

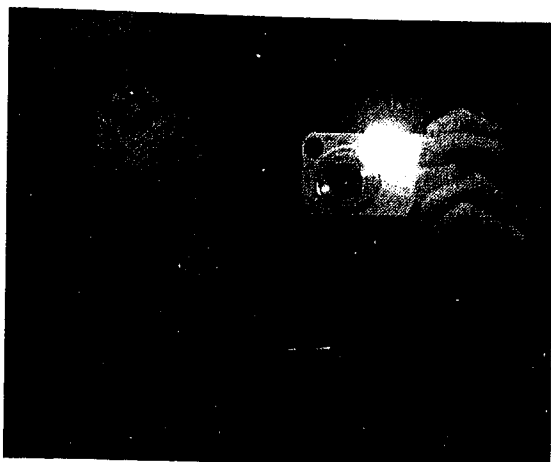
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Networking the networks



"MySpace, other services define college life"

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Sean's Blurbs

Kate and I have been friends for about a year now, but I've never seen nor talked to her. I found her profile on Facebook. I noticed she liked "Franny and Zooey" by J.D. Salinger, one of my favorite books, so I clicked the button that said "add Kate as a friend."

So began our digital friendship. I know just by reading her profile where Kate went to high school, what her major is and that she enjoys being "cool and cute." I also know that she is looking for friendship, is interested in men and is politically moderate. Kate and I have never met in person, nor have we ever spoken, but we know each other's favorite movies and songs and we occasionally send each other a message. This is a relatively new kind of friendship, and it's being shared by a rapidly growing segment of the population.

According to its own statistics, MySpace has amassed more than 67 million members in 37 months and is ranked by the Alexa ratings service as the fifth most popular English site on the Internet and among the 10 most popular Web sites on the planet. With the astonishing growth of it and other sites like it, many people's social groups are also growing.

But MySpace isn't the only site offering social networking services. Sites like Facebook, Xanga and Bebo make it much easier to learn a person's favorite movie, book or "The OC" character. Users' political beliefs, favorite bands, relationship status and other, often more intimate details can all be found on their online profiles.

Facebook is one of the most prevalent social networking sites at the University of Idaho, and the distinctive blue and white page is usually

visible on screens in the university's computer labs. The site is the collegiate version of MySpace launched by Harvard undergraduate Mark E. Zuckerberg just two years ago. According to BusinessWeek Online, Zuckerberg is looking to sell the site and recently turned down an offer of \$750 million in hopes of landing \$2 billion.

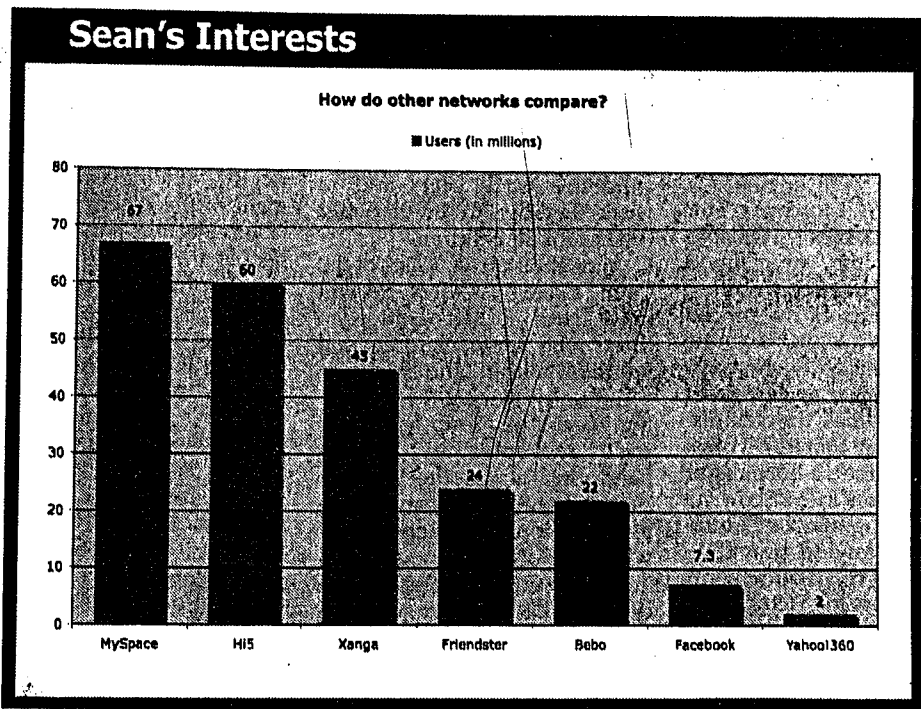
Facebook now supports 2,100 colleges and universities across the nation with 7.3 million users. The site was only made available to UI in March 2005, but already 54 percent of the student population is supported with profiles and 5,000 students log in every

"It's superficial, but that's why it's so fun."

April Stephenson
student

day. Unlike the much more heavily traveled MySpace, Facebook is limited to anyone — students, graduates and faculty — with a college e-mail address ending in ".edu." Users are limited to viewing student's profiles from their own university unless they are approved as "friends." And because individuals on Facebook must have an e-mail address designated by their school, it is more difficult to remain anonymous on the site. Facebook administrators recently created a high school version of the site, and also linked it to the college version

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HOUSING

Beta member in hospital after plunge

By Sam Taylor
Argonaut

A member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity is in satisfactory condition after falling from a third-floor window of his fraternity house early Friday morning.

Gawain "Dewey" Neighbor, 21, was expected to be transferred to a Boise hospital Monday or later in the week, said University of Idaho media relations officer Joni Kirk, where he will undergo surgeries for multiple injuries including fractures to his heels, ankles and legs and a small fracture in his lower back. Surgeries have not been scheduled.

Beta president Ken Henderson said Neighbor, a junior conservation

soil sciences major, had been drinking at the bars Thursday evening and came home at about 2 a.m. Friday. He apparently remembers coming home and falling asleep in his top-bunk bed, Henderson said, and then was found on the lawn two hours later on the backside of his house by two of his fraternity brothers.

Henderson said nobody is sure exactly how Neighbor fell out the window, which was completely open next to his bed, but "the evidence is ... the way his bed is, it looks like he jumped down the wrong side."

Kirk said an investigation into the incident may come from the Greek community.

"As far as we, we the university, are concerned, this is just an accident," she said. "However, we are

looking into the possibility that there might be an investigation through the Interfraternity Council. That is their decision to make."

No alcohol was supposed to be allowed in Greek houses during the Greek Week celebrations and Vandal Friday festivities. The rules are self-imposed by the Greek community, Kirk said. Henderson said there was no alcohol in the house, but technically Neighbor should not have consumed alcohol outside of the house during Greek Week, either.

"That's kind of hard to enforce," he said. "They're 21. They can usually make decent decisions."

The bed Neighbor was on is next to one of the few windows in the house not recessed from the

bed. Henderson said if he would have gotten off the wrong side of a different bed, there was a chance he would have just landed on the floor and not gone through the window.

"What we're dealing with right now is a way to secure those windows so it doesn't happen again," Henderson said. "And we hope that other fraternities will consider taking proactive measures (to make sure windows are secure) as well."

The fraternity is considering several measures to solve the problem, such as bars on the windows or stopping them short of fully opening.

"That's really the only problem window that we have," Henderson said.

U. Place suit ends

Settlement brings some closure

By Sam Taylor
Argonaut

The major civil lawsuit regarding the failed University Place project has been settled, university administrators and the Idaho attorney general's office announced Friday.

Some \$2.5 million of the \$8.3-million negotiated settlement will go directly into University of Idaho coffers and will be used in several ways, said UI President Tim White.

Some money will go to "pay ourselves back," White said, for costs incurred in the litigation. Other funding will go to a "rainy day contingency fund" and some dollars will go towards deserving programs at the university.

"We're now coming out on the other side (of budget woes)," White said, "and it's time to invest into a program on the front line of the university. Exactly what that is I don't know yet."

About \$5.8 million of the settlement will go toward replenishing the Consolidated Investment Trust, a fund controlled by the UI Foundation, which was allegedly raided for about \$12 million by past UI administrators. The amount being paid by each party, which includes attorney, the university, its foundation, former school officials and state officials, is being kept secret.

The finalized mitigation is one of several lawsuits and criminal investigations that have stemmed from the University Place scandal. Lawsuits not affected by the settlement include claims and counter-claims between the UI Foundation and Civic Partners, a California-based firm that was the principal partner in the development, as well as a vague criminal investigation being conducted by a federal attorney in Oregon.

University Place was a \$136-

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TECHNOLOGY

New, faster network aimed at researchers

By Carissa Wright
Argonaut

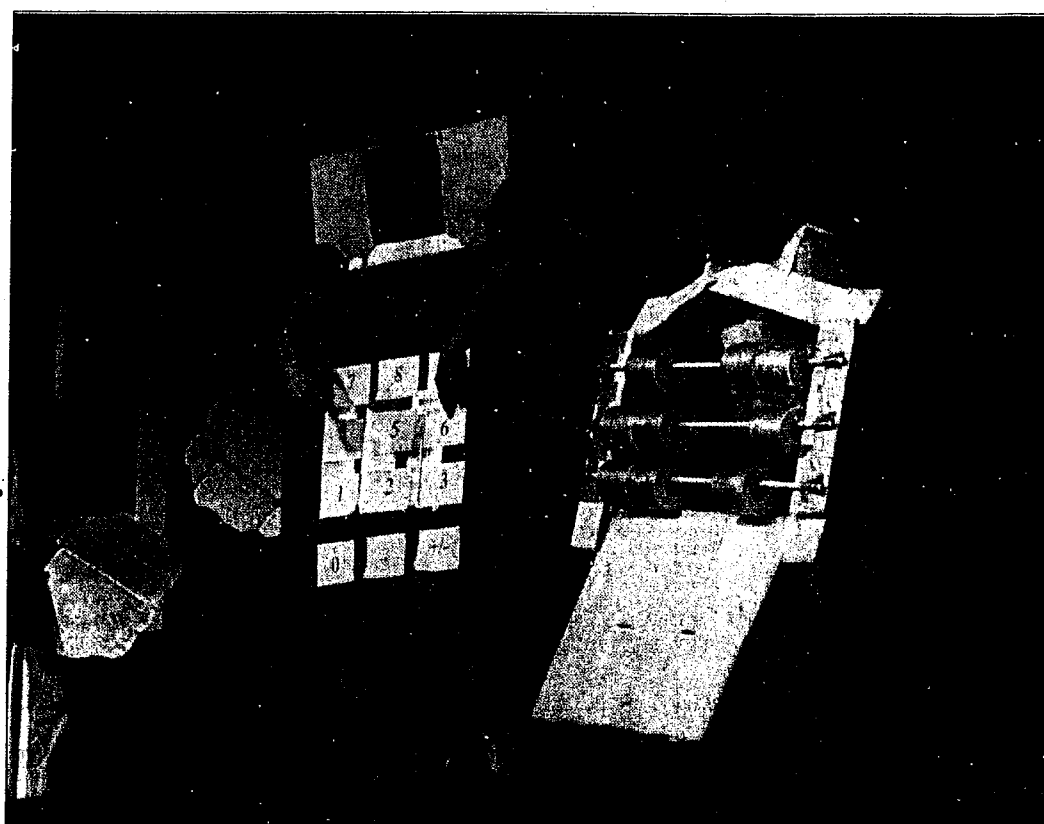
The University of Idaho's network bandwidth is 55.6 times larger now that a new high-speed, fiber-optic 2.4 gigabit-per-second network connection is active on campus. UI's former bandwidth capability was only 45 megabits per second.

The new connection links UI to the Lariat Network, made up of 10 sites in the western United States including the University of Washington, Montana State University, the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, the University of Hawaii and the University of Nevada-Reno. The bandwidth was provided by Pacific Northwest Gigapop, a nonprofit organization based in Seattle.

The Lariat Network is funded by a \$10 million grant from the National Center for Research Resources, a component of the National Institutes of Health. It is the first phase of a plan to provide high-speed telecommunications to biomedical researchers in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Wyoming that will enable them to connect to information and resources in other areas of the country. UI is one of six beneficiaries of the grant.

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DO THE MATH



Kylie Pfeifer/Argonaut
Abacus Man computes against the evil TI-89 in Beta Theta Pi's skit at the Vandal Jingles Thursday evening. To read about the winners of the skit competition, go to page A4.

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UI club to take part in Model Arab League

By Kevin Wickersham
Argonaut

In an effort to teach students about events abroad, the Middle Eastern Studies Club plans to first do some learning itself.

The club is getting ready to take part in the Model Arab League Thursday through Saturday at the University of Montana in Missoula. This will be the second year the University of Idaho club will have participated in the event, which places student participants in the roles of Middle Eastern dignitaries debating key issues affecting the region. The club will tentatively send 10 students to the political simulation.

Club president and founder Shawn Cothren, a junior majoring in international studies with an emphasis on

Middle East relations, said the club's goal is to provide information about the Middle East to its 14 members and the general public, who tend to have a poor understanding about what is going on in the region. Participation in the debate is an important part of this goal, said Cothren, because it has allowed members to gain a better understanding of what is going on in the Middle East.

The club itself, Cothren said, is a diverse group of students who represent a broad range of academic disciplines at UI. Members of the group include business, economics, history, environmental science and mathematics majors, all of whom, he said, enrich the study of the region through their unique, multi-disciplinary perspectives.

At the Model Arab League, the 10 UI students participating in the

debates will be split evenly into two teams, one assuming the political identity of Egypt and the other Libya. Within each team, said club vice president Chris Larsen, each of the five members will be assigned as delegates to a specific council that will debate one key area of Middle East politics. Each council representative must work to find solutions favorable to the whole of the region while keeping in mind the interests of the country they are representing by passing favorable legislation and opposing any that is detrimental to their interests.

