Pullman were indeed red, but King's message was similar to that of her father's — that color does not matter.

"Let's celebrate difference until difference doesn't make a difference anymore," King exclaimed in her theatrical presentation Wednesday.

Her voice cracked as she pleaded for world peace and quoted poet Maya Angelou's words that we are more alike than we are unlike.

"Less than 1 percent of your DNA is separating you from the person sitting right next to you. ... It has been scientifically proven that all of your most important parts are the same," King said.

Wednesday's presentation is just the start of many events commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday. King said she hopes Monday is not just a day of rest and relaxation, but that people use it to celebrate differences and encourage unity.

She said the dream for which her father died is still a dream.

King also said while it might be a day off from regular responsibilities, it should be a day to venture out of comfort zones and to expand ideas and perspectives on diversity.

King noted her father's contributions and urged people to make his dreams a reality.

She said that it is hard to work with other people, but everyone must live together as brothers and sisters.

Referring to her father's words, King said, "If you can't walk, crawl. If you can't crawl, then by all means, keep moving."

"It is far easier to build monuments than to make a better world," King said.

King told a story about a small boy who approached her and was amazed that she was Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter.

He asked her, "Why aren't you dead?"

King reminded the audience at Beasley Coliseum that it was not so long ago that blacks could not vote or go to any school or sit anywhere on a bus.

"Our memories have blurred," she said. "There are misty horror stories that we have heard about or watched on television. ... It was only forty years ago."



Keynote speaker Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., lectured and performed at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman Wednesday evening as part of the week-long Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration.

KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT

Student tests positive for tuberculosis

STAFF REPORT

Officials at the North Central Health District Department have confirmed that a University of Idaho student has contracted the mycobacterium tuberculosis virus, commonly known as TB.

According to a health department press release, the unidentified part-time student lives off campus. The department asks anyone who has come in contact with the student to notify the agency immediately.

"Symptoms include fever, weight loss, night sweats, malaise, cough, chest pain, and/or coughing up blood."

PRESS RELEASE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"The risk of transmission of TB in the school setting is relatively low, but not absent," the press release states.

TB is spread from person to person through the air by coughing, sneezing and/or talking, health officials said, and people can become infected if they breathe in the organisms.

"Symptoms include fever, weight loss, night sweats, malaise, cough, chest pain, and/or coughing up blood," the press release states. "People with active TB usually have one or more of these symptoms and are capable of transmitting the infection to others."

People who are close to the student are being notified by UI Health Services.

Contact Laura Rogers, nurse epidemiologist, at North Central District Health Department at 208-799-3100 with questions or concerns.

Assistant football coach returns to work

BY NATE POPPINO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

University of Idaho assistant football coach Alundis Brice, who was sentenced last week to four days in jail and a \$325 fine for disturbing the peace, has served his time and now is back at work, an athletic department official said.

Becky Paull, assistant athletic director for media relations, said Wednesday that Brice was back at work for the UI football team after pleading guilty to disturbing the peace.

He was sentenced Jan. 5 for charges stemming from an Aug. 15 incident in which he allegedly pointed a 9 mm pistol at UI senior Cameron Ryffel in the parking lot of CJ's bar.

According to a police report, the incident occurred when Ryffel and some acquaintances approached Brice's BMW. Brice said he thought Ryffel was going to steal the car. Ryffel said he simply asked if it was Brice's.

Brice's sentence was part of a plea agreement that dropped a misdemeanor charge of exhibition of a deadly weapon.

In an amended criminal complaint against

Brice, dated Nov. 30 and signed by Moscow city attorney Bryan Knox, Brice was accused of "maliciously and willfully disturbing the peace of Cameron Ryffel, Matthew Rodriguez and Jeremy Santoro," by quarreling with them.

In a Nov. 9 issue of the Argonaut, Knox said Brice could have been sentenced to a maximum of six months in jail and a \$300 fine if the original complaint had gone to trial.

John Walker, Brice's attorney, did not return calls to the Argonaut for comment.

Ryffel, a justice studies major, said he is still concerned about what disciplinary actions the UI administration will take against Brice.

"I actually knew pretty much what was going to happen because of the plea agreement, but I don't know what's happening with the administration," Ryffel said. "I know that's something I have no control over."



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Search for UI provost begins

BY KIMBERLY HIRAI
ARGONAUT STAFF

Two months after University of Idaho President Tim White announced Brian Pitcher's resignation from his position as UI provost, the national search for a new provost is beginning.

The search committee, headed by College of Law dean Donald Burnett, has enlisted the help of Los Angeles recruiting firm Korn/Ferry International to aid in the endeavor.

Burnett said the search committee was formed in December, with additions made in January.

Coming from a variety of backgrounds, the 18-member committee includes representatives from the UI departments of architecture, business, English and environmental science, as

well as those from administrative departments. Two students also were elected to the committee. In addition, several other members are from UI centers in Coeur d'Alene and Boise.

"It does appear to be a diverse group," Burnett said. "There's a good gender representation on the group. There's some ethnic diversity in the group, and there's subject matter diversity on the group."

After developing a job description for the provost and executive vice president position with White and a number of constituency groups, the committee enlisted the services of Korn/Ferry International in December to launch a national search for qualified candidates.

The services requested by the committee totaled some \$55,000 from executive area budgets in a

contingency reserve, said UI counsel Danielle Hess.

The recruiting organization is searching for individuals interested in the position, and will turn over applications for review by UI's search committee after the Feb. 28 deadline.

The organization has contacted qualified individuals, and is encouraging others nationwide to nominate individuals or submit applications for the position.

The provost search committee has submitted advertisements for the position in a variety of publications nationwide to encourage nominations and applications.

One advertisement appeared this week in the news journal "Women in Higher Education." The committee also has

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OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for TODAY (Flurries), SATURDAY (Partly Cloudy), and SUNDAY (Snow Showers) with high and low temperatures.

CAPSULE FROM THE ARGONAUT ARCHIVES

From the Jan. 8, 1971, edition:

One of the crucial issues of the up and coming legislative session which will convene in Boise on Monday is the question of extending the 18 year old vote to state and local elections in Idaho.

Two ballots in the next presidential election could be very costly to the state in terms of extra printing cost and additional time required to produce the second vote sheet for those who would be excluded from voting for state and local officials.

Because the 21 year old vote requirement for state and local elections is written into the Constitution an amendment is necessary in order to allow 18 year old suffrage.

When Governor Andrus was at Moscow shortly after the election, he told a press conference in the SUB that he would probably comment on the issue in his state of the state message which will be delivered this coming Monday.

Also in the Jan. 8, 1971, edition:

Melvin Vorhees, associate editor of the Seattle Argus, believes in fighting voting action with political reaction. He wants to stop this foolishness of granting the vote to 18-year-olds.

He contends a change to 25 years "would bestow the vote after passage of the rutting years, when the human animal first begins candid appraisal of the world beyond his cooling body and sharpening brain."

In the first place, there is no evidence that any age group is, on the average, more astute in its election choices than any other.

You cannot categorize large grouping of people and treat them all by their most common characteristics. There will always be ample exceptions.

The American system is constructed to respect individual differences and opinions. You do not exclude a 20-year-old from voting because 1 per cent of 20-year-olds riot any more than you should take the vote away from 40-year-olds because 10 per cent of them drink too much.

Moreover, there is a natural selection at work in the American electorate. In most cases, those who are well-informed enough to vote are also interested enough to vote.

The worst voters in the nation are those in the 21 to 30 age group. And there is little doubt that the turnout among those 18 to 21 will be even smaller.

If you are going to disqualify whole generations because some among them are unqualified voters, when you would not only increase the minimum age, but establish a maximum.

The standard Vorhees sets on qualifying generations to vote would indicate a much lower maximum age. If you shouldn't vote until you have established your full, participating adult citizenship in the mid-20s, then you should cease voting when you have retired from full participation in the daily affairs of the working world.

If he would bestow the vote only "after passage of the rutting years, when the human animal first begins candid appraisal of the world beyond his cooling body and sharpening brain," then it follows that the vote should be retrieved when the human animal becomes incapable of rutting and begins losing interest in the world beyond his cooling body and hardening brain.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Solutions from Dec. 7

Solutions to the crossword puzzle from Dec. 7, including words like Authorize, Mint, Trap in an oak, etc.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

Campus calendar listing events for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, including Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Community Breakfast, UI women's basketball vs. Pacific, and various marches.

NEWSBRIEFS

Cattewomen announce scholarship winners

The Idaho Cattewomen Council recently announced the 2004 winners of its annual scholarship program. Any student currently enrolled in an Idaho college in agriculture, foods and/or nutrition, or currently enrolled in an area that supports agricultural industries was eligible to apply.

Applicants wrote essays about current issues facing the cattle industry, the current development of a national animal identification system and the future of agriculture in Idaho.

The quality of these applicants and their interest in serving the beef industry is really exciting," said Jodie Mink, scholarship coordinator for the Idaho Cattewomen Council.

UI's winners include junior Sage Clark, animal science and ag business; senior Kayla Schwenkfelder, civil engineering; senior Tanner Ross, animal science; and sophomore Mary Sonnen, food science.

Fine arts alumni recognized

Two UI fine arts alumni have been recognized by a journal and an arts center.

Stephanie Lenox, a 2004 UI master of fine arts graduate, has had her poem, "Longest Sneezing Fit, Day 977," accepted for publication at Willow Springs out of Eastern Washington University.

Andrea Mason, a 2002 UI master of fine arts graduate, was recently selected as a resident artist at the Centrum Center for the Creative Arts in Port Townsend, Wash.

Toastmasters meet Tuesday

Moscow Toastmasters, the local chapter of the national public speaking improvement organization, will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Centennial Room of the University Inn.

Members improve their public speaking skills through regular practice and constructive evaluation in a supportive and positive learning environment.

Interested people can contact Alison at 885-4550 or Jay at 885-4343, or visit www.Palouse.net/moscowtoastmasters.

UI issues two new writings for region's potato growers

The UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences recently released two new publications for potato growers: one on producing potatoes with a limited water supply and a second on nutrient management guidelines for Russet Burbanks.

The eight-page publication "Potato Production with Limited Water Supply,"

written by Bradley King, Jeffrey Stark and Stephen Love, discusses the impacts of water stress on potatoes at various growth stages. It also presents strategies growers can consider if they expect water to be short.

The publication describes deficit irrigation management and reviews such options as reducing potato acreage, selecting fields whose soils have higher water-holding capacities, planting aged seed and increasing seed piece spacing.

The 12-page publication "Nutrient Management Guidelines for Russet Burbank Potatoes," written by Stark, Dale Westermann and Bryan Hopkins, advises growers on methods of optimizing fertilizer-use efficiency.

It covers factors affecting potato nutrient requirements, soil and plant analyses; fertilizer application methods; and management of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, calcium, magnesium and micronutrients.

Both publications can be downloaded from the CALS Educational Communications Web site at info.ag.uidaho.edu or by e-mailing calspub@uidaho.edu.

Indian Law Conference will discuss probate processes

The Indian Probate Reform Act, recently approved by Congress will be the primary focus of the second annual Indian Law Conference Feb. 16 and 17 at the UI College of Law.

"The probate of Indian estates has long been complicated, often requiring federal, state and tribal proceedings for a single estate," said Douglas Nash, associate professor of law.

Nash said the history of the American Indian probate process, events leading to passage of the reform act, the content of the act and its implementation will be the subject of presentations at the conference.

The College of Law last summer conducted an Indian Estate Planning Project in which law students were placed at reservations in Idaho, Washington and Oregon to provide estate-planning services to tribal members under the supervision of legal services programs in those three states.

The project was funded with a two-year grant from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. Two students will share their experiences, as well as the scope and results of the program, with conference attendees.

The conference is co-hosted by the law college and the Indian Law Section of the Idaho State Bar.

There is a nominal registration fee for attorneys; tribal officials and members may attend free of charge.

There is a fee for all who attend the banquet. More registration details are available at www.law.uidaho.edu.

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Bush calls on judge for homeland security post

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS AND FRANK DAVIES
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - In a surprise move, President Bush on Tuesday nominated Michael Chertoff, a federal appeals court judge and former high-ranking Justice Department official, to be homeland security secretary.

Chertoff has a reputation as an aggressive federal prosecutor, who went after mobsters, a president and terrorists.

In tapping Chertoff, Bush selected a highly respected legal mind with little experience in managing something as large and unwieldy as the Department of Homeland Security. The two-year-old department with 22 agencies and 180,000 employees has been described as a dysfunctional bureaucracy.

However, he brings legal expertise in dealing with terrorism. Chertoff ran the Justice Department's criminal division from 2001 to 2003 and helped craft the administration's legal strategy following the Sept. 11,

2001 terrorist attacks.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, I joined members of dozens of federal agencies in responding to the deadliest single attack on American civilians ever," Chertoff said Tuesday. "If confirmed as secretary, I'll be proud to stand again with the men and women who form our front line against terror."

Chertoff, 51, is Bush's second pick to replace outgoing Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. His first choice, former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, withdrew from consideration after embarrassing the White House with an admission that he had not paid taxes for a nanny who may have been an illegal immigrant.

The Kerik episode prompted questions about how thorough the administration was vetting its nominees. On Tuesday, Bush stressed that there should be no problems or surprises with Chertoff's confirmation.

"He's been confirmed by the Senate three times," Bush said.

The president praised Chertoff's qualifications.

"He's faced countless challenging decisions and has helped to protect his fellow Americans while protecting their civil liberties," Bush said as he announced Chertoff's selection to reporters in the White House's Roosevelt Room.

Chertoff's selection caught several lawmakers and homeland security experts off guard. Among those previously mentioned as likely candidates were Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security Department's undersecretary for border and transportation security, and Fran Townsend, the White House's homeland security adviser.

"I hadn't heard his (Chertoff's) name mentioned," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., a former Kerik backer. "But it's one of those deals that after the fact, it makes sense. He has experience dealing with Congress, he's got law enforcement experience and he has experience putting bad guys in jail."

Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J.,

called Chertoff "one of the most able people and public servants I have ever known."

If confirmed, Chertoff will face a daunting task at the Department of Homeland Security. The department's former inspector general, Clark Kent Ervin, said in published reports that, despite spending millions of dollars, the nation's ports and airports remain vulnerable to terrorists.

Chertoff "has strong bipartisan support, great intelligence, integrity and energy - and that will help make up for shortcomings in expertise," said Michael Greenberger, director of the University of Maryland's Center for Health and Homeland Security. "He's a person who should be able to attract high-caliber people to a department that has an alarming number of high-level vacancies."

In 2003, Bush appointed Chertoff, a New Jersey native who earned his bachelor's and law degrees from Harvard University, to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which

serves Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

His reputation as an aggressive prosecutor was earned on several fronts. He pursued mob bosses in New York and New Jersey in the 1980s. Later he was Republican counsel during the Senate Whitewater investigation of former President Bill Clinton. And after the Sept. 11 attacks, he helped devise legal strategies used by the Justice Department.

When Bush nominated him for the appeals court, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., cast the sole Senate vote against his judicial nomination.

Chertoff's hand in many of the Bush administration's most aggressive anti-terrorism efforts - including some that have drawn the ire of federal courts - makes some defense attorneys wary of him leading homeland security.

A June 2003 report by the Justice Department's Inspector General's office concluded, among other things, that the FBI failed to distinguish aliens with

terrorist links from those who may have been in the country illegally but had no terrorist connections. The report also said the Immigration and Naturalization Service consistently failed to notify Sept. 11 detainees about the charges they were being held on within an INS-stated goal of 72 hours.

But Chertoff did not agree with all of the administration's post-Sept. 11 policies. He opposed a November 2001 plan to try terrorist suspects before military tribunals instead of civilian courts. After he left Justice, he said publicly that the government had to rethink the system of indefinitely detaining enemy combatants without any charges.

"... In my opinion, he's very sensitive to our enshrined rights," said Albert Krieger, a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "We might disagree as to how far individual rights go in these difficult times, but he would not be pursuing his result without rationality. He plays by the rules."

Pell Grant formula changes may increase burden on students

BY PATRICK KERKSTRA
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - As a freshman, Temple University student Arsema Solomon needed to borrow just \$5,000 to cover college expenses that were not met by grants, some limited family help and a part-time job.

