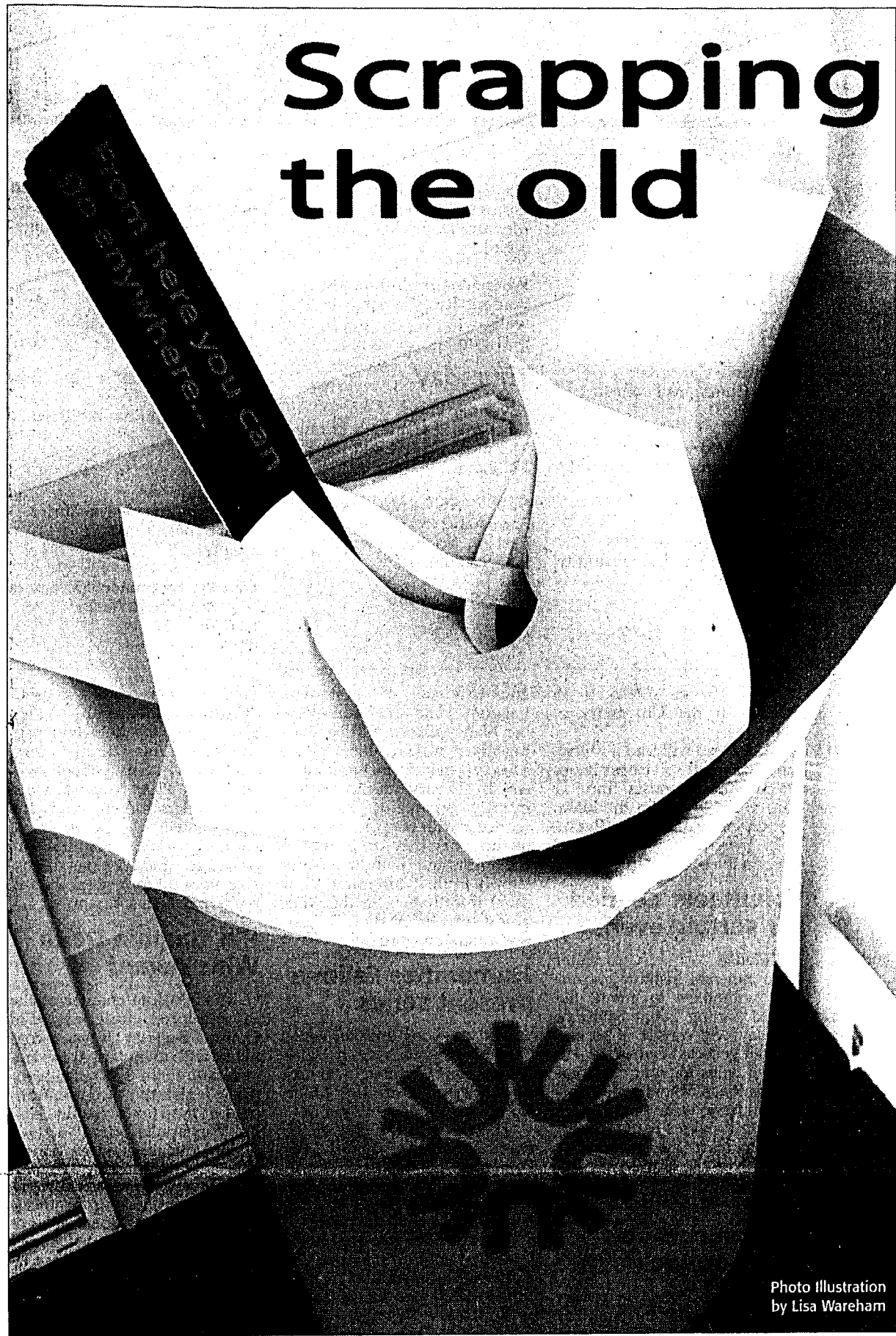


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Scrapping the old

Officials say PR campaign will give UI a new image

By Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

Everyone has a story, whether it is a personal tale of triumph or tragedy or a business' epic of rising above the competition.

How that story is told can have unexpected effects.

