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MEMORIAL

Service helps remember UI professor

By Brian Rich
Argonaut

Those who knew Steven Campbell shared a moment Tuesday afternoon during a memorial service held in the Administration Building courtyard.

Campbell, a University of Idaho associate professor of accounting, died in a rafting accident on the Salmon River July 1. His raft overturned in an area called Time Zone

Rapid, which is just north of Riggins.

"He was kind of a private person," said Marla Kraut, an accounting colleague. "He rides bike a lot, liked to work out, liked to fish, river raft obviously. He also has a 7-year-old daughter who lives in Alaska who he has about six weeks every summer."

Campbell was rafting with his daughter, Sibella, and his dog, Sibella and the dog were wearing life jackets and the

dog was able to pull her to shore.

Kraut, who recently became the department head, helped organize the memorial, which took place at 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon between the UI Administration Building and the Albertson Building.

About 70 people attended from all over the West Coast, including friends and family from as far as Alaska, and many of his former students and colleagues.

Campbell's father, Bob Campbell, said his son considered Moscow to be his "adult home," even though he had only lived here for four years.

"He really fell in love with both the community and the university and had planned to be here for the rest of his career," Kraut said.

Several people provided emotional speeches at the memorial, including Sibella,

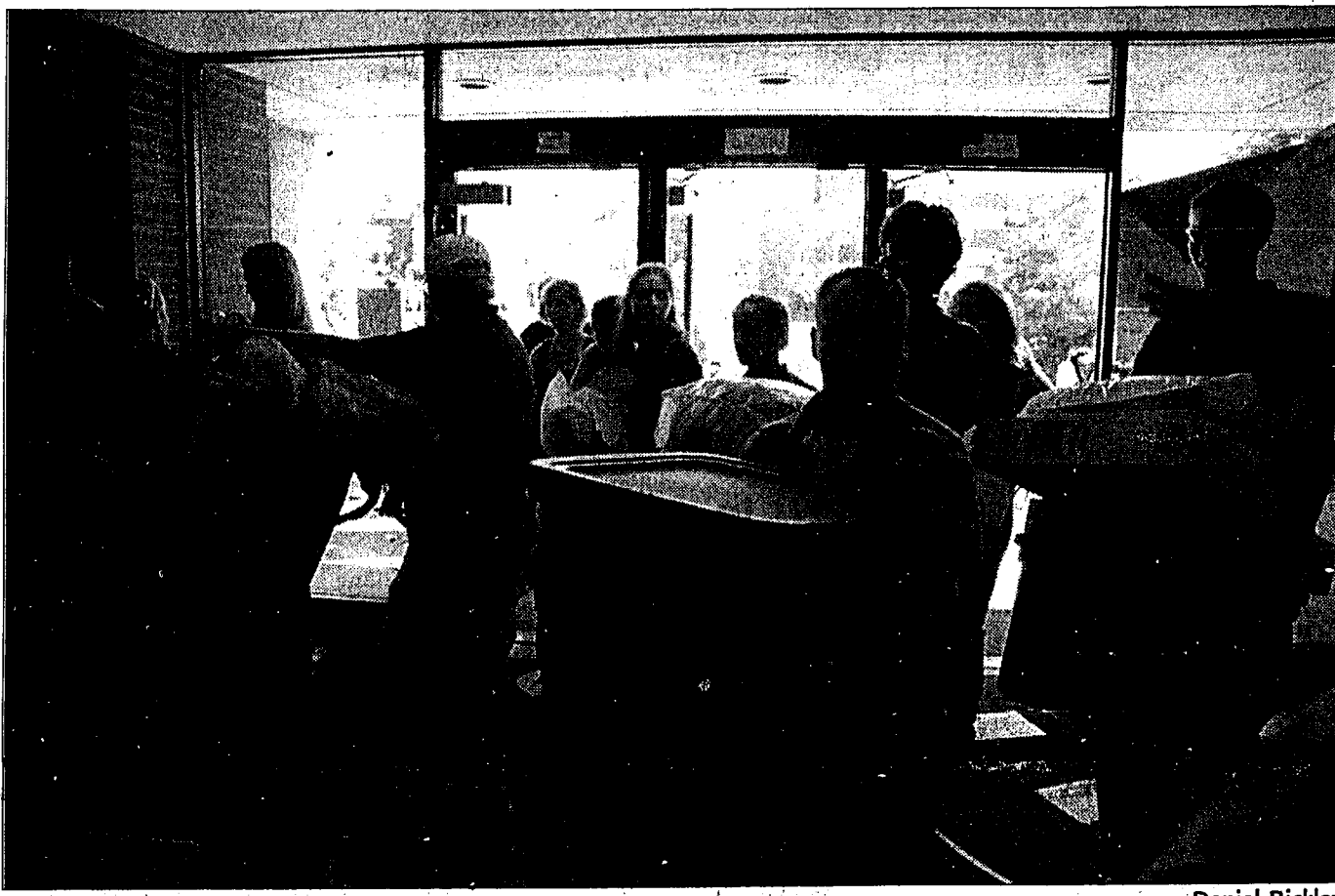
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Dean of the College of Business and Economics Byron Dangerfield welcomes a small crowd who gathered to remember Steven Campbell Tuesday outside the JA Albertson building.

Daniel Bickley/Argonaut

WELCOME BACK



Daniel Bickley

Junior in accounting Dustin Mount makes his way through a large crowd of students, parents and volunteers to the elevator while trying to help move into student housing Thursday in the Theophilus Tower lobby.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer leasing available for all students

By Christina Peterson
Argonaut

Beginning this semester, Vandals will be able to lease a laptop through the optional V-Mobile program.

For \$500 a semester (plus additional one-time fees depending on the laptop being leased), University of Idaho students can lease an IBM Thinkpad, Apple iBook or PowerBook for four semesters.

So far, more than 100 students have pre-ordered a laptop through V-Mobile, a response that Chuck Lanham, associate director of Information Technology Services, said is "pretty good based on sending out a few e-mails."

Lanham said the main benefit for students who lease their laptops through V-Mobile is something he calls "worry-free computing."

Rather than having to send in a malfunctioning computer to the manufacturer for repairs, leasers can contact the V-Mobile Help Desk to fix the problem or get a loaner computer if the problem takes a while to solve.

Students who lease from V-Mobile will never be with-

out a machine, Lanham said. V-Mobile laptops are also insured in case of damage and theft.

Another benefit that Lanham said would appeal to students is the ability to spread the cost of a laptop out over four semesters.

At the end of the leasing period, students have the option of buying their computer for \$1.

While V-Mobile will provide no additional revenue for UI, Lanham said it will take the university in a new direction. "It puts mobile computing in the hands of the students," he said.

Both Lanham and ASUI Sen. Travis Galloway, who proposed the program in the spring of 2005, are happy with the level of success the program has achieved since being launched in June 2005. Galloway said he expects the program to fully take off next spring.

Galloway initially proposed V-Mobile as a three-phase program, where cell phones and mp3 players would be made available to lease after laptop leasing was

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Chuck Lanham
Associate Director of ITS

HEALTH/WELLNESS

Attack of the dreaded 'freshmen 15'

By Lisa Wareham
Argonaut

Entering freshmen are told they will gain knowledge, independence and new friends. But some students will gain much more.

Freshmen often gain beer guts and love handles, often referred to as the "freshman 15."

"A lot of girls get the ring around their waist," says Emily Kling, a junior community health major.

Stephanie Thomas, a graduate student studying interdisciplinary studies, says she gained 20 pounds when she transferred to the University of Idaho as a sophomore.

"Beer drinking and 2 a.m. pizzas is

the key," Thomas says. "I know it is the reason I gained weight."

She says she didn't know she was gaining weight at first because it was gradual.

"After a while when you can't button your pants you know you've gained a lot of weight," Thomas says.

Pat Haben, a senior chemistry major, says he gained 15 pounds when he was a freshman.

"I had trouble getting motivated," he says. "I would sit and drink beer instead of going and doing anything."

Virginia Beck, a nutrition counselor at Student Health Services, says liquid calories contribute to weight gain.

"We tend to forget the calories we drink," she says.

A typical light beer has 100 calories, which can add up fast, Beck says.

She says when a person adds 100 calories per day without changing anything else they can gain up to 10 pounds a year.

She says students should also avoid sugar-filled soda pop and some coffee drinks. A large cappuccino at Starbucks has 600 calories.

Beck says if students want to avoid weight gain, or lose weight, they should cut out liquid calories.

Kling says although she takes in many liquid calories she has never gained weight in college because she

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REDESIGN

Student newspaper undergoes facelift in more ways than one

Loyal Argonaut readers may have noticed that the paper is looking a bit different lately.

After about six years of the same old, same old, we — or rather, I — decided to update the paper's look with a redesign. After my staff gave me the go-ahead with an enthusiastic, "Whatever, Cady," I started the process of (hopefully) making the Argonaut a prettier newspaper. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank The Shorthorn (University of Texas at Arlington) and The Daily Tar Heel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) for inspiration; Shawn O'Neal and Brian Beesley for coaching, motivation and feedback;

Jeremy Johnson for help with graphic elements; and my friends and family for keeping me sane.

In addition to a new look, The Argonaut is offering some new features each issue or each week. For astrology lovers, there will be a horoscope every issue. The Arts&Culture section will keep students in tune with new music with KUOI's Top 40 on Tuesdays.

The infamous Jason of the Argonauts has joined us this year as well. The golden fleece-hunting

business hasn't gone so well for him lately, so he's turned to the answer-hunting business.

On Fridays, on the opinion page of The Argonaut, he'll answer questions about pretty much anything. Whether students are looking for advice, or just answers to tough questions, Jason is ready for inquiries. To ask a question, e-mail Jason at argonaut@sub.uidaho.edu with the subject line, "Ask Jason."

The Argonaut Web site changed over the summer, too, so Web surfers should definitely check it

out. Plans for a real message board where users can post topics are in the works, and the results of the weekly Web poll will be printed on the opinion page on Tuesdays.

And speaking of the Argonaut Web poll, next week's question will be, "What do you think of the Argonaut redesign?" so be sure to visit www.argonaut.uidaho.edu to let us know what you think.

Even though we're making changes at The Argonaut, readers can still expect the same regular features they've always enjoyed. The crossword will be in its usual spot on page two. The weather forecast isn't going anywhere, either. We still invite all community

members to take advantage of our public forum by writing letters to the editor. And The Argonaut is still committed to bringing you the best possible coverage of university and community events and issues.

We hope you'll enjoy the "new" Argonaut and find it more reader-friendly. Anyone who wants to make a direct contribution to The Argonaut can stop by our office on the third floor of the Student Union Building and pick up an application. We're still looking for sports and recreation reporters, news reporters, a conservative columnist, page designers, an editorial cartoonist and an assistant copy editor.



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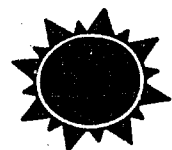
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Jon Ross analyzes the administration's predilection for cutting funding during school breaks.

Arts&Culture
Blues Traveler comes to campus for a free concert celebrating the new school year.

Sports&Rec
Idaho coaches are enthused about the move to the Western Athletic Conference.

Today



Sunny
Hi: 84°
Lo: 49°

CampusCALENDAR

Today

New student convocation
Kibbie Dome
9 a.m.

Parent orientation
Kibbie Dome
9 a.m.

College meetings
for UI students
Various buildings
10 a.m.

Parent orientation
workshops
Albertson Building
10 a.m.

UI Library tour
UI Library
10 a.m.

Vandal Life 101
Kibbie Dome
11:15 a.m.

Parent orientation luncheon
SUB Ballroom
12:30 p.m.

New students luncheon
Various living groups
12:30 p.m.

UI Library tour
UI Library
1:30 p.m.

College work
study orientation
SUB Borah Theatre
1:30 p.m.

Multicultural student
orientation
Albertson Bldg., Room 204
1:30 p.m.

UI Commencement 2005
UITV-8
8 p.m.

Late Night at the Rec
Recreation Center
9 p.m.

Saturday

Fair and picnic
LLC and Rec Center Lawns
11:30 a.m.

Multicultural Affairs
welcome barbecue
Shattuck Amphitheater
noon

Vandal Community Day
Kibbie Dome north field
1 p.m.

Nontraditional student
orientation
SRC
2:30 p.m.

Palousafest
Idaho Commons pavilion
4 p.m.

Sunday

Vandal walk/
President's barbecue
Kibbie Dome lawn
5 p.m.

Monday

UI 2005 Borah Symposium
UITV-8
8 p.m.

Today's HOROSCOPE

Today's Birthday

There will be conflicts and disagreements this year, of epic proportions. Luckily, you're an excellent student now. You'll get along fine. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries

(March 21-April 19) Today is a 7. Have a good time, but save the last dance for the one you love.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20) Today is a 6. Patience is a virtue, and a blessing. Wait until the combatants ask for your opinion, or they won't hear it.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21) Today is a 9. The Full Moon's a good time to choose a new adventure. Pick something very interesting this time; you'll learn quickly.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22) Today is a 5. If it seems like there's not enough to go around, don't panic. Pay off debts and you'll have more cash to play with later.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7. Consider an option that hasn't been tried before. It's a good place to start.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6. You want to do the job, but it may seem impossible. Time to call a person who owes you a favor.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8. In a clash between two people you care about, keep your opinion to yourself. Let them work it out for themselves.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6. The full moon signifies a turning point, so be alert. Conditions will soon change, requiring immediate adaptation.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is

a 7. More planning's required before you launch your next offensive. You don't like paperwork much, but it could save you a lot of time.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6. Modify your financial plan to fit new circumstances. This is all part of achieving your goals.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7. Opposites attract, especially now. They frustrate, too. Compromise.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 6. Measure three times and cut once. The extra time spent planning is necessary.

CrosswordPUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Masseur's target
5 Actor Lugosi
9 Shool
14 Mets stadium
15 Israel's airline
16 Allotment
17 Atlas septet
18 "La Boheme" role
19 Total reversal
20 Culturally showy
21 Tashkent's republic
23 Nat'l pageant winner
25 Slap cuffs on
26 Common article
27 Saloon seat
32 Burns a bit
35 Data storage unit
36 French priest
37 Type of sled
38 "Over the Rainbow" composer
39 Sphinx, mostly
40 U.S. Open stadium
41 Droplet
42 Celebrations
43 How are things?
45 Chemist's hangout
46 Disposable candy
47 Argon or xenon
51 Flying mammal
56 Foot part
57 Asimov of sci-fi
58 Walk in water
59 Cost per unit
60 San Diego pro
61 Rap sheet units
62 Actress Falco
63 Reeves thriller
64 Mongol tent
65 Monthly budget item

DOWN
1 Indian tea
2 Colette novel
3 Preliminary races
4 Wealthy address?
5 Puzzle
6 "Pygmalion" character
7 Gyro meat
8 Estranged
9 Small fireworks
10 Film edits
11 Decisive defeat
12 Razor choice
13 Singer Almee
22 Actress Black
24 Hesitant sounds
27 Standing rule
28 Gossipmonger
29 Last bio?
30 Double-reed instrument
31 Eye part
32 Lobster feature
33 Silence
34 Turkish officer
35 House/garage connector, perhaps
38 Capp's hero
42 Remotely situated
44 Added some seasoning
45 Most recent
47 Velocity detector
48 Test score
49 Muscle protein
50 Piece of bed linen
51 Bigwigs
52 Memo letters
53 Fabricated
54 Cut back
55 Capital of Azerbaijan

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Check out next issue (8/23) for the answers to this crossword puzzle.

WeatherFORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny Hi: 84° Lo: 49°	Sunny Hi: 93° Lo: 55°	Mostly Sunny Hi: 96° Lo: 59°

Local/BRIEFS

UI helps student firefighters

UI students who are involved in helping quell any of the wildfires that threaten the forests of Idaho or other western states needn't worry about receiving "tardy slips." A new university policy allows such students to make a one-stop contact with the Registrar's Office, which in turn will e-mail the information to the student's instructors, university residence hall, financial aid, student accounts and the Dean of Students Office.

"If students are working the fires," said UI Admissions and Financial Aid director Dan Davenport, "then we're working with them to resume their university life, despite a possible late start."

While only a handful have notified the university of expected late starts, the numbers of such students in the past have ranged from as many as 80 UI students who fought the 2000 wildfires that scorched hundreds of thousands of acres in Idaho and other western states, to 15 in 2003 and only four last year.

"The numbers seem to correlate with the scope of the disasters," said Marilyn Pope, assistant registrar who fields the effort.

UI cloning expert honored

The leading association of veterinary reproduction experts honored UI professor and equine cloning expert Dr. Dirk Vanderwall during its annual meeting Aug. 12 in Charleston, S.C.

Alumnus named EPA administrator

L. Michael Bogert, a 1985 University of Idaho College of Law alumnus, was sworn in August 15 as Region 10 Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Dr. Gordon Woods and Vanderwall and Utah State University animal science professor Dr. Ken White.