Three years later, Solomon has added a night shift as a bank teller to her day job - and still mounting costs have forced her to double her student-loan load, to \$10,000 a year.

Her financial burden may be even greater next year, if the Bush administration goes ahead with a plan to change the Pell Grant funding formula.

"I already work full-time to supplement my grants and loans," said Solomon. "But I guess I'd just work more."

If the formula is changed, an estimated 90,000 students receiving Pell grants would become ineligible for the program, and an additional 1.2 million students would see their grants shaved by \$200 to \$300, according to a financial-aid advisory committee created by Congress.

All financial-aid administrators agreed their campuses would feel the pinch - especially public universities such as Temple and Rutgers University in Camden, N.J., where more than a third of all students receive Pell grants. It is too soon to tell exactly what the impact would be.

The Pell program, which was authorized in 1972, is the principal federal grant program for higher education. About five million students a year now receive Pell grants, splitting \$12.5 billion. Congress has invested heavily in the program in recent years, but the Pell applicant pool has grown so quickly - up 37 percent in the last decade

-appropriations still routinely lag behind demand. Consequently, Congress has frozen the size of Pell awards for the last three years at \$4,050 annually - an amount given only to the most needy students.

The trouble is, nobody froze college-related expenses.

The formula tweak being considered would update antiquated tax information the U.S. Department of Education has used to help determine Pell eligibility and need. The tax tables currently in use were compiled in 1988. Although new tax tables would be a more accurate reflection of student need, the adjustments would end up hurting far more students than they would help, said Brian K. Fitzgerald, director of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, which was created by Congress.

Republicans in Congress have urged the changes over the objections of Democrats, most notably Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J.

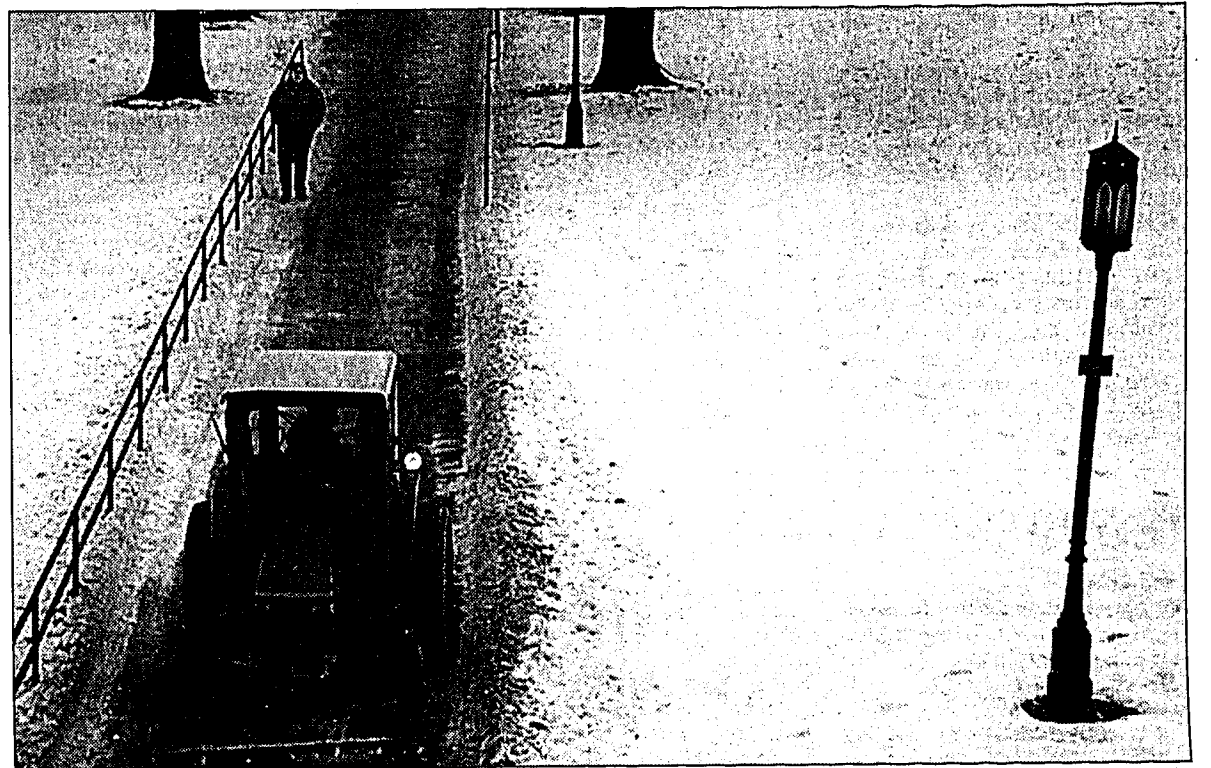
Congressional Republicans argue that by more accurately evaluating current need, there might be more money available in future years to increase the grant size past \$4,050 for the most needy students.

The Pell program annually spends about \$1 billion more than it is appropriated. Until that gap is closed, the maximum grant is likely to remain capped.

Fitzgerald said a better approach would be to phase in the changes so students do not suddenly see their grants drop precipitously or, worse, discover they are no longer eligible.

"It's a one-time shock, but it's a big shock," he said.

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Snow plows scrape ice Thursday down the walkways Thursday like this one leading to the Administration Building. DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

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Ryffel said he is unsure whether he thinks UI should fire Brice.

"I don't know," Ryffel said. "I think it's a great liability to employ somebody with those kind of tendencies to react that way, especially to students. I don't think that's conduct the university should pride itself in."

"My only comment is going to be, 'Because this is a personnel matter, I'm not going to comment.'"

ROB SPEAR
UI ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

In a Nov. 30 issue of the Argonaut, Ryffel said he also was concerned the plea agreement did not include keeping Brice away from Moscow bars.

UI athletic director Rob Spear refused to comment on the sentencing or any disciplinary actions.

"My only comment is going to be, 'Because this is a personnel matter I'm not going to comment.' There's some other things going on right now," Spear said.

In a Sept. 14 issue of the Argonaut, Spear said the department would take appropriate disciplinary action if Brice were found guilty.

This is the first year Brice has been the corners coach at UI. Before getting the job, he spent five years playing for the Dallas Cowboys, during which the team won a Super Bowl. He also spent two years as a secondary coach for the University of Mississippi, his alma mater.

Apple Computer co-founder Jobs will speak to graduates

BY KIM VO
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - Certainly it's not a comment on the worthiness of the degrees students are about to receive, but Stanford University has invited a college dropout to deliver its commencement address this year.

Steve Jobs, of course, is no ordinary dropout. After leaving Reed College in Oregon, he founded a few

Hennessy said in a statement Thursday.

Otherwise, Stanford folks had few words to share about the man who co-founded Apple Computer and Pixar. It's assumed Jobs won't wear his trademark black shirt and blue jeans when addressing students, but it's unclear what color hood he would wear (commencement officials tend to don hoods representing the schools they graduated from over their robes).

And while Stanford officials can typically rattle off a speaker's Stanford ties - Condoleezza Rice served as provost, Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo earned three degrees there - they struggled a bit to list Jobs' connections.

He reportedly met his wife, Laurene, there. She was getting her master's degree, and he was speaking to her class. Apple has also donated 2,000 boxes of the computer company's memorabilia and artifacts to Stanford.

Stanford referred questions to Apple Computer's vice president of corporate communications Katie Cotton, who wouldn't say much, either, explaining she didn't want to steal the thunder from the June 12 speech.

"The name Steve Jobs is synonymous with innovation and creativity ..."

JOHN HENNESSY
STANFORD PRESIDENT

companies, revolutionized technology and made a couple of billion dollars for himself.

"The name Steve Jobs is synonymous with innovation and creativity over the past three decades," Stanford President John

Events taking place for the Martin Luther King Jr./ Human Rights Celebration

Today

Comparative Ethnic Studies - Social Justice Lecture Series
CUB Cascade Room
10:30 am

Saturday

Community Breakfast - Human Rights Task Force, Latah County
Moscow Junior High School multi-purpose room
9 a.m.

Dr. King Memorial Service
"K" House, WSU campus
1 p.m.

Pullman UNITY March
1:45 p.m.

Sunday

Canned food drive
Moscow and Pullman Safeway
8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Moscow UNITY march
Downtown Moscow, Friendship Square
5 p.m.

For more information call 208-885-7716 or stop by the Administration Building, Room 342.



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT

Keynote speaker Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr., lectured and performed at Beasley Coliseum in Pullman Wednesday evening as part of the week-long Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration.

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encouraged people on campus to submit nominations.

Burnett said the search committee will look at all the applications collected by the agency before narrowing the search to a few finalists.

Korn/Ferry International was used by UI in November 2003 as well. The relationship between the school and the firm resulted in White's appointment as university president.

Burnett, along with the com-

mittee, will be looking for a variety of traits in the job candidates, he said.

In the job description developed in December, Burnett and other members expressed their interest for an individual who could communicate and process internal problems and function efficiently within the university.

Burnett said the committee also expressed the need for the candidate to have a history of promoting human rights and diversity, the ability to make complicated decisions quickly but efficiently, and a commitment to quality in the areas of academics, research and teaching.

He also explained the growing responsibilities of the provost as chief academic officer for the university and as a full administrative executive with the addition of vice president to the job description.

"One of the heaviest demands upon the president is to be the external spokesperson for the university and deal with important, outside constituencies such as the legislature," Burnett said. "As a consequence of that, the provost job has historically become more and more important as sort of the internal administrator of the university. ... The full title of the job now, as reflected in this position

description, is provost and executive vice president," Burnett said.

The committee will begin reviewing applications shortly after the February cutoff date, though the search will continue until the right person is found, he said.

Burnett said the search could end as early as this spring, with the new provost beginning in the summer.

Until that time, interim provost Linda Morris, who was elected by a committee in November, will remain in her position. Morris declined to run as a candidate for the permanent provost position upon

acceptance of the interim post. She is a business professor and former vice provost of academic and student affairs.

Since her first day as interim provost on Dec. 20, she has learned much about the university and its mission, she said.

Along with interviewing deans from different colleges to understand their conflicts, Morris also worked to move ahead with several recommendations of the University Vision and Resources Task Force. This included planning for an implementation plan to carry out all of the recommendations.

Morris has continued to fill

the responsibilities of her previous position as associate vice provost by keeping in contact with such entities as the Honors Program and the ROTC on academic affairs.

Morris also said she believed the university was ready for change in regard to the recommendations of the task force.

"By focusing on what the UI does best, by capitalizing on its strengths and by focusing on some of the strategic themes recommended by the UVRF, the university is destined to become a stronger institution nationally and internationally," she wrote in an e-mail to the Argonaut.

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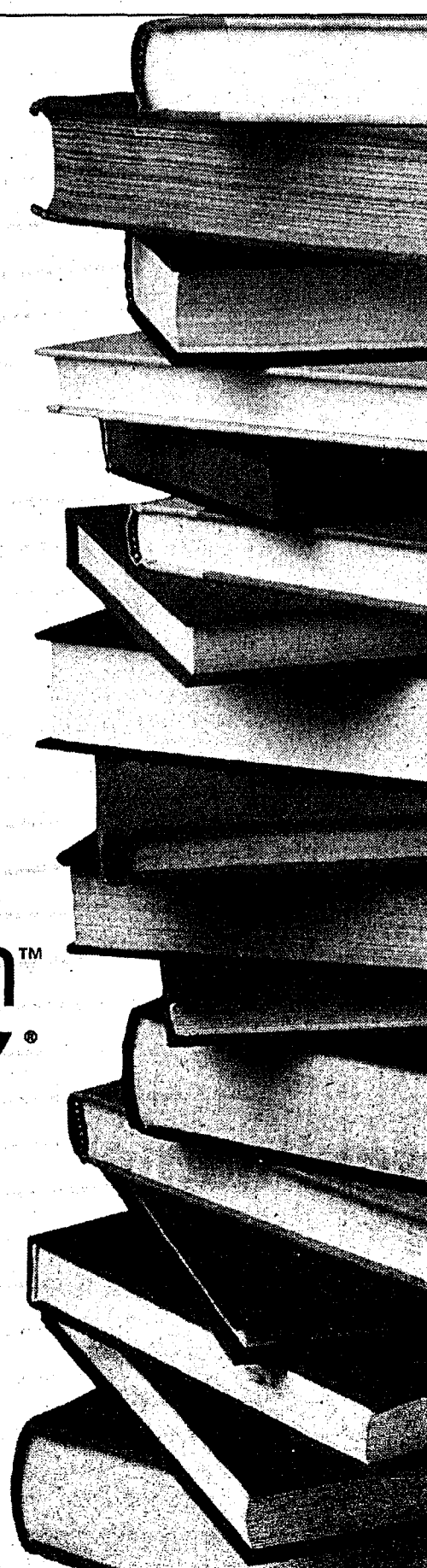
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Binge drinking blamed in Eastern Michigan U. case

BY PEGGY WALSH-SARNECKI
AND LORI HIGGINS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — A 20-year-old Eastern Michigan University student died over the New Year's weekend, following what was described as hours of drinking at a fraternity party.

Witnesses told police that Keith Cholette of Taylor began drinking in the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house about 3 p.m. Dec. 31 and also consumed some pills thought to be ecstasy, said Sgt. John Minzey of the Ypsilanti Police Department.

Cholette collapsed and went into convulsions around 6 a.m. Jan. 1, Minzey said, and was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Superior Township.

"Through witnesses' statements, we know that was his activity prior to his death," Minzey said. "Until we have the toxicology report, we won't know the exact cause of death."

Jim Vick, vice president for student affairs at EMU, said Cholette's death is "sad, traumatic and devastating" for his family and his fraternity, but he hopes it serves as a reminder to students about the dangers of misusing alcohol and drugs.

"Keith was a well-liked young man," Vick said. "I hope it makes people a little more aware of what can happen."

The university will conduct its own investigation into the death, Vick said. On Jan. 1, counselors met with about 35 people at the fraternity house, where between 12 and 14 men live. The fraterni-

ty has about 35 members, Vick said.

"For many of them, it's the first time they've dealt with a death of a young person. It's particularly traumatic for them," Vick said, adding Cholette's death likely will lead university officials to review what they do to educate students about alcohol and drug use.

Despite education efforts, drinking is blamed for dozens of deaths on college campuses each year. Add the number of physical and sexual assaults linked to heavy drinking, and it's easy to understand why alcohol-related problems are considered among the major problems on U.S. campuses today.

A widely quoted 1999 survey by the Harvard University School of Public Health found 44

percent of college students admitted to binge drinking within the two weeks of the survey. Each year, 12 million undergraduate students drink four billion cans of beer, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Younger, white students who were members of Greek organizations were the most likely to binge drink.

"I think it probably occurs in the under-21 crowd because they really don't know how to limit themselves," said Erica Moise, 22, an EMU senior from St. Clair Shores, adding that heavy drinking is more likely to occur at private parties than at bars. "People just get crazy."

Ellen Gold, director of university health services for EMU, said much is already being done

to change the bingeing culture on campus.

"Do we capture every single student? That would be almost impossible," she said. "What we try to do is target populations of students, present information and have that ripple effect, where one student is able to influence the next student."

This fall, the university held a Greek alcohol meeting with representatives of each of the Greek organizations to talk about socializing without drinking.

"There were some naysayers. But by the time we left and we circled around and each person had to make a minimal commitment, I was amazed and proud of the camaraderie I saw and their desire to make a positive difference on campus," Gold said.

But despite the university's

efforts, Moise and other students said they hear little or nothing about alcohol education.

"You get a lot of drug education. But I don't think people think about dying from alcohol. It's kind of socially acceptable to drink," Moise said. "It's not really that talked about."

Megan Meisenhelter, 21, a graduate student at EMU from Massillon, Ohio, said coaches and other athletics officials talked to her crew team about drinking as a student athlete. But she does not remember alcohol education aimed at the general student population.

"I was never talked to about that," Meisenhelter said. "I was a lot in high school, but never in college."

"It's so sad. He was so young."