The five councils are the Council of Palestinian Affairs, the Joint Defense Council, the Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers, the Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers and the Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers.

Larsen said the overall goal of the competition is to establish international law for the simulated Middle East by passing resolutions and forming alliances in a lifelike political setting.

"There is a lot of committee work and squabbling over politics, economics and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that has been continuing for many years," said Larsen, who participated in the event last year. He added that the exercise is a great way "for students to learn how international law organizations work."

Larsen said the Model Arab League is important because it allows participants to gain an understanding of the region that is often denied to them by the government and network news outlets.

"This is important because, as a Westerner, being able to get a much

better understanding of the Middle East than I can get from CNN or Fox News, who rely on sound bites and government press releases, is important," he said, adding that participation in the Model Arab League gives participants a better understanding of "the bigger picture and political truths" of the region.

Cothren echoed these sentiments when he spoke of the relevance of the Model Arab League as a means for understanding the region.

"(The Middle East is) becoming ever more important on issues of human rights, economics, oil and security for the U.S. and other nations as well," he said. "It is paramount that people are aware of what is going on (in the Middle East) and how the Arabs see things from their perspective, and where they are coming from."

ASUI

Volunteer center has new home in Idaho Commons

By Hillary Flowers
Argonaut

The ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action has a new place to call home.

The center, originally crammed in a cubicle in the back of the ASUI office, was recently given space in Room 301 of the Idaho Commons. Though the room won't be officially guaranteed to belong to ASUI until later this summer, the center has already moved in, setting up a waiting area, intern area, coordinator's office and conference room. Part of the conference room is devoted to the Civic Engagement Board.

The center's offerings include information on former Alternative Spring Break trips, including journals students have written and videos from past trips, and information on homelessness and hunger compiled by members of the Civic Engagement Board after they attended a conference on the subject. ASUI President Berto Cerrillo said the center hopes to bring in more programs pertaining to world hunger.

The center also provides internship opportunities for students interested in volunteerism and social action and an online database where students can see what kind of volunteer programs are available in the community. The database can be found on the ASUI Web site under "Volunteer Programs." Students can register for these programs, as well as find programs of interest to them. The site is also a resource for non-profit organizations within the community to advertise

their volunteer programs. Cerrillo said many students don't realize that ASUI does volunteer programs. The new office will provide students the opportunity to take part in those experiences, share them, and be a part of something bigger than themselves. It will also hopefully make the center more visible to students, he said.

"I think the ASUI volunteer program has been growing steadily over the last four years," said Steve Janowiak, director of Student Activities and Leadership. "Students' interests in volunteerism and social action have increased over the years."

Janowiak said the center will give students the chance to be more involved. He believes the programs seem to really inspire people to want to make a change in the world, and said some of the programming offered is some of the most meaningful programming that ASUI does.

Janowiak said he hopes everybody who graduates from the University of Idaho is educated in volunteerism and social action when they leave so they can make a difference in the world. "These experiences are some of the best of my life and my college career," Cerrillo said. "I really just want to see a raised awareness."

The center, organizers said, will be a place where students can brainstorm ways to solve world hunger, AIDS in Africa and trade regulation. Julia Brumer, coordinator for the center, said having a new location will attract some qualified applicants to take over her position for next year.

"It's exciting for me to see it happen before I leave," Brumer said. "I'm really passionate about service and volunteerism."

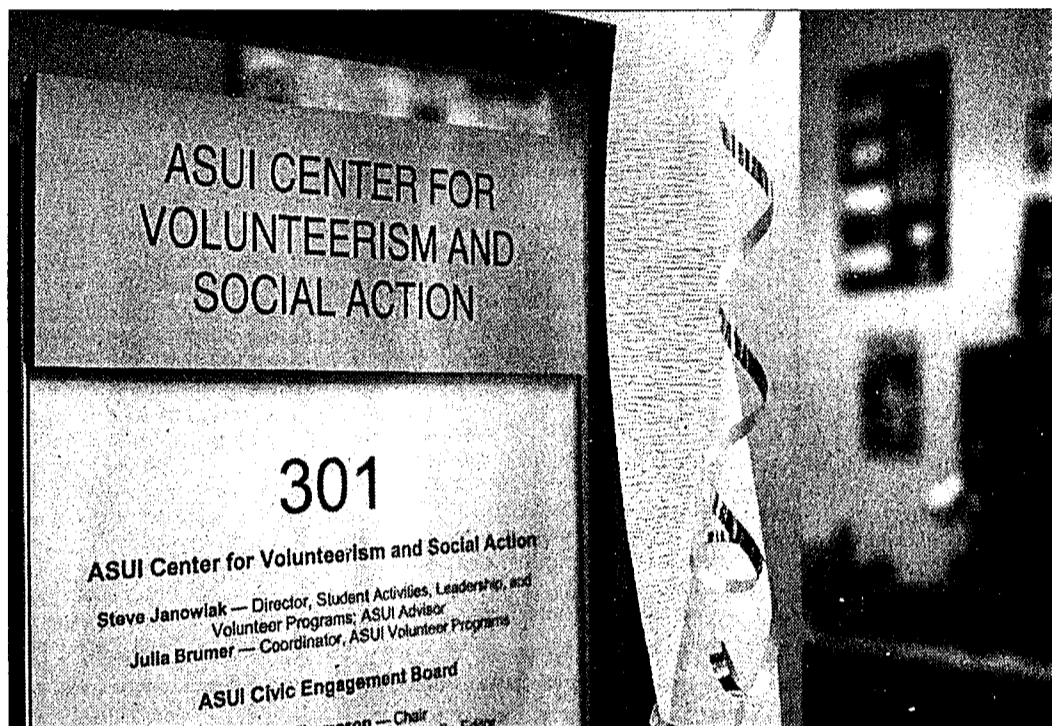
Brumer, a graduate of UI, was a former Civic Engagement Board member and ASUI senator. Her position at the center is affiliated with AmeriCorps Vista, which doesn't allow her to be involved with the activism side of the center. For example, she said, a volunteer picks up the trash while an activist changes things so the trash isn't there in the first place.

A full-time coordinator would greatly contribute to the activism side of the center's growth, she said.

The center is working to provide students with summer, winter and, possibly, international service trips. To be most effective, Brumer said, an international trip would take place after graduation in the spring, which would give students two weeks volunteering internationally and time to recover from jet lag.

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Berto Cerrillo
ASUI president



Melissa Davlin/Argonaut
The ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is located next to the ASUI offices on the third floor of the Idaho Commons. The center is a source of internship information and volunteer opportunities for students at the University of Idaho.

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GREEK WEEK

Jingles rock

By Kevin Wickersham
Argonaut

The number "101" appeared often at this year's Vandal Jingles — referring not only to the common low-level class number, but also the fact that the university's Greek system is 101 years old.

The annual skit competition took place Thursday in front of a packed audience of Greeks and prospective students in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The event, which featured skits on the theme of "Greek 101," was part of the annual Greek Week and Vandal Friday celebrations.

In the competition, partnered and individual chapters vied for first-, second- and third-place rankings, which were announced at the outdoor concert on Vandal Friday. Judges for the event included Rob Spear, University of Idaho athletics director; Jackie Williams, a faculty member of the department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; Tim Helmke, associate director of alumni relations; and Adrien Wright, the new Greek adviser.

First place in the skit competition went to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Theta Chi for a skit featuring a mock UI Web site with three categories: "Joe Vandal Groupies," "Intramural Mania" and "Themed Functions." The skit ended with a dance number set to the "Footloose" theme.

Second place went to Beta Theta Pi fraternity's "Abacus Man" skit. The skit told the underdog story of "Abacus Man," an ancient computing device destined to save the world from enslavement by the evil Texas Instruments Corporation and its hench-

man, the TI-89 calculator. In the final climactic battle between good and evil, the "Abacus Man" defeats the TI-89 in a computation war and saves humanity.

Third-place honors were awarded to Delta Gamma and Phi Gamma Delta for a variation of the Greek 101 theme that saw the cast of "Saved by the Bell" visiting UI and being shown the perks of being Greek by Aphrodite, "the goddess of Greek love," and Athena, the goddess of wisdom.

Though the skits are a way for the Greek community to get together for a night of humor and fun, the event also serves as a recruiting tool for the university and the Greek system. Jenny Mousseau, vice president of public relations for the Panhellenic Council and one of the masters of ceremony for the Jingles, said the event is an "enjoyable and informative recruiting tool as a part of Vandal Friday."

Adam Burwell, a junior from Theta Chi who dressed as a pirate for his part in the winning skit, also spoke of the importance of the event as a way to reach out to prospective students.

"(The Jingles) are a good way for the Greeks to promote the Greek system while the high school students are here," he said, adding that each chapter in attendance brought with it anywhere from five to 15 potential Greeks.

Burwell also stressed the importance of the function as a way for the Greek community to celebrate being Greek.

"(The Jingles) are a way to come together and show pride in being Greek in our chapters and in the community as a whole," he said.

Grant takes students beyond UI

By Sarah Benoit
Argonaut

The university's Study Abroad program will be able to double the amount of money it awards to some students next year after it was given \$40,000 more under the International Experience Grant.

The grant has allocated \$50,000 per year since 2000 to the University of Idaho to award to sophomores, juniors and seniors studying abroad, said Bob Neuenschwander, Study Abroad manager.

"One in two students who are eligible for the awards receive it," he said. "But there has been a proposal to expand to \$90,000."

Approximately 320 awards are handed out every year. In most cases, \$500 is given to a student studying abroad for a year and \$300 is given to a student studying abroad for a semester.

The increase would help make studying abroad more affordable, Neuenschwander said. The value of the U.S. dollar has dropped 15 percent as opposed to other countries' currencies, and the cost to study abroad since the inception of the IEG program has increased by 46 percent. That means students studying abroad face a higher cost of living.

"In some cases, the student has to go to a consulate to get their visa," he said. "Some (consulates) are as far as Los Angeles. I think the increase in the program is a good start to addressing need."

The IEG will allow the Study Abroad program to double the money allocated to students as soon as fall 2006. Students studying abroad for a year will be able to receive up to \$1,000 and students studying for a semester up to \$700.

Neuenschwander said UI's IEG was based on a grant the University of Texas at Austin



Courtesy Photo
Senior business major Daysha Hampton stands by a Buddha statue while studying abroad in Thailand last summer. A \$40,000 grant increase will make student travel more affordable.

had in 1993.

"Several initiatives were tried, but in 2000 we were successful," he said. "UI is one of a handful of universities in the U.S., and the only institution in the Pacific Northwest, that has a grant like this."

Continued support from ASUI every time the grant was proposed has been a great help, he said. Last fall, the ASUI senate unanimously passed a resolution supporting actions to ensure the grant will not only be adequate in 2006, but will continually be renewed to match ever-changing economic conditions abroad.

"I am so proud that UI values international education," Neuenschwander said. "It's a shame that in the last couple of years students have had to cancel their Study Abroad trips due to funding."

According to a survey done by the UI Study Abroad program, 24 students in the past two years have had to cancel their programs because of lack of funding.

"We want to reverse this trend and allow students to take advantage of (the study abroad) experience," Neuenschwander said. "We want to have more opportunities for students without the difficulties of finding funding."

As of this semester, there are 240 UI students studying abroad. Neuenschwander said the program's goal is to have 20 percent of UI students abroad in the next five years.

Senior Nancy Patterson, who studied in Quito, Ecuador, for the 2003-04 academic year, said students should consider studying abroad because the program has the potential to change their lives forever.

STUDY ABROAD

For more information on the Study Abroad program, go to the ground floor of Living Learning Community Building 3 or visit www.webs.uidaho.edu/ipo/abroad.

"It was a challenge at first to accustom to a new culture, language, family and friend base, but the challenge was worth it," she said.

She said studying abroad allows individuals to learn new skills, try new things, change their customs and learn about themselves.

"It is a unique opportunity afforded to you during your university years. What's more, it tends to be very affordable and there are lots of scholarships to help fund the Study Abroad program," she said. "The Study Abroad Office here on campus is helpful and can help you study almost anywhere in the world."

Neuenschwander said people live in a global society and getting to know other cultures is crucial.

"The more students know, the better they can interact with people. It's transformative learning," he said. "It can change who you are. You won't be the same when you come back."

Studying abroad can change a person's prejudices and biases, he said. It can also challenge what students think their lives are about.

Senior Daysha Hampton said returning to Idaho after her

Study Abroad trips was always harder than immersing herself in a different culture.

"Each time the period when I returned before I was rearing to go again was shorter, as I wanted more and more to go to the less-traveled places that were off the beaten track," she said. "I strongly feel that (those types of places) have more to offer me in respect to diversity, cultural immersion, experience, food, relationships, international understanding, education, travel, natural beauty and language."

Hampton said if any student has a desire to go abroad, he or she should find out the facts instead of remaining unsure and dissuaded by others who could be misinformed.

"Studying abroad is prestigious. It isn't just a vacation and it offers you more educationally than can be gained by learning all of your major's required course materials," she said. "I can honestly say the most complementary value-adding activity... I undertook in my college career was studying abroad."

Students interested in the Study Abroad program should plan early and sit down with their academic advisers to plan a budget.

"Developing friendship networks with professionals from your field of study (in different countries) can be instrumental in your future career," Neuenschwander said. "You could also learn another language. Someone once told me for every language you learn, you lead another life."

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Paschke calls for increased U.S.-German cooperation

Frank McGovern
Argonaut

German ambassador Karl Theodor Paschke spoke to a full house about creating a closer partnership between the United States and Germany Monday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room.

Paschke's visit was sponsored by the University of Idaho's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and by the German Information Center in New York City.

One of Europe's most accomplished diplomats, Paschke serves as special envoy for the United Nations Secretariat and Managerial Reform in addition to his position as ambassador. He has enjoyed a lengthy and successful career in diplomacy, having been previously assigned to the Congo, Austria, France and the United States in addition to serving as Under-Secretary General for the United Nations and on the Budget and Finance Committee of the

International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.