According to many on campus, including University of Idaho President Tim White, UI's failure to communicate its story effectively is hurting the institution.

A variety of polls and focus groups conducted by Stamats, a higher education marketing firm hired by the university as part of its Strategic Communications Initiative, have shown the public has mixed views about UI.

"It's evident to a lot of us that the university is not able to tell its story effectively," said Wendy Shattuck, assistant vice president for marketing and strategic communications. "There is no clear, distinctive picture of this university."

That picture, labeled in the business world as a "brand," is what the initiative hopes to clarify.

The purpose of Stamats's research was to find out exactly how people feel about UI. One of the top findings of the research was that those interviewed did not have a high perception of the university's quality — either in its staff, academics or students.

The university attracts the most top-rated students in the state and is rated highly for its staff, faculty and academics, Shattuck said. But that message isn't getting to the public, which is what the Strategic Communications Initiative is here to change.

The effort began last year with the collection of research by two different marketing businesses: Stamats and The Gallatin Group, a regional public relations and public affairs consulting firm. The research was intended to show the university its weak points with its target audiences: future students and their parents, alumni and staff and faculty.

"The alumni, especially in the Boise area, have been clamoring for the university to come back from out of the shadows," Shattuck said.

Working with the marketing firms is a task force made up of 16 people, including many members of the staff and faculty and ASUI president Berto Cerrillo. A number of student focus groups, involving about 40 students total, met during

the last year.

Senior Emily Davis, a public relations and communication studies major, has had an ongoing part in the process. She has participated in Stamats' interviews, getting students involved with photo shoots and working on the search committee to fill the position now held by Shattuck.

"I think the work that is going to re-create an image for Idaho is important," Davis said. "We need to refocus on what makes us unique. We offer something different to every student, faculty member and staff person. But we need to understand those differences and the importance of giving those experiences and opportunities to the people of University of Idaho."

White, who joined the university two years ago from Oregon State University in Corvallis, said UI was struggling, both financially and with its image, when he got here.

"Prior to my arrival, the University of Idaho had cut way back on its efforts in marketing and consequently wasn't 'telling its story' frequently enough or in the right places," White said. "Our approach has been methodical and research-based. ... We had to determine through social research what truly were the messages perceived out there about us, and which ones were strong and which ones incorrect or weak, and do something about them."

An additional problem White saw was the crowded and competitive educational marketplace — there are over 4,000 universities and colleges in America.

Part of what will be changed in this multi-year process is the university's "visual identity." This identity includes the university's "starburst"-style logo and word-mark, which is printed underneath the logo. Shattuck said part of the purpose of the research was to find out if that logo, which has been in use approximately 40 years, is still effective.

Shattuck said the task force has only been discussing the logo changes for about two weeks but she does not expect the redesign to be a complete overhaul, more like a "refreshing" of the look. Due

"If we don't do this work, we will not be reaching our target audience effectively."

Wendy Shattuck
Assistant VP for marketing and strategic communications

Photo Illustration by Lisa Wareham

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Top of the line

Freshman class boasts 16 National Merit Scholars

By Caitlin Rice
Argonaut

This year's freshmen are the cream of the crop, judging by statistics that show the new students' strong academic drive.

The class of 2010 boasts an average high school GPA of 3.42, an ACT score of 23.3 and an SAT score of 1100. Sixty-five of the new students were top in their class, and 16 National Merit Scholars have been added to the ranks of the Vandals.

This sets the University of Idaho apart as one of the top institutions in the Northwest, and the top in the state for attracting the prestigious National Merit Scholars, said Dan Davenport, director of admissions and financial aid.

So, what is the draw? "We're just good," said Davenport. "I'd like to say it's my charming personality, but I don't think that would fly."

"The academic programs here, the reputation of the institute and the quality of the students we already have brings more quality students," he said.

Many students are attracted to UI's financial benefits not found at other universities.

"It was initially because it was affordable — I didn't want to go into tons of debt,"

said Will Haberman, a National Merit Scholar and architecture major from Lewiston. He was also impressed with his introduction to the College of Art and Architecture because of the personable faculty and the emphasis the college puts on environmental design.

"UI is just a really great school for the money," said Sandra Britton, also a National Merit Scholar and architecture major from Boise.