Student sued for millions of alleged spam e-mails

BY DAVE MICHAELS
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

(KRT) — Ryan Pitylak is so annoying, it's illegal.

So says Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who sued the 22-year-old University of Texas philosophy major for sending millions of spam e-mails offering mortgage refinancing, warranty expiration notices and debt counseling.

Pitylak built a successful business by sending misleading e-mails that snaked through spam filters and clogged e-mail in-boxes, the attorney general alleged.

"There have been reports that he made a minimum of hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions of dollars," Abbott said. "This is someone who is illegally using the system to make countless dollars."

Pitylak was at a business meeting in Florida on Thursday and could not comment about the lawsuit, said his attorney, Lin Hughes. She characterized him as a successful and law-abiding young entrepreneur.

Although only 22, Pitylak has been making money with Internet ads for much of his life.

According to a Web search, Pitylak was 14 years old when he was sending e-mails to Web page operators that offered to

advertise their site for \$79. Pitylak, then a student in Michigan, advertised that his company, Gates Computer Systems, had a Web site that received 500 visits a day.

In the years since, spamming has apparently provided a handsome income. Pitylak owns a renovated, olive-colored bungalow valued at \$450,000 in an older but tony Austin neighborhood. He drives a blue Jaguar and also had a black BMW parked in his driveway Thursday.

Although spammers thrive on anonymity, Pitylak is a well-known distributor of junk e-mail who has been identified by spam watchdog groups. His name appears on a register of known spam operators maintained by Spamhaus, a British group that tracks the biggest spammers in the world.

In July, the Chicago Tribune called him "one of the nation's most prodigious manufacturers of unsolicited commercial e-mail."

Hughes said Pitylak operated a legal Internet marketing business for several years but sold it in March to a Hong Kong company. Since then, he has worked as a consultant to the company, known as Payperaction, and continued classes at the University of

Texas at Austin.

Hughes compared Pitylak to Michael Dell, who dropped out of UT and founded a business that became the world's largest maker of personal computers.

"He is bright and interested and saw a way to use his talents to make some money," Hughes said. "He is fortunate enough to make it work out. That is kind of the American dream."

Payperaction made its money by finding leads for other businesses, such as mortgage companies, through e-mails. The e-mails contained links to Web pages that solicited information from people who responded.

Payperaction always disclosed that it was not the company offering the services, Hughes said, although it did so in small print at the bottom of the e-mail.

Abbott argues that Pitylak's business misled customers by posing as a company offering services. The e-mails came with subject lines that read, "Mortgage Notice" and "Residence Loan Memorandum."

But Pitylak simply sold the customer's personal information to other businesses that, in turn, sold it as well.

"When you open up the e-

mail and there is something different from what was advertised in the headline, that makes it a violation of both state and federal law," said Abbott, who sued Pitylak in federal court.

Texas does not have a law that provides criminal penalties for sending spam, Abbott said. But the attorney general alleges that Pitylak and his partners violated a federal law, known as the CAN-SPAM Act, which allows courts to fine violators \$250 for each misleading e-mail. The suit also alleges violations of Texas civil statutes.

"We are going to make it very clear that spamming is a money-losing proposition," Abbott said. "We are going to take away everything we can."

Matt Yarbrough, a former federal prosecutor in Dallas, said Pitylak might have violated the law if he bombarded people with unsolicited e-mails that did not include a note saying the recipient could be taken off the distribution list. And he noted that businesses and e-mail users are eager to see action taken against the ever-growing spam problem.

"It is the bane right now of everyone's existence," Yarbrough said. "The cost of this stuff is just enormous."

College forming center to explore the suburbs

BY CAROLYN SALAZAR
THE RECORD (BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.)

(KRT) — When people think of suburbia, Professor Philip Dolce says, they see middle-class nuclear families. They see conformity — in the form of monotonous tract housing in neighborhoods devoid of the kind of crime that plagues the inner city.

Those stereotypical images are all wrong, Dolce said.

"People buy into this image of suburbia that really doesn't hold up," he said.

Bergen Community College hopes to change that perception, said Dolce, chairman of its Social Studies Department.

The community college is embarking on an ambitious venture that aims to bring together judges, prosecutors, police and others to conduct in-depth studies of all aspects of suburban living — including gangs, homicides and rapes.

Educators as well as prominent law enforcement officials and politicians today plan to officially unveil the Center for Suburban Criminal Justice at Bergen Community College, a think tank of sorts that would develop expertise on suburban issues.

Although there are institutions

that concentrate on urban issues or rural issues, Dolce said, Bergen County would be the first in the country focusing on suburban issues.

"A lot of people do not pay much attention to suburbia," he said. "But the reality is more people live in the suburbs than anywhere else."

Recent U.S. census figures show not only explosive growth but also diversity in the nation's suburbs.

Although the center is still in its early stages — it doesn't have a budget yet — experts in the criminal justice field plan to begin huddling and examining important issues. Their first subject, Dolce said, is suburban gangs — groups who don't necessarily hang out on street corners, as they do in urban areas, but nonetheless exist.

BCC students will work for the center through a co-op program, gaining experience in various areas of criminal justice, said Dolce, who hopes to expand the program to examine suburban issues in New York and Connecticut.

Dolce said BCC will fund the program, but it will need federal and state grant money to be able to expand. In the meantime, he said, the organizers will rely heavily on time donated by criminal justice professionals and professors.



Events: January 13th-18th

Comparative Ethnic Studies

10:30 am • Friday, January 14, 2005 • CUB Cascade Room, WSU

Social Justice Lecture Series: African American Women in history, Dr. King's contribution to the Civil Rights movement and more will be discussed during presentation & panel discussion.

Latah County Human Rights Task Force Breakfast

9:00 am • Saturday, January 15, 2005 • Moscow Junior High School multipurpose room

Cost is \$6 adults/ \$4 children and students. Purchase tickets in advance at Bookpeople in Moscow.

Dr. King Memorial Service & March

1:00 pm • Saturday, January 15, 2005 • "K" House to Bryan Hall Auditorium, WSU

The Dr. King Memorial will serve as a starting point for the march. Join us for an afternoon of lecture, dialogue, and audio presentation of various speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Spoken Word Exhibition — Distinguished Guest: Saul Williams

3:00 pm • Saturday, January 15, 2005 • Bryan Hall Auditorium, WSU

Saul Williams, internationally acclaimed spoken word artist, is the distinguished guest for this year's Spoken Word Exhibition. Saul Williams Official Website: <http://www.saulwilliams.com/>

Social Justice Education Program — "Freedom School"

9:00 am • Monday, January 17, 2005 • CUB Ballroom, WSU

An interactive 1-day workshop designed to provide further study into social justice, the impact of the civil rights movement, and the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and lunch provided. Free to the public, although donations of canned goods will be appreciated.

Pullman Safeway Canned Food Drive

7:00 am- 7:00 pm • Sunday, January 16, 2005

Donations of non-perishable and canned goods benefit food banks in both communities.

Church Visitation — Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Service

5:00pm • Sunday, January 16, 2005 • CUB Ballroom

Spokane's Bethel AME Church will conduct a celebration service in commemoration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Open to all.

Moscow Food Drive

8am- 8pm • Monday, January 17, 2005

Donations of non-perishable and canned goods benefit food banks in both communities.

Moscow Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity March

5:00 pm • Tuesday, January 18, 2005 • Friendship Square, Moscow

A rally in honor of the civil rights movement. The march will end at the University of Idaho's SUB Ballroom to coincide with the opening of the doors for the Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

2005 Distinguished Service Award Banquet

6:00 pm • Tuesday, January 18, 2005 • SUB Ballroom, UI

The evening will include a full meal and entertainment as well the presentation of this year's Distinguished Service Awards. Dr. Mike Tate, WSU Vice President for Equity & Diversity keynote speaker.

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Today's scientists rarely fit yesterday's egghead image

BY ROBERT L. STEINBACK
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) - While the stereotypical image of the scientist - the white, male, wild-haired, geeky social misfit - still persists in popular media, tomorrow's real scientist is more likely to look like Melissa Walker: female, black, Cuban and, well, chic.

"I'm always 'into fashion,'" said Walker, an 18-year-old freshman biology major at St. Thomas University. "I buy clothes all the time. You wouldn't think I'm some sort of science geek."

Don't be completely fooled, though. "I have no problem doing the geek thing," said Walker, who has dreamed of being a doctor almost as long as she can remember.

Walker recalled that most of her science teachers in middle and high school were men who seemed to direct their attention to male students.

"I guess they figured girls wouldn't have an interest in it or they'd go into other fields," Walker said.

That's the sort of attrition of bright women and minority students in the sciences that educators at St. Thomas University hope to stop.

This month, St. Thomas broke ground on a new science building - and with it, an expanded commitment to encourage minority and female middle and high school students to go into the sciences.

The 32,000-square-foot building will feature display areas where grade-school students can watch science experiments in progress. Its classrooms and laboratories will have glass walls, so visiting kids can watch professors and college students at work. It will have a greenhouse and a rooftop observatory to put science at their fingertips.

"We want grade-school and middle-school children to raise their awareness of careers in science, and to collaborate with K-to-12 educators by living science," said Adrienne Vynne, chair of St. Thomas' Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Sciences department.

The immediate target will be the

heavily minority-populated schools near St. Thomas' campus in Dade County, Fla., said the Rev. Monsignor

level, the new building will be part science museum for the local community."

The \$6 million building, scheduled to open in 2006, will carry the name of Carnival Cruise Lines, which is donating \$1 million to the project.

National science education experts say America's colleges must recruit more students like Walker from demographic groups that haven't been drawn to the field in large numbers. That's one way to keep up with foreign competition and market demand, they say.

The Congressional Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development produced a report in September 2000 describing diversity as America's untapped advantage in science-related fields.

"Women, minorities and persons with disabilities currently constitute more than two-thirds of the U.S. workforce," the report said. "It is apparent that just when the U.S.

economy requires more SET science, engineering and technology workers, the largest pool of potential workers continues to be isolated from SET careers."

St. Thomas' plans should help a positive but slow national trend, said Elaine Mendoza, the commission's chairwoman and an aerospace engineer in San Antonio.

"We're seeing progress, but we need to see dramatic progress, which has not been achieved," said Mendoza. "Getting middle school and high school students to see and recognize what it is to be a scientist is right in line with our recommendations."

Perhaps the most important role models for young would-be scientists will be the college students just a few years ahead of them.

"I definitely see myself showing that if I can do this, then a bunch of people like me can do it," Melissa Walker said. "I want to be a role model for other people."

"We want grade-school and middle-school children to raise their awareness of careers in science, and to collaborate with K-to-12 educators by living science."

ADRIENNE VYNNE
CHAIR, ST. THOMAS' NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Franklyn M. Casale, the school's president.

"Our students will actually do experiments with high school students," Casale said. "On a modest

Police learn the fine art of patrolling on a college campus

BY GEORGINA GUSTIN
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

(KRT) - Officer Thompall Gibson was patrolling the campus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville last month when he came across a message scrawled on a sidewalk in chalk.

"Some of it got a little obscene or insulting," Gibson remembered, "so I just got rid of it."

But as he was washing the words away with water, a professor approached.

"He said, 'Hey, what're you doing?'" Gibson recalled. "I said, 'This is offensive to some people and I'm trying to wash it off.' He said, 'Haven't you heard of free speech?' and then started to lecture me."

Gibson isn't a rookie cop, but he is new to campus policing. And, as one of 35 officers on SIUE's police force, Gibson has had to adjust to the subtle differences between campus law enforcement and law enforcement in the "real" world. Only on a campus, he had learned, would graffiti - as some might consider it - be so readily defended as free speech.

The differences in policing a college campus and a municipality extend beyond questions of the First Amendment.

"First of all, we're dealing with a population of 18- to 22-year-olds in an environment where they're learning things for the first time," said SIUE police chief Regina Hays. Hays was the first female officer with the Edwardsville Police Department but left after two years to start a

family. She joined SIUE's campus police in 1988.

"There's a bigger picture than the legal aspect," she said. "It's the guidance, the learning. We're much more involved than a municipal agency. When a student comes to us with a problem, we'll never say 'That's not a police matter.'"

Over the past three decades, campus police forces around the country have evolved from security teams made up of part-time night watchmen and custodians to full-fledged police departments with uniformed, armed and state-certified officers with arrest powers. The SIUE force is just one of thousands of campus police forces across the country that have formalized in response to changing campus dynamics: the swell in college enrollees, rising crime and the lingering legacy of campus uprisings of the late 1960s and '70s.

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators estimates there are 30,000 campus police officers in the country.

"The turning point for campus law enforcement came with the Kent State disaster," said Charles R. McDonald, who started at SIUE in 1979 and later became the department's chief. "Now, they're more professional. A lot of them outstrip some of their local departments."

In 1970, after four Kent State students protesting Vietnam War policies were killed by members of the National Guard, a wave of student protests spread around the country, raising concern about the ability on college campuses to safely quell uprisings.

"There was a point, in the early 1970s, when

it just made more sense for universities to have their own police," said Don Strom, chief of the Washington University Police Department.

Rick Weisenborn, a 27-year veteran of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, joined the SIUE force in October.

He notes: "A lot of times you're a counselor. A lot of times you're just giving them some guidance. Just because they're doing something wrong doesn't mean they need to be arrested. You kind of give them directions about life."

That, says SIUE's Hays, is the biggest difference.

"A municipal department can either charge or not charge, but we have the ability to go to student affairs. We can do it internally," Hays said. "Holding over their head the ability to go to school is much more powerful than sending them to court where they'd get a \$100 fine and a slap on the wrist. We have that option."

Still, that doesn't mean SIUE officers don't arrest people. Since 2000 they've made a total of 875 arrests.

But in general, campus policing is more proactive than reactive. And, in the 1990s, when the community policing philosophy became popular around the nation, police departments followed a law enforcement model that campus police have employed for decades.

"Campus police have been into community policing long before it became a buzzword," said McDonald, now a police training specialist for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board.

The community policing approach puts more emphasis on getting police officers out among the people they're hired to protect in order to create relationships and counter an "us versus them" attitude. On a college campus, it's much easier to create that kind of connection.

"There is a much more direct connection in a university setting than in a community," said Washington University's Strom. "In part that's because if my child's there, I'm hoping the police can be a parental extension."

Campus police, in fact, used to play down their presence on some campuses by wearing plainclothes. The thinking was that if prospective students and parents saw police on campus, they would assume it was crime-ridden.

"It was the 'we-don't-have-problems' mentality," Hays said.

But now, with the enactment of federal legislation in 1998 that orders all campuses to report certain crimes, the statistics are out in the open - and so are the police officers.

"You're there when they arrive on the first day," Strom said, "and you're there when they leave at commencement."

And when students graduate, the hope is they will have learned as much about following the rules as they did in the classroom.

"We're in the process of creating good citizens," Hays said. "Obviously we want to prevent people from doing bad things, but as part of the educational process we're being educators as well. It doesn't just stop with the faculty."

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MAILBOX

Consider health in abortion debate

Dear Editor,
In response to Cheyenne Smith-Sarkkinen ("Partial birth abortion wrong," Nov. 30), the primary issue regarding abortion should not be "the personhood of the fetus" but rather the woman's right to choose to save herself. Abortion issues center around a woman's fundamental rights to make a decision regarding her life and health with the help of her family and physician. This ban does NOT make an exception for the life or health of the mother and therefore violates a woman's rights concerning her body.

In 40 states there are laws already in place banning third trimester abortions. This ban would reach much earlier into pregnancy, banning abortions as early as 12-15 weeks, in which a fetus is not viable outside of the mother. It is at this stage that abortion is considered safest for the pregnant woman. Banning such a procedure puts her at unnecessary risk and limits a physician's ability to provide medically necessary procedures, which the Supreme Court has already ruled unconstitutional. This ban would not allow women abortions who had serious medical conditions such as stroke, renal failure or diabetes.

Every woman has a right to choose whether or not to have a child. This is a decision to be made individually, with the consultation of family and physicians, not by a meddling politician in Washington, D.C. Every child should be wanted and loved.