Paschke suggested his altruistic vocation was the only route he was interested in following.

"A true diplomat does not consider his work as a job, but rather as a calling," he said.

Paschke's free lecture, "The United States and Germany — A Critical Partnership," focused on the relationship between the United States and Germany historically and in modern times, and included hopes and speculations concerning future relations.

Paschke's storied life has given him a unique and nuanced understanding of the two nations' relationship. He was born in Berlin in 1935, his first formative years spent in the shadow of World War II. Paschke's earliest memories consist of his city being bombed and the smells of burning buildings accompanied by constant hunger. Of course, the context of his childhood made a strong impression on the future diplomat.

"The year 1945 marked the end of a dark, perhaps the darkest, period in the history of Germany," he said.

The arrival of post-war liberation forces, American soldiers in particular, represented his initial introduction to both Americans and U.S. culture. With the soldiers came jazz. Paschke, who had been weaned on Beethoven, Bach and Mozart, found the music revelatory and to this day performs as a jazz musician.

"I'll probably keep playing right up until the day arthritis stops me."

After graduating with a law degree from the University of Bonn, he joined the German Foreign Service, beginning his diplomatic career. As his career accelerated Paschke found himself again a spectator in a German war, this time the Cold War. Despite a positive German/American relationship, the separation of Germany into east and west generated tension.

"The word 'sponsorship' is perhaps the adequate word to describe

the relationship of the United States and Germany after World War II," Paschke said. "The Federal Republic of Germany was firmly established in the West and Atlantic community, though on a number of occasions the possibility was very real that this cold war could turn hot."

In our current post-Cold War condition, Paschke suggested increased partnership is essential.

"Our two cultures have such a lot to offer each other," he said. "I also believe the United States can benefit from cooperation with this new and growing Germany. After all, we are the number one player in the European Union."

Though an admitted admirer of American culture, Paschke said that there was some room for improvement.

"I would submit that the United States, as the only remaining superpower on this globe, finds it very difficult to act multilaterally. We Germans found this very painful during the Iraq War. We are strongly dedicated to the U.N. charter and feel that the U.N. Security Council is the only body with the authority to move militarily against another nation. The fact that Germany said no to the Iraq situation because it was not mandated by the U.N. Security Charter strained relationships between us."

Despite his concerns, Paschke is both optimistic about the future of both nations and insistent that their collaboration is necessary.

"The increasing political weight of Germany within the E.U. will have to be emphasized in our bilateral relationship," he said. "I do feel that this relationship is, even in sober economic terms, more important than the trade and economic relationships that your country has with every other part of the world. The fact is Europe and America have more to give each other and more to offer each other than any other region of the world."

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Karl Theodor Paschke
German ambassador

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million dream development pushed by former UI President Bob Hoover, who had delegated much of the power behind the project to his vice president of finance and administration, Jerry Wallace.

Both men are cited heavily in a 600-plus page document known as the Prince Report, which was the product of an independent investigation called for by the Idaho State Board of Education.

The goal of the project was to enhance UI's reputation in southern Idaho, particularly in the state capital, where UI's Boise extension programs would be aggregated into one building and other external ventures would be invited in.

Out of the entire project, only the \$43-million Idaho Water Center building was

completed. The UI Foundation lost about \$26 million overall from the project and sold land around the state to make up much of that money. Only about \$10 million has been lost overall, according to officials.

Friday's announcement also made clear that the settlement releases the parties, which include past UI administrators, several lawyers, the UI Foundation and the university, from any further civil liability.

Other money rewarded from lawsuits, White said, could come to the university as well. If any money comes from the UI Foundation and Civic Partners lawsuit, he said attorney fees will be paid and then UI will get the rest.

"That could be part of the contingency money. We always need to be smart here," he said, "and have a few bucks tucked under our mattress."

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Tony Opheim, an associate director in UI's Information Technology Services, said the bandwidth increase will have the most effect on research capabilities at UI, especially in the fields of biomedicine and geosciences.

At a demonstration Monday afternoon, biological sciences professor James Foster requested a primate genome profile from a National Institutes of Health database in Bethesda, Md., first via the old connection and then via the new. It took the old connection nearly five minutes to download the large file, while the new connection accessed it in less than 30 seconds.

Foster compared UI's old connection to "sipping coffee through a skinny straw."

The next steps, Foster said, are to integrate all of Idaho's higher-education institutions into the 2.4 gigabit pipe and increase the network's capability up to 10 giga-

bits-per-second and beyond. "The data in the NIH database doubles every nine months," he said, adding it is the job of the leading research institutions to keep up.

Following Foster's medical sciences demonstration, geology professor John Oldow displayed a series of maps. Though it took more than three years to compile them, he said they could be put together in about four hours using the new network connection.

The new connection didn't just pop up overnight. ITS pro-

vided \$700,000 to update the university's hardware capabilities, and the new connection is provided by about 600 computer processors in the basement of McClure Hall.

Though the new connection's effects will be noticed primarily by faculty and students involved in research projects, Opheim said the average student would be affected as well.

"The general Internet available to students on campus is twice as big as it used to be," he said.

Two-way video and faster

connections to the Ruckus Network were among other improvements he cited.

"We're also trying to get a Ruckus video server at UI," Opheim said.

Currently, Ruckus has two video servers in the United States, neither of which are on the West Coast. Because of the new bandwidth capabilities, Opheim said, UI is under consideration for a West Coast server location.

"We can show that we are good netizens by distributing this content to the West Coast," Opheim said.

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NETWORK

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so students can network with people they went to high school with.

The Facebook profile appears superficially to have all the qualities of the inside of a high school locker door, with photos from vacations, notes from friends, class schedules and favorite quotes. April Stephenson, an avid Facebooker and UI student, says that's what's enjoyable about it.

"It's superficial, but that's why it's so fun. You wouldn't have a chance to talk to any of these people on the street," she says.

According to Stephenson's profile, she is interested in reading and solving world hunger, and she likes bands like The Ramones and Sigur Ros. Like most users, she checks her account at least once a day and updates it about once a month.

While Stephenson says she uses the site mainly to keep in touch with out-of-state friends, Facebook allows her to easily find people at her university who have similar interests. She says it allows her to contact people she wouldn't have a chance to talk to in real life. She compares using Facebook to a busy sidewalk —

except on Facebook, you know the favorite band of everyone who walks past you. That's why, she explains, it's so important not to post too much information.

"If you don't have street smarts, all this personal information is open to the public," she says.

Not everyone is willing to share much personal information on their profiles. Malia Volke is a senior earning a degree in conservation biology. Her profile contains less personal information than most, but still provides her name, major, hometown and some photos.

After boycotting the site since its introduction at the university, she caved in in February and opened a profile.

Volke agrees with Stephenson's sidewalk analogy, but says that's why she's so hesitant to divulge information. Though social networking sites, most notably MySpace, have been havens for stalkers and identity thieves, Volke says that's only part of the reason she doesn't post personal information.

"I didn't want to become one of those people who are obsessed with it," she says. "It's non-intimidating and non-committing. That's why these relationships are so interesting and addicting."

Volke, like many users, wants

to have the option of using social networking sites for communication, but with a greater degree of anonymity. Volke doesn't like one of the most prominent side effects of having a Facebook profile: celebrity. Simply put, Volke doesn't want people she doesn't know knowing her.

There is certainly a degree of celebrity a profile lends its user, but according to UI assistant psychology professor Traci Craig, that's a good thing. Craig is studying computer-mediated relationships and has maintained a MySpace account for two years.

Craig says these sites help users build more varied relationships with people who would normally be outside their social group.

"Before these sites caught on," she says, "you were generally friends with people you lived with and worked with, which created a very monolithic point of view."

Craig says social networking sites like Facebook provide a critical "next step" for people to make a relationship. Someone can use the site, say after a party, to find people they met that night and message them. It's less intrusive than asking for personal information, like a phone number, because the information posted on the profile is open for the

public. Craig says profiles take on the role of social resumes, revealing information like a person's relationship status and who they're interested in, all in a positive light. Sure, it might seem like superficial information, she says, but it's just enough to get below the surface.

And while some people think social networking sites are trading human contact for on-screen relationships, Craig disagrees.

"People are scared that we're all just going to talk on the computer all the time and never have any real contact," she says. "But that really hasn't been the case."

In fact, Craig is right. According to a study by Pew Internet & American Life Project, a nonpartisan research organization, 31 percent of online social network users said their networks increase their amount of real-time friendships and "significant ties," while only 2 percent said it reduced them.

The evidence found in the Pew study indicates that communities are in a period of transition. The neighborhood is fading, but larger, Internet-aided communities are taking their place — a fact that doesn't seem to bother Stephenson, who, thanks to Facebook, will never forget another friend's birthday.

National/BRIEFS

New bird flu vaccine falls short

PHILADELPHIA — The federal government has developed a human vaccine against the H5N1 bird flu, but it is only moderately effective, hard to make and probably not protective against emerging strains of the fearsome virus.

The new vaccine, produced by Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pa., under a \$150 million government contract, is "a small step" toward being prepared for a possible global flu epidemic, said Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which funded the vaccine research.

A study of the vaccine published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine found that it stimulated a meaningful immune response only about half the time — and only in healthy adults given two high doses over 28 days. In contrast, a single low-dose seasonal flu shot is 75 to 90 percent effective.

This low potency, coupled with the fact that the vaccine is grown in chicken eggs, the same problematic technology used to make seasonal flu vaccine, means that barely one percent of the world's population could be immunized even if worldwide production were ramped up.

"This isn't going to be the vaccine that's going to protect us," said Gregory A. Poland, a Mayo Clinic infectious disease and vaccine researcher who wrote an editorial that accompanies the study.

Despite the vaccine's limitations, U.S. health officials are going ahead with plans to stockpile enough to immunize about 4 million people, Fauci said during a press conference this week.

That would cover high-priority groups — notably healthcare providers and vaccine plant workers — and provide "a very tenuous stopgap" if a pandemic hits soon, Fauci said.

The H5N1 virus has decimated bird flocks in Central Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa over the past year. So far, it has not mutated into a flu that can spread easily from person to person.

Probe into corruption reaches DeLay's inner circle

WASHINGTON — The latest plea deal in the GOP lobbying corruption scandal has moved the investigation to Rep. Tom DeLay's inner circle, congressional insiders said.

DeLay's former deputy chief of staff, Tony Rudy, did not implicate him in any wrongdoing when he pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy in the case involving convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

But Rudy did finger his ex-boss, DeLay's former chief of staff Ed Buckham, as playing a role in the congressional bribery scandal.

"They were Batman and Robin. Tony didn't do anything without Buckham's say-so. ... Buckham was Batman," said a knowledgeable source.

Investigators are looking into accusations that lobbyists funneled campaign donations to members of Congress in exchange for help on legislation that would benefit their clients. The congressmen and their top aides were wooed with overseas trips, lavish meals and other gifts.

"This is a line of falling dominoes, and it's getting closer to DeLay. The investigation is within his inner circle now," said Naomi Seligman, deputy director of the liberal group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

Not just for fun

Facebook becomes law enforcement tool

By Sean Garmire
Argonaut

Lately Facebook has been used for more than connecting people. Outside Idaho, some university administrators and law enforcement agencies have used personal information and pictures from Facebook to sanction students, or even expel them.

Joni Kirk, UI media relations officer, said she was unaware of any cases of university administration using Facebook to investigate students. However, it has become common practice at some universities.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported March 22 that the University of Washington began questioning students after party photographs posted on Facebook were reported to administrators. The photos depicted underage students drinking from keg cups.

Another case occurred in March 2005 after a University of Oklahoma freshman posted a joke about the assassination of President Bush. The U.S. Secret Service

was alerted of the threat by a fellow UI student and the Facebook user was detained and questioned.

Students at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., advertised their on-campus party on Facebook and asked the guests to "bring cake." The party was later raided by campus police, who found no alcohol at the party, according to the police report, just an inordinate amount of cake.

Student's profiles are visible to anyone registered on Facebook from the same campus or Facebook administration. However, account privacy settings on the site allow students to filter out viewers, meaning

users can block anyone registered as faculty or staff from viewing the profile.

A Facebook search at UI revealed several photos of university students posing with beer bottles, plastic cups, shot glasses and, in some cases, illegal drug paraphernalia.

"This type of thing happens occasionally at schools throughout the network," said Chris Hughes, a Facebook spokesperson. "Faculty and/or administrators are able to consider Facebook a forum of expression for their students, and they are legally able to regulate their behavior or use that information to make decisions. We're not saying that we by any means support this type of use of the network, but it is within their legal rights to do it."

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Off the CUFF

Birds of death

Those of you worried about the potential of possibly there one day maybe being a chance of a mutated bird flu epidemic can relax — the British government is looking out for your dead body. Well, its citizens' dead bodies, anyway.

In a report stating that a "prudent worst case" scenario would be 320,000 Brits dying from the flu, which is currently all but impossible to transfer between humans, the British Home Office proposed its plan to prepare mass graves across the country. No word yet on whether the government plans on protecting its citizens against the flu, or just intends to let them all die and blame it on gum disease.

Nate

Birds of song

During my afternoon class the other day, I found myself completely distracted by the sound of birds singing coming through the open window. Yes, spring is upon us. And although it will make it more difficult to pay attention in class, I can't think of a single thing I would rather do than lay in the brand-new spring grass and do my homework.

Miranda

Spring music

Yes, it most definitely is that time of year. It hit me when I realized that my walk to the Argonaut was accompanied by the "uhhs" and "what whats" of a burnin' rap song. The musical offender had his computer speakers pointed out his open window, and nobody was even around to relish in the danceable rhythm of the music. I can't wait till every frat on campus starts playing its own brand of aural stimulants. Let the music wars begin.

Jon

Ode to Allergies

I think that I would never sneeze if Moscow cut down all its trees.