The team produced three mule clones, Idaho Gem, Utah Pioneer and Idaho Star, in 2003. The clones resulted from five years of effort that began after Dolly the sheep, the world's first animal cloned from adult cells, was announced in 1997.

In addition to his work to produce the mule clones, Vanderwall focuses on embryo transfer and freezing equine embryos, which allow high-value mares to produce multiple foals a year using current techniques.

Vanderwall is also working with UI doctoral student Jessica Marquardt to identify the biochemical signal that "tells" a mare she's pregnant.

UI hosts graduate research lectures

UI's electrical and computer engineering department will be presenting weekly graduate research colloquia on Mondays this fall starting Aug. 29.

The public seminars will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in room 122 of UI's Engineering Physics Building.

Spacecraft technologies, wind experiments in space, telemetry, miniature atmospheric probes, robotics and hybrid electric vehicle applications are among the topics that will be addressed.

Four visiting speakers include: Mohammad Mojaradi from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Sept. 14; Bernie Bienstock from Boeing on Oct. 17; Frank Risky from TenXsys on Oct. 24; and Tony Colaprete from NASA's Ames Research Center on Nov. 14.

Three planned deviations from the weekly schedule are: the Sept. 14 talk will be on a Wednesday, and no colloquia will take place on Sept. 5 or Nov. 21, as the university is closed for holidays.

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The first administrator for the EPA from Idaho in over 20 years, Bogert served as counsel to Idaho Gov. Dirk

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UI switches cable television providers

By Eric Mather
Argonaut

University Residence managers, in cooperation with University of Idaho Auxiliary Services, have finalized a five-year contract with Campus TeleVideo for bulk cable service. Incoming and returning students can expect some changes to campus cable television.

Michael Griffel, director of University Residences, said that the

switch from Adelphia to Campus TeleVideo would only affect the university residence halls and the graduate student housing apartments.

For the last two years the university has unsuccessfully negotiated with Adelphia Cable in order to lower costs for bulk rates. This year, UI and Washington State University issued a joint request for proposals in order to find a more competitive rate. Three companies answered the RFP and after a year of decision-

making, both UI and WSU decided to go with Campus TeleVideo.

"This was a very complicated process that took a lot of time," Peg Godwin, director of Auxiliary Services, said.

The change in cable providers is estimated to save UI \$300,000 over the next five years, according to a press release from Auxiliary Services.

Although the company is changing, there will not be a significant change in the channels or quality of

the cable package, Griffel said. He said there are a few new channels that Adelphia did not offer, and a few channels that are no longer available.

As for quality, Campus TeleVideo uses a satellite to broadcast the signal but then transfers the signal into a cable receiver. There should be no change in the quality of the picture.

"It's like if you got water from a new company and they replaced the main pipe, but the plumbing in your house is still the same," Griffel said.

On-campus students will benefit from the change in cable providers, Griffel said. By changing from Adelphia to Campus TeleVideo students will not be affected by the increased rates Adelphia plans to institute. Cable fees are figured into room and board fees, so those fees should remain the same.

The university plans to bid again on cable providers after the five-year contract when Campus TeleVideo expires.

Sisters celebrate Basque heritage

By Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Two sisters from the University of Idaho further explored their Basque heritage at Jaialdi this July. Jaialdi is a Basque celebration in Boise put on once every five years.

Dancing since kindergarten, Miren Lejardi, 21, and her sister, Yasone, 19, are members of a Basque dancing group called Oinkari. The group performed four times during the festival. Jaialdi started on July 27 and ended July 31.

Boise is the prime location for the festival because southwestern Idaho is home to one of the largest Basque populations outside of the Basque homeland in Spain.

The sisters, who are from Homedale, began dancing in Caldwell as their mother's students. She started a Basque-dancing group for children ages five to 15. The group is 25 years old. The sisters joined Oinkari when they turned 16, the minimum age allowed for members of the group.

The dance group started in the 1960s. It was started by third generation Basque-Americans who visited the Basque country. They learned the traditional Basque dances and returned to Boise to start the dance group. Oinkari is a non-profit organization with over

60 members. Members of the group aged 16 to 35 all learn the complex formations, athletic kicks, intricate footwork and dizzying spins of Basque dancing.

"It's expressing who you are and a good way to embrace your culture and learn about your history and family," Miren Lejardi says.

She says every dance has a certain type of significance to it. For example, a lot of the men's dances are about fighting. Many of the dances are religious and derived from old pagan beliefs. The purpose of these movements is to ward off negative spirits.

"Basque dances have symbolism in them that many people, even us, don't understand," Miren Lejardi says.

At Jaialdi the Lejardis met dancers from all over the world. Many of them were from Euskadi, the Basque country located on the Spanish-French border. Several chartered planes were flown from Euskadi to Boise for the festival.

These dancers told the sisters the circle formations they use in Basque dances always go in accordance with the moon cycle. The dances they learn and perform are the same dances their ancestors did thousands of years ago, as the Basques are the oldest living ethnic group on the European continent.

Because of their ability to sur-

vive as a culture, unlike many others, the Basque culture is exceptionally proud. Basque dancing plays a major role in carrying on ancient traditions.

"It is a way of preserving a culture because it is what grabs kids and makes them get involved because it is fun and interesting," Yasone Lejardi says.

The sisters grew up in a strong Basque family. They say they are thankful their parents taught them the Basque language, a difficult and admired ability. The Basque language is the only non-Aryan language in Europe. Some linguists believe it is the oldest living European language. At Jaialdi the sisters had the opportunity to speak to others in Basque. The strangers immediately embraced the sisters because of their ability to speak Basque.

"The Basque people are always happy to speak to you in Basque, even if you are horrible," Miren Lejardi says. "Other people may try to make fun of you but they never do."

The Lejardis say they appreciate their rich culture and extensive knowledge of Basque and family history.

The Lejardi's family came from Euskadi. One of their grandfathers jumped a ship to stay in America. The captain of the ship had told their grandfather to go buy cigarettes. He left the ship and, instead of buying cigarettes,

headed west to visit a cousin sheepherding in Idaho.

Basques have a stereotype for being sheepherders. The majority of Basques who first immigrated to Idaho were sheepherders because it was an unwanted job where one did not have to know English. Many of the sheepherders were granted American citizenship for taking the unwanted jobs.

"I'm Basque-American. There are lots of people who are American and don't know who they are," Yasone Lejardi says. "What's nice about being Basque is knowing who you are."

The Lejardi name is not a common Basque name, therefore, the size of their family is smaller than many other Basque families. Because of the smaller size of their family, they get together often throughout the year for family dinners.

"The best thing about our family meals is being together with the family and knowing they are always going to be there," Yasone Lejardi says.

The dinners have several courses and last late into the night. Family members eat, drink, catch up and have a good time.

At UI, the sisters don't have the opportunity to see their family and practice their Basque dancing. Their cultural practices resume whenever they return to Homedale.

POUNDS

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exercises.

Haben says he guided kayaks on the Salmon River the summer after his first year at UI, and he lost the 15 pounds he gained. But he added that he gained the weight back his sophomore year.

Haben says freshmen wanting to avoid gaining weight should find a friend to exercise with to keep each other motivated.

"A lot of people will only go once or twice and stop going," he says. "You just gotta take it seriously."

Haben says he also blames his diet of frozen burritos, corn dogs and anything else he could microwave in his dorm room.

Beck says an unhealthy diet is a culprit of weight gain.

She says students should buy fruit and vegetables instead of ramen noodles and fried foods because fruits and vegetables make people feel full faster.

Students who live in the dorms sometimes overeat because the Wallace Food Court is buffet style and because they choose to eat fattening foods like pizza and chili fries, Beck says.

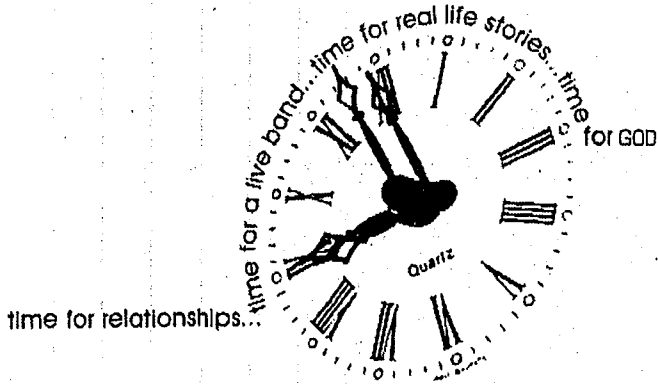
"They (people at the food court) really have a lot to choose from," says Beck. "They have a wonderful salad bar and great sandwiches."

Beck says lack of sleep also contributes to weight gain. She says students who sleep less than six hours a night have higher cortisol levels.

Cortisol is an adrenal-cortex hormone active in carbohydrate and protein metabolism.

Beck says this increase causes increased body fat and appetite.

Campus Crusade for Christ



Prime Time

SUB Ballroom

Thursday,

Aug. 25th @ 8:00 PM

XMission Internet,
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the thermodynamic theory of
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Another year, another dollar

New school year means return to renewal plan

By Nate Poppino
Argonaut

With new provost Doug Baker on board, University of Idaho President Tim White and UI administrators are ready to get back to another semester of the president's "Plan for Renewal of People, Programs and Place."

The program, which intended to get the university back on its feet after three years of budget turmoil in three phases, has so far resulted in \$4.75 million in cuts for

this budget year; an extensive program mapping and ranking process, the results of which were thrown out by White after faculty complained; and the closure of four UI degree programs.

Now, Baker said, administrators and faculty are preparing to continue a variation of the program mapping, Phase II, before focusing on reinvesting UI resources in select programs, Phase III.

Faculty and administrators will revisit the program maps in order to define exactly

what he calls "learning outcomes," what students should learn in their few years at UI.

"To take the next steps, we need to clarify the teaching and learning, research and scholarship and outreach and engagement objectives relative to the five areas in that plan," Baker said.

The definitions will also help UI follow recommendations made by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities during their spring visit.

"In essence, the NWCCU is asking us to develop a sustainable and ongoing process to improve student learning," Baker said. "Commission members will be back on campus in the coming spring to see what progress we have made on this and a number of other issues."

The data gathered from the program maps was loosely related to the four UI degree programs closed at the June 16 meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education: the master's in educational technology, minor in recreational therapy, bachelor's in office administration and master's

in geophysics. More closures are recommended, but will not be finalized until Sept. 19 in order to gather more faculty input.

Once the various degree programs decide on their goals, faculty and administrators will use them as guidelines for Phase III, in which anyone at the university may submit proposals for investing up to \$500,000 annually in a new program supporting one of five strategic themes.

Proposals will be evaluated by eight faculty members appointed by Baker and the final investment decision will be made together by Baker

and White.

One million dollars has been set aside in this year's budget to begin the process. When White first announced the program in February, he suggested it might eventually fund four to six of the projects using up to \$3 million.

The five themes are: "Promoting Science and Technology," "Advancing Liberal Arts and Sciences," "Catalyzing Entrepreneurial Innovation," "Stewarding the Environment" and "Understanding Sustainable Design and Life Style."

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Kemphorne from 1999 to 2004. He also held the chief deputy legal affairs secretary position in the California governor's office, and most recently was a practicing attorney with Perkins Coie, LLP in Boise.

"In order to accept President Bush's appointment, Michael is taking leave from a position in private law practice that undoubtedly could provide him a higher standard of living," said Donald Burnett, dean of UI's College of Law. "He should be commended for his willingness to answer the call to public service."

Bogert's areas of focus include environmental law, natural resources, the Endangered Species Act, water law, government

relations and public policy.

He is an active member of UI's College of Law Advisory Council, was a speaker for UI's Idaho Top Scholar program and previously served on the board of directors for UI's Alumni Association.

"In his volunteer work with the Law Advisory Council, Michael has exhibited an exceptional energy level, an ability to communicate with people holding diverse viewpoints and a focus on achieving practical outcomes," said Burnett. "All of these traits will serve him well as an EPA regional administrator."

Bogert received a bachelor's degree from the University of Santa Clara, a juris-doctorate degree from UI and a master's degree in environmental law from George Washington University.

National BRIEFS

Businesses Absorb Higher Energy Costs

Businesses stung by higher bills for gasoline, electricity and other items are being forced by competition to largely absorb these costs and operate more efficiently, rather than pass them on to consumers through higher prices.

Wholesale prices jumped twice as fast as consumer prices last month, the Labor Department said in a pair of reports last week, adding to other signs of inflation pressures in the briskly growing U.S. economy.

Retail stores, for example, are paying more to truck their merchandise and air-condition their stores. But retail clothing prices have plummeted the past two months, while auto dealers have offered "employee discounts" to draw shoppers into showrooms. Prices fell for televisions, audio equipment and computers last month.

Prices paid to manufacturers for finished goods climbed 1

percent in July, the fastest increase since October, as measured by the Labor Department's producer price index (PPI). That was double the 0.5 percent rise in the department's consumer price index.

Study: Health Care for Blacks still lagging well behind

Black Americans still get far fewer operations, tests, medications and other life-saving treatments than whites, despite years of efforts to erase racial disparities in health care and help African Americans live equally long and healthy lives, according to three major studies.

Blacks' health care has started to catch up to whites' in some ways, but blacks remain much less likely to undergo heart bypasses, appendec-

tomies and other common procedures. They receive fewer mammograms and basic tests and drugs for heart disease and diabetes, and they have fallen even further behind whites in controlling those two major killers, according to the first attempts to measure the last decade's efforts to improve equality of care.

Together, the research paints a discouraging picture of the nation's progress in closing the gap for one of the fundamental factors that affect well-being—health care—during a period when blacks have made progress in areas such as income and education.

Studies have found that blacks and other racial minorities are much less likely than whites to receive many types of medical care. They are significantly more prone to illness, tend to experience more complications and take longer to recover when they get sick. They are more likely to succumb to their illnesses and generally die younger.

Prewar Memo Cited Gaps in Planning for Postwar Iraq

One month before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, three State Department bureau chiefs warned of "serious planning gaps for post-conflict public security and humanitarian assistance" in a secret memorandum prepared for a superior.

The State Department officials, who had been discussing the issues with top military officers at the Central Command, noted that the military was reluctant "to take on 'policing' roles" in Iraq after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. The three officials warned that "a failure to address short-term public security and humanitarian assistance concerns could result in serious human rights abuses which would undermine an otherwise successful military campaign, and our reputation internationally."

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introduced. "Balls are rolling," he said, on a plan to get wireless-equipped cell phones to students, though Galloway said he didn't know how long it will take for the other phases to begin. He also said that faculty must begin to find uses for mp3 players in their classrooms before iPods and other such equipment would be available for lease. Students who have reserved a laptop can pick them up between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in the Commons Clearwater room. Students must have their Vandal card to pick up their laptop.

Some summer air is cleaner, EPA says

By Juliet Elperin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — New federal pollution controls have improved the summer air breathed by 100 million Americans, according to a study released Thursday by the Environmental Protection Agency. Under rules that took effect last year, 21 eastern states and the District of Columbia must reduce regional nitrogen oxide emissions by 1 million tons between May 1 and Sept. 30. On hot, sunny days nitrogen oxides combine with pollu-

tants called volatile organic compounds and form ozone, which has been linked to asthma and premature death. Last year, nitrogen oxide emissions from power plants and other sources dropped by half compared with 2000, according to the EPA, and ozone concentrations fell 10 percent during that same period. Other sources of nitrogen oxide emissions include oil refineries, pulp and paper mills, and cement kilns. "This report is a pretty big deal," Jeffrey Holmstead, the agency's assistant

administrator for air and radiation, said Thursday. "This summer I, along with other parents, can play baseball outside with my kids knowing the air is cleaner." Holmstead added that the administration is demanding greater pollution cuts under a Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) it adopted this spring. It will permanently limit power plant emissions of nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide, another air pollutant, in 28 eastern states and the District of Columbia. Environmentalists also hailed the findings, saying

they show that industry can operate more cleanly once the government demands it. Under the new program, known as "state implementation plan call," states have to meet an overall pollution cap but individual plants can trade emissions, so a cleaner facility can sell its "credits" to a dirtier one. "This is command and control that also employs market mechanisms, which is what everyone favors," said John Stanton, a senior attorney for the advocacy group Clear the Air. Stanton added that unlike CAIR, which allows up to a

decade to achieve some pollution cuts, the nitrogen oxide rule gave states a three-year deadline to comply with the stricter standards. "By requiring nitrogen oxide reductions for the 2004 summer season, we saw immediate health benefits," Stanton said. EPA officials said it is too early to say whether 2005 will have fewer unhealthy air days than past hot summers, but preliminary findings indicate this summer has had less smog than 2002, which had a similar number of hot, dry days.