Sally Eby
Senior
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Date rape comment shocking

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the article "Clubs take precautions against date rape" (Nov. 30). In this article Moscow police captain David Duke is quoted as saying, "Out of eight acquaintance rapes reported in the past two years ... five of them would be considered unfounded" and "We get a lot of victims that get way intoxicated. They actually give consent but they don't think so later."

It is shocking that a captain of a police department would say something that would make the victims of these assaults feel as if they are to be blamed. If we are ever going to begin to stop these rapes from occurring, victims need to feel safe and know that there are people ready to listen to them. Captain Duke's comments do anything but that.

Captain Duke's statements have brought shame upon the Moscow Police Department and the community at large, and I call upon him to publicly apologize and retract his comments.

Christopher Dockrey
Senior
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More to firefighter story

Dear Editor,
I'm writing in regards of an article from a September issue involving the Resident Firefighting program ("Volunteer firefighters balance average Joe lifestyle with high-stress profession," Sept. 28). I was very excited to see an article that had something to do with me, although I was sad to see that the author of this article didn't ask enough questions. I was shocked when I read that there are only 24 student firefighters. This is a half true statement. Yes, there are 24 students in the resident firefighter program. However, there are eight more students in the fire department that are in regular companies and naturally volunteer their time.

The resident firefighters are required to put in a lot of training time, however, 90 percent of them have to because they are in a basic firefighting class and they are still learning to become a good firefighter. The rest of the fire department volunteers time from their busy schedules to put in the same amount of training that the resident firefighters do so they too can keep up on their knowledge of fire behavior.

About 10 percent of the resident firefighters belong to more than one company of the department, such as an engine company and the ambulance company. The eight other student firefighters belong in at least two companies and one of them is in three different companies, which can take up a large amount of time when that bell rings and we all race off to a fire as a team.

Andy Crossler
Moscow volunteer firefighter

SHIP users should read plan

Dear Editor,
In the Dec. 10 issue of the Argonaut, Maqsood Rahman complained about the UI Student Health Insurance Plan but admitted he failed to read the packet ("Student families dispute SHIP coverage"). He went on to ask, "How many students in the entire university go through this plan? Nobody bothers to do that."

For \$455 dollars per semester, you can bet I did. SHIP orientations aren't necessary. Personal responsibility and a willingness to read the fine print are.

Kelle Judd
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OURVIEW

Pros outweigh cons in State of the State

Governor Dirk Kempthorne gave some promising news when he outlined his vision for Idaho in the annual State of the State address, but for UI students it is not all roses.

Most impressive was his proposal to use bonds in order to improve and build highways connecting the western portion of the state.

Focusing on Highway 95, the plan would expand 95 to a multi-lane highway between Moscow and Lewiston, eliminate dangerous curves in the same stretch. The proposal would also turn 95 into a four-lane highway from Coeur d'Alene to Sandpoint.

Furthermore, the plan calls for a new highway through Indian Valley, which would offer an alternative route to the hazardous Highway 55.

The renovations would provide a sigh of relief for UI students who face deadly conditions in almost every direction from Moscow.

Other proposals from Kempthorne also would be beneficial to UI.

Kempthorne called for a 1 percent raise for state employees and teachers. While this is not enough, it still represents what will hopefully become a

growing trend in state budgets. UI faculty are underpaid and undervalued by the state. Any increase in their salary helps keep good instructors in Idaho, where they are needed.

Kempthorne also recommends a budget of just more than \$1 billion for education in Idaho. While the majority of this increase will go toward K-12 schools, higher education would receive \$14-20 million extra from the Permanent Building Fund. This number is also low and, in UI's case, will go toward the maintenance of University Place in Boise, but it is encouraging that the governor has not recommended cutting any more funding to higher education.

Impressive as some of Kempthorne's numbers are, there were some downfalls for UI students in the speech.

Kempthorne's continuing promise to allow the 1 percent sales tax to sunset in June will cost the university around \$80 million a year. The tax was intended as a bailout to an education system suffering from an economic downturn in Idaho. Kempthorne prefers to ignore the fact that universi-

ties are still suffering and desperately need the revenues in the coming years.

Kempthorne did recommend that a 29-cent surcharge tax on cigarettes remain in place. This tax was created at the same time as the sales tax, and its revenues will be the basis for our increase from the Permanent Building Fund.

Overall, Kempthorne's budget increase does fall short of what is needed for students at the colleges and universities of Idaho. The governor and the legislature need to realize that a dedication to higher education is as necessary to the state as funding K-12 education.

So why was the State of the State encouraging?

The governor hit on several points that are vital to UI and students across the state. It points the legislature in the proper direction to improve policy and funding in the coming years regarding students and education. Idaho needs to start somewhere, and what the governor has proposed is, at the very least, a start.

S.O.



Abstinence-only education only hurts

The Christian Right is at it again. No, not the church bake sale - you missed that. This is totally going to blow your mind, but once more the obnoxiously powerful evangelical lobby is attacking truth and rationality to push its selfish agenda.

A recently released report commissioned by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., found that more than 170 million tax dollars were wasted this year alone on "abstinence-only" sex education programs.

I'm not saying teaching abstinence as the only sexual option for high school students is a waste itself, because as we all know there's nothing more effective for getting high schoolers to not have sex than an authority figure saying, "Don't have sex." Unfortunately, it turns out that the abstinence programs are not only totally ineffective, but they are also, in the appropriate journalistic nomenclature, total bulls---. Waxman's report discovered that "11 of the 13 most popular abstinence-only programs contain blatant lies."

Some of them include the following gems of crap: touching another person's genitals "could result in pregnancy," HIV can be spread through sweat and tears, and condoms fail 31 percent of the time.

So why, if abstinence education is as capable as its proponents pretend, are they bearing false witness? The obvious answer is, of course, that abstinence-only programs don't work. And not only do they not work, but

they're also dangerously misleading. Study after study finds that the more educated, comfortable and aware people are about sex, the lower the incidence of STDs and pregnancy among said well-informed clusters. A good example of the antecedent maxim is the Netherlands.

For years Dutch teens have enjoyed comprehensive sex education in their schools, with admirable results. The teenagers routinely practice "double-Dutch" contraception, where both parties involved protect themselves, usually with the pill and a condom.

Dutch sex-ed teachers can go years and never encounter students who get pregnant unintentionally. An American teacher would be lucky to encounter just one pregnant student a semester. As much as the religious right would like to have us believe that abstinence-only is the scientifically sound and generally preferred model, and not arbitrary moral imposition, it just ain't so. Roughly 85 percent of adults in the United States support comprehensive sex ed to its lame and quixotic counterpart. It's true that abstinence is the only way to absolute-

ly guarantee avoiding pregnancy and venereal disease (well, except for genital touching and tears, it turns out), but it just isn't going to happen.

The argument against realistic sex ed is that it promotes sexual promiscuity. Melissa Pardue, a columnist for the Washington Times, forwards the typical conservative line that sex-ed classes only mention "self-restraint in passing," and are far more dangerous than they are helpful.

Pardue claims that "studies" show abstinence programs help teens say no to sex. Oddly, none of these "studies" are cited. According to Pardue, if students get descriptions of sex, or are given condoms, they'll have the motive and means to get freaky-deaky. Not that this is a particularly compelling point, but from my own experience, I could have been given a trash bag full of condoms in high school and it wouldn't have done a damn bit of good toward improving my sex life.

For the love of God, can't we all agree to keep science, education and common sense in the schools and religious doctrine at home? I don't insist on trying to convince the Jerry Falwells and Doug Wilsons of the world that maybe God didn't cryptically make nature lie about the origins of man and the natural world for the last six billion years. Similarly, I don't (and wouldn't if I were in a position to) waste hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars to force my views on sexuality down anyone's throat, and I wish I would be afforded the same courtesy.

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What a Jackass

There are few roads that lead to jackass quicker than hypocrisy. Hypocrites belong in the ninth circle of the special hell set aside for jackasses, a sentiment that I find not only just, but comforting.

Anyone who expects less than a painfully gluttonous helping of hypocrisy in politics is naive, but anyone condoning it has transcended from naiveté to mental illness. Most of the time, whining about the hypocrisies of the political realm is a redundant practice.

Still, there are episodes of hypocrisy so intense and transparent that it becomes impossible not to bring them to light and condemn them in the harshest way possible and in whatever forum available. One such episode is currently underway in the soap opera that has become the Washington state gubernatorial race.

Dino Rossi, the Republican candidate currently on the losing side of what should be a finished race, and the Washington GOP have garnered some serious jackass points with a shameful display of saying one thing and turning around at the drop of a dime (or a ballot) to do the other.

After crying foul at Democrats for having two recounts after Election Day (they cried foul about the second recount; the first was mandated by state law), the GOP and Rossi switched tunes when the second recount put the Republican down by 129 votes!

Had the Republicans been reasonable about the hand recount (which was paid for by the Democrats), their actions would be far more understandable now. Instead, they called for Democratic candidate Chris Gregoire to take the high road and concede, saying she was dragging Washington's good name through the mud in aiasco they compared to Florida in the 2000 presidential election.

Apparently the high road is about as appealing to the Republicans as officiating a gay marriage between gangster rap stars. Rossi and company are now taking the issue to court, demanding not more recounts (Republicans sat in on the second recount to make the process fair), but an entirely new vote.

Now, there are sore losers and there are jackasses. This falls into the jackass category without question. The GOP seems to think there were statewide mistakes so grievous that a revote is necessary to preserve democracy in Washington.

Whether or not this is true (it is not), no one heard a peep from Republicans about these atrocities committed against democracy when Rossi was winning the race. How is anyone supposed to take them seriously now? And for any Republicans reading this column, that question was rhetorical.

The worst thing about someone saulting into the land of the jackass for Rossi is that he could have had ground to stand on if he hadn't been such a hypocrite early in counting. By acting high and mighty and trying to portray Gregoire as a crying liberal unable to admit defeat, he took away his credibility when that the tables have turned.

Keeping silent would have allowed him to crusade against the injustices of the election without sounding like the desperate, self-serving opportunist that he is proving himself to be.

The scientific term for that kind of person is "politician." The layman's version is usually "jackass."

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ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

Local musicians reach the airwaves with Radio Rounds

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
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Garrett Clevenger has a story to tell about the newest show on KRFP 92.5 FM, Radio Free Moscow.

One evening, he said, a woman from Potlatch urged her husband to drive all the way to Moscow just to listen to their favorite program, "Radio Rounds."

"Radio Rounds, which was created by Clevenger, is designed to promote Moscow's budding music scene and encourage others to share their music with the community."

The program airs from 8 to 10

p.m. Wednesdays on KRFP. Like the station, it is supported solely by its listeners and driven by volunteers, so there are no commercials to interrupt the show.

"I wish to provide balance to the near-monopoly that corporate media have over our news and entertainment," Clevenger said. "We are acting for the benefit of the community."

Clevenger hopes Moscow will someday have more recording studios and live music venues, as it did in the 1930s. He said more people would be inspired to move to Moscow if the music scene were stronger.

Even though it may take a

while, improving the state of music in the community is a goal for which Clevenger said he is determined to work. "Radio Rounds" is just a small piece in that puzzle, but I hope to be able to network with musicians and continue working on this dream," he said.

After visiting Nashville two summers ago, Clevenger got the idea for "Radio Rounds" and decided to introduce it to the area. Clevenger said that at some venues, several musicians would rotate playing in sequences of three, in what are called "rounds."

"It was neat to see this happen

because it makes for interesting dynamics," he said. "I really want Moscow to have a thriving music scene. Maybe not as big as Nashville, but definitely stronger than it is now."

Musicians who have performed on "Radio Rounds" include blues artist Tom Armstrong, Escient Seeds, Travis Silvers, Tara Howe and Milo Duke. Members of Clevenger's own band, The Acoustic Wave Machine, also have performed.

Clevenger said he is not particular on styles of music and just wants to provide opportunities for anyone who wants to share their music on live radio. To add

to the show's appeal, Clevenger also interviews the performers.

Noel Palmer and the rest of the acoustic bluegrass quartet Chubbs Toga performed on "Radio Rounds" after hearing about the show from Clevenger.

"I knew he was setting this show up," Palmer said. "It is a great idea, and he is a critical player in getting the radio station up and running."

Chubbs Toga consists of University of Idaho students Palmer on guitar, Sam Schumacher on banjo and John Brunfeld on mandolin. Troy Robey, who just finished graduate school at Washington State

University, plays bass. All members of the band also provide vocals.

Palmer said the group stood around a central microphone and cranked out music for two hours during the show.

"Playing on 'Radio Rounds' was a blast for us," Palmer said. "We just showed up and played. No amps, no effects, just simple."

Robey said Radio Free Moscow is an addition to the list of things that make Moscow a nice place to be.

"The more music we have around town, the better quality of life," he said.

Don't miss these films from 2004

BY TYLER WILSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

The year 2004 wasn't much different from most years. Some movies were good, some were bad and a very select few were great.

While many of the year's most publicized "great" films have yet to expand nationwide (notably Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby" and "Hotel Rwanda"), 2004 did have a solid share of great films. The following are the top ten movies from more than 80 films.

REVIEW

1. **The Incredibles.** This computer-animated gem from Pixar was probably the only film of 2004 to deliver on so many different levels, packing the most heart, humor and thrills into two hours. Even though it was marketed to kids as a must-see cartoon, "The Incredibles" is the first from Pixar's fantastic filmography to tackle adult issues, as well as making a few statements about the nature of mediocrity in America. It also boasts the very definition of perfect voice casting. "The Incredibles" does it all, and it does all with near perfection.

2. **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.** Charlie Kaufman ("Being John Malkovich") has a reputation for being an innovative screenwriter, but Kaufman devises a brilliantly funny and emotional script in "Eternal Sunshine" that outshines all of his previous work combined. With an inventive vision by director Michael Gondry, energetic work by Kate Winslet and a powerful against-type performance by Jim Carrey, Kaufman's script is elevated to one of the best movies about relationships.

3. **Finding Neverland.** Johnny Depp, in an almost completely opposite role from his Oscar-nominated performance in "Pirates of the Caribbean," anchors this emotional tale of how J.M. Barrie came to write "Peter Pan." While easily categorized as a "tearjerker," "Finding Neverland" transcends the genre with powerful performances and beautiful cinematography. Depp's quiet performance proves he is possibly the most diverse and talented actor working today.



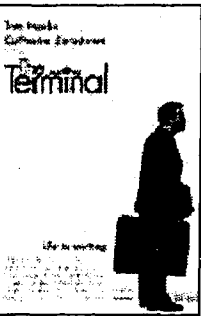
4. **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.** While being described by many critics as something of a disappointment for writer/director Wes Anderson ("The Royal Tenenbaums"), "The Life Aquatic" works perfectly for the right audience. The film can be considered emotionally distant (as many critics called "The Royal Tenenbaums"), but Anderson's film is an art house epic full of powerful emotion and humor for those willing to go along for the ride.

5. **Collateral.** Jamie Foxx has been given overwhelming praise for his portrayal of Ray Charles in "Ray," but he does his best work here. Foxx plays against a diabolically perfect Tom Cruise, who plays a contract killer in director Michael Mann's thrilling drama. "Collateral" is more exciting than most action flicks of 2004, without any of the special effects.

6. **Kill Bill: Volume 2.** While "Kill Bill: Volume 1" isn't fantastic, Quentin Tarantino's "Volume 2" is the definition of what a Tarantino film should be.

Tarantino's inventive dialogue and his ability to stage tense sequences around conversation more than erase his vain, over-the-top "Volume 1."

7. **The Terminal.** Steven Spielberg's airport drama didn't attract much critical or box office attention, but there are so many elements working in "The Terminal" that deserve a second look. Among them are a sharp story reminiscent of Frank Capra's work and an endearing performance by Tom Hanks as a man with a mission, but no home.



8. **Fahrenheit 9/11.** Politics aside, Michael Moore knows how to craft an entertaining and eye-opening documentary. Sure, liberal-minded viewers are going to like this film much more than conservatives, but documentaries just don't do the business this film did by merely criticizing the president for two hours.

9. **Sideways.** Arguably the best-reviewed movie of the year, "Sideways" doesn't disappoint those looking for a smart, offbeat comedy-drama. Paul

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DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

Modest Mouse's Isaac Brock starts off the set list with some of the band's mellower tunes Dec. 17 at McMenamin's Crystal Ballroom in Portland, Ore.