Tara

Suck it up and walk

The next time I hear someone saying how lucky people with physical disabilities are because they get "convenient parking spaces," I'm going to break both of their legs to show them how fun being physically challenged really is. Actually, I won't resort to violence, but I'll at least politely remind them that it's not a convenience. It's a tool that makes it possible to go to school and go shopping and run errands when a person might otherwise be in too much pain or too tired to walk across the parking lot.

The next time you feel like complaining about walking to school when all the handicap parking spaces are empty, remind yourself how lucky you are to be able to walk to school at all.

Melissa

So long, guys

So I'm another week closer to getting out of here. Sweet, right? Sure, but I've acquired a sweet spot for this place. There's a good chance I'll buy a whole bunch of Vandal gear after I graduate (you're welcome, Bookstore), and there's a good chance I'll become a donor. But I have a request: Hold off on asking me for my money for a couple years. I need some time to save up and horde my money in an off-shore tax shelter before I can just throw piles back into this darn place. Sure, you'll get the money, but just not now. All right? And also, please put me on your do-not-call list. Don't call me, I'll call you (just for, you know, a nice chat).

Sam

Good-bye, dear friend

My cell phone died today. I'd dropped it maybe six months ago and cracked it pretty bad, but it was still useable. Finally today, though, an important nut popped out, and when I'm talking to someone, the phone sort of falls apart in my hands.

So I got a new one, and it's really cool. I've finally joined like, everyone and their dog in the exciting world of camera phones. But for some reason I have this sentimental attachment to my old dead phone. I don't know why, but I sure will miss it.

Cady

Brrr!!!

After spending a few hours Saturday in the inclement weather while enjoying Greek Games, I have a plea for the organizers of next year's event: Please, please, please let us play inside if it is cold/windy/raining/snowing/etc. Greek Games are fun, but they will be super-fun if I can feel my fingers and toes.

Abbey

Communication tools an asset, but be careful

We are in the middle of a new technological advancement. With the advent of yearbook sites such as Facebook and Myspace, which come complete with blogs, music sharing and modified chat room capabilities that anyone on the Internet can access at any time, chatting over the Internet has become a form of mass communication. Gone is the wonder and fright that accompanied the birth of the first chat rooms. Slowly fading into the background is instant messaging. The newest Internet innovation has combined all of these previous forms, bringing out the best, and the borderline criminal, of each technology.

These popular friend sites occupy a unique territory on the Web. They are no longer just a way to chat with friends, to share music and pictures, or to revisit old acquaintances. These sites have become identifiers. People who want to be known as literary types post poems on their blogs, and

members who identify with a "party all the time" outlook upload pictures of lavish get-togethers.

But its not all about wasting time and adding new friends. Some people also use these sites to network. High school buddies may also use the sites to connect with old friends who have moved away. Myspace has also been a valuable resource to unsigned bands. These no-names now can post songs and turn on millions of listeners.

The wonder of these sites comes readily equipped with a grayish underbelly. Posting personal information to try to snag a new friend or hook a potential love interest leaves many people vulnerable to sexual predators and other criminals. Innocent references to "stalker net" cannot be ignored. It is essential that members protect themselves and remember to not provide too much information. Even safety-conscious users may slip up and leave numer-

ous unrelated bits of information that, when strung together, could all but welcome sexual predators.

Members of these Web sites must also be careful about the pictures posted on the sites. If you're underage, don't post a picture of yourself slinging back a bottle of Jack. It is never a good idea to post images of yourself hitting your favorite bong. Also remember that even if your pictures are completely legal, anyone can access them. That means if you are embarrassed about any of your extracurricular activities, don't post pictures of them.

These sites are a good tool and these warnings of predators lurking in the digital underbrush should not scare away potential members, but they should serve as a reminder of what could happen. For more information, check out The National Center for Victims of Crime's Web site at www.ncvc.org.

J.R.

New era for Vandal football

All right, so I'm still a Vandal football fan. Eff. I can't help it — it gets worse and worse as I get ready to leave the university, and there's a good chance it will happen to you as well.

This is an exciting year for Vandal football, and I need not state the obvious of how awesome it will be with coach Dennis Erickson at the helm. Regardless, it's going to be awesome.

We have some pretty good players on our team, and with a solid offensive coach I believe we'll be able to harness the greatness of quarterback Steve Wichman's arm.

What's sad for me is that DJ Smith has decided to not stick around. I wonder if he's kicking himself now that Erickson is on board, but who knows.

People at this university complain a lot about the athletic program. I have discussed numerous times that we can only get better from where we are, and I'm sure many in the community are now seeing some progress.

Sure, the athletic department gets some sweet breaks, but that's because the administration is trying to let it blossom.

It might not be apparent to the outside community, but boosters are quite an important part of the university community both for athletics and the general university.

As ASUI President Berto Cerrillo said recently, sporting events are a place for the community to come together. I agree, and I've said that before.

I have encouraged people to attend games, and not just that, but cheer like champions. Fans are a big part of sports. Without fans, there is absolutely no point for the athletic event to take place, right? At least, that's true when these things are money-making endeavors. Why else are professional athletes paid so much?

Well, athletes at the University of Idaho are not paid. They do it because they love the sport. They want you there to watch them. They want you there to cheer them on, and not sit in the stands and be bored.

The April 21 Silver and Gold game is a good time to warm up the cheering engines of the university. Get out there and cheer on both sides. It's a battle between offense and defense. I've got my favorite, but the point is to get out there and see what we've got and see where we're going.

Sure, Dennis Erickson will be there, but he's just one cog in the machinery. The athletes are the real soldiers. They're the ones you should go out to see. Cheer them on, because they're your fellow students, too.

And remember that we can only go up from here. Remember last season the battle we had with the Cougars across the border? I can guarantee you they're that much more afraid of us this year.

Remember all the close games we had this season? It's a cliché, but it's true: This year, it's a completely different ball game.

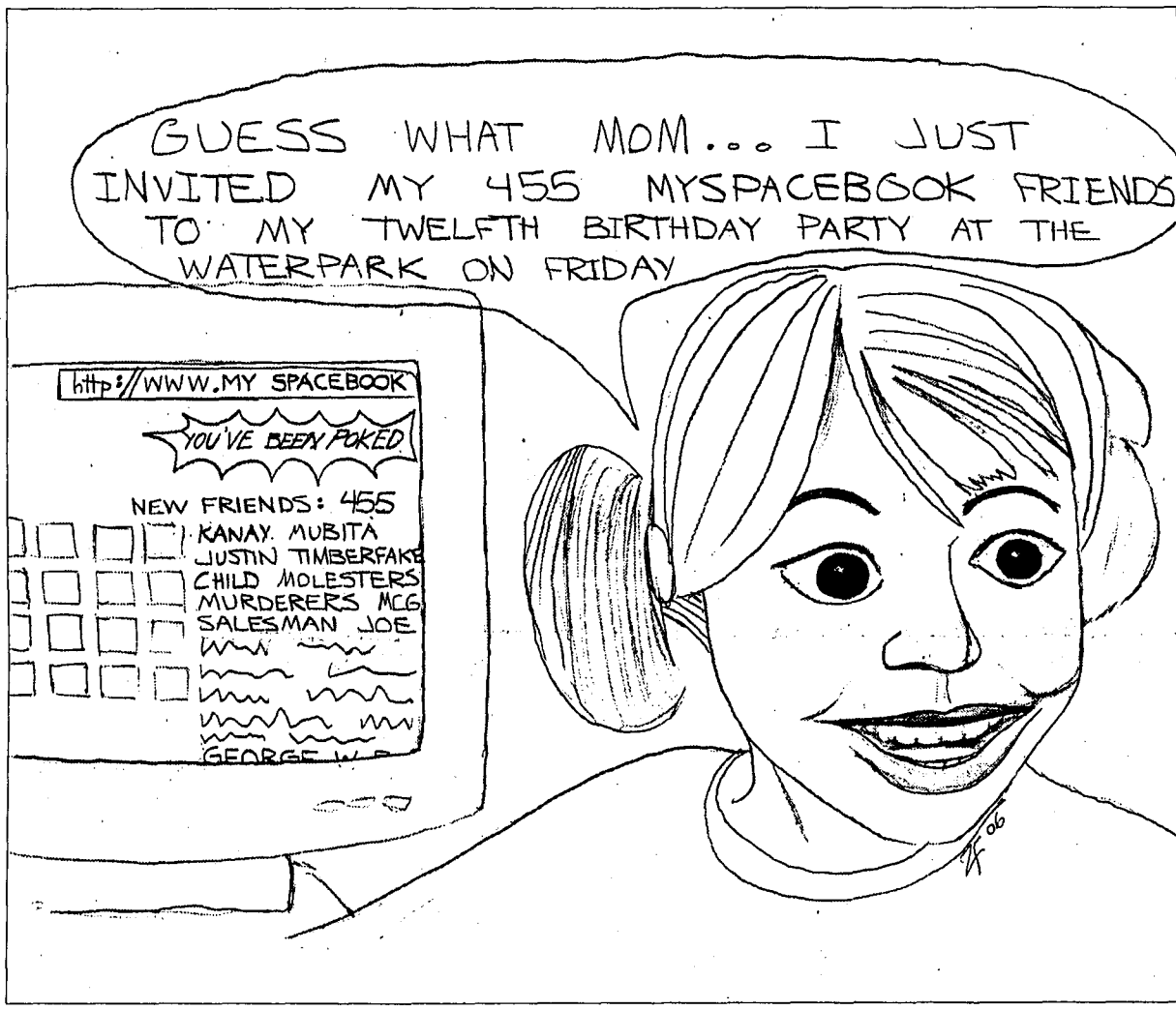
MailBOX

I want food

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the virtually anonymous writer of the "Sexually active" letter in last week's Argonaut (3/28). She thinks that we should take notice of her because she has sex three times a day and doesn't get any credit for it. Fair enough. But in the same manner, we shouldn't talk about the people in third world countries that don't get to eat anything. Seriously, we are always hearing about world hunger and all of the other things that those people whine about. I want to hear more about me and my three or four meals a day. I eat a meal after I wake up, I have lunch, I eat a snack in the middle of the day and I have dinner, but no one pays any attention to me. I WANT ATTENTION!

My point is that it takes no will power or determination to have sex with any person with genitals, but it takes serious determination to save yourself for that one special person you will be married to. Oh ... and it takes guts to put your name on your letter.

Brian Seal
sophomore, computer science and math



Upset? Blame Mubita, not us

Come, dear readers, and sit down. We need to talk.

It appears that some of you may have become a little confused about what The Argonaut is.

You may have noticed that on Friday we ran a piece on the verdict in the trial of Kanay Mubita, convicted of having or attempting to have sexual contact with 11 area women, one a University of Idaho student, without informing them he was HIV-positive. The case and last week's trial have arguably been one of the biggest stories in Moscow this semester, with ramifications and lessons extending far beyond justice for those 11 women.

Also on Friday was the university's annual recruiting event, Vandal Friday. High school students from all over descended on the campus to learn about the university and register for classes in the fall. We at The Argonaut participated by dedicating an eight-page section of the paper to information and stories that might make settling in easier for new students.

However, the day's events did not mean we stopped fulfilling our obligation to print solid, informative news about subjects that affect our audience — namely, students. As we felt the Mubita trial was of great importance compared to the other news stories in Friday's edition, we decided to lead with it on our front page, as did both the Moscow-Pullman Daily News and The Lewiston Tribune, the two other local papers.

I was surprised when I learned

Friday afternoon that this paper's faculty adviser, Shawn O'Neal, had been fielding phone calls and e-mails for most of the day from people who expected us to replace the Mubita story with something nicer. Phone calls and e-mails from people who really should know better. Yes, you know who you are.

Let me teach you about the role of a college newspaper. We are not the public relations wing of the university. That's what the people in the University Communications office are paid a combined \$379,000 (including one vacant position) to do. Instead, we are paid a far smaller amount to report on whatever makes the news around here. Often, that news is not complimentary to some facet of university life.

Other times, such as today's article about the pending University Place litigation finally being settled, the news is good for UI. Either way, we can't control what people do.

Perhaps what most upset me was the fact that most of the complaints were funneled through the Communications office, Provost Doug Baker or other UI figures who have nothing to do with this paper. Even O'Neal only serves in an advisory position and has no direct control over what appears in these pages. I would like to invite all of you with concerns to please contact editor in chief Cady McCowin or another member of this staff the next time you have questions about the stories we print, and not a random administration figure.

As I said above, the Mubita trial is important for more than just the obvious reasons. For example, the



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Green rooms

How dorm- and apartment-dwellers can bring some green into their world with houseplants and gardens

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

While the outside world is turning green, residence halls and small apartments may begin to feel drab in comparison. But never fear — it's possible to maintain happy, healthy plants in even the darkest of dorm rooms.

Bryon Branting of Moscow Building Supply's gardening department said that while they may not grow as well in dorm rooms as in other spaces, most plants will survive.

"Most houseplants will do fine in low light," Branting said. "They may not grow as vigorously, and if they're a blooming houseplant, they may not bloom so well in low light."

One such plant is the peace lily (*Spathiphyllum clevelandii*), which Branting recommended despite that it may not bloom. He also suggested pothos or devil's ivy (*Epipremnum aureum*) and Boston fern

(*Nephrolepis exaltata 'Bostoniensis'*).

In the article "Back to School with Plants," Gayla Sanders of online gardening community www.youngrowgirl.com suggested eight

plants that are ideal for dorm rooms. No. 1, Mother-In-Law's Tongue or snake plant (*Sanservia trifasciata*), is incredibly hardy. It can survive with a wide variety of heat and light levels and some drought.

Also on Sanders' list are devil's ivy, spider plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), jade plant (*Crassula arborescens*) and rubber plant (*Ficus elastica decora*). For flower-lovers, she suggested African violets (*Saintpaulia*), which do well under a dorm room's fluorescent lighting. Last on the list is the cactus, which comes in countless varieties and is difficult — though not impossible — to kill.