MEMORIAL

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Campbell's father, a former student and a former colleague from a Boise law firm where Campbell worked. Marcia Niles, former accounting department head, said Campbell was a firm but "incredible teacher." "Steve set high standards for his students and felt it was his responsibility to mimic the professional environment students would encounter in their careers," Niles said. Niles said Campbell often had complaints from students regarding the difficulty and rigidity of his schedule, but many students understood what Campbell was doing for them and appreciated it. "I think professor Campbell is one of the only teachers I had this semester that truly challenged his students," said an anonymous student in a teacher evaluation. "He

is very demanding. Because he expects his students to be prepared he moves quickly in his lectures to indulge in complex material. I learned more from him than any other professor." Niles said many of the teacher evaluations contained complaints about tests being too hard, though they very rarely said Campbell was not a good teacher. "He was an awesome person and an amazing teacher," another student wrote. Adam Rankin, one of the students who appreciated Campbell, spoke at the memorial. He made an analogy to the movie "Ray," comparing Campbell to Ray Charles' mother, who refused to coddle him when he was learning to cope with his blindness. "I hope that his family will remember beyond the love they have for him, the positive effect he had on students who understood his goals," Niles said.

Study finds textbook costs soaring

By Becky Bartindale
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A Government Accountability Office study of U.S. college textbook pricing confirms students' complaints: Prices have skyrocketed, driven by frequent new editions and extra materials such as workbooks and CD-ROMs, and the same textbooks often cost less overseas. Since 1986, textbook costs have increased by 186 percent, at double the rate of inflation, the U.S. GAO concluded in a report released Tuesday. That rise, combined with the 240 percent increase in the average cost of tuition and fees in the same period, can create barriers to college, particularly for low-income students. The report makes no recommendations, presenting just a factual explanation of escalating prices and the cost differences between here and abroad. But student advocates said Tuesday they hope having the

GAO validate their claims will galvanize colleges to push for textbook practices that help students save money, such as asking publishers to sell books separately from other learning materials that often go unused. "Our experience is the publishers do not respond to students," said Meriah Fairchild, a higher-education advocate with the California Student Public Interest Research Group, which has been studying textbook costs since 2003. "Professors and college administrators are the ones publishers say they take their cues from." U.S. Rep. David Wu, a Democrat from Oregon, sought the GAO study after learning that students were ordering U.S. textbooks from Amazon.com's United Kingdom Web site because they were much cheaper abroad. The report concludes that price differences from country to country largely come down to local market conditions and what students

in a particular market can and are willing to pay. As students turn to the Internet, the report says, publishers have strengthened their agreements with foreign wholesalers and online retailers to limit large-scale reimportation of cheaper books to the United States. Wu plans to investigate the legality of such restraints, his spokeswoman said. The Association of American Publishers took issue with the data used by the GAO, saying the figures don't reflect the true cost of books to students. Independent numbers produced by college bookstores and American publishers show the average full-time student at a four-year university spends \$580 a year on textbooks, not the \$898 the report claims. Publishers have taken steps in recent years to reduce costs, the group said, including issuing low-cost texts, electronic books, black-and-white editions and abbreviated editions.

In a statement, the publishers group defended bundling supplementary instructional aids with textbooks, saying they were developed at the request of professors and respond to students' academic needs. As more students attend college, they have a broad range of skill levels and learning styles that benefit from a range of materials, said the group's CEO, Patricia Schroeder. This is the first time the GAO has looked at textbook prices. The government has no oversight of the publishing industry, "but there is an overall public policy interest in the cost of college, particularly for lower income students and their families," said Cindy Fagnoni, who manages the section of the GAO that produced the report. "Our work shows that textbooks make up a significant share of college costs, especially at the type of colleges low-income students attend."

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Breast-cancer study finds french-fry link

By Roni Rabin
Newsday

A study examining the role childhood diet plays in breast cancer has found an association between eating French fries regularly during the preschool years and developing breast cancer as an adult.

Each weekly serving of French fries girls consumed between ages 3 and 5 increased their risk of developing breast cancer as adults by 27 percent, according to researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health.

The association was not found with potatoes prepared in other

ways.

The finding is the first of its kind and must be confirmed by other studies, said lead author Karin Michels, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School and clinical epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "This is something nobody's really looked at before. It's really new," she said, adding, "It could be due to chance."

She speculated the French fries may be implicated in breast cancer because they are prepared in fats that are high in harmful trans-fatty acids and saturated fat.

The dietary survey examined the childhood eating habits of partici-

pants in the Harvard Nurses' Health Study. To obtain information about what adult women had eaten as preschoolers, the researchers asked the mothers of participants in the nurses' study to fill out questionnaires asking how often their daughters had eaten 30 different food items.

The researchers analyzed data gathered in 1993 from 582 participants with breast cancer and 1,569 women without breast cancer. The participants were born between 1921 and 1965, so their mothers were being asked to recall information from decades earlier. Michels noted these recollections may have

been unreliable, especially when made by mothers who already knew their daughters had breast cancer.

Consumption of whole milk was associated with a slightly decreased risk of breast cancer, though most of the milk consumed during those decades was whole milk, Michels said.

"Only one food so distinctly stood out as being associated with breast cancer risk," Michels said, and that was the french fries.

She said dietary influences may be more significant during early life than during adulthood, because the breast of a girl or infant is more susceptible to environmental influences

than the breast of a mature woman.

Dr. Larry Norton, deputy physician in chief of the breast cancer program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, warned against over-interpreting the results. "I wouldn't go out and change Americans' dietary habits on the basis of this, but it's certainly worth pursuing the hypothesis with additional research," he said.

Michels said her study doesn't prove that giving up French fries will protect women from breast cancer. But with child obesity rates rising, she said, "There are numerous reasons to avoid French fries."

Fetal tissue looks promising in treating burns

by David Brown
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An experimental therapy that uses skin cells grown from an aborted fetus successfully healed severe burns in eight children, sparing them the need for skin grafts, according to a study published Thursday.

The treatment led to the regrowth of essentially normal skin on second- and third-degree burns in about two weeks, according to the report by a Swiss research team. The scarring and tissue contraction seen after many burns did not occur, and dressing changes were easier and less painful, the researchers said.

The fetal tissue promotes growth of the patient's own skin cells rather than becoming incorporated into the recipient's skin as a true "graft." Further, it appears that a piece of fetal skin smaller than a postage stamp could be used to produce

enough cells to treat hundreds of patients.

"The results were sort of unexpected. ... These constructs seem to work as a biological Band-Aid, promoting spontaneous healing of the patient," said Patrick Hohlfield of University Hospital of Lausanne, who was one of the researchers.

The study will appear in a future edition of *The Lancet* and was published in its Aug. 18 online edition.

Cells grown from the foreskin of circumcised newborns and large pieces of skin removed from cadavers are sometimes used to cover burns and promote healing. The Swiss researchers were the first to use cells from a fetus — a 14-week male whose mother gave permission at the time of abortion.

Burns that destroy the outer skin layer — the epidermis — heal on its own. Ones that go deep into the second layer — the dermis — require skin grafts, patches of skin sliced off one part of the body,

often the thigh, and transferred to the burned area. So-called "third degree" burns that destroy the entire dermis and leave muscle or bone exposed also need grafts.

Several burn experts said the technique sounded promising, but its usefulness is not yet proved.

"I can't say whether it's a leap forward before we know how it compares with standard wound care," said Roger Yurt, head of the burn center at Weill Cornell Medical Center, in New York.

"This is certainly worth following with great eagerness. But in the absence of comparisons (with other tissue-based dressings), it would be very difficult to assess the difference that the

fetal cells bring," said Robert Sheridan, chief of burn medicine at Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston.

Deciding which second-degree burns need skin grafts is often a matter of judgment.

"Were they helping heal a burn that was going to heal on its own?" asked Gary Purdue, director of the burn center at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. "It's good if it helps do that, but it may be only an incremental advance."

The Swiss researchers used a patch of fetal skin 1.5 inches square. They grew cells from it in tissue culture and let the cells spread out on sheets of a material called collagen, forming a kind of artificial

skin. They cut that into pieces 3.5 by 5 inches and placed about four of them on 10-day-old burns in eight children. The burns were second- and third-degree, they said, and all would normally have undergone skin grafting.

The fetal-cell material disappeared, but it was not incorporated into the regenerating skin. The scientists determined that by testing the genes in a piece of skin taken from a healed burn in a female patient. The skin contained no male cells, which it would have if it contained any of the fetal material.

Skin cells secrete numerous chemical "growth factors" that cause progenitor skin cells to divide, spread out and attach to one another. Exactly how they differ from the cells of newborns or adults is uncertain.

"We are very busy with the characterization of these cells and their byproducts," Hohlfield said.

A main problem with healed but heavily scarred

burns is that they contract, limiting the motion of joints. Grafts frequently leave an uneven contour on the skin surface. Neither of these problems occurred in the eight children, according to the report. There was "total recovery of mobility, especially in hands and fingers."

The patients have been followed for one to two years. There was some color change in some areas, but the overall appearance of the healed burns was good, Hohlfield said.

The team calculated that the small piece taken in this case could ultimately produce more than 2 million of the squares that were put on the burns.

One fetus could theoretically provide material for hundreds or thousands of burn victims, although Hohlfield said he suspected that would not remove some people's objections to the use of tissue from an aborted fetus.

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Making America wilder

By Bryn Nelson
Newsday

"Pleistocene Park" may not have the same cinematic cachet as its Jurassic cousin, but a controversial proposal to introduce free-ranging lions, cheetahs, elephants and other wild animals to North America's Great Plains is generating its own share of dramatic reviews.

The "re-wilding" of parts of North America's heartland could restore some balance to an ecosystem that lost a slew of similar species around 13,000 years ago, according to a commentary in this week's issue of the journal Nature.

Although conceding that "huge cultural obstacles" would have to be surmounted, lead author and Cornell University ecologist Josh Donlan argues that the long-range plan also might help preserve animals in danger of extinction elsewhere.

"The idea is to actively promote the restoration of large wild vertebrates into

North America in preference to the 'pests and weeds' (rats and dandelions) that will otherwise come to dominate the landscape," he and his 11 co-authors write in the commentary.

"It seems kind of loopy," said Craig Packer, a lion ecology expert at the University of Minnesota whose own study in the same issue of Nature explores the surge in lion attacks on humans in Tanzania.

Packer said lions and elephants may elicit affection in zoos or in movies, but realistic conservation efforts also must address the danger they pose to people living in their midst.

And if controversy has flared over re-establishing wolves and other animals that populated parts of the country 100 years ago, he said, imagine the brouhaha over establishing replacements for lions that lived here more than 13,000 years ago — and are now known to pull people out of bed at night.

"Cougars do not break into people's houses and pull people out of bed," he said. "We're just dealing with something that's an order of magnitude riskier with elephants and lions."

By importing those species, "you're just going to be importing a huge problem."

But Donlan said he and his colleagues are merely hoping to provoke a much-needed debate over the future course of wildlife conservation and ecology.

Conservation biologists, he said, "are easily characterized as purveyors of gloom and doom." By putting forth a proposal, albeit one with big obstacles, he said his field can move from a largely reactive stance to one that is more proactive.

True, the current American landscape now includes humans who would very much prefer to be left out of any Pleistocene-like food chain. "We envision perimeter fencing probably playing

a large role," Donlan concedes, adding that establishing elephant and lion populations may take 50 years.

But David Burney, a Fordham University ecologist who initially proposed the idea with University of Arizona ecologist Paul Martin, said the concept is gaining traction in some circles. Burney, a co-author of the Nature commentary, said the current plan emerged from a brainstorming session last year at media mogul Ted Turner's ranch near Truth or Consequences, N.M.

As a trial step, ecologists hope to use Turner's ranch to repatriate the endangered Bolson tortoise, a Pleistocene regular now confined to Mexico.

Adding camels and elephants to the Southwest, Burney said, could capture the public's imagination (and tourist dollars), and help control plants like creosote bushes, producing a "kind of grand ecological service that will pay for itself."

Vaccine brings sharp drop in chickenpox

By Alex Raksin
Los Angeles Times

The start of infant chickenpox vaccinations a decade ago has led to an 88 percent decline in hospitalizations and a 59 percent drop in doctor's visits associated with the disease, according to a study published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Death rates from the disease have dropped from about 150 deaths a year before the immunization program to an average of 66 per year, according to recent statistics.

The study, conducted by researchers at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found that the decreased number of chickenpox-related hospital visits had resulted in a savings of \$63 million a year in medical expenses.

But "the payoff of the vaccine program still remains far from clear," said Dr. Matthew M. Davis of the University of Michigan in an editorial accompanying the study.

For example, the CDC estimates that the cost of vaccinating 4 million children a year is about \$144 million.

Dr. Abigail Shefer, a CDC epidemiologist and co-author of the study, acknowledged that it was not a complete economic analysis, omitting such potentially large costs as lost wages from parents taking off from work to care for children with chickenpox. The study, based on an analysis of 500 million private health insurance claim records, also did not address the costs incurred by those not covered by insurance.

Before the United States began the immunization program in 1995, chickenpox infected about 4 million Americans a year, many of them infants and toddlers. About 11,000 cases per year required hospitalization, according to the CDC.

Chickenpox causes a rash that appears first on the trunk and face, then spreads over the body, leaving hundreds of itchy blisters.

The disease, which lasts five days on average, is uncomfortable but rarely fatal.

Once infected with chickenpox, which is caused by the varicella virus, a person is immune for life. But the virus can hide in the body's nervous system and re-emerge later in life to produce shingles, a more severe condition.

A recent study has shown that vaccination of older people can prevent shingles.

The childhood vaccine tends to lose its protective power after several years.

Thus, some parents choose not to have their children vaccinated out of fear that they will lose their immunity and contract chickenpox as adults.

Ohio governor admits ethics violations, apologizes

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ohio Gov. Bob Taft, R, pleaded no contest Thursday to charges that he violated state ethics laws, becoming the first governor in the state's history convicted of a crime and providing powerful ammunition

to Democrats seeking to break the Republican Party's dominance in a critical swing state.

Taft, who cooperated with investigators, issued a public apology after being convicted on four misdemeanor counts for failing to report 52 golf outings, dinners and other


entertainment gifts.

He was fined \$4,000, the maximum. Taft, who by law cannot run again, said he will not resign.


"There are no words to express the deep remorse that I feel over the embarrassment that I have caused for my administration and for the

people of the state of Ohio," Taft said after the sentencing.


"I offer my sincere and heartfelt apology, and I hope the people will understand that these mistakes, though major and important mistakes, were done unintentionally, and I hope and pray they will accept my apology."



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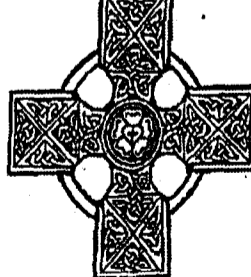
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Cheney: U.S. 'will not relent' in Iraq conflict

By Peter Baker
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney declared Thursday that the United States "will not relent" in the war in Iraq and will hunt down insurgents there "one at a time if necessary," implicitly rebutting escalating pressure on the Bush administration to bring U.S. troops home.

Addressing a friendly audience of combat veterans a day after antiwar candlelight vigils were held around the nation, Cheney cast victory in Iraq as "critical to the future security of the U.S." and said the country should not lose its resolve to defeat the militants.

"They believe that America will lose our nerve and let down our guard," he said at the 73rd national convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart held in Springfield, Mo., according to a transcript provided by the White House. "They are sorely mistaken."

Cheney's speech represented the first high-profile White House response in the past week to gathering antiwar demonstrations galvanized by Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a soldier killed in Iraq. Sheehan has set up camp near President Bush's Texas ranch, demanding to speak with the vacationing Bush to express her opposition to the war. She said Thursday that she is temporarily leaving Texas to care for her mother, who had a stroke.

Some Republicans have concluded that the White House mishandled the Sheehan situation. Bush sent

two top aides to talk with her but refused to see her himself, having already met her once last year as part of a larger session with relatives of war casualties.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said Thursday that Bush would have been smarter to see Sheehan. "I do know that he met with her and other families prior, but I think the wise course of action, the compassionate course of action, the better course of action would have been to immediately invite her into the ranch," Hagel said on CNN.

In his speech, Cheney did not mention Sheehan but offered tribute to those killed in Iraq: "That loss is irreplaceable, and no one can take away the sorrow that has come to the families of the fallen."

Two months after declaring that the Iraqi insurgency was in its "last throes," Cheney painted a starker picture Thursday, acknowledging that "there is still tough fighting" to come. Rather than promising quick victory, he reminded Americans that after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks Bush warned that the broader struggle with terrorism would be "a lengthy campaign."

The vice president cited the darkest days of the American Revolution, when the war was going badly and ragtag rebels were ready to go home until George Washington rallied them. "They stayed in the fight, and America won the war," he said. "From that day to this, our country has always counted on the bravest among us to answer the call of duty."