Modest Mouse reaches concert perfection

BY DANIEL BICKLEY
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McMenamin's Crystal Ballroom was packed during fans' final chance to catch Modest Mouse in Portland. "Meeeee!" roughly 10 fans

shouted after Modest Mouse lead guitarist and vocalist Isaac Brock asked how many people had seen all five shows that week. Brock sarcastically responded with "damnit, acting bummed that he had to switch up the band's set list so the hard-core fans could enjoy a somewhat unique experience.

REVIEW

2004 double Grammy-nominated Modest Mouse got the dance floor shaking, literally, at the ballroom for five consecutive December shows.

On Dec. 17, the final performance, the band did not come off as tired and ready to move on, but rather excited to play one last show. One fan said he was there three of the five nights and that Friday night's crowd had the most energy.

Modest Mouse features Brock, Eric Judy on bass, Dann Gallucci on guitar and Benjamin Weikel on drums. Portland's show included additional musicians, including Tom Peloso on vocals, fiddle and standup

bass, and original band member Jeremiah Green on drums.

The venue seemed to go perfectly with the music. It was darker than most concerts, and the only lights came from behind the musicians, making it difficult to see anything more than a colorful silhouette.

The kiddies filled up the left two-thirds of the ballroom, while the other third, for those 21 and older, consisted of typical Portland-style indie-band groupies. The men looked like angry sea captains and the women seemed to have walked right out of SuicideGirls.com, which is by no means a bad thing. Surprisingly, many of the groupie

audience members were Idaho transplants to Portland.

The band started out Friday's set with "Ocean Breathes Salty," and fit in other songs such as "Float On," "Satin In a Coffin," "Blame It On the Tetons" and "The Good Times Are Killing Me," from its latest album, "Good News For People Who Love Bad News."

However, Modest Mouse did not disappoint fans that have closely followed the band for the last decade.

The band played "I Came As a Rat"

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Movie lovers sickened by horrendous flicks in 2004

BY TYLER WILSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

There's one thing that the average moviegoer can count on each year: a few stupendously awful movies.

While it's a common belief that it's really hard to make a good film, making a bad one can be incredibly easy. And sometimes filmmakers

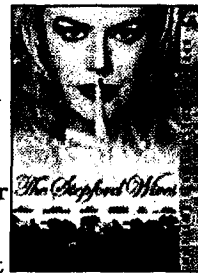
can try really hard, only to fail miserably. The following list only represents the bad movies this reviewer was dumb enough to see. The list does not include all those reviled movies that even avid filmgoers worked hard to avoid (yes, "White Chicks," that means you).

1. **Catwoman.** Here's an idea! Take Oscar-winner Halle Berry, stick her in a revealing but essentially ridiculous costume, give her a whip

and center an entire movie on it. What's that? A coherent script? Solid action sequences? Sharp direction? Nah, not important. Instead let's have lame special effects, horrendous overacting and a script unacceptable even for a bunch of third-graders.

Thankfully, "Catwoman" bears no resemblance to the character from DC Comics. This film should be shown in film school with the lesson plan, "What not to do with millions of dollars."

2. **Torque.** This wannabe action flick's awfulness seems almost intentional. The action is overproduced and cartoonish, and the story is pointless. Actors like Ice Cube try to scream lame dialogue in order to make it sound impor-



tant. Yet the direction by Joseph Zahn (taking too many lame pointers from Michael Bay) seems to suggest his film is an innovative, serious action flick. Unfortunately, "Torque" isn't even good enough for a laugh.

3. **The Stepford Wives.** Rumors of problems on the set of this remake about robot spouses didn't seem to affect the box office, but sure enough, this film turned out worse than any nasty rumor ever could. There isn't a shred of genuine humor in "The Stepford Wives," and a star-studded cast that includes Matthew Broderick and Nicole Kidman can't hide how slight the entire production is. Not to mention that the ending, which is apparently supposed to say something insightful, is rushed and anti-climactic.

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Reigning pop queens continue to provide entertainment

Winter break is usually a time of happiness. Warm feelings are shared in this season of iPods, digital cameras and hopes for the new year divulged around a burning fire. Gift giving and selfishness take a back seat to the more rewarding aspects of the season.

This is all in a perfect world. I love gifts and so does everyone, but tangible items and holiday cheer aside, this year I received more than I bargained for.

Imagine my wonder, my absolute awe, when a learned family member informed me of a major faux pas on national television. Another teen princess had apparently gone the way of Ashlee Simpson (more about her later). How could this be? I thought it impossible. I thought Santa had come early.

But yes, it is true. Lindsay Lohan has been caught. On the Dec. 6 broadcast of the journalistic bastion that is "Good Morning America," Lohan succumbed to the temptation to lip-synch to a taped vocal track. Only days before, Lohan told launch.com that she is against lip-synching in any of its major forms.

"I wanna be able to sing stuff to show that I

have a voice and I can actually project," Lohan said. "And I wanna find things I'm not gonna have to lip sync to."

Considering Simpson's slip on "Saturday Night Live," Lohan should be criticized even more. So what if Simpson blamed her band and an assortment of other things? At least she knows the words to her songs.

Lohan seems to have emerged from this unscathed. The legions of screaming little girls at the taping didn't seem to notice the mistake; maybe they didn't even care. Frankly, in terms of pure entertainment value, Simpson's mismatch was more rewarding because of her charming excuses. All the public got from Lohan was a guilty smile.

This is, of course, nothing new. It would be

impossible for artists to sound the way fans want them to during live performances if lip-synching were not in vogue. The difference between Lohan and Simpson and countless nauseating boy bands is that the groups know how to hide it. Maybe Lohan, Simpson and the rest of the gang should get together and rethink their strategies. A little common sense and five minutes to read over their own lyrics would solve a lot of problems.

As if this one act was not enough to cure my holiday blues, Simpson reinforced my belief that all is right in the world with her halftime performance at the Orange Bowl. The chorus of boos that echoed through the packed stadium was almost enough to convince me to lay my life on the line for President Bush. I only wish I had watched the live broadcast, but an Internet replay of the event works just as well. Her latest single, "La La," while devoid of any redeeming musical qualities, deserves a listen when a good laugh is needed. Could Simpson attribute her latest snafu to a Miami outbreak of acid reflux?



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Pop culture needs help in 2005

Ah, 2004. What a beautiful year for popular culture. The world had full doses of Michael Jackson, Anna Nicole Smith, Paris Hilton and those guys Britney Spears married. Heh, heh.

Whoops. Maybe it wasn't so great. Looks like it's up to little people who have no clout whatsoever in the pop cultural world to change entertainment for the year to come. And to kick it all off, my Pop Culture New Year's Resolutions List 2005.

- Market on the success of Terror Squad's "Lean Back" by creating my own song/dance craze for 15 seconds of fame: "Flopp Around."
- Begin a petition to get "I Love the '90s Part Deux" immediately cancelled from VH1. Five years is not enough time for nostalgia to set in here, people. Nobody misses Coolio yet.
- Become the next Ashlee Simpson, because, like Ashlee Simpson, I have a shaggy haircut, can't dance and can't sing. Hey, maybe I'll get to be on "Saturday Night Live" too.
- Be more compassionate towards Ashlee Simpson. She's just a kid with a power-hungry father, living in the shadow of her blonder and more talented sister and manufactured into a "punk" because celebri-

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ty won't accept her for who she is. Man, I feel bad for her already.

- Finally send that thank-you card to Nickelodeon for airing a "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" marathon during finals week.
- Learn to spell "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart's name without help so my fan mail will stop going to some unfortunate guy in Atlanta named John Stuart.
- Figure out how to know what's happening on stupid shows like "The O.C." and "Desperate Housewives" without actually watching them, so I can not along knowingly during "Entertainment Tonight" rather than sitting there gaping like some dopey fish.
- Set a record for going on the most consecutive reality shows, then get a lucrative book deal for my ghost-written autobiography: "Life as a Surviving Swan in the Real World of Singing Models."
- Watch "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" as many times as it takes to finally understand the plot, then reach out and help others who were also totally confused but still thought it was an amazing movie.
- Find some way to write for "The Simpsons." That is, if the producers are looking for 19-year-old, semi-educated Idahoan hacks with weird taste in jokes. Stranger things have happened. Look at how popular William Hung is.

Okay, so maybe these things aren't going to improve pop culture. They might even make it worse. But either way, here's to 2005 as another strange and interesting year in the world of entertainment. Minus, hopefully, Anna Nicole Smith.

PIECES OF ME



DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT
Genesee-sixth-grader Laura Glover took first place with her artwork titled, "Broken Pieces," which was displayed at Above the Rim art gallery along with other children's artwork.

ARTSBRIEFS

Kennard Piano Trio performs Tuesday

The Kennard Piano Trio will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall. The trio is made up of UI faculty members Jay Mauchley on piano, Ferenc Cseszko on violin and William Wharton on cello. The program will consist of two compositions: Trio No. 11 by Beethoven and Trio No. 2 by Russian composer Shostakovich. Shostakovich's Trio No. 2 originates from Soviet Russia during World War II. It was written in 1944, when Russia had been all but destroyed by the Stalinists and Nazis. The song's first performance was in Leningrad on Nov. 14, 1944, with Shostakovich on piano.

Tickets for Tuesday's performance are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors and \$7 for a reserved seat. To reserve a seat, call 885-6231.

One-page play scripts due Saturday

Scripts for UI's second "DNA Festival of Very, Very, Very Short Plays" are being accepted until Saturday. Robert Caisley, assistant professor of theater at UI, will pick the best scripts to be staged March 2-6.

The theme for the plays is "The Art of Excess." Guidelines for submission are on the Department of Theatre and Film's Web site.

Bucer's overflows with music this weekend

Franklin Q. Jazz, featuring Kent Queener on piano, will play tonight from 8-11. For acoustic lovers, Trout Jam performs Saturday and The Dol Baran Celtic Band performs Sunday. All shows are free and open to everyone.

'Pink' is WSU's new favorite color

"Pink," a new art exhibit, will be at the Compton Union Gallery on the WSU campus through Feb. 3. The exhibition is an installation of photography, documentary and environment.

The works explore issues of interest to women through personal anecdote and experience and were created by WSU staff member Anna Maria Shannon, along with documentary maker Brenda Congdon and photographer Beryl Striewski. The three will talk about the exhibit during a lunchtime lecture Thursday in the CUB.

Caisley play travels to Virginia for festival

Robert Caisley's contemporary drama, "The Lake," opens Tuesday at Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke, Va. The play is being presented as part of the 15th annual Norfolk Southern Festival of New Works.

"The Lake" is directed by Jere Lee Hodgins and stars Rob Estes, who appeared in Idaho Repertory Theatre's summer production of "Same Time Next Year."

Caisley is an assistant professor of theater at UI.

Buhl celebrates centennial with sculpture

Buhl recently held a sculpture contest in celebration of its centennial. The contest was intended to create public artwork celebrating the town's main industry, trout farming, and the community's history.

The winner, Cindy Darnell, received \$1,500 for her two-and-a-half-story steel and copper trout.

Crumb is WSU's honored composer for 2005

University of Oregon professor David Crumb has been dubbed 2005's honored composer at WSU's Festival of Contemporary Art Music.

WSU faculty will perform Crumb's compositions in a public concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 in Kimbrough Concert Hall. Student work also will be showcased at the festival.

Crumb was chosen because "his music is always dramatic, intense and eclectic," said Charles Argersinger, professor of composition at WSU and creator of the festival.

Pullman is alive with 'The Sound of Music'

The Pullman Civic Theatre will perform Rodger and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," starting Feb. 25. Five performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with one matinee at 2 p.m.

John Rich directs the play, with vocal direction by Rosemary Waldrop. The choral director is Dale Forrey. All advance tickets are \$10 and go on sale Feb. 1 at Dismore's, Neill's Flowers and Gifts and the Pullman Safeway. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors.

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Band puts Alley crowd in a different Frame of Mind

BY JON ROSS
ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

According to Obie Scott, guitarist for the band Frame of Mind, climate is not the only difference

between California and Southern Idaho.

"People in California are a bit inhibited," he said. "People here are a little more open minded."

Scott cites this as a reason the band moved to Idaho after three years in the Golden State.

"Some people might want to judge our music by something they have just heard, and that's wrong," he said.

In Scott's hometown of San Clemente, Calif., the band played a variety of clubs and went through a drummer or two. After playing around town for a while, the musicians quit their jobs and moved to Sun Valley. A two-year tour soon followed.

"We finally got a group of people together that were ready to venture on," Scott said.

"The band's musicality was not about showing off, but about establishing a mood."

Because Frame of Mind is not a straight-up genre group, a more accepting audience is needed in order for performances to go over well, he said.

"We're different. We play rock 'n' roll basically, but it's more branched out," Scott said. "We're kind of a jam band; some people would call us that."

Upon searching his brain for more descriptive terms, Scott honed in on a working definition for the band. Frame of Mind plays "eclectic rock 'n' roll with the occasional improvisational interlude," he said. "We try not to make each song sound the same."

This summation fits the band well. The group's Jan. 7 gig at John's Alley was full of loosely structured songs pushed forward by genre manipulation. Lyrics served as a backdrop to improvisational excavation. The band's

musicality was not about showing off, but about establishing a mood.

This exploration was

anchored by Scott's guitar and brother Josh's multi-instrumentalism. Most adept on the harmonica, Josh also played keyboards, flute and an electronically manipulated alto saxophone. Rounding out the band are drummer Ryan Russell, who shoulders hand percussion duties as well as kit work, and Niami Pickup on bass.

The band draws its inspiration from groups like Phish, Widespread Panic and The Grateful Dead - groups that made a living sporting long hair and appealing to uninhibited crowds. All members of the group sing, although Josh and his brother are the main vocalists.

"We love to hone in on our harmonies," Scott said.

Scott's start with music was a bit unorthodox. His brother had already started a band and convinced Scott to learn guitar. "I wasn't even a musician at the time," Scott said.

Musicality aside, Josh had faith that Scott would come through. "He knows that I learn things fast," Scott said.

After Scott was enlisted on guitar, Frame of Mind was formed. Down the road, drummer problems led the group to Russell. "He's taken us to the next level," Scott said.

The members of Frame of Mind are currently concentrating on recreating the band's live sound in the studio, with the ultimate goal of recording a few times a year and touring for the remainder. To better achieve this dream, the artists moved in together and built a recording studio in the house.

"We're trying to trap our live sound in recording," Scott said. Scott doesn't think the band accomplished that feat with its previous two records but is hoping for better results next time. The group's current album, "Good Medicine," is out now and an acoustic album, "Fireside," will be released shortly.

NEXT SHOW

Time: 9:30 p.m.
Date: Feb. 4
Place: John's Alley

'Going Public' describes an alternative activism

BY TOM BANKS
ARGONAUT STAFF

"Civil action" is a term that often gets tossed around in ambiguous terms (at best) in today's world. When people hear it, it conjures up images of neo-hippies standing in circles in front of some city hall holding candles and singing "We Shall Overcome."

Michael Gecan's book "Going Public" is, among other things, a guide to more effective means of civil action. Gecan goes to great lengths to show his methods produce positive results in individual communities, as well as in the broader social spectrum.

Gecan has been one of the primary organizers for the Industrial Areas Foundation for more than 25 years and his book draws broadly on his experiences there. The book functions primarily as an instructional work on efficient paths to effective citizens' action to change public life, whether it be raising money for a new city park or protesting to improve local transit.

Most of the citizens' action described in "Going Public" is centered on Gecan and

other IAF organizers' associations with various people battling the decay of their communities, and the reasons why those individuals meet with success or failure.

The book is elevated above the level of yet another banal celebration of First Amendment rights, due mainly to Gecan's objective tone and informed, graceful prose. He proves himself to be an expert at constructing steady clauses and smoothly tapered paragraphs throughout, and doesn't fall into the trap of spending too much time discussing the technicalities of his work. Instead, he chooses to outline the basic principles of what it takes to achieve successful citizens' action and presents those principles in stories from his own experience as

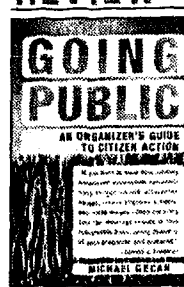
an IAF organizer.