While the dorm plant space is pretty much limited to tops of shelves and windowsills, many apartments have balconies or patios that are perfect for cultivating a mini-garden.

Jane Fluegel, an employee at Crossroads Nursery and Garden Gifts, suggested growing herbs and small vegetable plants in pots

or "container gardens."

"I really love herbs," Fluegel said. "We have quite an assortment of different types and they smell wonderful."

Because it's too late to start herbs and vegetables from seeds and expect a lush garden this summer, Fluegel said interested gardeners should buy pre-sprouted plants and create a combination pot of herbs, vegetables and flowers. For herbs, she suggested plants such as basil, sage, chives and thyme. For vegetables, she suggested short tomato and pepper plants. For those who love to cook, a small herb and vegetable garden can provide ingredients right at home.

Once you've bought your houseplants or started your garden, care is essential to maintaining healthy plants.

Branting said the No. 1 mistake most people make with houseplants is watering them too often. While it's easy to see a wilting plant and assume it's thirsty, he said too much water will actually drown it.

"More plants are killed by overwatering than underwatering," Branting said.

He suggested never watering a houseplant more than once per week.

Fluegel said that while herbs and vegetables may take more work than regular houseplants, they're worth it.

"You don't really have to have your standard type of houseplant."

"Most houseplants will do fine in low light."

Bryon Branting
Moscow Building Supply

Gearing up for garden season: The places to go for supplies

By Ryli Hennessey
Argonaut

Warm weather is on its way and gardening is on the mind of a few local businesses.

Prairie Bloom Nursery, Moscow Building Supply, Wal-Mart and Crossroads Nursery and Garden Gifts are all putting out their gardening supplies and getting

more in all the time. For those looking for supplies for that big landscaping project or simply looking for a pretty pot of flowers, this list may help guide you.

Prairie Bloom Nursery

Prairie Bloom is a moderately sized nursery in Pullman. It opened for the season a few weeks ago and is bringing in new products every day. The staff is friendly, knowledgeable and ready to help with whatever project customers might be working on. Prairie Bloom might not be huge, but Eaton said it has diversity.

"We may not have a thousand containers of one type of plant, but we have thousands of different plants," he said.

The business has two small greenhouse areas filled with different types of plants, including a moderate selection of herbs, some dwarf conifers and the always-popular pansy.

It added a new garden gift shop and will be opening a winery by Mother's Day.

The prices on the plants are what you would expect from a nursery. They are higher than at a place like Wal-Mart, but the prices are worth it for the selection and the help. Prairie

GOT GARDENING TIPS?

Argonaut readers can share their gardening tips with other plant-lovers. E-mail your best ideas to art_arts@sub.uidaho.edu by April 12. We'll pick the best and print them in the paper.

Bloom Nursery's small and pricey selection of products like Miracle Grow makes it a place to buy plants, not necessarily supplies.

Crossroads Nursery and Garden Gifts

Crossroads is a larger nursery between Moscow and Pullman. It has 21 varieties of Japanese Maple, more than 400 fruit trees, a large selection of flowers and much more.

It has a greenhouse area that has a variety of flowers, herbs and decorations for the garden. The selection of stylish yard decorations, fantastic fountains and garden statues is impressive. There's also a good selection of decorative pots that range from huge to small and a gift shop that has soaps, seeds, bulbs and gifts for the gardening enthusiast.

Crossroads also offers gardening classes like Danielle Klaveano's "Garden Ornamentation and Containers," which will be at 10 a.m. April 29.

The prices are comparable to Prairie Bloom in terms of plants, but high-end decorations and gardening supplies are pricey.

Moscow Building Supply

Moscow Building Supply is the place to go for gardening supplies. It offers diverse products such as gardening kits, shovels, edging, gardening shoes and much more. The lawn

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Moscow Community Garden helps students get growing

By Liz Virtue
Argonaut

Campus living spaces and apartments are great places to live, but there is never room for everything you might want, like a garden. This is why the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute introduced the idea of the Moscow Community Garden, a place where students can go to grow anything they want if they don't have the space at home.

PCEI is a program created to increase environmental awareness in Idaho and eastern Washington. The Moscow Community Garden is one way PCEI is reaching out to local community members and students.

"The best marketing group for this project is going to be students," said Courtney Rush, nursery garden technician. "Students are the ones who don't have room for gardens of their own."

The community garden is located on West C Street, near Tri-State and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, only a short distance away from campus.

"It's such a beautiful place," Rush said. "When you're there, you feel like you're not even on campus anymore. It's a great spot to go to just get away."

The garden offers accessible garden plots to people who don't have space at their homes or

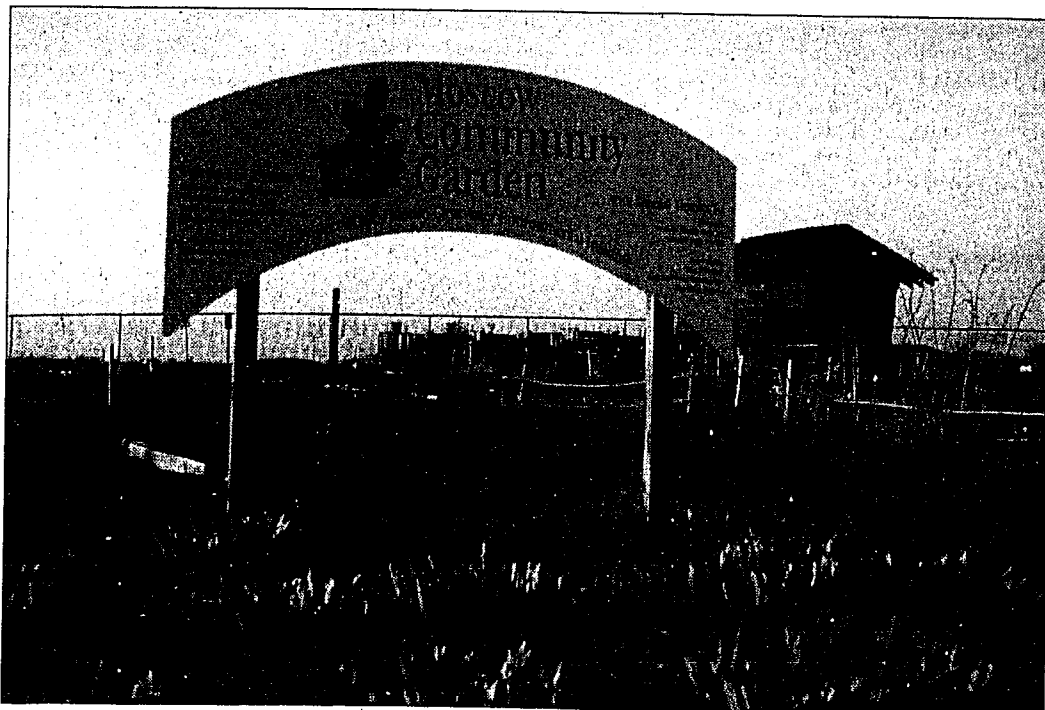
for those who don't know how to garden and are interested in learning, said Aly Bean, PCEI volunteer coordinator. Bean is in charge of recruiting volunteers for PCEI, as well as orienting them and getting them to come back and volunteer in the future.

"We have informational workshops for students to learn how to grow tomatoes and we have workshops for them to learn about compost," Bean said. "We are hoping to get students to learn about organic gardening."

The community garden is 100 percent organic, meaning no herbicides or pesticides are used on any of the plants in any of the 32 garden plots.

PCEI is a nonprofit organization, so the money needed to keep the garden running comes from charging a small fee to those who decide to lease a garden plot. The plots are available in two different sizes. A 20-by-20-foot plot sells for \$45 a season and a 10-by-10-foot plot is \$30. This also includes a \$50 refundable deposit returned to gardeners after they clear their plots at the end of the season. A regular season runs from March through Nov. 1, and the food people grow in the garden is theirs to keep, Rush said.

"It's really a great price for what you get," Rush said. "You probably spend more than \$30 on



The Moscow Community Garden on West C Street is starting to show some green for the season. Community Garden Work Day will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Charlie Olsen/Argonaut

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LOCAL BANDS

Weird instruments unite genres with Wave Machine

By Michael Howell
Argonaut

For almost a year, the band Acoustic Wave Machine has been a staple of the local music scene. What makes this band different is that it doesn't play just normal instruments. There's guitar and bass, of course. However, the band also involves music from lesser-used instruments such as banjos, accordions and unusual percussion.

"The band started out rather simply," said Garrett Clevenger, the band's lead guitar player, backup vocalist and songwriter. "I started the band Acoustic Wave Machine with just me and a man named Greg. I would say that this was about the summer of 2005. Over time, we managed to evolve from a two-person band to a band of seven. Right now, we're at five people."

The other four band members are Emily Poor on trombone and backup vocals, Lorne Hestler on bass guitar and percussion, Clare Cady on lead vocals, and Bennett Barr on accordion and djembe, a type of drum.

"We try to do so many things and just experiment with our music," Clevenger said. "We're always trying to incorporate new music styles into it. As a result, we're always bringing in new instruments and styles. I myself have even been known to use the banjo in some of my performances."

Barr defines the band's genre as a melting pot of styles.

"I myself have been in a few dozen bands in my life," he said. "They all had different styles. I think because of mine and all the other members' backgrounds in different styles of music, we make our sound unique."

Clevenger describes the band's genre as "a mix of blues, folk, world, bluegrass, rock and numerous other types of music."

The band enjoys using its music to help causes as well.

"We've done gigs at clubs and stuff," said Clevenger. "We also do weddings on occasion. We like to try and play benefits or fundraisers. It's a good way to donate our services and our time to causes that we think need attention."

"It's a real rush to be in any band," said Barr. "It's good to

know that you are able to come together with other people in a group and perform for people. I enjoy being able to make a difference and give everyone a good show."

For the month of April, the band has a lot on its plate. On Friday, it will play at Mikey's Gyros. On April 15, it will play at John's Alley Tavern and on April 29, it's lined up for Earthfest at East City Park.

"It's good to know that you are able to come together with other people in a group and perform for people."

Bennett Barr
band member

From an acoustic band that started out rather simply to a band that looks to make a difference in everything that it does, Acoustic Wave Machine has developed into a staple of

the local community.

"We hope to be around for a little while longer," Clevenger said. "We're always changing and always looking to do new things, but we're going to plan on being here. We're actually about to lose our lead singer when she moves away, but we plan to just find a new female vocalist and see if we can't just keep going."

Six things Rob Corddry didn't tell you

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

So you managed to get into Saturday night's packed Student Union Building Ballroom for the Rob Corddry show. Good for you. You heard him say he didn't get his own Comedy Central show "because I'm black" and are considering following his suggestion to stay in school, meaning never graduate.

But here are a few things you might not know about the "Daily Show" correspondent.

1. He's scared of bears. Corddry showed up late for his show because, after a wrong turn coming out of the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport, he ended up at Washington State University's captive grizzly bear habitat.

"I'm obsessed with bears because they terrify me," Corddry said. "They're the sharks of the land. You never know when they're going to bite."

2. He digs the University of Idaho's political status.

On learning that the Princeton Review named UI the second-least politically active campus in the country in 2004, Corddry laughed.

"Do what you're doing," he said. "I'm the second-least politically active 'Daily Show' correspondent."

After all, he takes "no responsibility" for college kids

getting their political news from "The Daily Show."

3. He thinks Moscow is cool.

Corddry admitted to never having thought about Idaho before, but had one comment about Moscow itself: "This town looks like it should have a bowling alley on every corner."

And that's supposed to be a good thing. Really.

4. He said he's really into his "art" (then added, "Put 'He's sarcastic' in parenthesis next to that").

Recently, Corddry was asked to take part in a documentary in which comedians discussed the art of comedy. He declined on the grounds that he didn't want to be one of those comedians who takes

himself too seriously. And he certainly hasn't started taking himself and his fame too seriously. Corddry said it's interesting being someone people recognize on the street.

"People look at me as if to say, 'Did I go to high school with you?'"

5. He's concerned for other famous people.

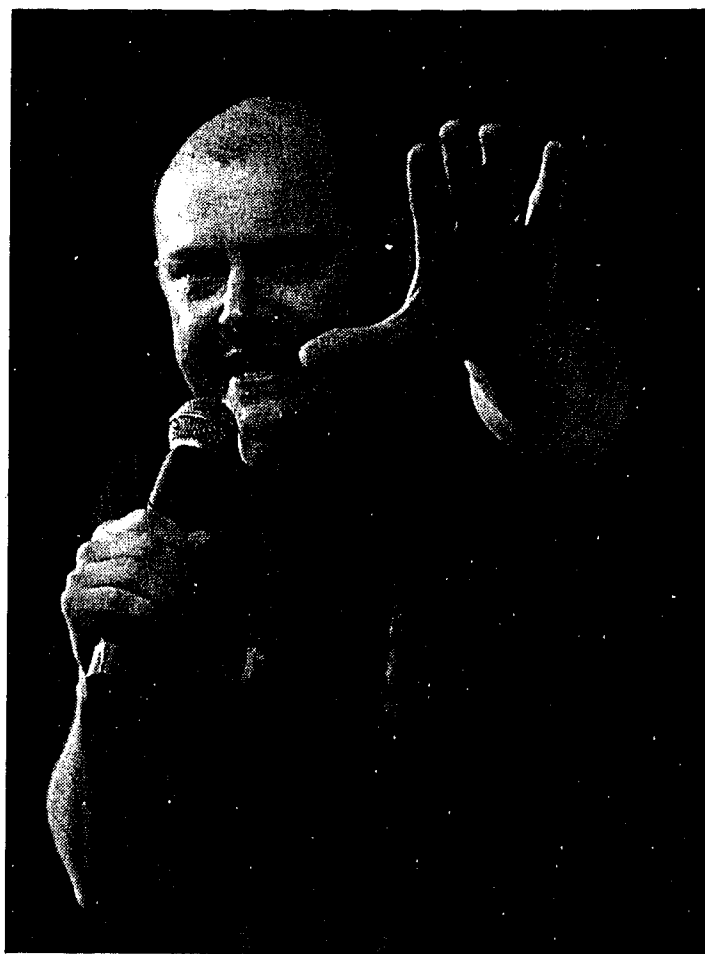
So, what's Corddry's least favorite Hollywood trend of the moment?