Roberts' ethics run deep

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — As a White House lawyer in the Reagan administration, John G. Roberts Jr. did not spend all his time analyzing the great legal issues of the day. Instead, judging from the thousands of pages of his files that were released Thursday, the Supreme Court nominee spent much of his time acting as a gatekeeper and editor for the president.

He repeatedly tried to keep Reagan's friends from taking advantage of his office. He sought to keep the president from lending his name or office to promoting commercial interests. Sometimes, he intervened to keep Reagan from saying things he might regret.

When actor Jimmy Stewart wrote Reagan in 1983 to ask if he would serve on an advisory board for his son's prep school in Arizona, for instance, Roberts sternly wrote a memo advising that the president "should not accept Stewart's invitation." The school planned to use Reagan's name to raise money. It would be "demeaning to the (president's) office, using it as a huckster's ploy," he said.

When some wealthy Republicans from Dallas invited the Reagans to a gala dinner, Roberts advised against it on the grounds that sponsors were using the event as a part of the grand

opening of a shopping mall.

In December 1985, Jerry Weintraub, the chief executive of United Artists, offered to have actor Sylvester Stallone personally give Reagan the boxing gloves and robe he wore in the newly released "Rocky IV." The gifts were to end up in the Smithsonian Institution, Weintraub said.

Roberts said the president should decline the offer. It "is a rather transparent publicity stunt to promote the film," he said in a memo to White House counsel Fred Fielding.

And when a publicist for Michael Jackson proposed in 1984 that Reagan thank the pop star for giving tickets to needy youngsters so they could attend a Washington concert, Roberts demurred. "I hate to sound like one of Mr. Jackson's records, constantly repeating the same refrain, but I recommend we do not approve this letter," he wrote.

He gave the same advice even when the cause was dear to Reagan's heart.

In January 1985, the president was asked to speak to a group of corporate executives who had shown a willingness to support refugees in Nicaragua. "I recommend stopping any White House involvement in this effort," Roberts wrote, adding the president should not participate in "private fundraising."

Comments reflecting Roberts' personal political

views were rare in the more than 38,000 pages of files that were released Thursday by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley and by the National Archives Washington. Together with the papers released Monday, the files contain all the material from the Reagan Library that was written by or compiled in the office where Roberts worked from 1982 to 1986.

Instead of providing insights into his beliefs or repeating the assertions of conservative ideology found in some papers released earlier, these documents offered a glimpse into Roberts' personality — his wry sense of humor, his efforts to steer President Reagan clear of controversy, and his attention to detail, even punctuation.

And, they shed light on the often dry, tedious work of a young White House attorney who, in addition to dispensing advice on complex legal issues and congressional legislation, responded to mail sent to the White House from citizens. He even issued a memo about a Christmas party invitation: "The only change I am considering is a more festive color."

Roberts also said "thanks, but no thanks" was the right response to an \$8 billion crime-fighting strategy proposed by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. The proposals "are the epitome of the 'throw money

at the problem' approach" to crime fighting, Roberts said. His blunt rejection of Specter's idea may not sit well with the Pennsylvania senator who is now chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which will begin confirmation hearings on Roberts' nomination in early September.

Sometimes, Roberts objected to words and phrases in Reagan's speeches. In October 1984, the president was set to conclude a campaign speech in South Carolina with the rousing line that the United States is "the greatest Nation God ever created."

Roberts said he had no "legal objection" to the president's prepared remarks. He added, however, that the final line "strikes me as ill-advised and, particularly in the light of the focus on the religion and politics issue, a likely candidate for the 'Reaganism of the Week.' ... According to Genesis, God creates things like the heavens and the earth, and the birds and fishes, but not nations," he wrote.

His commitment to Reagan was clear: In his April 1986 letter of resignation, Roberts wrote the president, "My years in your service will always be very special to me. The inspiration you have given me will burn brightly in my heart long after I have left the lights of the White House behind."

Americans spending \$34.4 billion on college costs

The Dallas Morning News

The cost of going off to college not only trumps annual K-12 expenditures by a long shot but will be up 33.8 percent from last year to an estimated \$34.4 billion, according to a consumer survey released Tuesday.

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lege freshman, parent and student will spend an average \$1,151.68, based on a survey by BIGresearch for the National Retail Federation. About half of that (\$540.35) will be on consumer electronics. It doesn't get much better sophomore year. The average is \$1,028.57 as many students leave the dorm for a

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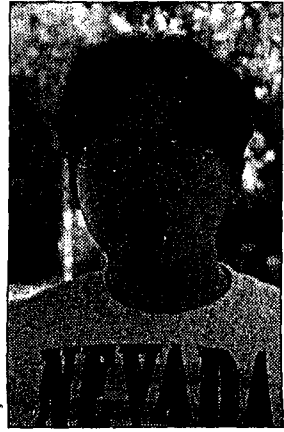


"I'm not going to buy a single textbook this semester. Everything I need will be online."

Andrew Hargreaves
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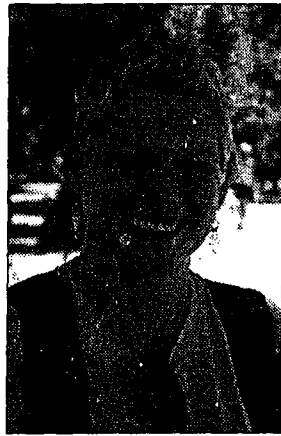
"Not so often, depends on the price of the book. If the book is really needed in the class I might be forced to pay for it."

Ze-yung Sean Wang
Graduate Education
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"I use them really to only study—occasionally read a chapter—if I feel scholarly."

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MailBOX

Evaluations give power

Dear Editor,
I am one of the faculty members whose course was selected by an Argonaut reporter as an example of a course with relatively high grades and low teaching evaluations (Campus community questions student evaluations of teachers, May 5). As I take pride in my work, it was hurtful to see this citation in your paper.
The course, early modern aesthetics, was one I taught last fall as a result of the UI financial crisis. Since the mid-1990s I have taught only studio classes. My evaluation scores for the five studio undergraduate classes I taught in 2004 average 3.06 for the first question on the instructor and 3.5 for the second on the quality of the course.

I think the second question is the more important of the two.
The Argonaut article did not provide numbers for the second question. For early modern aesthetics the score for course quality was 2.2. Fourteen students rated the course excellent or good, two as average and eight rated it below average.

In teaching early modern aesthetics, I coped with many problems. Our slide collection is not fully organized and lacks important images. Preparation of my lectures was difficult. Furthermore, I had no way of giving students access to the slides. I made the decision to use a Texas Web site, Artchive, as a way to provide students access to imagery of the artists we studied. Unfortunately, this Web site froze during finals week and I had to change the requirements for the final just a day or two before the test.
Because of all these difficulties, and particularly the problem with Artchive before finals, I deliberately made grades for this course "easy."

But, in any event, I am not particularly interested in grades. Art majors will be assessed by their portfolios. It is knowledge gained that matters.

Lynne Haagensen
Art professor

Holy man spreads message of peace

Dear Editor,
His holiness the Dalai Lama will be visiting Sun Valley, Idaho, on Sept. 11. If

you are not doing anything that weekend, it would be nice to drive over and wish him a big: "Hello Dalai."

Pete Peterson
Boise

Gas prices warrant heated discussion

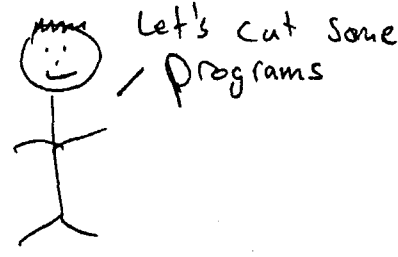
Dear Editor,
How about those gas prices? I was very disappointed yesterday when I paid \$10 for about four gallons of gas. It made me wonder if America is really doing all they can to try to find alternative fuels. It seems to me that more could be done to develop new types of vehicles to curv America's dependency on petroleum. We have the technology and resources, we just need to take the time and put more effort into designing new vehicles that use alternative types of fuel. UI has the Future Truck program which is a good start, but it is not enough. More universities need to put a greater focus on this goal. Until change does come I guess I will have to pay the high gas prices, but I don't have to be happy

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Summer AT UI



Joe Vandal



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OurVIEW

Oops, they did it again

In perfect harmony with the budget busting announcements that have hysteriously accompanied every significant academic break in the last three years, the administration made two important moves this summer. President White announced May 17 the latest fatalities in the ever-growing war against UI's humongous budget. The day before White's announcement, the Cashiers Office implemented a 2.5 percent fee on all credit card transactions. These details, which may have seemed routine university actions to higher-ups, were carried out the week after students left for summer break.

In a letter from the Cashiers Office dated April 21, the credit card plan was revealed and an implementation date set for May 16. The fee is attached to "credit card payments for student

fees, tuition, and room and board."

This is considered smart business—the letter cites five years of steadily rising credit card use as justification for the move—but the change should have started at the beginning of the school year, not the second students left town.

A Web check option that allows students to pay balances over the Internet using a checking account functions as an alternative to the fee. Finally, with the new plan, credit cards will only be accepted online.

The fee increase and White's budget massacre are only the latest in a long line of policy changes put into action the second students leave campus.

In 2002, a university-wide meeting concerning the mounting budget crisis was held during finals week. This was right before winter

break, and undoubtedly students who would have attended were either weighed down with exams or made light-headed by dreams of Tickle Me Elmos. Massive budget cuts were announced a semester later by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne; this nugget was flown in during finals week as well.

The next school year was filled with issues such as the Glen Grishkoff firing and the proposed merger of the Student Recreation Center with the athletic department, both happening during breaks.

This needs to stop. Every move the administration makes should benefit the university and its students. Without students, the university would cease to exist, so it seems reasonable that major decisions be made during the school year.

Naysayers may argue that the president is so busy with

the inner workings of UI during the school year that there is no option other than waiting until school is out to release these incendiary decisions. This may sometimes be the case, but waiting until finals week to hold important meetings and announce budget cuts is simply unacceptable. This may be a nouveau idea, but there is an entire week before finals called "dead week." It is hard to believe that announcing decisions a week earlier is impossible.

How can the best interest of the students be known if they are buried in papers or laying on the beach? Budget cuts and other policy changes are sometimes necessary, but keeping students informed should be the first priority.

J.R.

Ask Jason: Wait lists

Dear Jason,
I'm on the wait list for a class I really want to get into. How will I know how likely I am to get into the class? And what should I do when school starts?



JASON
of the argonauts
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When you sign up online for a full class, the registration system will give you a message like this: CLOSED-021 WAITLISTED. The number after "closed" is how far down you will be on the wait list if you sign up for the class. Unfortunately, this is the only time you can find out where you're at on the list, so pay attention and write it down.

If the number is less than five, you have a pretty good chance of getting into the class. If the number reaches double digits, your likelihood of getting in starts looking pretty dreary, unless it's a class with high enrollment, like many of the 100-level classes. Upper-division courses can be more popular, with smaller class sizes and

fewer sections, so they can be harder to get into than introductory courses.

If enough people drop the class to allow you in before school starts, the registration system will automatically add the class to your schedule. If you haven't been automatically added to the class by the time school starts, don't panic. Students often drop classes during the first couple weeks, and professors can remove students who don't attend the first week of classes.

If either of these things happen and you're at the top of the wait list, you might be able to get in. I'd suggest you attend the first week of classes. Some professors will ask students on the wait list to leave after the first few minutes during that first week.

Others will allow wait-listed students to stay so they won't be behind in the class if they do get in.

If you're trying to get into an upper-division course,

especially if you and other students need it to graduate, there's a possibility that your professor might increase the class's enrollment size by one or two spots to accommodate you.

In any case, you should ask your professor what he would prefer you to do. Many classes, especially those in computer labs, don't allow for wait-listed students to stick around during the first week, so sometimes all you can do is let the professor know you're interested in the class and hope for the best. If the professor does let you attend class the first week, be sure to pay attention so you'll be on top of your game if you get into the class.

Jason has given up his fleecing life and settled down at The Argonaut to seek out the answers to UI students' toughest questions. Need answers? E-mail Jason at argonaut@sub.uidaho.edu with the subject line "Ask Jason," and he will use all sources available to him to answer your question.

Beware the one-semester friend

By David Chung
Daily Trojan

(U-WIRE)—The transition from high school to college brings upgrades in nearly every social activity. You meet people faster and in bulk, take part in more diverse social pastimes and meet a wider range of people than those you associated with in high school.

But there is a plague in college social life that comes with no disclaimer for incoming freshmen. This problem personifies itself in what can best be described as the "one-semester friend." And this article serves as notice and warning to new students for this silent epidemic.

The one-semester friend generally manifests itself in good-looking members of the opposite gender who you assist with homework. Sometimes you even find yourself approaching them and offering your help. But don't be fooled. This problem generally affects males more frequently than females, but even females are still at risk. As a past victim, I only hope that others can learn from my mistakes.

The cycle is generally as follows: Throughout the semester, you seem to be developing a friendship with this fantastic person in class who is different from all of your other friends. You share some notes, laughs and even study together. After the class final, when you no

longer have a block on your schedule together, you are disappointed to find that you no longer have a friend.

The one-semester friend is often found in attractive females that pass lecture time by text messaging, being on IM (via Sidekick or stylish laptops), whispering/giggling or sitting at home telling friends on IM how they have class, but are "over it."

This is the type that males need to be the most cautious of because their tempting smiles, batting eyelashes, friendly waves (you know, when they wave with their fingers) and bubbly purple handwriting asking if you want to get together to study before the midterm can be hard to resist.

These types often know how to do just enough to keep naive males wrapped around their gently wailing French-manicured fingers.

Male one-semester friends can frequently be spotted by their informal way of greeting guys who regularly attend class. This greeting usually begins with "hey," and is followed by any one of these clever nicknames: "dude," "homie," "chief," "dawg," "man," "bro," "big man," "brah," "boss," and the ever popular, "buddy."

While you might be flattered that someone thinks you can be counted on for quality notes, remember that this person clearly does not know your name — which

says more about the quality of your relationship than any amount of flattery.

One-semester males are less prone to create these relationships with females because, let's face it, most guys like to know girls. And if a guy knows a girl, he will not only greet her when he sees her, but will oftentimes pursue a better relationship with that female, which can lead to a more diverse social circle.

So now that I've identified the problem, what can you do to avoid falling into the clutches of a one-semester friend?

First of all, never give your notes to someone who does not attend class. If someone refuses to take notes, they should at least put in the same amount of class time as you, even if it is spent asleep in the classroom.

Second, if you exchanged numbers with someone at the beginning of the semester and the first conversation you have with that person happens to come the same week as your first midterm, you're being used. Don't deny it; embrace the fact that you were smart enough to recognize it.

Third, beautiful people get enough as it is, so just because a guy or girl is hot does not give him or her a claim to your notes, homework or time, even if it means you get to study with the person once or twice.

Just remember that devel-

oping a relationship based on one-way homework help is just asking for future disappointment.

Know how to identify terrible excuses, such as "things have been real crazy."

Usually this excuse precedes some sort of exaggerated or fabricated story, and it's grammatically incorrect. If the person is searching for a story, search for another seat.

And lastly, follow your instincts. You will have a sinking feeling in your heart while sitting inside your room on a Friday night editing that cutie's paper because she would be "soooooo happy" if you helped her so that she could go "out w/ the girls!! Leave one!!!" (with light blue font) according to her away message on IM.

Finish this one favor so you don't back out of a commitment, and of course because "OMG~ YOU ARE THE BEST," then get out as soon as you can because it only gets harder later.

It is exciting to meet so many new faces and have your cell phone's contact list double in a matter of weeks.

But just because you're in a new place and want to meet new people doesn't mean you should throw out all the normal rules of how to judge what constitutes a legitimate friendship.

In an attempt to stop a problem that disappoints students new and old, let's try our best to make friends and be good friends.

MAIL from page A9

When I moved into my dorm room, I had to fill out a form regarding the condition of the room and its furnishings. My refund will be based on that form. But whether or not I get my refund on my room, I still have to deal with an extra 23 bucks for holes in the ceiling of my hall's lounge—holes I was not responsible for.

I feel it is important that future residents are protected from things like this. In an apartment setting, each tenant is responsible for their room, and as a whole the tenants are responsible for the shared spaces. The same idea would apply to the dorms. In the beginning of each semester, common

areas like lounges and bathrooms should be examined. If the university would like to screw its residents into paying for its repairs, then it should do it in a more congenial way. By this I mean that it should charge the residents of every semester an extra dollar or two. This would amount to a lot over time, and would help take care of damages that come with time. If new damages are caused, then the hall as a whole (if no individuals come forward) is responsible for those damages, but it should not be responsible for the damages of the past.

Alex Thornburg
Sophomore
Journalism

Drivers stiffed

The Baltimore Sun

Want to feel worse about the gas guzzler that costs \$75 a tank to fill and gets maybe 15 miles to the gallon?

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The Bush administration refuses to learn from this experience. Instead of seizing the moment of soaring prices and scarcer fuel to demand

greater efficiency from future vehicles, the administration is lowering the bar.