Gecan also seems surprisingly disinterested in casting aspersions at the various bureaucracies that have tried to interfere with the work of his organization over the years. Among these was the Giuliani administration, for which Gecan harbors considerable respect in spite of its ambivalent relationship with the IAF.

There are a few drawbacks to the book as well, the most noticeable of which is Gecan's occasional lapse into self-righteousness. Instances of this, however, are too few and far between for it to become grating on the reader. The only other point against the book is that Gecan is so focused on proving the thesis statement in each of the book's chapters that the reader gets the feel that he may be overlooking the opposing side of the story, which more often than not is that of the antagonistic bureaucrat.

All in all, though, "Going Public" is a worthwhile and thought-provoking read not only for those who are involved in civil action, but also for any casual observer of public activism in America.

REVIEW



MICHAEL GECAN

"Going Public"
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Must-heave TV: Prime-time rat autopsies, dangling eyeballs are enough to make you lose your TV dinner

BY TIM MADIGAN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) — In 1953, a Swanson's Food Co. employee invented what became known as the TV dinner - Salisbury steak or turkey, mashed potatoes, green peas and a dreadful dessert - all served in compartmentalized tin trays. Western civilization was thus transformed. A TV dinner tray now resides in the Smithsonian. Really.

But now, more than a half-century later, the sacred tradition of eating in front of the television has been imperiled - threatened by the litany of blood and internal organs, oozing abrasions, gunshot wounds, up-close-and-personal autopsies, spurting aortas, bugs, worms and large rodents that are the current staples of prime-time television.

Thanks to shows like "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"; "CSI: Miami"; "CSI: New York"; "CSI: Sheboygan"; "Law & Order"; "Law & Order - Special Victims Unit"; "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"; and "Law & Order: Sheboygan"; "ER"; "Fear Factor"; "Crossing Jordan"; "Nip/Tuck"; and "American Idol," (well, maybe not that last one, per se) prime-time television is now, more than anything, an invitation to retch.

How bad is it? To find out, Fort Worth Star-Telegram editors assigned the staff writer best known for his iron (not to mention large) gut - (that would be me) - to sit down in front of the tube with a full stomach. The theory: If prime-time television is too gross for me, a surgeon-general's warning can't be far behind.

Pardon me, but I think I hear the doorbell. It's Domino's. Time to tune in.

DAY ONE: I savor my first bites of thin-crust pepperoni during "The West Wing," which you wouldn't necessarily associate with gross TV, but these days you'd be surprised. For instance, in this episode, White

House aide Toby Ziegler (the older, balding, frumpy-looking one) is caught leaking classified memos to The New York Times. As punishment, President Josiah Bartlett orders Ziegler to appear as a contestant on "Fear Factor," where the senior aide is forced to eat a jar full of night-crawlers. But it's during a later stunt in the same episode, when Ziegler hangs from a helicopter dressed only in a Speedo, that my tummy takes a turn.

Later that evening, on "CSI: New York," cameras zoom in on a rat as it gnaws its way into the bullet wound of a murder victim, chewing so deeply that the rodent retrieves and swallows the bullet itself. (This, I'm not making up.) Which leads, in turn, to a hunt for the rat, then a rat autopsy, again depicted, shall we say, intimately. However, thanks to my peculiar fondness for rats, I'm not fazed, and head off to the kitchen to finish the last two pieces of cold pizza.

DAY TWO: After a dinner of ramen noodle soup with tossed salad, I tune into another episode of "Fear Factor." On the show, siblings are forced to stick their heads into small aquariums filled with dozens of large, furry spiders, then pass keys from mouth to mouth to liberate themselves. One contestant, a young woman, appears to spit out a tarantula. Yet, having a peculiar fondness for large, furry spiders, I'm not fazed. I gulp down the last of the broth.

Later that evening, "CSI: Miami" is curiously tame, with close-ups of the bloodied face of a murdered teen-ager, and some inner body shots of musculature during the ensuing autopsy. More nauseating, surprisingly, is that night's episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond." Frank Barone, the old, fat, bald guy, loses a bet to his son, Raymond, and is forced to hang from a helicopter dressed only in a Speedo.

DAY THREE: To get in the

spirit of the exercise, I zap an old-fashioned TV dinner, right down to the Salisbury steak and extremely green peas, deciding to check out "Nip/Tuck" on cable. The show, I learn, concerns two plastic surgeons in Miami, who in this episode are called on to help separate Siamese twins. Plenty of bone saws, blood and brains during the procedure, as you might expect. But my queasiness soon gives way to shock at the next scene: the two plastic surgeons, unwinding by having fairly explicit sex with the same prostitute at the same time (true), which I guess passes these days for boundary-pushing cable television.

"If prime-time television is too gross for me, a surgeon general's warning can't be far behind."

Back on the networks, I tune in as a "CSI: New York" investigator retrieves a contact lens from the dangling eyeball of the latest corpse, (true) and simulates a stabbing by plunging a dagger into a dead pig (yep, true again). But the pinnacle of that night's grossness occurs during the program "According to Jim," when the lead character, Jim Belushi, is forced to dangle from a helicopter dressed only in a never mind.

DAY FOUR: After a hearty meal of Italian sausage and angel hair pasta slathered in a delicate marinara sauce, I tune into the cop drama "Cold Case," which is as tame as a kitten; grossnesswise. Just shots of a drowned pedophile and some serious overacting.

On "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss," contestants are asked to create art from garbage and rotting food, which is no big deal to me, since my editors

ask me to do pretty much the same thing on a weekly basis. There is nothing remotely gross on this night's episode of "Desperate Housewives," unless you consider Teri Hatcher ... oh, never mind.

DAY FIVE: I dine this night on a heaping plate of liver and onions, which is ironic given this night's episode of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation." There is the requisite heart-break: a kidnapping of a teenage girl, whose bloodied body is found in a field. Then the requisite overacting. But nothing quite prepares me for the autopsy scene, in which investigators extract the victim's liver, and then, for reasons known only to them, put the organ in a blender (really).

I sprint for the commode and am halfway there when my own digesting liver settles back into place. I think the onions somehow helped.

DAY SIX: On the last evening of my assignment, I decide to feast on a juicy filet, cooked medium rare, with a bow-tie pasta salad, asparagus and creme brulee for dessert. On "Cold Case," three people are slain in the restroom of a diner, corpses stare vacantly and a urinal is covered in blood. Ho hum. Later, on "Crossing Jordan," another diner and its occupants are splattered with bullets, with one slaughtered patron sitting face-down in what looks remarkably like Salisbury steak. Later, two medical examiners bicker while placing an extracted heart into a specimen bag.

But by now I am inured to such carnage, so much so that I beg to finish my son's creme brulee. The evening would have passed in digestive peace, if, while channel surfing, I hadn't come upon the Dallas Cowboys final game of the season. Seeing the Cowboys choke one last time against the New York Giants is enough to test any person's stomach.

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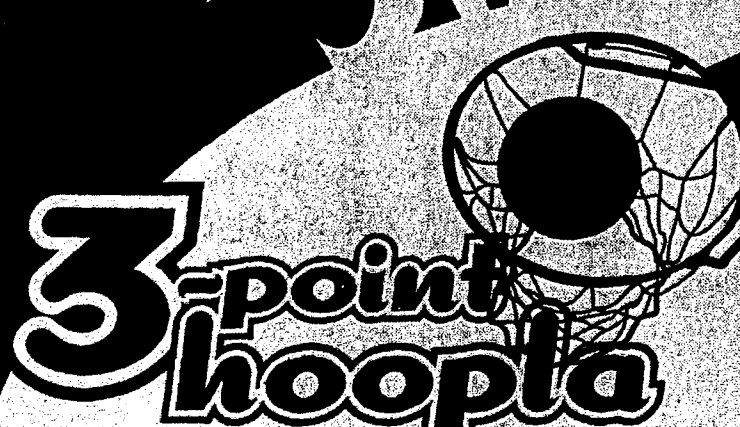
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Web site offers colleges a face-lift

On the red carpet, don't bet against the blonde

BY JON ROSS
ASSISTANT ARTS&CULTURE EDITOR

Matt Ross first discovered Thefacebook.com during his first semester at Syracuse University. Ross used this Internet service — which functions as a New Age yearbook — to “meet other people around campus,” he said. Ross also used Thefacebook to look for people who lived in his dorm and shared similar interests.

Over winter break, Ross found that the site, located at www.thefacebook.com, offers much more than a cross-campus connection. During the month away from school, Ross used the service's high school search to look up friends with whom he had lost touch. After entering a few names, Ross came up with matches that looked and sounded like his old friends. A quick e-mail confirmed his suspicions.

“I really had no other way of getting in touch with these people until now,” he said.

Apparently, Ross is not the only one with a nostalgic itch.

“We hear about this happening fairly often,” said Chris Hughes, co-founder of the site.

“Friends from elementary, middle and high schools are using the site to reconnect.”

This is not the primary function of Thefacebook, but it serves as an added bonus. Hughes describes the site as “an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities.” This means students can easily find study partners or e-mail classmates in order to find lost notes.

“Thefacebook is a Web site that is a resource for both information and communication, but at the same time, is fun to use,” Hughes said.

Currently at more than 1 million users and encompassing around 300 universities, Thefacebook is slowly making its way across the country.

Schools get added to the site by popular demand. Additions have nothing to do with the universities themselves, and information is provided by the students. Only students belonging to a school that is recognized by the site can register.

The service requires basic information such as location,

enrollment numbers and e-mail extensions before a school can be considered. Organizers also ask for a list of majors and departments at the university and an on-campus housing list.

“Our criteria for choosing which schools to add is pretty simple: the more requests we receive from a school to be added to the network, the higher the likelihood we'll add it,” Hughes said.

With this style of selection, Northwest schools such as Washington State University, Gonzaga and the University of Washington have been added to the Web site. There are plans to add the University of Idaho in the future, Hughes said, but entry hinges on student requests.

“The more you request, the higher you are on the list,” he said. “We'd love to have as many students signed up for the site as possible. We don't see any reason why some students should have access to the site and others shouldn't.” Requests can be made at suggest@thefacebook.com.

Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg hatched the idea for

Thefacebook in the winter of 2003. With the help of four other students, including Hughes, Zuckerberg set out to create a “universal online database,” Hughes said. “The idea was sort of an extension of the traditional college face books with terrible freshman ID photos and boring information.”

In the near future, the team behind Thefacebook hopes to offer additional services and, of course, add more schools.

“There are a lot of plans for Thefacebook in the future,” Hughes said. “We'll continue to expand to as many schools as possible. Alongside general expansion, we'll review and update the features that we have and add new ones.”

Hughes and his partners also are planning events beyond cyberspace. Along with hosting events at universities, Hughes hopes to organize a national championship for the drinking game Beirut. The organizers also are looking to team up with Wirehog, a file transfer site, to ensure a more comprehensive college community.

BY TANYA BARRIENTOS
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

At the Golden Globe Awards on Jan. 16, I guarantee that the best entertainment of the night won't come from inside the Beverly Hilton, where the prizes are doled out.

It'll come from the red carpet. That's where Star Jones Reynolds (the bridezilla of daytime television) will take on Joan Rivers (the collagen queen of snark) in a fashion-commentary smackdown, no holds barred.

In case you haven't heard, it's a de la Renta rumble that's being hyped in the Hollywood tabloids like a Don King fight. The two gossip mavens will go at it, Manolo-a-Manolo, across the crimson shag.

Blonde vs. brunette!
Pulled-up vs. pre-nupped!
The thrills in chinchilla!
In this corner: “Call Me Mrs.” Star, representing the cable heavyweight E! network.

In that corner: “Can We Talk?” Joan and her daughter, “Find Me a Job” Melissa, representing the bantam-class TV Guide Channel.

Yes, you read that right. The TV Guide Channel, famous for ... well, nothing except its hypnotic, slow-rolling TV-schedule grid. “Wow, six hours of ‘Seinfeld’ reruns again?”

But this bout is so big, so bling, so botoxed, that for the first time in its history, the TV Guide Channel will shed the schedule for two hours Jan. 16. That's right, the Rivers team will fill the entire screen from 6 to 8 p.m. EST, although their egos are bound to spill over.

The awards show will run on NBC from 8 to 11 p.m., and the network will have Nancy O'Dell from “Access Hollywood” doing its celebrity stalking from 7 to 8. But let's face it, in this game, she's strictly third-string.

Here's how the Joan-Star showdown came about.

For eight years, Joan was the undisputed chief of the celebrity

fashion police. In fact, she practically invented the sharp-tongued trash talk that put E! on the map during the awards-show season.

But last year the Rivers team jumped ship after TV Guide waved a cool \$8 million contract in front of their surgically reconstructed noses.

So E! hired Star, and played hardball at September's Emmy Awards, barring Rivers from the celebrity stroll because of contract technicalities.

The problem is, Star tends to be more interested in herself than in whoever happens to sashay her way. Last time she worked the glam walk, she cooed and swooned and practically kissed the hem of every Vera Wang and Marc Jacobs that fluttered by. But she was only buttering them up before putting them on the spot by asking them to appear on her show, “The View.”

Puh-lease. You call that celebrity journalism? I want my infotainment to be hard-nosed as well as tummy-tucked. Or at least exfoliated.

I demand sass and snoot and smugness. And Joan will serve it up, because she knows that's what will make us happy as we munch our Doritos and behold men and women who are prettier, richer, and much more successful than we can ever hope to be.

Gleefully, Joan will expose the poseurs wearing Zac Posen, and rib the narcissists in Narciso Rodriguez.

She'll make diet jokes and cleavage jokes — and then she'll say something funny about the stars. She won't take herself too seriously, and won't allow anybody else to get too pompous, either.

With well-aimed comedy jabs, she'll have us against the ropes in laughter, helping us to forget, for a couple of carefree hours, the enormous tragedy halfway across the world.

If you ask me, that's the sign of a true champ, and a perfectly good reason to place our bets on her again.

‘Kill Zone’ stutters; ‘Grand Theft’ proves impressive

BY BILLY O'KEEFE
KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KILLZONE
For: PlayStation 2
From: Sony/Guerrilla
Nutshell: First-person shooter

Once upon a time, Sony released some really impressive screenshots of “Killzone,” and daft gaming journalists everywhere declared it a “Halo” killer, despite never having played or even seen it in action. And then a lot of time passed, and journalists played it, and everyone realized that it's not a “Halo” killer after all, and everyone wondered where it all went wrong.

advanced hardware will really do the concept justice.

Online play, on the other hand, already does.

“Killzone's” garbage-strewn environments lend themselves well to tactical, stealth and smashmouth warfare, making it a very unique entry into the crowded arena of online shooters. A nice smattering of modes open up the experience further. If you have a network adapter and are all “SOCOM” out for now, you'll be very pleased with the new challenges that await here.

just to the top-down style, you pretty much have the PS2 game in the palm of your hands. The game is as open-ended as you expect: You can jack any car, go anywhere, cause a crime spree, collect hidden packages, engage in the taxi, ambulance, vigilante and firefighter side missions and more. But there's also a fully-baked storyline, boasting several hundred missions across three islands. The story brings you back to Liberty City, site of “GTA III,” but it's a brand-new script written specifically for this game. That Rockstar didn't rehash a previous game's storyline may be “GTA Advance's” most impressive asset.

Well, nothing went wrong. “Killzone” won't kill “Halo,” but neither Sony nor Guerrilla ever promised it would. What they did promise was a good wartime shooter that played differently from the countless sea of Vietnam/WWII clones, and in that respect, they delivered.

Suffice to say, the pictures didn't lie: “Killzone” is a fantastic looking game, an ugly, war-torn stage full of dirt, smoke and human debris. If anything, it's a little too fantastic: The PS2 can't handle all the good looks, and the result is a frame rate that slightly but constantly stutters.