UI offers the students a scholarship of \$5,000 a year and waves all out-of-state tuition fees. "It pretty well pays for all the tuition," said Davenport.

For Gabriel Wilson, a National Merit Scholar and electrical engineering major from Oldtown, Idaho, UI offered him the best package deal around, and also made the admission process easy for him.

"The new student program was just really on the ball about getting advisers for me to talk to and it was very easy to enroll here, as apposed to places like North Idaho College, which I considered going to," Wilson said.

Kirstin Kooda, a National Merit Scholar and chemistry major from Idaho Falls, applied to other universities but decided Moscow was where she wanted to spend her two years of pre-pharmacy

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New center's opening delayed

By Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's new multicultural student center was slated to open at the end of this month, but unexpected funding from the university and furniture ordering delays have pushed the opening date back.

Greg Tatham, director of the Idaho Commons and Student Union, assisted with getting construction funding for the center. He also arranged for construction workers to work on the center after completing unfinished classrooms in the Teaching and Learning Center.

"It was a wonderful gift of support," said Francisco Salinas, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The support really speaks to the level of commitment UI has for its multicultural population, he added.

The construction wasn't expected to be carried out so soon, said Leah Cristaldi, co-chair of the student group UNITY, which promotes multicultural organizations on campus.

Organizers were planning on hiring outside construction workers to carry out the first phase of construction during the winter break. Now with the funding, construction could be completed before the holidays.

The furniture is delayed largely because they were being deliberate about design. It took a number of hours to go through proposed designs, approve those designs and work out individual parts of each design, such as furniture, Salinas said.

For now, organizers are unsure of exactly when the construction will be carried out.

"I want to push to get it done as soon as possible," Salinas said.

This summer, organizers worked to convert classroom 228 in the TLC into the new center. The new space is the first step in a long-term plan, created by students, to



Kentaro Murai / Argonaut

Spare computers sit in an unoccupied room next to the Dean of Students' office in the Commons on Friday. The computers have been put aside for future use in a lab in the remodeled multicultural student center.

build a separate diversity center on campus.

The number of multicultural groups at UI has increased significantly since 1999, although the percentage of minority students at UI continues to be low in comparison to the state's percentages. As a result, a center is needed to accommodate and increase minority populations at UI, Cristaldi said.

Cristaldi and UNITY co-chair Miguel Sanchez are responsible for making sure everything in the project goes through, Sanchez said.

"It is rewarding to see the movement happen and see people accepting it and being excited about it," Cristaldi said.

The \$35,000 proposal for the short-term MSC plan was approved in the spring by the student fee committee. The funding requires a \$2-per-student fee increase for the temporary center. The furniture and design used more than half of the budget, Salinas said.

The construction for phase one consists of creating doorways to connect the Office of Multicultural Affairs to the new center and the old multicultural student center, a small conference room next to the office.

There is a circular theme for the center,

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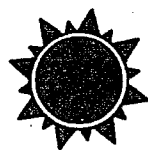
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Professor to aid in oyster farming

Recipient of Fulbright scholarship travels to Taiwan for studies

By Nathan Foster
Argonaut

Professor "Jim" Chyr Pyng Liou has joined the honor roll of University of Idaho Fulbright scholars. The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board awarded Liou a grant to travel to Taiwan and conduct research.

Liou is one of about 800 U.S. faculty that will participate in the pro-

gram. The program is very competitive, particularly in countries with many education opportunities, said civil engineering department chair Sunil Sharma.

"If you want to go to places like Taiwan, where they have a very different functional education system, again it's very competitive," Sharma said.

Liou will be studying how to measure boundary shear stress — the stress applied to sand, specifically the stress of water acting on an underwater surface, like a river bottom, he said.

The results of the studies could affect future oyster and shrimp farming and waste management

projects, Liou said. One of his projects is to study how to physically drive inedible shrimp out of oyster farms in order to cut down on the use of pesticides.

"In the past, farmers have been using pesticides to control shrimp population, and those pesticides are being banned. So they're looking for physical means of controlling shrimp burrowing activities (among other means)," Liou said.