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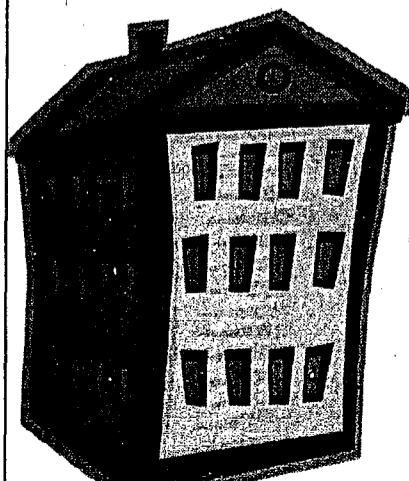
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CONCERT

Blues Traveler has new beat

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

With an album coming out Sept. 13, Blues Traveler has plenty of new material to play during its fall tour.

"On any given night you can play four, five, six new songs," bass player Tad Kinchla said. "It makes it fresh."

No doubt the band will perform a few such songs during Monday's free concert at the University of Idaho. The concert, presented by the ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board, will be at 7 p.m. on the Theophilus Tower Lawn.

Kinchla and bandmates John Popper on harmonica and vocals, Chad Kinchla on guitar, Brendan Hill on drums and Ben Wilson on keyboard have been touring the country all summer with tunes from "¡Bastardos!" It is the band's eighth studio album and first release on Vanguard Records.

As far as the album title goes, "there's some self-degrading humor, and I think that's good," Kinchla said.

Kinchla said "¡Bastardos!" is the first album that highlights the way the band's current lineup plays together. The band added Kinchla and Wilson following founding bassist Bobby Sheehan's death in 1999. Though Blues Traveler has released two albums since then, (2001's "Bridge" and 2003's "Truth Be Told"), Kinchla said this one is different.

"It's a natural-sounding thing," he said. "Everyone's in a good space now. It's a very different album."

Kinchla said much of the change was driven by new producer Jay Bennett. "He allowed it ... to be organic." The band members, who split writing credits on the album though Popper wrote most of the lyrics, experimented with layering and new ideas for their music. Since the album was recorded in Texas, Kinchla said it has a Mexican-American vibe.

While Kinchla said the band expects fans to be surprised by the changes, it isn't planning to shock anyone.

"I don't think it's anything drastic. I think this is where we are, where we've progressed to," he said. "If you go back five years, I think the band has changed quite a bit."

While many songs in the band's concert lineup are from "¡Bastardos!" Kinchla said the UI concert will likely include Blues

Free Concert

Featuring Blues Traveler
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Traveler's older hits, such as "Run-Around" and "Hook."

Even though Kinchla admits he gets sick of those songs because of radio over-play, he said the band recognizes that many students will want to hear them. Since the band wants to entertain, it includes familiar songs on its lists.

Kinchla said he also expects fans to particularly enjoy one song from the new album, "Amber Awaits." He said Popper wrote the song about a relationship of his, a theme many of the band's songs touch.

"If you peel it down, they're all very simple messages," he said. "Most people like to hear something they can relate to."

The band has played several large, free concerts over the summer, and Kinchla said they have all gone fantastically. "We've actually been really nailing those shows this year," he said. "We're one of those bands that prides ourselves on our ability to play well."

Kinchla said he anticipates another good show at UI and said the band is looking forward to playing in a new place. "It's nice to see beautiful places in this country," he said.

Local band Oracle Shack will open for Blues Traveler. Entertainment Board Concerts Chair Amy Steele said the board chose Oracle Shack at the last minute, but is pleased with its choice.

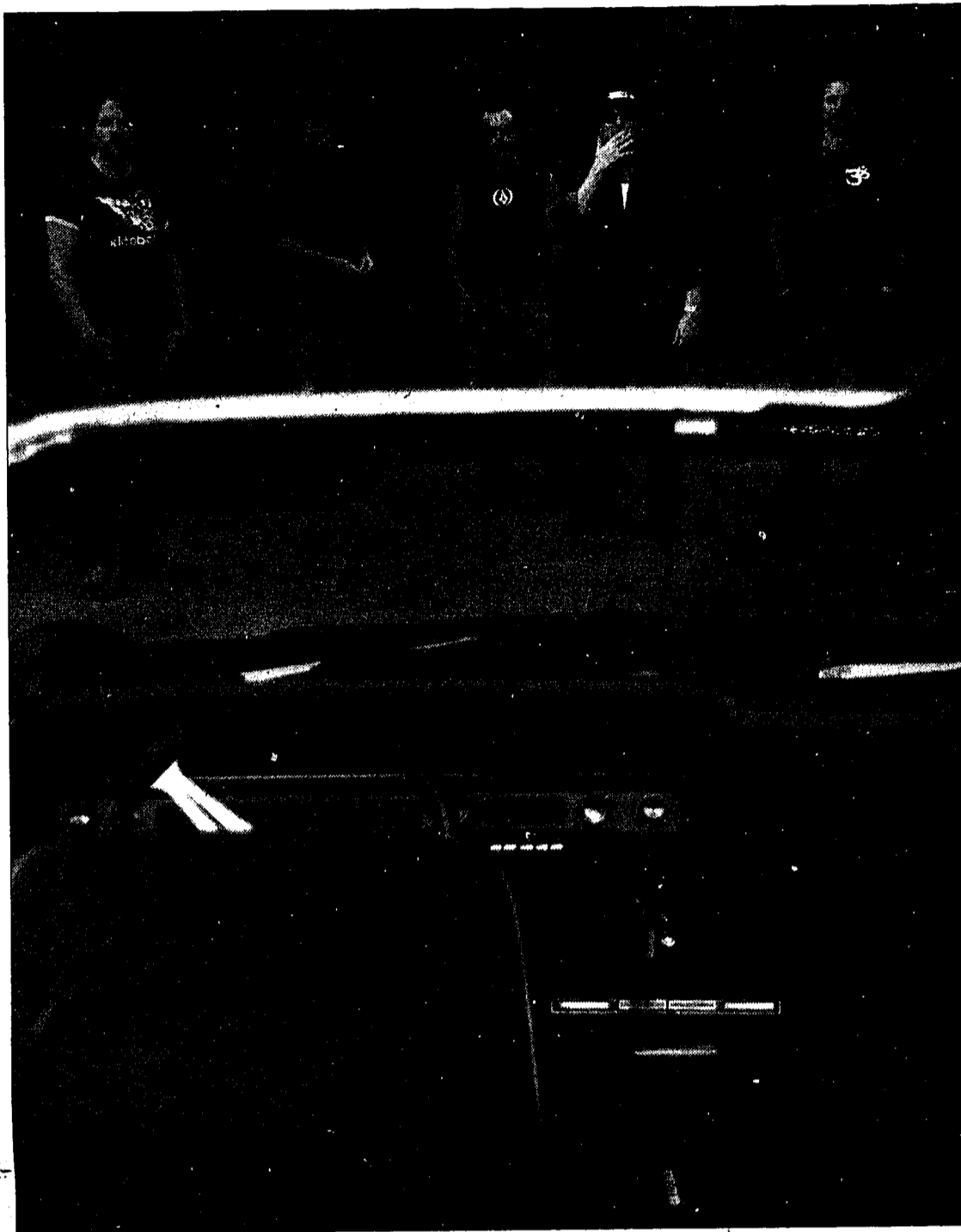
"We just wanted someone local, someone who fit the style of the music and someone everyone could enjoy," she said.

ASUI president Autumn Hansen said the Entertainment Board was able to bring Blues Traveler to campus for free using money from increased student fees.

"It is something the students are putting into," she said.

Steele said the Blues Traveler concert is only the first in a line of bigger-name concerts at UI.

"Every show should be bigger than it has been in the past."



Blues Traveler features (left to right) Wilson, T. Kinchla, Hill, Popper and C. Kinchla

Courtesy Photo

LENTIL FESTIVAL

The Palouse celebrates its favorite little legume

By Ryli Hennessey
Argonaut

The 17th annual Lentil Festival will draw people from all over the world to the Palouse this Friday and Saturday. The festival features everything from a three-on-three basketball tournament to a parade to the legendary Lentil Cook-Off.

Lentils are a small, lens-shaped legume with a mild, nutty flavor. Two-thirds of the lentils in the United States are grown in the Palouse region. The lentil can be used in most any dish including desserts, lasagnas and even pot stickers.

Becky Dark has worked on the lentil festival's cook-off for 10 years and has seen many lentil dishes.

Dark praised the legume for its usefulness in cuisine. "They are very mild. They give a little flavor and texture and nutrition."

Many wild and creative dishes with just as creative names are entered in the cook-off each year. This year's dishes are the Uber Goober Chocolate Lentil Bar, Palouse Pot Stickers, Washington Caviar, All-American Apple Lattice

Tarts, Wise's Good Healthy Soup and Lentil Barley Soup. Eighteen judges in the preliminary cook-off chose the six finalists.

"We get recipes from all over the country," festival director Michelle Posey said. "Four hundred judges will go through and taste and decide which one will win."

Some interesting dishes from past years have left an impression on festival coordinators.

"The most creative in all my years was lentil cold cuts," Dark said.

She said it was made with ground up lentils and V8 juice put in a can and solidified. It didn't win anything but Dark said it was quite good and a very nutritious vegetarian dish.

Dark and Posey share a cook-off favorite, a seven-layer dip called Dippin' in the Palouse. Carolyn Joswig-Jones, a new coordinator for the cook-off, enjoys lentil dishes of this type as well.

"Dips and salsa are my favorite with lentils," Joswig-Jones said.

Joswig-Jones also enjoyed this year's most creative dish, Palouse Pot Stickers.

Along with the cook-off, the festival features another

"(Lentils) are very mild. They give a little flavor and texture and nutrition."

Becky Dark
Cook-off Worker

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Shoppers at last year's Lentil Festival look over lentils at the arts and crafts booth.

Courtesy of Tim Marsh

MOVIES

Finally, a summer of love

As the summer of 2005 comes to a close and studios are releasing choice films like "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo," the time has come

to complain about how disappointed we all were with those movies that looked so good six months ago. The time has come, yet I can't bring myself to complain. This summer just plain rocked for movies.

The summer of 2005 will probably be remembered for an apparent slump in box office revenue, but here's some much more positive things to remember:

The Big Three Were Big
When the season began in May, everybody was talking about the same three movies: "Star Wars," "Batman Begins" and "War of the Worlds." In previous years, we'd be lucky to get one of these to be within expectations. This year, the big three easily exceeded expectations.

Face it: the "Star Wars" saga's been dead since the line "Meeza Jar-Jar Binks" graced the screen. But "Revenge of the Sith" was special. It was epic. It was exciting. It was "Star Wars" again. Sure, the dialogue was still terrible, but only a fool would expect anything more. George Lucas can deliver fantastic space battles and epic lightsaber duels. He can't deliver witty banter. Keeping this in mind, "Episode III" was a blast, from R2D2 taking on pesky druids to Obi-Wan finally humbling whiny, little

Anakin with a little limb slicing. That's what he gets for betraying Samuel L. Jackson.

Nobody would have cared if "Batman Begins" sucked.

Just stick it in a two-pack set with "Batman and Robin" and let some poor guy find it in the Wal-Mart bin. But director Christopher Nolan made the Dark Knight dark again, and he assembled a dream cast to steer the franchise in the right direction. Comic geeks rejoiced, even

enough to forgive an edit style that put too much MTV in Gotham City.

Then there was Steven Spielberg's "War of the Worlds," essentially a near-perfect blockbuster made by a near-perfect director. Regardless of what you thought of the rushed ending, the preceding 116 minutes were as jaw-droppingly exciting as movies get. The genius is in Spielberg's restraint, refusing to show the audience needless destruction of landmarks or follow any of the president's cliché decisions. A massive battle wages just over a hill-top, but we don't see it, because Tom Cruise doesn't see it. Spielberg stuck to his guns and made a movie about one family's survival. The result is a relevant, breathtaking, well-acted film that deserved better than its slightly maudlin ending involving the fate of one key



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Palousafest kicks off semester with J. Marc Bailey band

by Hillary Flowers
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Palousafest brings a whole new meaning to cowboy hats and hay bales with the theme "Best of the West."

The University of Idaho's largest block party will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the Idaho Commons Plaza. A showing of the movie "The Three Amigos" will follow at 9 p.m. on the Commons Green.

"We wanted to see how the theme would work," ASUI president Autumn Hansen said. "It kind of highlights an aspect of Idaho culture."

J. Marc Bailey, a country band from Utah, will kick off the event with its songs from its most recent album, "Just to Hang Around."

Bailey began playing the drums when he was eight years old. He began having problems with his wrist and wasn't able to play for long periods of time. Not letting that discourage him, he learned how to play the guitar and began singing, later forming the band.

"Country has always been my thing," Bailey said. "That's what I grew up on.

That's what I love."

Today the band has four albums out and is signed by the Canadian record company River Ranch Records. Bailey's younger sister Michelle Bailey plays fiddle and harmonica and sings in the band. The other band members are Merlin Sheperd on drums and vocals, band leader Mark Adkins on bass guitar, Drew Williams on keyboards and vocals, Marshall Bare on guitar and Carl Schwitzer on guitar vocals. One of the band's guitarists is rock-oriented and the other is country-oriented.

Bailey's sister has been with the band since the beginning, but one member didn't start out playing an instrument or singing. Williams was originally on sound crew when one day Bailey heard him playing the piano. Bailey said he didn't know Williams could play. Williams was only 17 years old when he worked for the band, and is now 19.

J. Marc Bailey has played with country artists Toby Keith, Sawyer Brown, Phil Vassar, Miranda Lambert, Little Texas, Restless Heart, Deana Carter, Highway 101, Ryan Shoupe and .38 Special. Shoupe played fiddle on the

majority of the new album.

Bailey said the Palousafest concert will be a family show. "I keep my lyrics really straight up and clean," he said.

Bailey said he enjoys playing for the student crowd. His said students enjoy his music because it is a mix between country and rock.

"I always thought hearing my songs on the radio was the greatest thing in the world," Bailey said. "Not nearly exciting as watching somebody in the crowd who knows your music and have them sing along with you as you're playing."

The band's album "Just to Hang Around" will be on sale during Palousafest. It hits stores nationwide on Sept. 8.

Cuban-American acoustic guitarist Nini Camps will open for J. Marc Bailey.

Palousafest began more than 10 years ago as an alcohol-alternative event. Hansen said the event is now considered an orientation event to begin the school year.

"I really enjoy putting on an event that students will benefit from all around," Hansen said.

The event will provide free food including baked potatoes, ice cream, pizza, salsa



Courtesy Photo

J. Marc Bailey will perform at Palousafest. The band is known for the song "Cowby Up."

and chips. The dean of students covers the food portion of the event. ASUI and the Idaho Commons and Student Union will give away prizes at Palousafest, including an iPod Shuffle, a DVD player, an XBOX and a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's. To win

the larger prizes students must be present.

About 150 vendors will be at Palousafest, including campus clubs and departments.

Palousafest will include a mechanical bull, a Quick Draw Shoot 'Em Up game, a Texas Hold'em poker tourna-

ment, a western costume contest, a horseshoes game and desperado group photos.

Palousafest is supported by the Dean of Students' office, Idaho Commons and Student Union, ASUI and the ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board.

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival receives \$10,000 in grants for 2006

by Brian Rich
argonaut staff

Two grants will be awarded to the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival for 2006 in support of the festival and its programs.

The grants are \$5,000 each, one from the Idaho Community Foundation and the other from the National Endowment for the Arts' Jazz Masters program.

The first grant comes from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund, which is a contributor to the ICF. It was given to the festival for the Jazz in the Schools program.

The second grant is for the festival's participants to perform in the NEA's Jazz Masters on Tour, a nationwide tour that visits one school from each state.

Festival director Lynn Skinner said the grants aren't

necessary to keep the festival alive, since it isn't linked to university funding, but they will help bring talented new musicians to next year's festival.

"It's our first year with Jazz Masters," Skinner said. "It's been many years since we've had support from the National Endowment for the Arts and we are pleased to have the Jazz Masters' help."

Skinner said there are people who have been in the Jazz Masters program at least 25 years. At one point, Lionel

Hampton was a Jazz Master.

Skinner said the most the NEA ever granted to the festival was \$19,000 in 1991, but it still helps greatly.

"Our budget dropped from \$176 million down to \$98 million in 1998," said Victoria Hutter, public affairs specialist for the NEA. "We've been building up the budget slowly from that. This year it's \$121.3 million. Now, there are still lots of organizations out there doing lots of good work, we just don't

have as much money as we had 15 years ago to award through grants."

Hutter said their budget was increasing by "leaps and bounds" in the 1970s, peaked in 1992 and dropped more than 44 percent in the following six years, crippling their ability to grant money to different organizations.