"Wow, there's so many of them," he said. "It'd be more challenging to name a trend that's not annoying in Hollywood."

He gave that one a shot,

"People look at me as if to say, 'Did I go to high school with you?'"

Rob Corddry
comedian



Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

Rob Corddry, correspondent for Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," gives a lecture and comedy performance at 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

though.

"I hope bulimia comes back," he said. "Lindsay Lohan is just putting on way too much weight lately."

6. He's going to name his baby "Chardonnay."

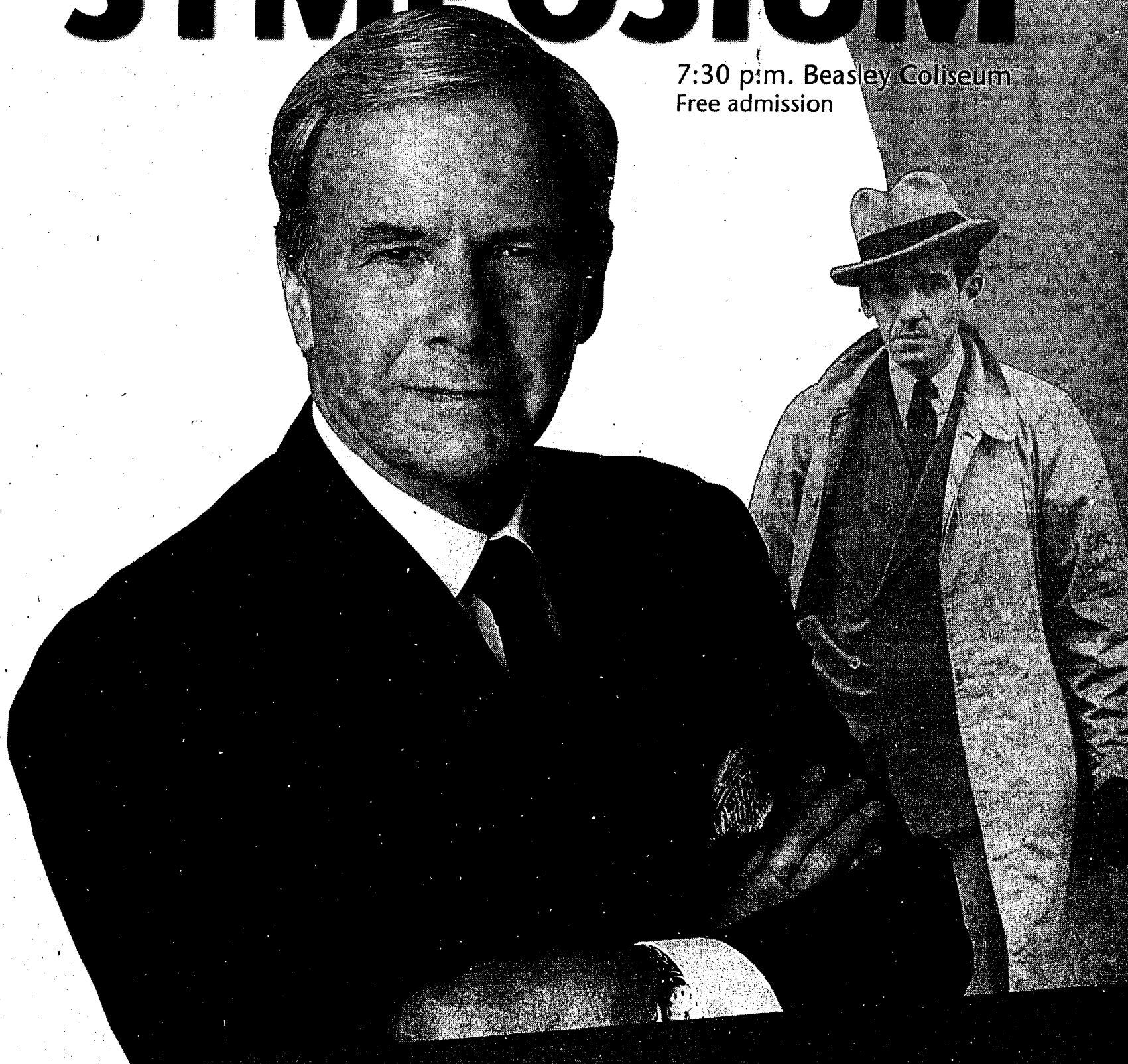
Just kidding. Corddry's wife, Sandra, is expecting a baby in July, and while Corddry wouldn't reveal what

they're going to name her, he did say they're expecting a girl. Corddry joked about letting the newborn replace his brother Nate (who will soon be leaving "The Daily Show") as a correspondent and said he's looking forward to being a father.

"I hate sleeping, so that's gonna work."

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Frigid 'Ice Age' suffers from sequelitis

By Tyler Wilson
Argonaut

The original "Ice Age" was one of 2002's biggest successes, thanks largely to a little prehistoric squirrel named Scrat. The movie itself was merely diverting and the other characters were probably best suited for a single installment. But faster than someone could say "cha-ching," Blue Sky Animation has pumped out "Ice Age: The Meltdown," a mediocre sequel that provides more of the same problems. Manny the woolly mammoth (Ray Romano), Diego the saber-toothed tiger (Denis Leary) and Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo) are living it up with their herd. That is, of course, until the ice starts melting and their valley play-

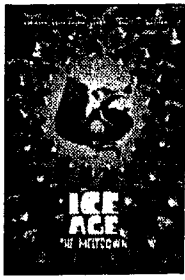
ground is about to become one huge swimming pool. So the animals are on the run to the other side of the valley where an apparent Noah's Ark is waiting to save them. Not much happens on their journey, except that Manny meets another woolly mammoth named Ellie (Queen Latifah), who thinks she's a possum like her adoptive possum brothers. Manny, worried that they may be the last mammoths on earth, lays the sugar on Ellie, trying to convince her she's a mammoth in the process. That's about all there is in terms of plot, other than

Diego's trite fear of water. There are some reptilian predators on their tail, but they aren't around enough to cause much danger. All that's left for "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is a string of forced gags and unfunny ramblings. Kids might enjoy the constant barrage of puns and pratfalls, but boredom might set in quickly for anyone older than 10. Not every animated film is going to be as thoughtful as the Pixar movies, but at times it doesn't seem like the makers of "The Meltdown" are even trying. Secondary Pixar characters are more dynamic than the main characters in this

film. Even worse, the plot closely resembles that of Disney's CG/live-action experiment "Dinosaur," only without the juicy action sequences (asteroid showers, etc.) to spice up the tedium. If you're going to steal a storyline, you might as well steal one from a Pixar film rather than one of Disney's in-house knockoffs. Leguizamo, a highlight in the original film, doesn't have much to do in the sequel. There is a humorous scene where Sid is mistaken for a fire god by a pack of smaller, sloth-like animals, but other than that he's left to spout poorly conceived puns. And Leary, a comedian who feeds off his angry, obscene ramblings, is a complete bore as Diego. Someone, let the poor guy do an R-rated flick with Billy Bob Thornton.

Romano and Latifah, meanwhile, are fine as the two endangered woolly mammoths, but the script doesn't allow them to have much fun. Since their dull romance is the center of the film, they're primarily left with sentimental hooey for dialogue. Seann William Scott and Josh Peck are energetic as Ellie's possum brothers, "energetic" meaning only distracting and moderately irritating. But fear not, "Ice Age" fans, because Scrat does appear from time to time to wake the audience up. Unfortunately, the opening Scrat sequence is the same one the filmmakers have used for a theatrical trailer for over a year. Still, Scrat is the Looney Tunes equivalent to Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote, generating humor from facial expressions and

ingenious timing. Which begs the question: Why have Scrat in the film for only about 20 minutes? One could argue that his escapades would grow tiresome for any longer. But in a movie where the central conflict is tiresome after five minutes, it may be a necessary risk. Of course, none of this matters because "Ice Age: The Meltdown" is destined to make serious bank, and no doubt "Ice Age 3" will be in the pipeline soon. Why? Because of Scrat, and those hilarious 20 minutes. And because of the millions of dollars spent on hypnotizing young children. Disney no doubt uses the same tactics for the Pixar films, but at least the product is solid. In any event, Pixar's June release of "Cars" can't come any sooner.



"Ice Age"
★★ (of 5)
Ray Romano
Now Showing

ArtsBRIEFS

Foreign Film Series shows 'Embrace'

The Idaho Commons and Student Union Foreign Film Series presents "Lost Embrace" at 7 and 9:30 p.m. today in the Borah SUB Theater. The comedy/drama was a Grand Jury winner at the 2004 Berlin Film Festival. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public. Tickets are available at the SUB Information desk the evening of the show.

Boogie down at Co-op today

The Boogie Doctors will perform at 6 p.m. today at the Moscow Food Co-op. The performance is part of the Co-op's Tuesday night music series. The event is free and open to the public.

Left Hand Smoke at the Alley Friday

Seattle rockers Left Hand Smoke will play at 10 p.m. Friday at John's Alley Tavern. The band is on tour supporting its new release

"At The Hotel." For more information on the band, visit www.lefthandsmoke.com

The Shook Twins at One World Café

The Shook Twins will perform at 8:30 p.m. Friday at One World Café in downtown Moscow. Jazz Night at One World begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information on coming events visit www.one-world-cafe.biz/events.htm

Bucer's jazzes it up this weekend

DeMiero Jazz will perform from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday at Bucer's Coffeehouse. Pub. Orjazzmic will perform from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday. There is no age limit or cover charge for either performance.

Two plays soon from Sirius Theatre

Sirius Idaho Theatre is presenting two two-person plays to end its second season. "A Walk in the Woods" will be Thursday-Saturday and "Collected Stories" runs April 13-15 in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

"A Walk in the Woods," by Lee Blessing, is directed by Luis Guerrero and stars John Dickinson and Gregory Newell Smith. "Collected Stories," directed by Forrest Sears, stars Valerie McIlroy and Isabella Whitfield.

Play times are at 7:30 p.m. each day. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturday and April 15. Opening night tickets are \$5 for all seats. Other performances are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at BookPeople and at the door one hour before the performance.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.siriusidahotheatre.com.

Sculpture at Third Street Gallery

The Moscow Arts Commission will open a new exhibit of work by local and regional artists Friday at the Third Street Gallery in Moscow. A reception open to the public is scheduled from 5-7:30 p.m. Featured will be sculpture in a variety of mediums including ceramics, paper, glass, wood, metal, clay and stone. For more information, visit www.moscow-arts.org.

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groceries every couple of weeks. You can cut down these costs if you're growing some of your own food.

Once a plot is leased, the renter is responsible for planting and maintaining the crops planted. Plot owners are also required to volunteer in the garden for 10 hours over the course of the season.

Gardeners are welcome to plant anything they wish in their plots, including flowers, herbs, fruits and vegetables.

"We have everything, including pumpkins and sunflowers," Bean said. "It's also very common to see green beans, squash, onions and potatoes."

PCI prides itself on making volunteer work fun, especially when it is benefiting the environment, Bean said. The community garden is well-equipped with everything needed to grow a successful garden, including advice, workshops and tools.

"People don't need to bring their own tools to the garden, which makes it a lot easier for them," Rush said. "We have it all in our shed so people don't have to worry about it."

The Moscow Community Garden is a great place to go to find a little nature in the midst of a college town, Rush said. She said it's a great place to go to get away from college life and get back to the basics.

"It's really cool to be a part of something where you plant something, nurture it and watch it grow," Rush said.

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decorations are cheaper, but definitely not as nice as at other places. There are a few fountains and the obligatory lawn gnome. Nothing fancy, but enough if you aren't looking to spend big bucks. There is also a good selection of pots, ranging from basic clay pots to decorative plastic pots, at reasonable prices.

The selection of products like fertilizers and weed killers are better priced than in the nurseries and there is a much larger selection. This is also the place to buy things like hoses, sprinklers, shovels and wheelbarrows.

Moscow Building Supply's greenhouse area opened April 1.

It is not particularly big and it doesn't have a large selection like the nurseries. They have some trees, some evergreens and a good amount of flowers.

Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart has a good amount of supplies at prices you expect. You can find watering cans, gardening gloves and hanging baskets there at low prices. There is a small supply of decorations for the lawn and many inexpensive pots.

For anyone who is better at killing plants than anything else, Wal-Mart has a lot of cactuses.

The greenhouse area doesn't have much in it yet. There are a lot of bulbs, including Flower

Bulbs and Perennials for Dummies kits. There are many rose kits, but only a few flowers so far. The prices are low and the selection is moderate.

Also see

Other local gardening resources include SYG Nursery & Landscaping in Pullman, Fiddler's Ridge Garden and Nature Store in Potlatch, and Stookey's Feed and Garden, Palouse Hills Greenhouse and North Country Landscaping in Moscow.