While shear stress has been studied in a lab, subtle shear stress measurements have not been adequately reproduced in the field, Liou said.

Sharma said measuring shear stress is a very important feature in the project.

"Overall, it will be very helpful to the professional community because we really don't have anything available to measure that at the moment," Sharma said.

UI students Richard Eppink, Dana Elliott, Adair Muth and Jessica Rowe have also won Fulbright Scholarships. Elliott will be a teaching assistant in Germany. She will help teach the English language, and expose German students to American culture.

"The way the world is right now, we need people out there trying to forge those bonds between communities as much as possible," Elliott said.

Eppink and Sharma echoed

Elliott's statement.

"It's a win-win situation really," Sharma said.

Senator J. William Fulbright proposed the Fulbright Scholarship Program in 1945 to promote mutual understanding between the people of the world.

"The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship," Fulbright once said, according to the U.S. Department of State Fulbright Program Web page.

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to the expense of replacing a logo that appears literally in thousands of places, from garbage cans to billboards across the state, Shattuck said it is not realistic to try to change it dramatically.

"It will more likely be an update, bring the University of Idaho logo into the 21st century," she said.

Also up for change is UI's "From Here You Can Go Anywhere" slogan. Shattuck said that the slogan is overly generic and does not show the strong points of the university. The slogan is part of UI's identity that will be scrapped and replaced with something fresh.

Aside from the more obvious visual changes, Shattuck said the campaign is more about clarifying the university's brand with words.

"The Strategic Communications Initiative asks, 'What are the attributes of the university that we want to tell,'" Shattuck said. "It's the essence of what the university is. It's a tool kit of what we're all about."

Part of the initiative's goal is to create a common outline for everyone talking to students, parents, the media and the community at large about the university's strong points and characteristics, the things that set it apart from the competition, Shattuck said.

"We are seeing benefits already," White said. "Telling

our story better and more frequently in the right places is improving the lot for the current students and faculty at the university, and will allow us to meet the goals of our strategic action plan as we go forward in the future. The renaissance is under way, and this effort is a vital and strategic piece of it."

"Public relations, communication strategies, integrated marketing are three of the most important things that a

university can spend money on in this century," Davis said. "I would say that we should be spending more money on these resources. The amount of money, time and energy that is being spent with this campaign and project will return an even larger profit over the long run. President White has the right idea of how to make an impact on the future of this university."

Funding for the project has come from two sources. The UI Foundation has donated \$500,000 for the project and the university has budgeted \$400,000 per year. The initiative is in its second year and is anticipated to be a three-to-four year project. According to Chris Murray, vice president of university advancement and the executive direc-

tor of the Foundation, the Foundation's gift was a one-time donation that came from a strategic initiative fund, which receives funds from private donors. Murray said that the project may request another donation from the Foundation at a later time.

"This effort is quite exciting," Murray said. "We have such a great story to tell, but a lack of funding and commitment to this kind of effort has made it impossible. History is

full of great brands that became complacent and suffered from that complacency. We will not do that. The University of Idaho is the flagship university in the state by any measure and one of the best in the Pacific Northwest and the nation. We owe it to ourselves, our alumni and, most importantly, our students to promote that excellence."

Despite the fact that it may be an expensive undertaking, Shattuck said that it is an absolutely necessary one.

"If we don't do this work, we will not be reaching our target audience effectively," Shattuck said. "It is a clear and compelling business need."

Washington State University took on a similar

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Tim White
UI president

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designed by Interior design graduate Hanna Persson.

The design concepts include radiance, unity, warmth and comfort, Salinas said.

The MSC will include a congregational area, program area, lounge area, meeting area, creative conversation area and custom storage space for organizations.

The center is for all of campus, Salinas said. Everyone is welcome and invited, but it is a priority for it to feel welcome and like home for groups affiliated with OMA.

"I would like to see it become a vibrant community space for diverse groups to spend creative time together," he said.

Salinas said he hopes the center helps combat exclusiveness.

It is a common social phenomenon for people in one group to see students of a different group and not feel welcome, he said.

"We've got to bring all the multicultural students together and (the center) is definitely a place where we can all interact and share our backgrounds and culture," said Sanchez.