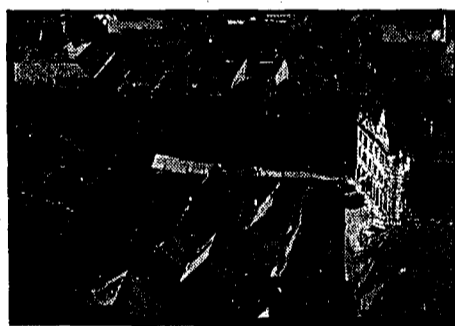
The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival also did not apply for grants from 1995 to 2003, and in 2004, the festival received a grant to preserve Lionel

Hampton collectives, which doesn't apply directly to the festival. It was not until April of this year — more than ten years since the last festival-related grant — that the festival was given any money for activities.

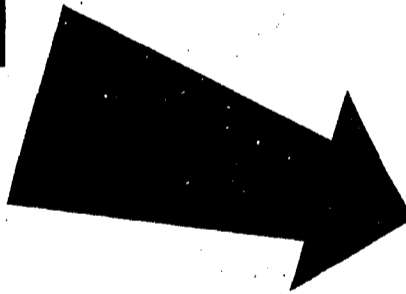
"Every grant like this that comes along is a benefit not only to us but to all of those who have a chance to see the concerts or attend a workshop," Skinner said. "We appreciate the support from everyone."



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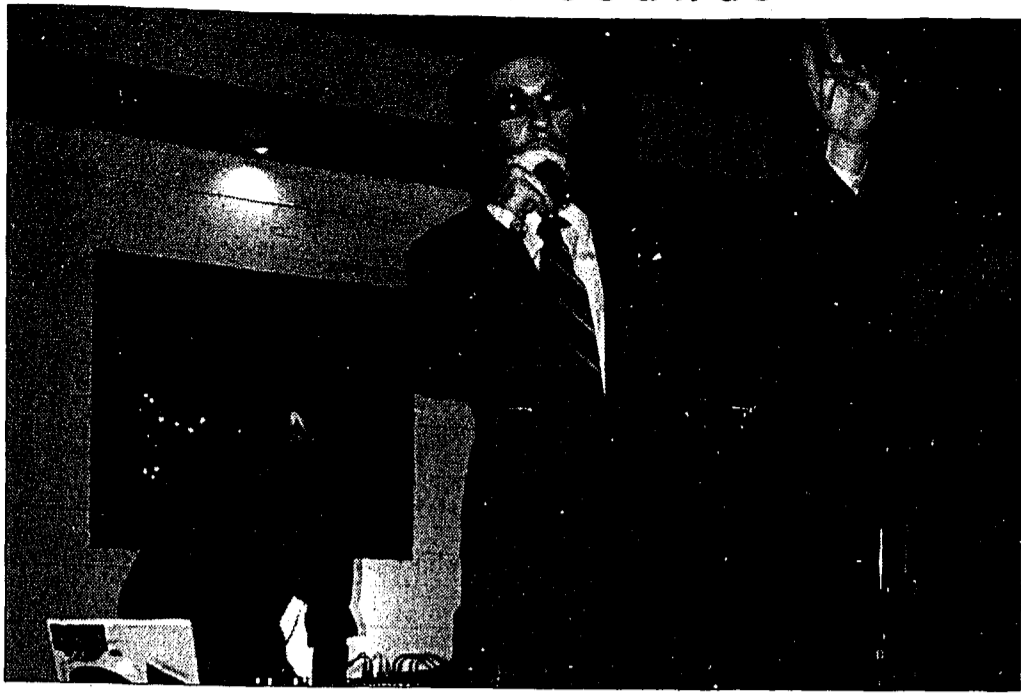
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Cerebral sounds



Joseph Melior and Ricky Lyman (back) make up the duo Cerebral Linguistic, which performed its own version of hip-hop Tuesday evening at Mikey's Gyros. Daniel Bickley/Argonaut

DMB: Still standing

'Stand Up' latest offering from Dave Matthews Band

By David Grunke
Argonaut

It's been four years since the Dave Matthews Band has released a new studio album. But don't think the band hasn't been busy.

The group has kept its momentum with several releases of live performances along with almost non-stop touring. Even after the success of Matthews' solo project, the band reconvened to record its 13th album, "Stand Up."

And yes, this veteran band still has its magic. It's hard to spot any filler material on this album, as all the tracks seem to have come from the group's combined

creative influences. But don't look for this one to be a great singles-generator like "Crash" or "Under the Table and Dreaming."

Of course, "Stand Up" has its share of radio friendly tunes like "American Baby," "Everybody Wake Up" and the album's title track, "Stand Up."

Yet, this record has a continuous sound that should please most Dave fans. The band is in good form on this one, but none too aggressive. Most of the tracks are mel- low, with a continuous vibe

that is warm and easy. Only "Everybody Wake Up" breaks ranks as a pseudo-commentary on terrorism and American values. Matthews sings: "Everybody wake up/If you're living with your eyes closed/See the man with the bomb in his hand."

However, this is a far cry from a politically motivated album. The only agenda behind this record was to put out some good music, as well as to show that one of America's greatest rock bands definitely still has its chops.



Dave Matthews Band
"Stand Up"
★★★★½ (of 5)
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'Long Time Gone' intrigues, entertains mystery readers

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

Seattle-area author J.A. Jance celebrated a landmark this August with the release of her 17th J.P. "Beau" Beaumont mystery in 20 years. The novel, "Long Time Gone," proves that Jance's knack for mystery writing is still going strong.

The novel revolves around two murders, one a cold case from 50 years previous. The other hits Beau hard — his best friend Ron Peters is the prime suspect in his ex-wife's murder. Two mysteries

(which are not at all related) keep things interesting, but the cold case is slightly under- fed for the majority of the book.

A nun from a small convent off the Washington coast has been having horrible dreams, and hypnotherapy reveals she witnessed a murder as a 4-year-old. Beau enters the story post-therapy, and learns Sister Mary Katherine's story mainly through watching tapes of her under hypnosis. This makes it difficult for readers to form an emotional attachment to the mystery. The story feels

more distant than the present- day murder, and Beau does not have as much invested in solving it.

The cold case, however, becomes the more intriguing as the book goes on. It's fairly easy to guess who murdered Ron's wife, and Jance allows too many characters (particularly Ron's teenage daughters) to slip into stereotype. Meanwhile, those involved with the 50-year-old

murder provide a story of corruption and deceit.



"Long Time Gone"
★★★★½ (of 5)
By J.A. Jance
Now available

The story pick up toward the end (as most mysteries do). Jance juxtaposes the two stories so there are constant cliffhangers, and it's difficult to stop reading until both mysteries are solved.

Those who have never read a Beaumont novel before will have no problem getting into "Long Time Gone,"

because Jance is sure to include necessary back- ground information.

There are a few quirks in Jance's writing that are mildly irritating, but not enough to distract from the plot. She has a strange habit of referring to all characters by their full names, but that could be attributed more to Beau, since he narrates. Same with the clunky metaphors, though "she had more nerve than a bad tooth" is inexcusable.

There's also the curse of the ex-wife, which is more funny than irritating in the long run. Should you ever

end up a character in a Beaumont mystery, pray you're not someone's ex-wife. Ron's ex is the not the only one who was killed — several side stories involve dead exes. Readers meet a new character and can guess that there was a terrible accident with his ex, or his mother was murdered by her ex, or something along those lines.

After 17 books, Jance still has many places to go with Beau. And since "Long Time Gone" is currently No. 12 on the New York Times Bestseller List, chances are readers will be seeing him again soon.

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MOVIES

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character. It's a perfect movie with one slight misstep. Comedies Can Actually Be Funny

Aside from the so-so "Kicking and Screaming" and the downright dull "Bewitched," comedies actually contained precious laughs. While more considered an action film, "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" succeeded on the charm of its stars and their playful banter. "The Bad News Bears" continued to prove that Billy Bob Thornton may just be the new king of crass comedy, turning a remake that never should have happened into a can't-miss laugh riot.

The crown for the funniest flick, however, goes to a movie that didn't even look funny from its previews. "The Wedding Crashers" has about 1,000 times more laughs than it ever deserved from such a slight premise. Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn found a comedic stride that doesn't let up for its entire two-hour running time. Vaughn basically embodied the spirit of his previous work, notably in "Swingers," but it's an old shtick that works well. And thankfully, Will Ferrell showed up just long enough to make us forget about the comedic straightjacket that is Nicole Kidman. More Than Pleasant Surprises

After watching the previews for "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," it seemed like Tim Burton had another "Planet of the Apes" on his hands. But his Willy Wonka reinterpretation was visually stunning and overwhelmingly entertaining. Johnny Depp's portrayal of Wonka seemed iffy in the previews, but he managed to deliver a creepy, funny and even sweet performance as the troubled hermit. I'll never doubt you again, Johnny.

The ensemble drama "Crash" came out of nowhere too, sharply analyzing race relations in Los Angeles without being too preachy or melodramatic. It didn't hurt to have Don Cheadle anchor the film either.

And why would anybody be interested in watching a nature film that seems fit for the Discovery Channel rather than the big screen? Because

the story of emperor penguins overcoming all odds to reproduce was simply unbelievable, that's why. "March of the Penguins" may seem like a movie nobody would pay to see, but not five minutes pass before it's difficult not to become emotionally invested in these amazing animals.

Ron Howard's "Cinderella Man" could have been a sappy, TV movie-of-the-week. But Howard's film was so rousing and uplifting, even the obvious heartstring tugs are forgiven. Credit magnificent performances by Russell Crowe and Paul Giamatti, as well as the classic underdog storyline. It may be considered traditional, by-the-numbers filmmaking, but no film was as emotionally satisfying as "Cinderella Man." Sadly, in the wake of "Million Dollar Baby," few people were interested in seeing another boxing film. It's a shame, because after eight months, it's still the best picture of the year.

There'll Always Be Stinkers. It's inevitable. Some movies will stink. A summer will never go by without a "Catwoman" or a "Battlefield Earth." This summer's biggest offender was "Fantastic 4," an insult to good comic book films everywhere. The film tried to be campy, but simply crashed on impact. The writing was terrible and the special effects already seem dated. Worse are the performances, with Jessica Alba proving once again that simply having a pretty face will never make her a real actress. After watching "Batman Begins," it's tempting to run up to the projection room and simply set fire to the train wreck that is "Fantastic 4."

There were other offenders too, but thankfully their previews gave audiences ample warning. With movie trailers like the ones prepared for "Stealth" and "Dukes of Hazzard," you're just asking to get ripped off. I couldn't stand the two-and-a-half minutes of highlights from these films, and most critics and audiences who watched them in their entirety didn't seem amused either. Sure, previews can be deceiving, but after "Fantastic 4," even the chance of another stinker didn't seem worth it. Take my advice: Do the same for "Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo."

LENTILS

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lentil treat — 200 gallons of lentil chili.

"The first year we did 400 gallons trying to get in the Guinness Book of World Records," Poesy said. "We didn't, but it was fun and we know we had the world's biggest bowl of lentil chili."

This year's huge bowl of chili is five feet tall and six feet across.

The Lion's Club lentil pancake feed will be Saturday morning, and yes, the pancakes are actually made with lentils.

There also will be many food vendors at the festival with each vendor serving at least one lentil dish.

LentilFEST

FRIDAY

6-11 p.m. — Big Bowl of Lentil Chili, free concert featuring Miles from Chicago and Bakra Bata and free activities for the whole family, downtown Pullman
6-8 p.m. Bakra Bata, main stage
6:15-7:30 p.m. Meet various cougar fall sports teams, Neill Public Library parking lot
8-11 p.m. Miles from Chicago, main stage

SATURDAY

8-10:30 a.m. Tase T. Lentil 5K Fun Run, Simpson United Methodist Church
8-11 a.m. Lion's Club Lentil

Pancake Breakfast, Cougar Plaza
9 a.m. Tour de Lentil 100K Bike Ride
9-11 a.m. Pre-parade Float Viewing, Grand Avenue
10 a.m. Walk of Fame Dedication, corner of Main and Kamiaken
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lentil Gallery Arts & Crafts Fair, Reaney Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lentil Lane Food Court, Reaney Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lentil Land Kid's Activities, Reaney Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Children's Entertainment Stage, Reaney Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Farming display, Reaney Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tase T's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Reaney Park
11 a.m.-noon Little Lentil

Sprout Parade and Grand Parade, Grand Ave. and Main Street
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rock climbing wall, Reaney Park
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Live music and entertainment with Coltrain, Kid Lopez and Left Hand Smoke, Reaney Park Gazebo
Noon-1 p.m. Lentil Cook-Off taste test, Reaney Park
Noon-5 p.m. Microbrewery tasting, Reaney Park
1 p.m. Little Lentil King & Queen Coronation, Reaney Park Gazebo
2 p.m. Skateboard competition, Pullman Skate Park
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New Prichard Art Gallery exhibit now open

Organized every three years by the Boise Art Museum, the 2004 Idaho Triennial is a juried exhibition that examines contemporary Idaho art.

The works on tour include 53 works by 27 artists. This year's selection process was extremely competitive with a total of 1,284 entries submitted by 257 artists.

The 2004 Idaho Triennial will be on display at the Prichard Art Gallery from Aug. 16 to Oct. 1. The opening reception is from 5-8 p.m. today.

A color catalogue of the show is available through the support of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc., the Beaux Arts Société and Piper Jaffray.

WSU Gallery to present lingerie collection

WSU's Compton Union Gallery will present "Lace, Lawn and Lingerie in La Belle Epoque," an exhibit of early 20th century wardrobe items, Monday through Sept. 8.

The Compton Union Gallery is open Monday

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. It is located in the Compton Union Building at the east end on the first floor.

Carolyn Schlectler donated the exhibition of garments to the permanent collection of the WSU apparel, merchandising, design and textiles department.

For more information, contact Gail Siegel, Office of Campus Involvement, at (509) 335-2313 or e-mail gsiegel@wsu.edu.

Moscow Co-op to host dance party Friday

The Moscow Food Co-op will host a public dance party with free live music from 6-10 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the new Co-op store, the former Gart's Sports location.

The event is a preview party, complete with food, beer and wine available for purchase.

The dinner of barbecued burgers (meat or vegetarian) with soda and chips will be available from 6-8 p.m. A separate beer and wine garden will be available from 6-10 p.m.

The music will begin at 6 p.m. with Moscow singer-songwriter Lisa Simpson, followed by Chubbs Toga. The headline band will be Oracle Shack.

Robbins' war satire still packs a punch

By Kevin Crust
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD

Considering that some New York theater critics felt the satire in Tim Robbins' "Embedded" had already exceeded its shelf life when the play opened at the Public Theater last year, it's surprising how much some of the recorded version, "Embedded/Live," feels chillingly relevant. Making its Sundance Channel debut Sunday, the piece is a frenetic assault on the Bush administration's planning and execution of the Iraq war, as well as a broadside on the mainstream media's perceived complicity. Robbins' thinly veiled chorus of Bushites invokes the name of Robert Novak.