It doesn't make the game unplayable — not even close — but it does hurt. Aiming is more difficult, for instance, since the controls aren't as smooth as a precise war simulation sometimes demands. “Killzone's” single-player mode offers a good taste of what's to come, but a sequel on more

GRAND THEFT AUTO ADVANCE
For: Game Boy Advance
From: Rockstar

It's been around for roughly 10 months now, but the Game Boy Advance version of “Max Payne” still deserves kudos like it came out yesterday. It will probably go down, in fact, as the system's most impressive conversion of a current-generation console game. How they took the spirit and gameplay of one of the best third-person shooters ever and crammed it into a little cartridge, few developers know, but kudos all around.

It's on that same token that “Grand Theft Auto Advance” exists. The portable rendition of the most ambitious video game of all time isn't as impressively executed as “Payne,” but it's nonetheless remarkable how much Rockstar stuffed into what could have been a cheap, lazy afterthought of a port. The only major sacrifice — the third dimension — is a big one, but only if you forget that “Grand Theft Auto” began as a 2D game anyway. Once you read-

It comes down to whether the top-down look is too much of a sacrifice to bear. It's disorienting, especially when driving, since you can't see very far in front of you. (The game compensates by going easy on you; you can even crash into police cars without increasing your wanted level). Hand-to-hand combat is also tricky, since the people are so tiny. There's also a slight framerate stutter that permeates the entire game, but you get used to it pretty quickly. That it isn't worse is a testament to how technically sound this rather massive game is. If you can take a little time to get used to the necessary evils of 2D “Grand Theft Auto,” you'll find “GTA Advance” to be an incredibly impressive rendition of an incredibly impressive series.

(Billy O'Keefe writes video game and DVD reviews for Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service.)

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from 2000's “The Moon & Antarctica” and 2001's “Everywhere and His Nasty Parlour Tricks.” The band played the crowd-pleaser “Trailer Trash,” along with “Do in the Cockroach” and an extended, improvised version of “Cowboy Dan” from 1997's “Lonesome Crowded West.”

In addition, a few songs from “Building Nothing Out of Something” (1999) and “This Is a Long Drive For Someone With Nothing to Think About” (1996) were included in the set list, but nothing from “Sad Sappy Sucker” (1994) or “The Fruit That Ate Itself” (1997). The band began its four-song encore with “Bankrupt on Selling,” from “Lonesome Crowded West.”

Aside from the occasional (possibly drunken) ramblings from Brock, the tunes carried their usual raw melodic punch. The venue, the people and the sounds combined for an excellent show that will remain a memorable experience for all present. It gets 4 out of 5 stars just to be fair, though there's not much else to ask for in a concert.

TEN BEST

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Giamatti deserved more recognition for last year's “American Splendor” but he's even better here as a guy going through a mid-life crisis in California wine country with his obnoxious best friend.

10. Spider-man 2. Director Sam Raimi took what was wrong with the original “Spider-man” movie (cartoonish effects and odd pacing) and crafted the most satisfying sequel in years. Tobey Maguire and Alfred Molina as Spidey and Doc Ock play off each other wonderfully, and the movie lives up to all those great memories of reading the comics.

Other Notable Films: “Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow,” “Baadasssss!,” “Hero,” “Garden State,” “The Aviator,” “The Polar Express,” “De-Lovely,” “Touching the Void,” “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” “Super Size Me.”

FIVE WORST

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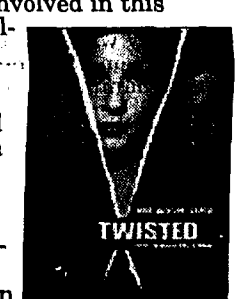
And why is Jon Lovitz still allowed to be in movies?

4. Christmas with the Kranks. Director Joe Roth tries anything and everything to make this holiday comedy funny. Multiple pratfalls, a Botoxed Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis hooting and howling like a little dog only manage to generate the highest number of audience cringes in 2004.

5. Twisted. Here's another one of those Ashley Judd crime thrillers that does nothing but irritate and insult an intelligent viewer. Twists and turns are meant to generate suspense, not to cover up a story that makes

absolutely no sense whatsoever. Everybody involved in this stinker is talented, from actors Samuel L. Jackson and Andy Garcia to director Philip Kaufman. There's nothing wrong with doing an occasional film for the paycheck, but please, folks, don't make it this blatantly obvious.

Other Bad Flicks of 2004: “Van Helsing,” “Chasing Liberty,” “The Butterfly Effect,” “Taking Lives,” “Godsend,” “The Big Bounce.”



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SPORTS & REC

Faurholt nears milestone in Idaho victory

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY
ARGONAUT STAFF

Junior post Emily Faurholt moved closer to the 1,000-point career milestone as she scored 24 points to lead Idaho to a 68-54 victory over Cal State Northridge Thursday night in Cowan Spectrum.

Faurholt, who transferred to Idaho from Seattle Pacific after her freshman year, is now six points away from scoring 1,000 points in her Division I career. A list of the quickest players to reach 1,000 career points while at an NCAA Division I institution shows Faurholt, who has scored 994 points in 42 games, will rank ninth all-time if she manages to reach the mark Saturday against Pacific in Cowan Spectrum.

"The needling of the 30 points was not really in my mind," Faurholt said. "I was-

n't thinking about getting to 1,000 points. I just wanted to win."

Idaho (8-5, 3-1) jumped to an early 11-1 lead and kept up its dominance over Northridge (7-5, 3-2) throughout the entire first half. Faurholt and point guard Leilani Mitchell each reached double digits in scoring before halftime as Faurholt put up 16 points and Mitchell added another 10. Idaho went into the locker room with a 38-25 lead.

Idaho started out slow in the second half, allowing Northridge to close the gap. The Vandals managed to snap out of their short rut and maintain control over the game. The momentum stayed with the Vandals for the remainder of the game, and Northridge was unable to get closer than 10 points to Idaho.

Faurholt finished with eight rebounds to go with her 24 points on 11-of-18 shooting from the field. Mitchell ended with 12

points and extended her streak of consecutive free throws made to 27 as she hit all four attempts in the game. Freshman post Jessica Summers added 12 rebounds.

"We have different types of players that compliment each other well," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "Jessica gives us some much-needed size and strength in the post. ... She is a good rebounder and I think she is a piece that really enhanced this team."

"We are getting stronger as a basketball team. The struggle that we have gone through this month on the road, the adversity that we have been through in the preseason has made us stronger and tougher, and I think we are starting to see the fruits of that struggle. I think that we still have a long way to go as a basketball team to reach our potential, but we are getting stronger emotionally and mentally."



KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT
Emily Faurholt puts up a jump shot during Idaho's game against Cal State Northridge Thursday evening in the Cowan Spectrum. Faurholt needs six more points to reach 1,000 for her career.



UI alumnus Mitch White (center) is awarded first place in the 40-49 age group at the NORBA national championship in September.

COURTESY PHOTO

Alumnus beats addiction, wins national title

BY MACKENZIE STONE
ARGONAUT STAFF

The winter season has kept Mitch White off his mountain bike for several months, but he continues to train for his second national championship.

White, a 1981 University of Idaho graduate, battled more struggles than just physical endurance on his way to winning the National Off-Road Bicycling Association championship in the 40-49 age group in September 2004.

White, 47, overcame addictions to alcohol and tobacco, and other unhealthy habits to earn

his victory. As a single parent, he raised his son while working as the high level waste operations department manager at INEEL.

After graduating with a degree in chemical engineering, White, who's 5 feet 11 inches tall, moved away but kept his habits of drinking, chewing and unhealthy eating, which led him to a top weight of 240 pounds.

At 37, White made what came to be a life-altering decision to start road biking in order to get fit. He stopped drinking and stopped chewing tobacco by entering an alcohol rehabilitation program.

"It is important that Idaho

students finish their schooling and not carry on their bad habits after graduating," White said.

White started road racing at Idaho State University when he found a newspaper announcement organized by the Idaho Cycling Enthusiasts. He competed in criterium racing, where cyclists speed race on a marked loop course for time.

"I thought it would be a way to focus on riding my bike so that I could lose weight," White said.

He was attracted to mountain biking a few years later. "I bought a mountain bike for my son's birthday and out of

curiosity I tried it out and I liked it," White said. "So, I bought one for me too."

Losing weight and getting stronger, White found himself competing in road and mountain bike races as he trimmed down to 175 pounds.

"He has changed his lifestyle from one that was inherently unhealthy to one that is healthy and optimistic," said Christine Satterwhite, White's girlfriend and training partner.

In September, White competed in NORBA's national championships and was surprised to end up on top of the podium. He hadn't placed as well in the Idaho State Championships ear-

lier in the year, but his top 15 ranking qualified him for a spot at nationals in the 40-49 age group.

Besides the Idaho State Championships, White participated in several other races leading up to nationals. In Mammoth, Calif., he won the mini-marathon for amateurs, which consisted of a 22-mile loop climbing 2,000 feet. He also competed in a cross-country race in his age group, but had bike trouble. Despite the trouble, he managed to finish in the top 20.

"Everyone had to deal with headaches while racing because

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January, you sweet little thing

About the only thing sweeter than weekends in January is Jessica Simpson in her Daisy Duke outfit.

For those of you who probably shouldn't be reading the sports page, January is the time for the NFL playoffs.

Relationships will be broken, beer will be imbibed in excess and most importantly those #\$\$*%& Seattle

Seahawks won't make it to the second round.

Seriously, what's wrong with Seattle sports? The Mariners and Seahawks have never won a championship and the Sonics last took home the trophy in the 1978-79 season, which conveniently happened before I was born. And yes, unfortunately I do know the Seattle Storm won the WNBA title last season. But seriously, who's ever gotten drunk, broken the remote and ended up passed out on their neighbor's lawn with tear stains running down their cheeks because the Connecticut Sun lost in the WNBA finals.

Even with my favorite team sent packing, the playoffs still hold plenty of excitement. In the AFC, what remains of "the greatest show on earth" will take on the most exciting player in the game, Michael Vick, when St. Louis travels to Atlanta. Randy Moss and Daunte Culpepper will look to hook up for a couple more touchdowns when Minnesota heads to Philadelphia, where the Eagles are still struggling to find offense without Terrell Owens.

In the NFC, the NFL's leading rusher, Curtis Martin, will face off against Big Ben and the powerful combo of Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis,

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Idaho goes undefeated in Big West conference play over winter break

Dec. 18 Southern Utah 82, Idaho 53

Southern Utah University dismantled the Idaho men's basketball team by making the most of Vandal turnovers to romp to a victory at the Centrum Arena.

All that could plague the Vandals did plague them. They shot poorly in the face of a tenacious SUU zone defense, their defensive lapses enabled the Thunderbirds to shoot 55 percent from the field and they turned the ball over in the most untimely of fashions.

Jason Baker scored 23 points off the bench to lead Southern Utah. He was 8-of-10 from the field and made all six 3-point goals he attempted. Three other players scored in double figures for Southern Utah. In contrast, the Vandals' leading scorer was

Dandrick Jones with 15 points. Armend Kahrimanovic added 11 and Anton Lyons had 10. No other Vandal scored more than five.

Dec. 23 Idaho 69, Utah State 62

In the Vandals' conference opener against one of the best teams in the Big West, the Vandals played their best game of the season and toppled Utah State.

Tanoris Shepard scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half and helped the Vandals outscore the Aggies 34-28 after halftime. He also had three assists and three steals.

Dandrick Jones' effort was just as impressive. He led the Vandals with 17 points, four assists and nine rebounds. Two of his late-game baskets helped the Vandals seal the victory while sending the holiday crowd of 1,350 into hysterics.

With 3:30 remaining, and the Vandals leading by three, Shepard missed a leaping jumper in traffic.

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Vandals win two over break

Dec. 18 Gonzaga 70, Idaho 53

added five assists and five steals.

Hampered by 20 turnovers, Idaho dropped its final nonconference game of the season to Gonzaga University. The Bulldogs took advantage of the Vandals' mistakes, scoring 19 points off of turnovers.

Idaho committed 13 of its turnovers in the first half, which translated to a 33-25 Gonzaga lead at halftime.

After the half, the teams played fairly evenly for the first seven minutes as the score stood 45-36 with 12:47 remaining. Gonzaga then put together an 8-2 run over the next four minutes to put the Bulldogs up 15 with eight minutes remaining.

Emily Faurholt had a double-double for the Vandals in the loss, scoring 15 points and grabbing a career-high 14 rebounds. Leilani Mitchell was the only other Idaho player in double figures as she finished the game with 16 points and also

Dec. 29 Idaho 63, Utah State 62

Emily Faurholt earned her second-consecutive double-double as the Vandals escaped with a victory over Utah State in the first conference game of the season for both teams.

Faurholt notched game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds, including seven offensive boards, to secure her third double-double of the season.

The two teams played evenly in the first half as the game saw eight ties and three lead changes in the first 20 minutes. The teams went into the locker room with the score tied at 34.

Utah State went on a 19-5 run in the second half to take a seven-point lead with just less than 10 minutes to go in the game.

The Vandals chipped away at the Aggie lead and were down by four with 4:11 on the clock. Idaho then held Utah State to just one basket to close the game. A layup by Leilani Mitchell with 49 seconds remaining would prove to be the game winner.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

Idaho hosts Seattle University

The Idaho women's swim team has added a meet to its schedule. The meet will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the UI Swim Center. The Vandals will take on Seattle University in a home dual meet.

Saturday will mark the Vandals' third home meet of the 2004-05 season - the program's first season after a 19-year hiatus.

The Vandals will also host Washington State Feb. 5 before finishing the season at the Big West Championships Feb. 23-26 at Long Beach, Calif.

Fastpitch team to hold informational meeting

The Idaho Fastpitch Team will be holding an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Rec Center Classroom to discuss its spring season. Anyone interested should attend. For more information e-mail fastpitch@uidaho.edu.

Vandal football signs eight junior college players

The Idaho football coaching staff signed seven junior college recruits to National Letters of Intent. Because they signed in December, the signees are eligible to join the Vandals for spring ball in 2005.

The early class includes three wide receivers; Adrian Smith (6-3, 195) of Compton College; Daniel Smith (5-11, 205) of Los Angeles Pierce Community College and Matt Askew (6-3, 200) of West Hills Junior College.

Offensive lineman Matt O'Donnell (6-4, 288) of San Jose City College and quarterback Steven Wichman (6-3, 225) of San Joaquin Delta College also will supplement the Vandal offense.

Defensive lineman Ryan Davis (6-0, 275) of Orange Coast College, cornerback Jason Martin (5-9, 180) of Mt. San Antonio College in California and linebacker Tone Taupale (6-1, 200) will join the Vandal defense.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Saturday

UI swimming vs. Seattle University Swim Center, 1 p.m.

UI women's basketball vs. Pacific Cowan Spectrum, 7 p.m.

UI men's basketball at Pacific Stockton, Calif., 7:05 p.m.

Thursday

UI women's basketball at UC Riverside Riverside, Calif., 7 p.m.

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

Note: Intramurals - Entries for team sports will be open one week before entry deadline. For more information call the Campus Recreation Office at 885-6381.

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

Sports calendar items must be submitted in writing or e-mailed to arg_sports@uidaho.edu by Sunday or Wednesday before publication. Items must include a date, deadline or other time element.

SPORTS STANDINGS

Big West men's basketball standings (through Jan. 10)

	Conference		Pct.	Overall		Pct.
	W	L		W	L	
Pacific	5	0	1.000	10	2	.833
Idaho	3	0	1.000	5	9	.357
Cal State Northridge	4	1	.800	6	7	.462
Utah State	2	1	.667	11	3	.786
Cal State Fullerton	2	1	.667	7	4	.636
UC Santa Barbara	2	3	.400	4	8	.333
UC Irvine	1	3	.250	6	5	.546
Cal Poly	1	4	.200	3	9	.250
UC Riverside	0	3	.000	4	8	.333
Long Beach State	0	4	.000	2	11	.154

Big West women's basketball standings (through Jan. 10)

	Conference		Pct.	Overall		Pct.
	W	L		W	L	
Long Beach State	3	1	.750	7	4	.636
Cal State Northridge	3	1	.750	7	4	.636
UC Santa Barbara	3	1	.750	5	7	.417
Idaho	2	1	.667	7	5	.583
UC Riverside	2	1	.667	6	5	.546
Cal Poly	2	2	.500	7	4	.636
Pacific	2	2	.500	4	7	.364
Utah State	1	2	.333	6	6	.500
Cal State Fullerton	0	3	.000	1	10	.091
UC Irvine	0	4	.000	1	11	.083

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while in the premier matchup of the weekend, New England will look to continue its dominance over the potent offensive attack of the Indianapolis Colts.