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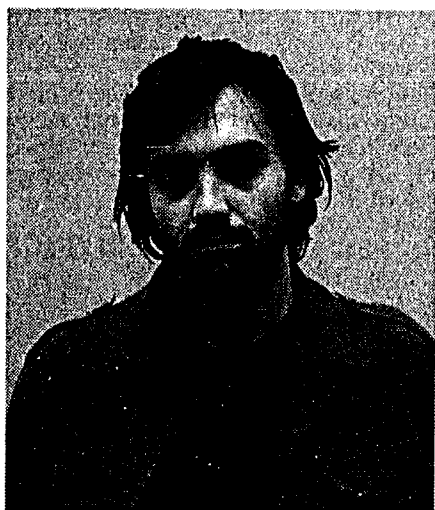
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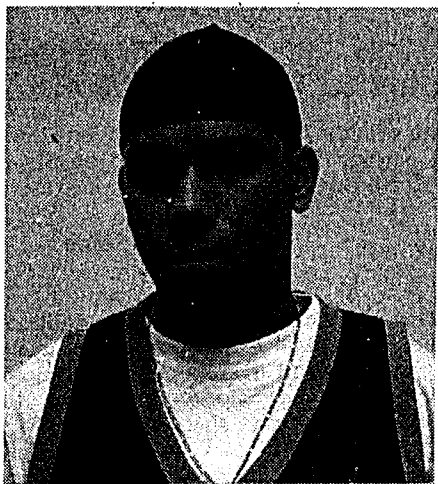
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MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foes' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and pack into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



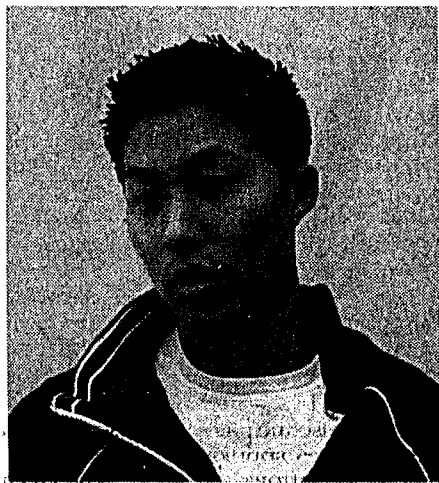
NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was recast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

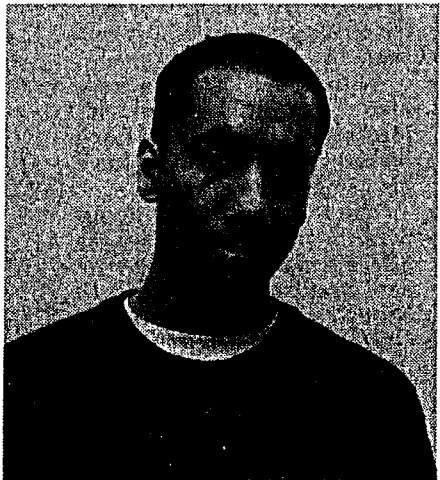
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he

was seeing had been surrounded by a beefy mesomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong-arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack's over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in mid-air by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack re-gained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.



SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents,

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so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

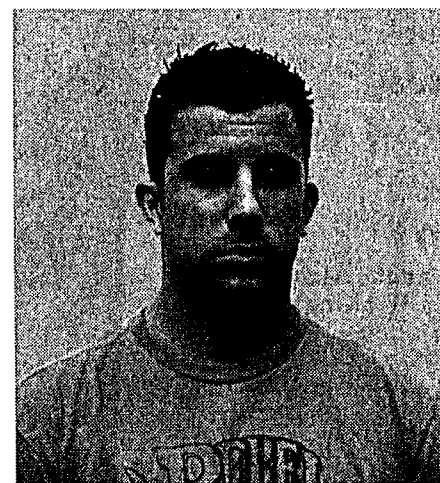


FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munki entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands

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wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

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Selling students: How athletes get here

Editor's note: This is the third part of a three-part series examining athletic recruiting at the University of Idaho. This final installment looks at recruiting from the players' perspective. The first two installments focused specifically on football recruiting. However, Vandal football players refused to speak with *The Argonaut* for this story.

By Keenan Lamb
Argonaut

Some University of Idaho students do not have to worry about student loans, interest

rates, and housing and food costs.

There are 307 student-athletes representing 14 sports on the Idaho campus, 200 of whom enjoy the benefits of a full scholarship.

With nearly 13,000 students at UI, that means three out of every 200 students receive scholarships based on their athletic performance.

"It is a lot about dollars and cents, and negotiating what's best for you and your family," sophomore tennis player Rob Chalkley says. "You also want to go to a good

situation (competitively) for your sport, but most of us are here for the education, and that's what we focus on."

The dollars and cents of providing 200 full scholarships add up, taking an estimated \$3.5 million dollars of the university's annual budget. The university employs a separate entity to help cost overruns. The Vandal Scholarship

Fund is a donor-based program that provides the university with the financial means of recouping the unaccounted tuition fees. In fiscal year 2006, the VSF is looking to raise \$1.34 million to apply to student-athlete scholarships.

On the VSF Web site, potential donors are coaxed by a message that reads: "The victories and successes experienced

by the UI student-athletes in 2005 are confirmation that the commitment made by those that have given to the VSF program has made a difference."

It has made a difference to Chalkley and freshman teammate Tim Huynh, who are not typical student-athlete recruits.

Both are international citizens, Chalkley from England and Huynh from Australia.

"It was definitely a bit different for us. ... We never saw the campus before we came here, kind of came on a whim," Huynh says. "I had offers at

other, bigger schools, but my decision felt really comfortable based on what coach Perlman sold us on."

Idaho tennis coach Katrina Perlman, herself a native of Australia, was able to recruit Huynh with a more hands-on approach, attending a few matches and a tournament last year.

Chalkley, on the other hand, did what many prospective student-athletes in non-revenue generating sports have to

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UI men's golf at Saint Mary's Invitational Pebble Beach, Calif.

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Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

Jason Magness, a yoga slacker from North Dakota, demonstrates how to do yoga on a slack line Saturday afternoon outside the Student Recreation Center. For more information about yoga slacklining, visit Magness' Web site at www.yogaslackers.com.

One star, two sports



Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

Senior sprinter Antwaun Sherman runs during track and field practice Thursday afternoon on the track outside the Kibbie Dome.

By Mackenzie Stone
Argonaut

After a scrimmage last year in front of the Kibbie Dome, the football team huddled before heading off to the locker room to strip themselves of muddy pads and heavy helmets.

Antwaun Sherman showered in the locker room to clean off the dirt and mud caked into his skin, ditched the pads for sprinting shoes, and ran to the field on the other side of the Kibbie Dome. Except, it was a field of a different kind, one for track and field. Following a few quick running drills, Sherman lined up on the Dan O'Brien track for the 100-meter dash.

Although he was tired, he was prepared. Sherman had become accustomed to days like these, as an athlete for the Vandal football and track teams. He was exhausted that day but received more snaps than he anticipated and still ran well in his track meet.

"I did pretty good. I got second but I was pooped, dead tired," Sherman says.

Sherman, a senior, has been a Vandal for two years and a busy one at that. He was recruited from City College of San Francisco as a track and field sprinter and cornerback for the football team. He will graduate this spring with a general studies major and a communications minor.

In many ways, Sherman is a mature adult, ready to move on from college. He is a fine-tuned athlete and a role model for his younger brother, but he still finds ways to resist the norms of growing up.

"I love watching cartoons. My TV stays on the cartoon channels," Sherman says. "I like to go out, but I like to get off my feet too."

Sherman's favorite cartoons are "SpongeBob SquarePants" and "Baby Looney Tunes" but he doesn't make many friends from it.

"All my friends call me childish, but they watch garbage," Sherman says. "If I go to someone else's house, they don't let me hold the controller because I turn it to cartoons. I watch cartoons by myself because none of my friends will watch them with me."

Along with cartoons, Sherman avoids adulthood with a laid-back lifestyle, but only off the track.

"I always bug Antwaun that he has two speeds, super fast and super slow," Idaho track and field coach Wayne Phipps says. "He is pretty laid-back, and it shows. All parts of his life are in slow motion, but he completely turns around when he gets on the track."

"Antwaun is an extremely talented athlete. Not many athletes can do two sports at the Division I level," Phipps says. "If he continues at it, he can have a lot of success in track."

Sherman's football career as a Vandal is over, and he is in the midst of competing in his final season of outdoor track. For the first time in many years, Sherman is focused on one sport, and the break is showing in his training already.

"This year has been a lot better," Phipps says. "It has made a big difference for the spring. He is a lot more fresh and a lot less hurt than when he was trying to do football as well."

In previous outdoor seasons, Sherman would practice

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SportsBRIEFS

Mitchell earns Kodak/WBCA All-America honorable mention

Leilani Mitchell, a guard for the Idaho women's basketball team, was selected as an honorable mention to the Kodak/WBCA All-America team. It is Mitchell's second All-America honorable mention selection of the season.

Mitchell, a junior from Kennewick (Wash.) High School, joins Emily Faurholt and Alli Nieman as the only Idaho women's basketball players to receive the honor.

In Idaho's first season as a member of the WAC, Mitchell tied for the conference lead for scoring (17.6 points per game) and currently ranks in the top 50 nationally in three categories, including No. 2 for steals (4.0 steals per game), No. 18 for assists (5.6 assists per game) and No. 49 for points. She also set the WAC record for single-season steals average and tied the single-season steals record with 115.

The Idaho women's bas-

ketball team has placed six players on various All-America teams in its 32-year existence. Denise Brose was selected as an AIAW First Team All-American for the 1981-82 season and as a District VII First Team All-American for the 1982-83 season. Mary Raese and Mary Westerville were both selected as District VII First Team All-Americans during the 1985-86 season when the Vandals won the WNIT. Alli Nieman has been honored as an All-American three times in her career. She was honored as a Kodak All-America Honorable Mention and a District VIII First Team All-American during the 1998-99 season, and was again selected as a District VIII First Team All-American during the 1999-2000 season. Emily Faurholt earned Kodak/WBCA and Associated Press All-America honorable mention during the 2003-04 season.

Mitchell also was one of 11 finalists for the seventh annual Nancy Lieberman Award, given to the nation's top point guard, and was selected as an Associated Press All-America honorable mention earlier this season.

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White Sox top Indians

On opening night of the 2006 Major League Baseball season, the Chicago White Sox knocked off the Cleveland Indians 10-4.

The teams had to wait through a nearly three-hour rain delay, but it did not deter the defending World Series champions, who scored their 10 runs on just eight hits.

New White Sox designated hitter Jim Thome hit a two-run homer against his former club, where he played 12 seasons.

Brandon McCarthy picked up the win for Chicago, pitching three perfect innings against a potent Indians lineup.

Cleveland lost starting pitcher C.C. Sabathia after the second inning, thanks to an abdominal strain, and reliever Fernando Cabrera took the loss after giving up six runs in only one inning.

The teams will close out their three game series with games Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

Mickelson wins

Phil Mickelson played one

of the best tournaments of his life as he easily defended his title at the BellSouth Classic on Sunday.

The lefty became the first to win the tournament three times overall and he was also the first person to win it two years in a row.

With the Masters scheduled for this weekend, Mickelson could not have picked a better time to have his game in top shape.

The victory was as dominant as you will ever see, as Mickelson went wire-to-wire and won by a remarkable 13 shots over Jose Maria Olazabal and Zach Johnson.

His 28-under total was a tournament record, as well as a personal best for Mickelson, and the total was the fourth-best score in relation to par in PGA Tour history.

While his performance appears to have come at a pristine time, only two players in history have won the Masters after winning a tournament the week before.

The Masters is scheduled to start on Thursday in Augusta, GA.

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once or twice a week because of spring football conflicts, but this season he is able to commit to five or six practices.

"Last year, it was a lot different when he had spring football, because we worked around his football schedule so he could focus on his schooling," Phipps says. "He practiced one to two times a week, and I worked him hard on the days he came."

Sherman, born Nov. 17, 1982, led the Vandals in the 2005 season in kickoff returns at 19 with 367 yards. He rushed 212 yards and was sixth in scoring with two touchdowns in 10 of 11 games. He also finished third in the 4x100-meter relay and fourth in the 100-meter dash at the Big West Track and Field Championships.

With this year's transition to the WAC, Sherman's indoor track season was cut short at the indoor championships in Boise because of running on a wooden track, which he had never done before. He finished 10th in the 60-meter dash and 14th in the 200-meter dash.

"The indoor season didn't go as well as I wanted it to and I was hoping it would come out in the outdoor season," Sherman says.

Sherman began preparing for the outdoor season shortly after his last indoor meet. At the Hornet Invite last weekend, he placed third in the 100-meter dash, only .13 seconds behind first place. He was the top finisher for Idaho in the men's 100- and 200-meter dash in Sacramento, Calif.

"His 100 was great. For the first meet of the season, it went outstandingly well," Phipps says. "He was winning the race until about 10 meters left in the race. He seemed fairly happy but I was extremely happy."

Sherman, a native of Portland, Ore., grew up playing basketball and football and running track. Sherman comes from a family embedded in the three sports. His father, uncle and younger brother played some if not all of these sports. Sherman's younger brother, Antonio, plays basketball, football

and track in hopes of joining his brother as a first-generation college student.

"I try to help him out," Sherman says. "When I went back home, I coached him and his friends (in flag football) ... and it felt good to help him out."

Sherman gives Antonio similar advice to what his father gave him when he was in high school, and his brother reacts the same way.

"My dad told me a lot but I would think yeah, yeah, yeah, here comes another lecture but I want to go to this party," Sherman says. "But all that stuff he told me popped into my head (at college) and it helped me out."

Antonio, a junior in high school, wants to follow in the footsteps of his older brother and attend college with a football scholarship. Sherman said he thinks his brother will understand him when he gets there, the way Sherman understood his father.

In high school, Sherman stopped playing basketball because it conflicted with the football and track seasons. Instead of narrowing his concentration to one sport like most athletes who make the transition to collegiate play, Sherman was recruited by City College for football and track. When he graduated from CCSF, Sherman received offers from several schools but chose Idaho because he would be allowed to participate in both football and track.

"A lot of schools offered me scholarships to play one sport or the other, but when I thought about it, I couldn't give up either sport."

And he doesn't plan on giving them up soon.

"It's a lot of work. They tie into each other, but every day you have to do something," Sherman says. "Football is over, but I am still doing stuff to prepare."