Written by Robbins in 2003 as a response to the hostile opposition that his opposition to the war had inspired, "Embedded" premiered in Los Angeles at the Actors' Gang, where the actor is artistic director, before transferring to New York in February 2004. The video, recorded during the last four performances in June 2004, is an odd mix of broad comedy, pointed lampoon and straight-faced drama. Robbins' vignettes are woven together with story lines featuring three soldiers leaving their families for "Gomorra," the play's name

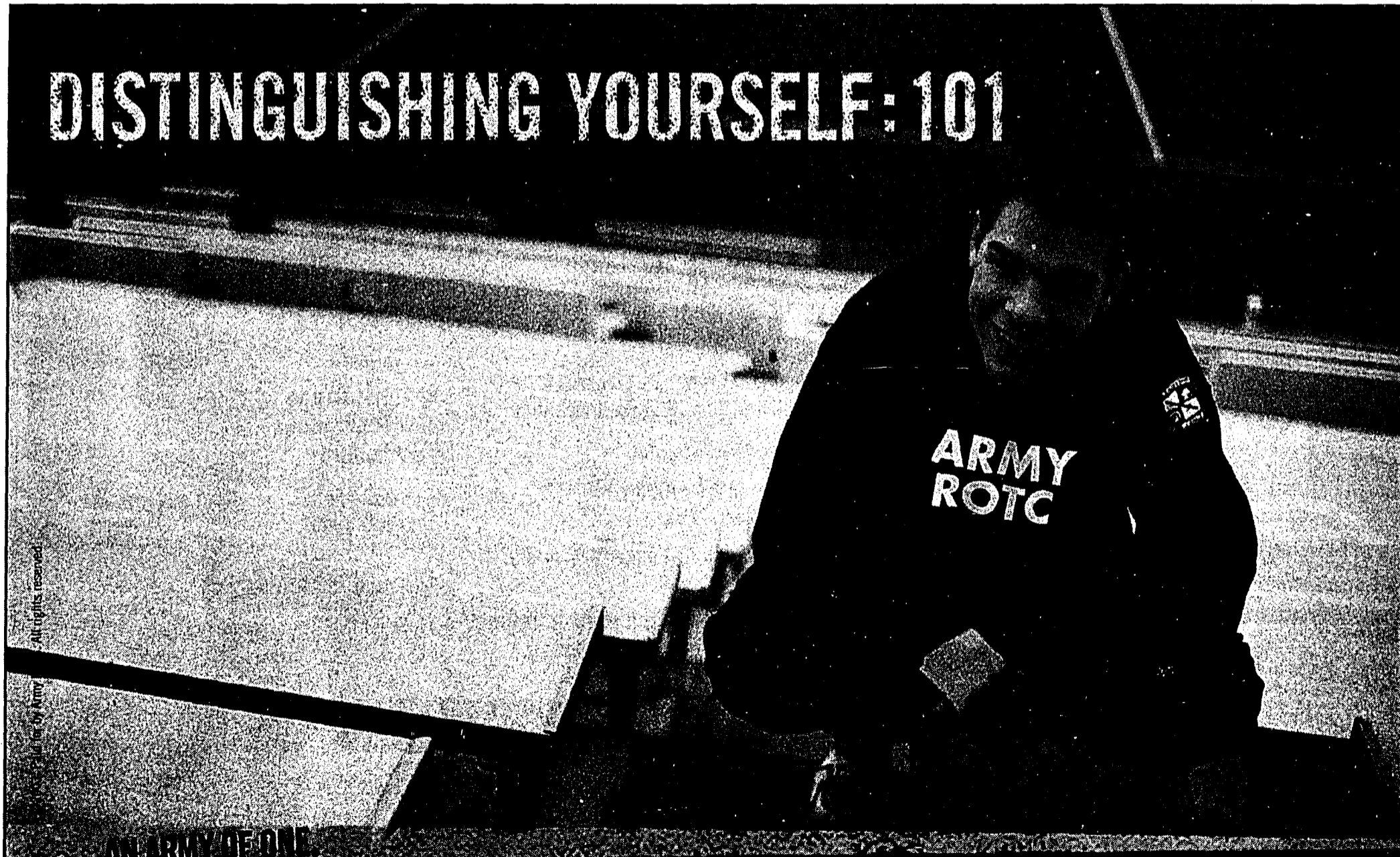
for Iraq (Iraqis are Gommorahites and Baghdad is referred to as Babylon), and a quartet of embedded journalists. The masked chorus of Dick, Rum-Rum, Gondola, Wool, Pearly White and Cove punctuate the proceedings with incantations of neocon dogma, convening as the Office of Special Plans. Tellingly, a Bush stand-in is nowhere to be found.

Robbins shepherds his Actors' Gang cast through numerous costume changes as each actor takes on multiple roles. V.J. Foster, as Col. Hardchannel, a Broadway-alluding martinet in charge of making the media types war-ready, and Kate Mulligan as a principled journalist and soldier's wife, are standouts.

It's inevitable that taped theater loses something in translation from stage to screen. Nevertheless, it's a shame that more plays and theatrical events are not preserved.

"Embedded/Live" captures much of the in-your-face spirit of the production and Robbins' passionate views. It also serves as an artifact of dissent that deserves to be trotted out the next time the clouds of war inevitably gather on the horizon.

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Idaho enthusiastic about move to WAC

By Keanan Lamb
Argonaut

After years of searching and lobbying, Idaho athletics are finally where they want to be.

All Vandal teams will play in the Western Athletic Conference this year, the first time all teams have been under one conference since 2000, when the Big West conference discontinued its football sponsorship. In particular, the move was an upgrade for the athletic department's biggest money-making sport: football.

"I would have never been interested in this job if a couple of things weren't going to

happen," football coach Nick Holt said. "If they weren't going to upgrade facilities and certainly if we didn't have a chance to get into a new conference."

Athletic director Rob Spear had been searching for a permanent home for the university's teams, but not until this past year did the chips fall into place.

"It really was a domino effect stemming from schools switching to different conferences in the ACC and Big East," Spear said. "The Big East lost some schools to the ACC, Conference USA lost some to the Big East and the WAC lost some to Conference USA — leaving us an opportu-



Rob Spear

nity to join a league that academically, geographically and competitively made sense." As with all major universities, the athletic department relies on one or two money-making sports to bolster the budget for the remainder of the programs. Spear — among others — is ecstatic to know that Idaho's main sport is on track.

"The WAC will give foot-



Nick Holt

ball more opportunities for national exposure," Spear said. "They have more bowl games, bigger TV contracts. ... Overall it provides coach Holt with the chance of showing boosters and fans alike what we're all about."

Others on campus are not as enthusiastic about the move to the WAC. Faculty in particular are upset that additional funds are going to ath-



Debbie Buchanan

letics while academic programs are facing cutbacks. Echoing Spear's sentiments are the coaches of other Vandal sports, who also agree the move to the WAC was necessary. Women's soccer coach Pete Showler is excited to know his program can only be helped by the transition.

"The most important thing is football," Showler said. "The direction Nick [Holt]



Pete Showler

and his staff that team going in will only help the other sports strive to achieve that positivity." Showler admits his squad, which went 3-14 in the Big West last year under former coach Royce "Arby" Busey, lags behind other Vandal sports.

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Vandal Community Day is Saturday

The third annual Vandal Community Day, sponsored by the University of Idaho Alumni Association, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday on the Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center north field.

"This is an opportunity for fans to meet with Vandal athletes and coaches," said Hugh Cooke of the UI Alumni Office.

The sports represented include football, cross-country, track, swimming, volleyball and soccer. It includes opportunities for photos and autographs with Vandal team members.

The free event also will feature complimentary hot dogs and soda, and drawings for prizes will take place. Vandal Community Day event partners include the Vandal Scholarship Fund, Vandal Meats, UI Athletics and Pepsi.

Vandal Boosters host fall luncheons

The Vandal Boosters will host fall sports season luncheons in Moscow and Lewiston from Aug. 22 - Nov. 22. The Latah County Vandal Boosters will meet from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mondays at the University Inn - Best Western. The Lewis and Clark Vandal Boosters will meet from 11:45 - 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Red Lion - Lewiston.

Smith-Anderson out

Idaho tight end Luke Smith-Anderson sustained another setback to his football playing career after undergoing surgery Monday evening to have his spleen, which was ruptured during the afternoon practice, removed.

Smith-Anderson, who has had two season-ending knee injuries in the previous four years, will be out indefinitely.

Soccer schedules two practice games

The Idaho women's soccer team has scheduled two preseason practice games.

The first match is the annual alumni game and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Vandals will then take on Central Washington University at 2 p.m. Sunday. Both matches will be played at Guy Wicks Field.

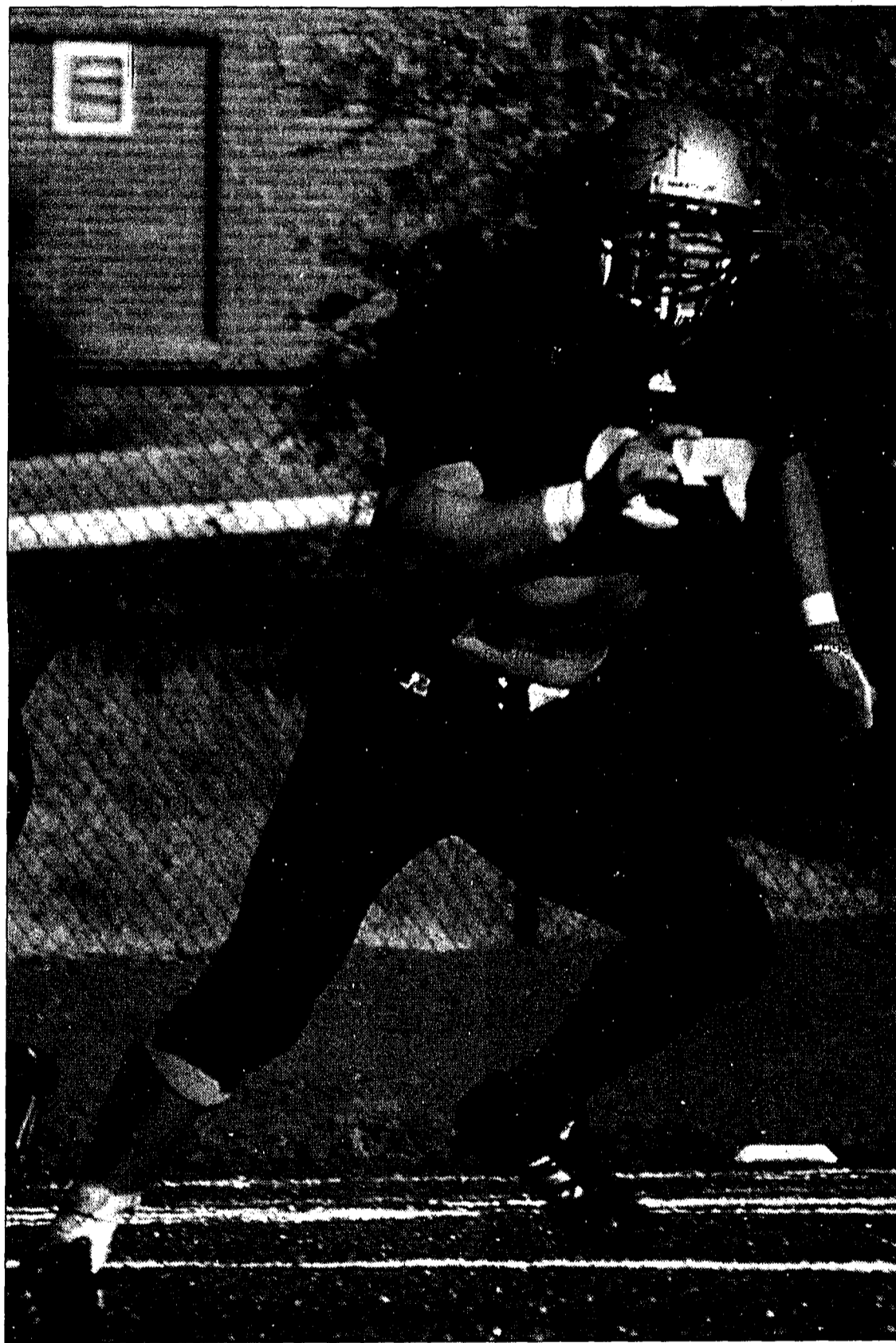
The first game of the 2005 season is at 3 p.m. Aug. 28 versus Washington State at Guy Wicks Field.

New law in effect

Effective July 1, Idaho state law requires those 17 years old and younger, riding or operating an ATV or motorbike, to wear a helmet while on public lands.

Idaho Statute 49-666 was amended during the 2005 legislative session, and now requires anyone 17 years of age or younger to wear a DOT approved helmet both on and off-road. The new law applies to riders of ATVs as well as motorbikes.

Previously, helmets were only required by those 17 and under riding on a motorbike while traveling on a highway.



Small town, big talent

Senior middle linebacker and Idaho native leads Vandal defense

By Keanan Lamb
Argonaut

Cole Snyder has lived a life in which everything has been too small for others to comprehend. Whether it's his hometown or stocky linebacker frame, the only thing that stands out as larger than life is his passion for the game.

The stereotypical middle linebacker is seen as a brute specimen of human physicality driven by testosterone and intimidation. Snyder does not fit that stigma.

At just 5-foot-11, the Vandal senior is considered undersized for his position. Weighing 230 pounds makes his physique none bigger than most running backs and receivers — making a sure-fire tackle more difficult than for the average linebacker. On top of that, Snyder admits he's slower than people perceive.

So how did this recreation major from the small town of Kamiah manage to lead the team in tackles last year, becoming the team

Defensive

Player of the Year and garnering first team all-conference status?

"It definitely takes a lot of smarts," Snyder says. "My position is very physically demanding, but by reading the offense and relaying that to my team we're able to make the plays."

Of Snyder's 136 tackles last year, nearly half were assisted.

Being the middle linebacker is a lot like being the quarterback of the defense. The player must run through his reads, check down his players according to the offensive set and change plays on the field if necessary. Those responsibilities have propelled Snyder to be one of this year's senior leaders, but not in the typical in-your-face demeanor that is attributed to most linebackers.

"I'm not that vocal, well, I try to be," Snyder says. "I'm more of a lead by example ... let my play set the tone kind of player."

The man who is humbled by his small hometown beginnings relishes his time already spent at Idaho.

"I definitely love the fans," says Snyder, who adds that the fans will definitely like the switch from playing teams in the Sun Belt conference to the WAC.

"As a team we're charged up about it simply knowing we're playing teams the fans look forward to seeing and make a little more sense facing," he says.

After first attending Eastern Washington University out of high school, Snyder transferred to Idaho in 2001 and sat out the 2002 season due to NCAA transfer rules. The two schools are similar, according to Snyder, but football-wise it was too hard to pass up a chance to play for his home state Vandals.

"I'm a true Idahoan and would never have been able to face the great teams the WAC has."

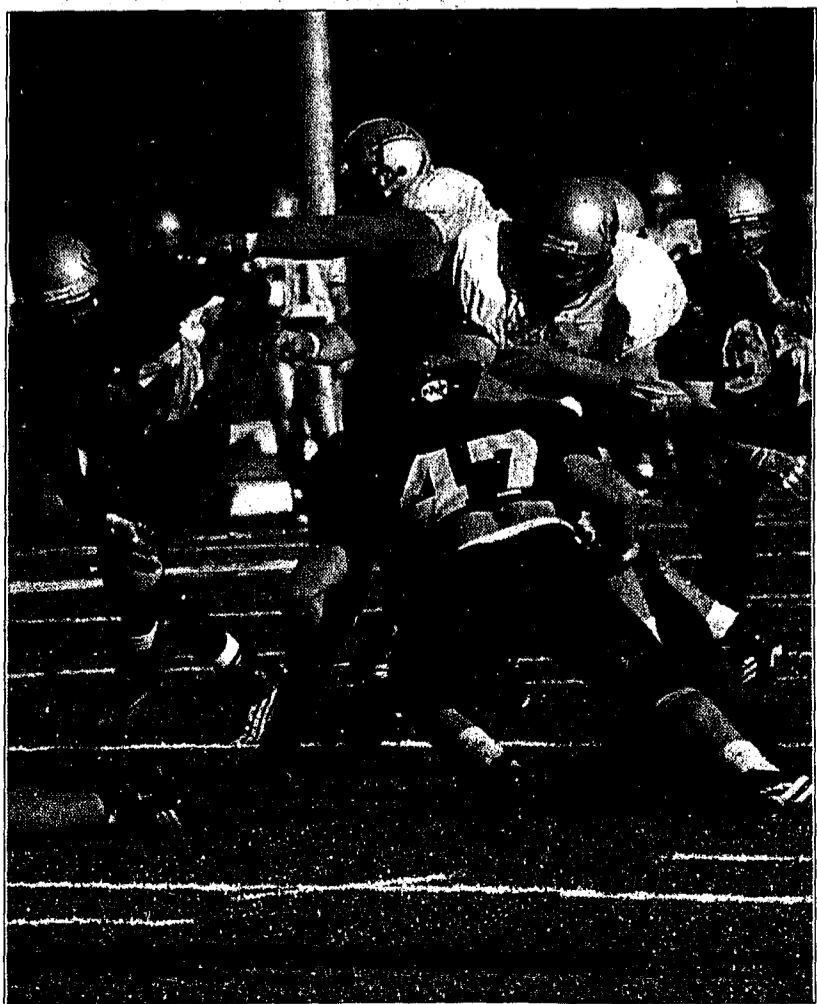
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Cole Snyder
Middle Linebacker

Photos by Melissa Davlin/Argonaut

TOP: Senior middle linebacker Cole Snyder plays defense during practice Thursday afternoon at the Kibbie Dome.

BOTTOM: Cole Snyder, 47, goes in for the tackle Thursday afternoon as the Vandals prepare for their upcoming season.



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"With me as a new coach and entering a new, more competitive conference, the girls get a chance to start off with a completely fresh slate and can look to improve their record and possibly change their minds into a winning mentality," he said.

One instance in which competition may suffer is the women's volleyball team. After finishing sixth in the Big West conference last year with a 9-9 record, the team won't face the tough California schools that brought so much depth to the league: Long Beach State, Pacific and UCSB.

"For us, we loved being in the Big West because it was so competitive," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "But we're also really excited about coming to the WAC because it is going to be better as a whole in past years with teams like us coming in and other teams leaving."

The WAC does feature one

extraordinary team in Hawaii, which was recently ranked fourth by the CSTV/AVCA Women's Volleyball Division I Preseason Poll. However RPI figures indicate the WAC being ranked two spots lower than the Big West heading into the upcoming season.