So with these games nearly upon us, here are some thoughts:

St. Louis at Atlanta
Nicknames are cool, but when Torry Holt introduces himself on TV during the introduction of St. Louis' starting offense as Torry "Big Game" Holt, it's just kind of sad.

I don't know what's more depressing, watching Marshall Faulk getting tackled at the line of scrimmage every other

rushing attempt or listening to the announcers trying to convince the viewers that Faulk is still a huge threat out of the backfield. It's like trying to convince your girlfriend you don't like blondes with big breasts - you just look stupid.

In the end, turnovers are going to kill the Rams' offensive attack and Vick will tear apart the St. Louis defense.

Falcons 34-Rams 17
Minnesota at Philadelphia

Philadelphia normally waits until the NFC championship game to choke, but with the cringing Todd Pinkston as the top receiver, due to Terrell Owens' broken leg, it doesn't seem like much of a stretch to picture the Vikings coming away with a win. Of course if Moss' ankle keeps him out, the Eagles' staunch defense will be more than Culpepper can handle.

I'm going with Moss plays, and the Viking offense rolls behind Culpepper's big body and the rushing combo of Onterio Smith and Michael Bennett.

Vikings 31-Eagles 20

NY Jets at Pittsburgh

I'd like to root for the Jets because Martin saved my fantasy season after Priest Holmes was lost for the year, but there's just something inherently wrong with rooting for any team from New York. The Yankees have ruined that state.

Stat-wise these two teams are quite similar. They're the top two rushing teams in the AFC. While Pittsburgh's defense gave up an NFL-low 15.7 points per game, the Jets were only two spots back, giving up 16.3 points. Pittsburgh's physical play will turn out to be too

much for the Jets.

Steelers 20-Jets 10

Indianapolis at New England

If Peyton Manning wants to become an NFL legend he's going to need to start stepping up in big games. Eliminating a Jake Plummer-led team in the Wild Card round of the playoffs doesn't quite count. And there's no better place to start than with a win against the defending champions. Only problem is I have as many wins as Manning does in Foxboro. Manning is 2-9 in his career against the Patriots and has never defeated the Patriots in Foxboro.

This one's going to come down to a field goal as time expires from Adam Vinatieri.

Patriots 27-Colts 24

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we were at 8,900 feet," White said. "Less oxygen made it more difficult."

White prepared for the race with a schedule created by his online coach, whom he pays \$75

a month. White said online trainers can cost up to \$500 a month depending on the amount of personal attention wanted.

His coach helps create a schedule based on the races in which White wants to compete throughout the year. In 2005, he will race numerous times but will focus on three races,

including the NORBA national championships in September.

"My coach helps me monitor my training so that I don't burn out," White said. "It is important that I can peak at the right time."

White's training includes several hours of weight training each week and up to 13 hours on the bicycle. His training

builds in volume until the competitive season begins, then he tapers back to peak at the most important races.

"I train with him sometimes to keep him company," Satterwhite said.

According to White, an acceptable racing mountain bike costs at least \$1,500, not including clothing, safety gear

and proper nutrition.

"I take iron, B-vitamins and a multi-vitamin year-round, and I load up on phosphates one week before a race to increase my performance," White said.

White wears several jerseys for biking, but his favorite reads, "Not tonight honey, I have to ride in the morning."

MEN

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Just as the ball bounced off the back of the rim and tumbled forward, Jones swooped along the baseline, around multiple Aggie forwards, and grabbed the ball at its apex before slamming it into the basket.

Three minutes later, he calmly took a feed from a driving Shepard and hit a 3-pointer from the baseline to put the Vandals ahead by six with 20 seconds left.

Dec. 30 Portland 81, Idaho 66

Fleet feet and a relentless inside game by the University of Portland were too much for the Vandals to handle as the Pilots rolled to a non-conference victory at the Chiles Center.

The Vandals, coming off an impressive upset victory over Utah State, couldn't repeat the feat seven days later. The inside

presence that aided their effort the previous week was absent at Portland as the Pilots converted 60.8 percent of their shots, with a good share of those coming within the paint.

Dandrick Jones again led the Vandals, this time with 18 points, three assists and one rebound. Tanoris Shepard and Anton Lyons had 16 points each.

Donald Wilson led four Portland players in double figures with 14.

Jan. 2 Idaho 52, Eastern Washington 50

Despite having 21 turnovers, Idaho managed to escape Cheney, Wash., with a victory over Eastern Washington.

The Vandals broke a 47-47 tie when Anton Lyons made two free throws with 22.6 seconds remaining. With less than 10 seconds remaining, Tanoris Shepard was fouled. He managed to convert one of two free throws to push Idaho's lead to three. Lyons, who had a career

night with 18 points on 60 percent field goal (6 of 10) and flawless free throw (6 of 6) shooting, was fouled after rebounding an Eagles 3-point attempt. He drilled both free shots and the 52-47 lead was just enough to make Marc Axton's 3-point buzzer beater all but meaningless.

Lyons finished with a game-high 18 points. Shepard finished with 14 and Jones had 13 as the Vandals displayed another balanced scoring attack.

Jan. 6 Idaho 84, Cal Poly 67

The Vandals outshot, outrebounded and outdefended the Mustangs in an impressive conference win.

Nearly everything seemed to go right for the Vandals, who jumped to an 11-0 lead against the Mustangs and never looked back.

The hot-shooting Vandals built a 43-26 advantage by half-time and never allowed the mar-

gin to dip below 14 in the second half. The Vandals finished with 20 assists.

Throughout the first half, forward Armend Kahrmanovic made a habit of finding - and making - open 3-point shots. He converted on five of seven attempts, and one of his two misses was a shot clock-induced desperation shot. Kahrmanovic tied for fourth on the Vandals' single-game 3-point percentage list with 71 percent as he finished with 15 points.

Dandrick Jones led the Vandals with a game-high 25 points and had four assists.

Jan. 8 Idaho 61, UC Santa Barbara 50

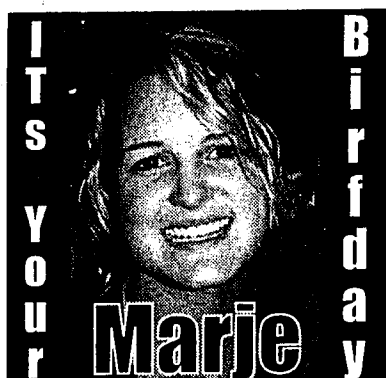
A strong finish, combined with a gritty effort throughout the rest of the game, gave the Vandals a victory over UC Santa Barbara.

The hard-fought win marked the first time since 1997-98 that the Vandals have won their first three Big West Conference

games.

Much of the credit for the win belonged to forward Anton Lyons, who finished with a game-high 22 points. He also had eight rebounds. Dandrick Jones scored 16 points and snagged 10 rebounds while forward Lionel Davis added 10 rebounds as the Vandals held a 42-29 rebounding advantage in the game.

An injury-ravaged UCSB team played with only seven players.



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Baseball's new steroid policy needs still more teeth

BY RICK MORRISSEY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

(KRT) — They always talk about a drug policy's teeth. The more effective the policy, the sharper the teeth. Major League Baseball's new steroid policy has the incisors of a teacup poodle. OK? There's your dental reference for the day.

COMMENTARY

Once every-
ball was done toweling off from the self-congratulatory slobbering Thursday, what remained was a drug policy that should have been so much more. Here was a golden opportunity wasted. Instead of chiding down the problem, baseball took the baby-steps approach. Or, if you insist on the dentistry angle, when it comes to drug enforcement, baseball still is teething.

The new policy, coming on the heels of Jason Giambi's steroid admission and Barry Bonds' flaxseed-oil confession, imposes a maximum 10-day suspension on any player who tests positive for steroids for the first time. It sounds substantial, and it is when compared to what baseball had before, which pretty much was a syringe-exchange program and an Arnold

Schwarzenegger calendar giveaway promotion.

But if management and players were truly serious about draining their game of juice, they would have come up with something that does more to scare cheaters straight.

The World Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees most Olympic sports, hands out a two-year suspension to any athlete who tests positive for banned substances the first time. A second positive test brings a lifetime ban. That's the kind of statement that would give pause to any man with chemically enhanced pecs.

And yet, every year, WADA imposes suspensions and bans on more than a few athletes who try to beat the system. It tells us that, despite the deterrents, some athletes are willing to take risks.

And it tells us that baseball players, looking down the barrel of a comparatively mild drug policy, will continue to take steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. What's the risk? Ten days for a first positive test, a one-year ban for a fourth offense. Not nearly tough enough.

If your livelihood is connected to how many needles you stick in your

butt, you might be willing to take a chance on a 10-day suspension, which, you can bet your bottom dollar, will be appealed by the players' union. If your livelihood brings you \$10 million a year, you have plenty of bottom dollars.

Baseball is counting on embarrassment being a huge deterrent. Embarrassment doesn't work with athletes. If it did, players who resembled parade-float balloons would have been embarrassed at how artificially bulked-up they looked. They weren't.

A good number of players will continue to roll the dice on steroids. Under the new policy, they will get tested unannounced once a year and then hope they're not one of the players who get randomly tested. The testing program is fine. The discipline isn't.

"I've been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero tolerance regarding steroids," Commissioner Bud Selig said. "The agreement ... is an important step toward achieving that goal."

Why one step? Why not get right to the end game?

If steroids are a problem — and I think most of us agree they are — the game has to eradicate them. When fans aren't sure whether what they're see-

ing is real or pharmaceutically created, then baseball has a problem. WADA standards in the national pastime would have had the desired chilling effect. What's the point of dipping a toe into the pool? Why not a two-year ban for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second?

In no time, you would start to see normally proportioned athletes.

"The object is to stop it," union chief Donald Fehr said. "The object is not to penalize for the sake of penalizing. ... I will be very surprised if over time this doesn't take care of the problem virtually completely."

Much was made of the fact the union negotiated this agreement when it didn't have to, that Fehr got involved without any prodding. The BALCO investigation was sufficient prodding.

Some of you are more bothered by players who use cocaine than those who use steroids. But they're two different animals. Cocaine doesn't help a player hit the ball harder. Steroids do. Cocaine isn't cheating. Steroids give a player an unfair competitive advantage.

Recreational drug abusers need help. Steroids users need to be stopped.

WOMEN

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Jan. 6 Cal Poly 72, Idaho 69

Four Vandal players scored in double figures, but a hot-shooting first half by Cal Poly was too much for Idaho to overcome.

Cal Poly opened the first half connecting on its first six shots and jumped to a 15-5 lead four minutes into the game. The Vandals fought back to tie the game at 24 with six minutes remaining, but the Mustangs closed the half on a 15-4 run to lead 39-28 at the half. Cal Poly shot 17 of 25 (.680) from the floor in the half, including 5 of 6 (.833) from beyond the 3-point line, while Idaho connected on just 9 of 29 (.310) of its shots from the floor in the half.

Idaho was led by Emily Faurholt, who scored a game-high 26 points. Karly Felton scored a career-high 14 points on 3-of-5 shooting from beyond the 3-point line. Heather Thoelke added 11 points and Leilani Mitchell scored 10 points, all in the final eight minutes of the game.

Jan. 8 Idaho 75, UC Santa Barbara 62

Leilani Mitchell and the Vandals once again played the role of giant killer as the Vandals defeated UC Santa Barbara.

Mitchell connected on all 20 of her free-throw attempts, setting an Idaho team record for free throws made in a game (formerly 16 by Kelly Moeller, 12-31-91) and setting a career high of 33 points. Her free-throw effort also tied an NCAA Division I single-game record for free-throw percentage (min. 18 made) and ties a Big West Conference record for free throws made in a single game. Nine players share the NCAA Division I record, but only one player converted on more attempts (Shanika Freeman, 22 of 22, Jacksonville State vs. Florida Atlantic, Feb. 6, 2003). Two other players share the 20-of-20 mark, one accomplishing the feat in 2000, the other in 1996.

The win snapped UC Santa Barbara's 29-game home winning streak in Big West Conference games and was just the second loss at home the Gauchos have suffered in conference play since 1996.

Idaho came out firing in the first half, shooting to an 11-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game. UC Santa Barbara misfired on its first seven shots before a Karena Bonds 3-point shot got the Gauchos on the scoreboard at the 14:57 mark.

Emily Faurholt was the only other Vandal to score in double figures as she finished with 18 points. Mitchell completed her all-around game with eight rebounds, seven assists and two steals in 38 minutes.

May the cheaters never win again in college sports

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(KRT) — Now, the question is: What will unscrupulous college coaches and their willing partners in the athletic department do to stay afloat in the new sea of rules?

Have star athletes' homework done by so-called tutors? Construct classes called something like "Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball" that ask students thought-provoking questions such as: "How many points is a 3-pointer worth?"

None of that would be novel, of course. One-time football star Maurice Clarett alleged tutors did some of his class work at Ohio State, ostensibly so that he could concentrate on carrying the football team to its 2002 national title. And Georgia basketball players around that time were subjected to the intellectual gymnastics required to determine how many halves are in a college basketball game.

But there will be more deception after NCAA boss Myles Brand earlier this week had his unprecedented academic reforms made official.

Why? The new rules don't just threaten teams with scholarship losses, postseason bans and even revocation of their membership should they emphasize the second word of the student-athlete phrase at the expense of the first. Ultimately, they endanger the tens of millions of dollars that college teams can generate through winning — the fat television contracts, the postseason appearances, the paraphernalia and ticket sales. And

well they should.

Winning and educating have become too disconnected on too many college campuses. It's about time college sports did what Brand got it to do over the last year: be reminded with the swing from a two-by-four that they are based in educational institutions and not in pro sports leagues.

How Bob Knight didn't get along with Brand while Brand was presiding at Indiana, eventually firing Knight, makes little sense at a fundamental level of what higher education is supposed to be all about. Brand stood for academic integrity in athletics, as does Knight. Both have practiced it their entire careers. Together, they could be quite a team at getting everyone else in their business to do what is right by student-athletes.

Personalities aside, I'd bet the only problem Knight would have with what Brand has accomplished over the last year is the same one I have: Brand didn't swing hard enough. He was too diplomatic for someone sitting in what could be a dictator's seat.

Why, for example, put a limit on the number of scholarships that can be taken from a team that is a serial offender of the main rule? It only requires that the team's graduation rate stay above 50 percent in order to keep from being penalized.

If the NCAA has a death penalty for serial and unrepentant cheats in recruiting and paying of players, although it's only been used that once against SMU's 1980s football program, why not have the same for a team that undermines the entire purpose of going to college in the first place? Getting an education.

If a program doesn't wise up, take away its scholar-

ships until it can no longer exist. Look what that did for SMU. It was scared straight by being knocked out of competition.

But one of the big reasons SMU, and most other schools that do things the right way, struggles at winning these days is because it's up against too many schools that get away with doing things the wrong way, treating student-athletes like chattel rather than looking out for their best interest. There should not be, almost automatically, an inverse relationship between succeeding in the classroom and winning on the scoreboard.

That is one of the things Brand's new rules can correct. They should make it more difficult for schools to field teams made up of students with progress reports that suggest they aren't in school as much as they are in training camp.

They should also make it easier for parents and their prospective scholarship children to make a really educated choice about which college to pick. The NCAA can just hang a grade on every school like California does grades on every restaurant based on its health reports.

Who would want to enter a school with a failing mark for getting its students to earn a diploma even if it sends a couple of kids to the pros every year? The odds of getting to the pros are still long shots. Most student-athletes will have to rely on what they learned as a student to make a living after their scholarship renewals expire.

So what Brand has pulled off is more than a step in the right direction. It's an about-face for college athletics toward where it's supposed to be. May the charlatans get trampled.

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