After graduation, Sherman wants to pursue a career in either sport instead of pursuing a career within his major and says he has his entire life to be a real grown-up.

"I want to continue being a kid," Sherman says. "I'm not scared of the real world, but I'm having fun taking it day by day and letting it fall into place."

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do: he recruited himself.

"I joined a Web site (in England) that set up contacts between myself and schools, and I was able to establish connections with several schools and send in videos of myself," Chalkley says.

Outside of football, basketball and baseball (which is not a varsity sport at Idaho), there is not a market for third-party recruiting services that give coaches an idea of who to look for. Many universities offer ways to contact coaches electronically in order to set up a line of communication. Whereas players from revenue-generating sports often do not have to sell themselves to gain the attention of college coaches, others like Chalkley work outside the academic and athletic realms to get noticed.

"Having to choose a school based solely on what I saw on a

computer screen was tough," Chalkley says. "But coach (Perlmutter) was much more than just another face on the monitor and that's basically why I chose to come here."

Freshman volleyball player Haley Larsen took a more traditional route to Idaho.

The outside hitter from Santa Clarita, Calif., was introduced to UI volleyball coach Debbie Buchanan through a club team coach, and the courtship began from there.

"We talked a couple times on the phone, saw a few of my games, visited with my parents," Larsen says. "There was really a vibe there and after visiting campus I was set on wanting to come here."

Buchanan, Larsen says, sold her on what many coaches at the university are telling prospective recruits: "This team/program is on the verge, and you have the chance to be a part of that."

Larsen, Chalkley and Huynh all cited their excitement and anticipation for playing for upstart pro-

grams. Other reasons they chose Idaho included being in the WAC, an excellent academic setting, the opportunity to play right away and a full scholarship.

"We (Chalkley and Huynh) really feel like although our record doesn't show it, we're a young and capable team that in a year or two will be a contender in this conference and achieve our goal of being ranked (nationally) someday," Chalkley says.

"From what the coaches tell us and the way our team sees the future, we believe our team with our talent can be ranked and go to the NCAA tournament regularly," Larsen says.

Administrators in the athletic department, coaches and players all agree Vandal athletics are on the precipice of greatness.

Whether recruiting is a business, a science or an investment is debatable. As long as the university and its athletic department desire to improve, recruiting and its ever-evolving nature will continue to grow with it as well.

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NBA inducts six

Charles Barkley and Dominique Wilkins head a list of six people who will be inducted into the basketball Hall of Fame in September.

Also receiving the necessary 18 votes from the honors committee were Joe Dumars, Geno Auriemma, Sandro Gamba and Dave Gavitt.

Barkley ranks 16th on the all-time list in both points and rebounds and was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the 1993 season.

The former 76er, Sun and Rocket also won a gold medal with the 1992 United States Olympic Dream Team.

Wilkins earned the nickname "The Human Highlight Film" thanks to his enormous dunks that won him two NBA Slam Dunk competitions.

He played for the Hawks, Clippers, Celtics, Spurs and Magic and is second on the all-time list for most career points without an NBA title.

Current Detroit Pistons general manager Joe Dumars played his entire NBA career for the Pistons and won back-to-back NBA Championships in 1989 and 1990.

Geno Auriemma became the women's coach at the University of Connecticut in 1985 and has led the team to five National Championships.

While David Gavitt never played in the NBA, he has been involved in the boardroom at both the collegiate and NBA level since 1982.

Sandro Gamba has coached in Europe for over 30 years and has coached four Italian Olympic teams.

Terp women emerge on court

By Brendan Lowe

The Diamondback (U. Maryland)

Ten years ago, a player of Marissa Coleman's immense ability would almost undoubtedly have chosen to attend the University of Connecticut or the University of Tennessee, the two preeminent women's college basketball programs of the time.

Last night, however, Coleman was clad in a Terrapin jersey as she jubilantly celebrated scoring 12 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to help lead the Terps to the NCAA championship game Tuesday.

"She could have gone anywhere in the country she wanted to," said Marissa's father, Tony, of his ACC Rookie of the Year daughter.

But Coleman chose the Terps in a move that underscores the radical shift in competitive balance that women's college basketball has undergone in the last decade. The first Final Four since 1999 without UConn or Tennessee is now left with one team that has never played in the championship game, the Terps, and one team that has not been in the final in seven years, Duke.

In the 25th anniversary season of the NCAA holding championships for women's sports, parity is more present than ever. Players' parents and fans say Title IX — the federal law that drasti-

cally increased funding to women's sports and prompted the change in the NCAA structure — is paying dividends now.

"You can be a girl and still play ball," said Tony Coleman, adding that the insult, "You play like a girl," does not pack the punch it once did.

Title IX set in motion a shift of the tectonic plates of the women's college basketball landscape. The increased financial support for women's basketball has very gradually brought up more talented players than two rosters can hold. As such, many mediocre and slightly above-average programs are benefiting from the amount of talented players, especially the Terps.

"They're exciting," said Stanford University guard Candace Wiggins, a Kodak All-American who is close friends with Coleman and forward Laura Harper. "Their future is only brighter. They're going to be amazing."

Wiggins spoke at Hoop City, the interactive fan fest being held at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center. The logo fans most frequently sported yesterday was not that of any of the final four teams, but that of UConn. In addition to their campus's proximity to Boston, the Huskies are present through the indelible mark they put on women's basketball when either

they or Tennessee won all but three national championships between 1995 and 2004.

But with each powerful pivot by center Crystal Langhorne and spin move by guard Kristi Toliver, the Terps are starting to wipe away that mark and regain the greatness of 1989, the last year the team made the final four.

"We're back," Athletics Director Debbie Yow told a raucous crowd at a pep rally. "We will become a fixture at the Final Four or in the competition for the Final Four."

While the re-emergence of the Terps has been met with a muted reaction on the campus, the team has a legion of fans who have traveled with them this post-season to University Park, Pa., and Albuquerque, N.M. The lobby of the team's ornate downtown hotel, soberly decorated in subdued hues and encircled by oak-paneled walls, has come alive with the Terps' tangy omnipresent red.

Fans here say coach Brenda Frese is overwhelmingly responsible for the program's recent success. In Frese's first season, 2002-2003, the team won 10 games. This team's record-breaking 33 victories have in large part been the fruit of Frese's recruiting efforts. After all, just because there are more talented female basketball players does not mean they will come to Maryland on their own.

Frese's success can perhaps be best understood by legendary Rutgers Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer. The first men's or women's basketball coach to take three different teams to the Final Four, Stringer has likewise managed to succeed at a large state school that is not Connecticut or Tennessee.

"You have more players willing to trust themselves and think they can make it happen somewhere else," said Stringer. "You challenge the great ones to trust themselves."

You also have to provide them with opportunity to grow, said

Toliver's father, George.

"Kristi, among her stated reasons beyond coaches and her adaptation to players, thought it was very important for her to go somewhere she could help take a program higher," said George, who supervises the NBA Developmental League's referees.

George Toliver joined the chorus of players' parents and fans who believe an increase in the wealth of talent will make everyone in women's college basketball richer — in some ways literally.

This weekend in Boston includes the Women's Basketball Coaches Association convention

and the WNBA's draft. Including the Final Four, which is sold out for the 15th consecutive year, the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau said it expected visitors to spend about \$30 million.

Outside of the TD Banknorth Garden 30 minutes before game time, tickets for Sunday night's two games and Tuesday night's championship game were being scalped for half-price.

The sport will continue to grow, Stringer said, if it develops regional powers like last year's champion Baylor University and this year's possible champion, Maryland.

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Mid-majors open doors of opportunity

By Keane Santos
Ka Leo O Hawaii (U. Hawaii)

My favorite quote could not apply more to the performance of mid-major schools in this year's NCAA tournament.

"Doors of opportunity don't open, they unlock. It is up to you to turn the handle."

When given an opportunity to make a splash in the tournament pools, mid-

COMMENTARY majors such as Bradley, Wichita State and George Mason have danced their way through prominent basketball programs to reach the Sweet Sixteen.

A mid-major school is a program outside of the six power conferences of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12, Big 10, Southeastern Conference, Big East, and Pac-10

On Selection Sunday, the NCAA selection committee made its annual bracket choices, but soon suffered harsh crit-

icism from around the nation, most publicly from CBS interviewers Jim Nantz and Billy Packer. In their on-air interview, Nantz and Packer barge NCAA committee chair Craig Littlepage with comments and questions voicing their obvious disagreement.

Questions were raised as to whether the mid-major Missouri-Valley Conference deserved an equal number of bids (four) as the powerful ACC. They questioned whether the committee made biased choices, as seven of the 10 committee members came from mid-major conferences. Finally, as is the case every year, the tournament snubs teams that had a strong case to make it but didn't, and the tournament's surprise selections were discussed.

The door of opportunity was unlocked most notably for four teams from the MVC (Bradley, Wichita State, Southern Illinois and Northern Iowa), and two teams from

the Colonial Athletic Association (George Mason and UNC-Wilmington).

These teams, however, had no easy path in front of them. Wichita State was the only team favored to win their opening game as a seventh seed. The other five teams were underdogs in the first round.

Southern Illinois, Northern Iowa and NC Wilmington all lost their openers in close games. The WAC's two representatives lost in the first round. Utah State fell to Washington and Nevada was upset by Montana.

Bradley upset one of the nation's hottest teams in fourth-seeded Kansas, then proceeded to defeat Big-East member Pittsburg. Wichita State defeated Seton Hall then shocked second-seeded Tennessee. George Mason ran through two Final Four members from last season, in sixth-seeded Michigan State and defending national

champion North Carolina, seeded third.

It is not uncommon for a mid-major to advance far in the tournament, earning them the title of a Cinderella team. But I have never seen a tournament like this one. Never in my 19 years have I seen three mid-major schools upset national favorites to reach the sweet sixteen.

I couldn't be more thankful for what these teams have done this postseason. The six big-time conferences get numerous bids every year, and those teams rarely need to fight for respect if they've had a good season.

For the rest of the conferences however, it is a constant battle of respect. The Bradleys, George Masons, Wichita States and even the Hawaiis of the NCAA had better have an off-the-charts season if they want an at-large bid into the tournament.

You don't have to look much further than current WAC member Utah State. In 2004, the Aggies were not selected to the

NCAA tournament despite being ranked in the top 25. They were the first team ever to not make the tournament with a top 25 ranking, arguably the most head-scratching decision ever made by the committee.

It's not that teams from the big conferences don't deserve bids so much as the fact that the teams from the smaller conferences often do deserve more bids. The smaller conferences aren't supposed to topple the big-boys like they did last week, but they did anyway.

Hopefully, after this tournament people such as Nantz and Packer will be more open minded. Littlepage and the rest

of the committee took a risk and decided to reward mid-major schools for impressive seasons. The teams in return proved the opportunity given to them was well spent.

If the time comes where the WAC has as many qualified teams to make the tourney as the MVC did this year, hopefully the NCAA won't be hesitant to give WAC teams the same opportunity. One day it may be Hawaii's post-season hopes on the line, and the 2006 NCAA tournament can be a reference point that proves the little guy deserves at least an unlocked door.

Gamecocks best Cagers, win NIT

By Scott Bell
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

The journey had reached its final day, but like nearly everything else the team has encountered, Michigan just couldn't finish the way it wanted to.

"It's tough to come this far and not get the win," said senior Chris Hunter as he sat in the nearly silent locker room with his head down. "But at the same time, it's tough to know that I won't be able to compete with these guys again."

Hunter and his senior teammates had a chance to end their careers on a high note by winning their second NIT championship in three years. But a roadblock in the form of South Carolina ended all hopes of a happy ending. The Gamecocks' quickness and efficient shooting proved to be too much for the Wolverines, and South Carolina claimed its second straight NIT Championship, 76-64, in Madison Square Garden last night.

Michigan had been on a mission ever since losing seven of its final nine games to end the regular season. After his team was left out of the NCAA Tournament, Michigan coach Tommy Amaker stressed Michigan's desperate desire to finish the season the right way.

The Wolverines (22-11) were well on their way to that goal, getting hot down the stretch and beating their four NIT opponents by a combined 47 points to get to the finals. But South Carolina (23-15) was just as hot. They were especially scorching in the game's early stages.

South Carolina's quickness was too much for the Wolverines in the game's first five minutes, and the Gamecocks jumped out to a 10-2 lead.

The deficit reached 10 before Michigan put together a 7-0 run late in the first half to shrink the margin to a very manageable three points. Then a Brent Petway mistake gave South Carolina the spark it needed to rekindle its fast start.

The Gamecocks followed a Tarence Kinsey jumper with a Renaldo Balkman block on Petway. Balkman then swung his elbows after securing the rebound — the latter attempt finding Petway's jaw. An outraged Petway then shoved Balkman to the ground and was charged with an intentional foul.

The Gamecocks finished the half on a 14-6 run and went into halftime with a 12-point cushion.

"That was my bad," Petway said. "I need to control myself better."

But one Petway shove didn't dictate the outcome of the game. The Wolverines simply had too many "my bads" to win a championship game.

It was "their bad" when the onetime leading free-throw shooter in the nation Daniel Horton missed his first three free throws en route to a 1-for-4 performance from his usual home-away-from-home.

It was "their bad" when the other two heads of the three-headed backcourt monster, juniors Lester Abram and Dion Harris, combined for just nine points.

And it was "their bad" when Petway sent an alley-oop dunk attempt into the press row.

A final gaffe occurred with 7:31 remaining in the game. This time the blame rests solely on the shoulders of the officials. Trailing by 15, Horton attempted yet another late-game comeback. He pulled up at the top of the key and stroked a 3-pointer, but Balkman leapt up and tipped the ball right before it went through the hoop.

"I was in shock," said Horton, who was named to the NIT All-Tournament team for the second time in his career. "It was another instance in this program where we don't catch a break that we desperately need."

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