"We finished sixth last year and still made the NCAA tournament, which says a lot about the Big West," Buchanan said. "This year we're picked to finish third in the WAC and anything short of making it back to the NCAAs will be a disappointment."

Volleyball may be the example to follow for all other Vandal sports, as Buchanan turned in one of her best recruiting classes since her arrival six years ago and seeks to reach the postseason for the third straight year.

"It all comes down to wins

and losses," Spear said. "Winning fixes everything and I think we've put all of our sports in a situation where they are most likely to succeed in winning but also academically."

"Winning fixes everything."

Rob Spear
Athletic Director

began consecutive trips to the postseason, the school lacked appropriate facilities to support its athletics. With the basketball team's wins, the Spokane university has a new "Kennel" arena and higher profile recruits are seeking the school.

"We've improved the weight room in the Kibbie Dome and the new SprinTurf project is nearly complete," Spear said. "Right now we're doing everything we can to support the people we have in place and are constantly looking to see how we can better ourselves."

And you thought your summer was bad...

by Sean Deveney
The Sporting News

Somewhere in The Sporting News handbook, writers are advised: If you've just typed two sentences about the Atlanta Hawks, you've typed two sentences too many. Makes sense. After all, this franchise has spent more time in the basement than Boo Radley.

But you can't ignore these hijinks: Two of the groups involved in Hawks ownership sued the head of the third group, Steve Belkin, over a trade for Joe "Jurisprudence" Johnson, and Belkin essentially lost. Even when the Hawks win, they lose.

Belkin told The Boston Globe in May that owning a team was his "personal dream." He tried to buy the Celtics in the 1980s and again in 2003 and was a finalist for Charlotte's expansion team. Along with two other groups, Belkin bought the Hawks last year and was named the team's representative to the NBA's Board of Governors. He abused that power, though, by single-handedly holding the Hawks hostage over Johnson. Maybe it's not wise, as Belkin contends, to cough up \$70 million for Johnson. But it certainly was not wise for Belkin to nix a deal after everyone in Atlanta gave it a "Yea" vote (including Belkin, at one point).

The matter was settled after David Stern filed an affidavit approving Belkin's removal as the team's representative. Now Belkin can remain with the organization, embarrassed, powerless and constantly dodging spitballs from Johnson. Or he can try to work out a buyout and lose the Hawks altogether. It took Belkin 20 years to

get a team and less than a year to muck it up. What will the NBA say when Belkin wants to buy a different team? Dream on. Have no fear, though, Steve. Your summer has been a colossal mess, but other NBA folks have been lousing things up, too:

-Billy King. Remember when George Costanza streaked through Yankee Stadium to force the Yankees to fire him? Ever get the feeling Billy King is running the same gambit in Philly? He gave \$47 million combined over six years to Willie Green (a knee injury might nix the deal) and Kyle Korver. Picture him saying to himself, "They thought I overpaid Eric Snow and Aaron McKie? Wait'll they get a load of this!"

-Eddy Curry and Tyson Chandler. Both are restricted free agents who entered the summer with instructions from the Bulls: Get an offer and we'll match it. Thus far, the corpse of Fatty Arbuckle has gotten the same number of contract offers as Curry and Chandler — nil, zip, zero.

-Jerome James. A \$30 million deal over five years is generous. But James is as soft in the head as he is in the belly, the kind of tender morsel preferred by New York's sporting press. The bet here: His NBA career will be finished before his Knicks contract ends.

-The Magic. The team has proved it doesn't need John Weisbrod to mess up an off-season. Orlando missed out on the head coach it should have hired, Eric Musselman, then dumped the assistant coach it should have kept, Clifford Ray. Then lottery pick Fran Vazquez opted to sign in Spain — for four years! Eat your heart out, Belkin.

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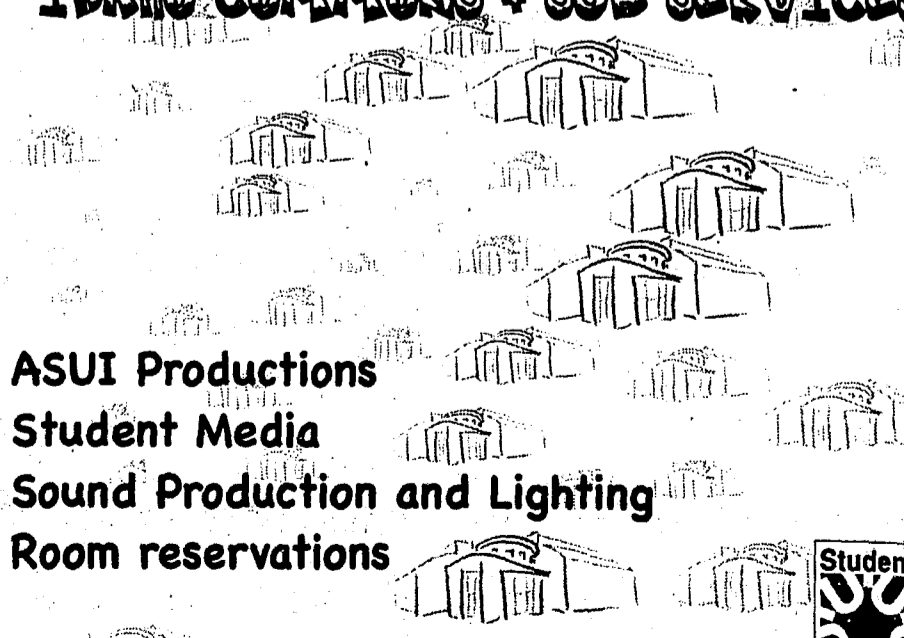
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Disgruntled Owens gets no love on return to Philly

By Mark Maske
The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia Eagles were reintroduced to life with Terrell Owens on Wednesday. That strange existence included about two dozen fans, some of them brandishing anti-Owens signs, gathered outside the gate to the team's South Philadelphia training complex early in the morning. It included a plane circling overhead during practice and sporting a banner, sponsored by a local radio station, that read: "T.O. Must Go."

And, once again, it included a five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver catching practice-field passes from a star quarterback to whom he doesn't speak. Owens rejoined the Eagles after a morning meeting with coach Andy Reid, who had banished the disgruntled wideout from the club for a week, and those in the organization crossed their fingers and hoped for the best.

"I'm hoping and praying that nothing else breaks out," veteran safety Brian Dawkins said. "I'm going to leave it at that."

Owens ignored questions from reporters as he sat at his locker after the first of the day's two practices, wearing headphones and putting on the same camouflage shirt and cap that he'd sported when he reported to the Eagles' training camp in Bethlehem, Pa., 16 days before. Owens remains embroiled in a bitter contract dispute with the Eagles, who have refused to renegotiate his seven-year, \$48.97 million deal after one season.

Reid said he met with Owens for a few minutes, and declined to reveal specifics of the conversation.

"It was a good meeting,"

said Reid, who added later: "He was out there practicing and practiced well. He did a great job out there. ... He was fine today. I would expect him to be like that."

Owens caught plenty of passes from quarterback Donovan McNabb during the two-hour morning practice but there was no noticeable interaction between the two. Owens, who took verbal swipes at McNabb during the off-season and called the quarterback a "hypocrite" during a series of television interviews last week, moved past McNabb without speaking as the Eagles players left the field following the morning practice. The afternoon practice was devoted to special teams drills.

"When we're on that football field, we're here to work," McNabb said. "We're here to do a job. ... We knew that he was coming back to be a part of this team. He's still under contract here. He still has his locker in our locker room. He still wears this jersey. When he came back, he was coming back to be a part of this team. So when he came out to practice, it wasn't like I wasn't looking to throw him a pass. ... When I'm out on that football field, if you're open, you get the ball."

Linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, who remained in touch with Owens throughout the dispute, said he expects nothing to change in Owens's behavior, with the possible exception of a conversation with McNabb at some point.

"He's going to come in and do the same thing he's been doing - work hard and catch touchdowns ... (but) T.O. is going to be T.O.," Trotter said. "If you expect him to talk to you, you're going to be waiting for a long time. He talks to teammates. If a coach makes a comment,

he might respond. But other than that - 'How are you doing?' or 'How is your day going?' - you're not getting any of that."

Trotter said that approach is fine with him as long as Owens remains a productive receiver. He also indicated he is working as an intermediary to try to get Owens and McNabb to speak to one another, at least when they're on the field.

"The only person he might have to talk to down the road is Donovan in a game situation," Trotter said. "Both guys are professionals. I think they're going to put their differences aside and go out and do what's best for the team."

McNabb indicated he's receptive to having football-related conversations with Owens, saying: "I think it's going to happen. I look forward to it happening. But, again, when we get to that situation then that's when we'll handle it. I think what we're doing right now is obviously easing into everything and just going out and working."

McNabb continued to say he finds humor in the Eagles' soap opera. He also predicted that Owens will be with the team all season, telling reporters: "I think by midseason, you guys will be talking about something positive."

Wideout Greg Lewis said that Owens spoke to him Wednesday, teasing him about running a wrong pass route in Monday night's loss at Pittsburgh in the Eagles' preseason opener. But that was no different than how Owens had interacted with the team's other receivers before his clash with Reid, Lewis said.

Said cornerback Sheldon Brown, who suffered a cut on his left shin after being accidentally kicked by Owens during the morning practice: "He didn't alienate every

player. He did talk to some teammates. We all have to drop our egos, period, and become a unit."

Reid sent Owens home from the Eagles' camp at Lehigh University after the two argued. Reid was upset that Owens, among other things, had refused to participate in two autograph sessions for fans and wasn't talking to the club's assistant coaches.

Owens said last week that he would return with the same attitude, but Eagles officials wanted to see a contrite Owens who's ready to try harder to fit in with his team. And if that doesn't end up being the case, they apparently are prepared to discipline Owens further. They set the stage for that by sending a letter to Owens chronicling his recent disciplinary issues. That letter could end up being submitted to an arbitrator if the Eagles suspend



KRT Terrell Owens is in a contract dispute with the Philadelphia Eagles, which has caused him to lose favor with fans.

Owens and he files a grievance.

Reid said he limited Owens's participation in practice because of the groin injury that plagued him earlier in training camp, and indi-

cated he's uncertain whether Owens will play Saturday at Baltimore.

"He needs to work hard, like he did," Reid said. "And the coaches will coach him, and he'll play."

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Job #136 Chiropractic Tableside Assistant Assisting the doctor by recording chart notes, assisting with patient care and practice promotion with the possibility of advancement for the right person. Seeking a bright, caring, energetic person who must be a team player with legible handwriting that wants a long-term position. CNA training is beneficial. 1 position Pay DOE. Approx. 25 hrs/wk. Hours are 12:45-6:00pm without flexibility. Start sometime after August 25 ends indefinitely. Located in Moscow.

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From off the ball to on the spot

by Mike DeCourcy
The Sporting News

Immediately after learning sophomore point guard Chris Paul had decided to enter the NBA draft, Justin Gray walked to the end of the hall in the Wake Forest basketball offices, turned to the right and stepped in front of coach Skip Prosser's desk.

"I said, 'Coach, I'm ready for the job,'" Gray says. "I was like, 'If you want to bring in somebody to back me up, that's cool. But if not, I'll play 40.'"

Gray could not have asked for a better response from Prosser, who said, "I'm going to give you the ball, and you give it back to me in good shape when the game is over."

Prosser has used that line on just about every point guard who has played for him, which means this is as official as it gets: After three years, 87 games and 1,345 points almost entirely at shooting guard, Gray now is the Demon Deacons' point guard.

Gray was only a hair away from leading the Deacons in scoring last season, and they can't afford to sacrifice that production, not with four of that team's top six scorers gone. As point guard, though, Gray also will be required to direct the offense.

It is a solitary challenge, but he won't be alone. Last year's Sporting News Player of the Year, Dee Brown, will make the same shift at Illinois.

Pending the development of freshman Kyle McAlarney, Notre Dame's Chris Quinn should be moving to the point after three seasons off the ball.

Last year, no team held the No. 1 ranking without a point guard who would become a top

five draft pick: North Carolina had Raymond Felton, Wake Forest had Paul and Illinois had Deron Williams.

This year, four teams in TSN's preseason top 10 will start out without proven playmakers. And even some of the best players at the position still are learning how to run a team, notably Texas' Daniel Gibson and Memphis' Darius Washington.

Paul's departure provides Gray the opportunity to spend a year learning the position he will play as a pro.

This summer he ran the point almost exclusively against elite competition in counselor workouts at the Nike All-America Camp. He also played some point guard at

trials for the USA Basketball U-21 team.

Gray is a smart player and fine passer with 241 career assists. But he'll have to hold up better against backcourt pressure and prove himself as a penetrator.

Gray always has had a taste for attempting and hitting uncommonly difficult shots, but now he needs to be a more circumspect offensive leader.

"If I can drive in there and get two people on me, there's no need to shoot it. Somebody else is open," Gray says. "When I was a shooting guard, I had to be more offensive-minded. Now I'm getting back into the pass-first deal, and that's comfortable for me."

When a college student plans his first three years right, his senior year can be spent taking light course loads — and lighter courses. Instead, Gray will be doing heavy cramming. It's his ball now. He has to do smart things with it.

"Now I'm getting back into the pass-first deal, and that's comfortable for me."

Justin Gray
Wake Forest

The stereotype that won't die hurts women sports reporters' credibility

by Heather A. Dinich
The Baltimore Sun

She was a petite reporter with blond hair, seemingly perfect skin and tan, and toned legs that caught the players' eyes as she wandered around the Philadelphia Phillies' locker room in a knee-length skirt.

I remember wondering if she was sleeping with any of them.

Then, I wondered if she thought the same thing about me.

Truth is, it happens. But not like the media or Hollywood might lead you to believe.

It doesn't make it any easier to establish credibility, though, when someone like Fox sports reporter Carolyn Hughes allegedly crosses the line.

Hughes, whose supposed affair with Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Derek Lowe has been splashed throughout the national media recently, was appropriately reassigned from her position as co-host of the Dodgers pre-game show on Fox Sports Net West 2. She is expected to continue hosting the nationally televised FSN Across America.

Hughes' recent publicity isn't a setback for women in sports. It just proves we still have a long way to go.

One of the first questions Maryland Coach Ralph Friedgen asked me was, "What do you know about football?"

In 2003, my first season covering Penn State's Joe Paterno, I remember him saying, "You can't cover Penn State if you have a boyfriend."

A year later, Paterno was quoted in Frank Fitzpatrick's book, *The Lion In Autumn*, as saying: "I sit there and I've got to answer questions from a young lady who's never played football. She's got all the answers. She's 27 years old and she's quizzing me. Why did you do this, why did you do that? Challenging this and challenging that. Fine. She wants to make a reputation. She

wants to do a job. But I'm not going to pay any attention to her."

There are lots of ways to make a reputation.

After you learn what zone blocking and skinny posts are, and soon after you've filed countless game stories on a tight deadline, you earn some credibility. But sometimes, after you've scooped the competition, only then do you see the smirks that suggest it came through the bedroom, not the locker room. Building relationships with

"sources" can be easily misconstrued, especially when you're not male, balding and overweight.

Speaking of stereotypes, other media outlets and Hollywood have only endorsed them.

There was ESPN's sorry excuse for drama called "Playmakers," in which Thea Andrews played the role of sports reporter Samantha Lovett. Andrews also happened to work as a national correspondent for the new ESPN2 morning show, *Cold Pizza*. In one scene, Lovett entered the locker room and flirted with an athlete, touching him suggestively on the shoulder. If nothing else, her role blurred the line between fiction and reality.

More recently, there was Angela Bassett, who played ESPN reporter Mo Simmons in the movie "Mr. 3000." She had a fling with Bernie Mac's character, Stan Ross.

And that is what has translated into the public perception — not standing on a practice field at 7:45 a.m., or leaving a press box alone after midnight. It's Playboy.com's poll to find "America's Sexiest Sportscaster," not an Emmy for the work they've done. It's Jason Whitlock's most recent column on ESPN.com that stated: "Women don't belong in male locker rooms." It's old-school coaches like Paterno who don't let reporters in, anyway.

It's Carolyn Hughes becoming a story instead of reporting one.

The Association for Women in Sports Media, which is widely regarded in the industry as a credible association, has roughly 400 members, and there are probably fewer than 1,000 women in the industry. There are more women writing and editing the sports stories than becoming them, which is why AWSM President Joanne Gerstner said Hughes' situation wasn't a setback to those within the profession.

"There are hundreds of very skilled, professional and well-respected women doing our jobs successfully every day without problems like this," said Gerstner, who covers the Detroit Pistons for The Detroit News. "That more than speaks for itself. Since Carolyn is not a member of AWSM, we really don't feel the need to comment any further on it."

Sports is all about boundaries, and it's up to women to enforce them. It's a rare occasion when an attractive female sports reporter doesn't have a coach or player inappropriately flirt, but it's usually nothing a funny, sarcastic remark can't take care of.

Then there's no reason for anyone to wonder.

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