The phase two design involves removing the wall separating the smaller conference room from the new center. That final design includes a curved wall that will display murals, Sanchez said. Construction for phase two will most likely be carried out during summer 2007.

The long-term diversity center goal is a lesser priority right now because of the focus on the new multicultural student center, Salinas said. But UNITY will still have the vision of a diversity center, he added.

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education.

"Moscow is a smaller town but there are still plenty of things to do. I'm really into snowboarding, solo canoeing and hiking, and there's lots of outdoor stuff to do around here," she said.

The atmosphere of the campus was also appealing, she said, and she was pleased with her housing at the all-freshmen dorm, Theophilus Tower.

"The rooms in the Tower are the biggest rooms I've seen," Kooda said.

"The campus is a great place to live, there's a lot of student involvement which

is really great. There's not really any downside," Britton said.

The new students are benefiting from the various aspects UI has to offer, but with UI footing the bill for their tuition by a combination of institution funds and donations, what payback does the university get?

The new students are a key factor in building the reputation of UI, said Davenport.


"The number one benefit is the quality of students it (the scholarship program) brings to the classroom. It enhances the quality of the institution because, in turn, more quality students and also faculty are drawn to the university."

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Vaccine demand puts some in a pinch

By Ann Wlazelek
The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Freshmen arriving on college campuses this month may be showing up without a must-have for dorm living: a vaccine against the sometimes deadly bacterial form of meningitis.

A shortage of the vaccine produced by Sanofi Pasteur of Swiftwater, Pa., has left some students scrambling to comply with a state law requiring dorm dwellers to get immunized or sign a waiver saying they understand the risks.

The shortage is a matter of timing. Sanofi can produce 6 million doses of the meningitis vaccine Menactra this year and 7 million next year. That's enough to cover the recommended age groups, according to Sanofi spokeswoman Donna Cary. But the company cannot manufacture and ship all of it in August, when she said demand is peaking.

Record numbers of incoming freshmen, like the 330 students moving into Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. this week, are contributing to the spike along with interest in Sanofi's newer, longer-lasting vaccine.

Menactra was approved last year and

"caught on a little faster than expected," said Alice Gray, immunization director for the state Department of Health. "That's wonderful. That's a good thing, but it's caused a fear of not having the vaccine."

Last year, about 1,300 Americans contracted bacterial meningitis, a rare, sometimes deadly disease characterized by sudden high fever, intense headache and a stiff neck. About 10 percent died. In Pennsylvania last year, four residents between the ages of 18 and 25 became sickened.

"There aren't a lot of cases," Gray said, "but the cases there are ... It's a very deadly, horrible disease."

That's why the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccinating about 10 million Americans at greatest risk: 2 million college freshmen, 4 million high school freshmen and 4 million 11- and 12-year-olds.

At Muhlenberg College in Allentown, about 30 students needed to sign waivers because back orders of the vaccine were not expected before October, a spokesman said. And at DeSales University in Center Valley, about 20 freshmen were waiting for the health center to replenish its stock.

To stretch scarce resources, area doctors and

nurses have been sharing doses, deferring students at lower risk and using up doses of Menomune, the previous generation of meningitis vaccine made by Sanofi.

The Allentown and Bethlehem health bureaus deferred routine vaccination of 11- and 12-year-olds to accommodate college freshmen who will be living in dorms. Studies show students living in dorms carry a higher risk of the infection and its serious complications than those living at home or in apartments.

The Allentown Health Bureau also gave some Menactra to area doctors who had run out.

"We have given more than 100 vaccinations this summer to students who could not obtain the vaccine from their primary care physicians and will continue to do so as supplies last," said Carolyn Cramsey, the bureau's immunization coordinator.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau had more than a dozen calls from families whose physicians didn't have the vaccine, said bureau nursing director Sue Madeja. "We have an adequate supply for what we do," she said.

"At this time of year, it's become more of a demand issue than a supply issue. A lot of people need the vaccine now."

At the University of Idaho...

The University of Idaho has also been affected by the shortage, although it is not dire, said Nicole Rader, an RN at the Student Health Clinic.

The health clinic is out of the lower-cost state-provided vaccines, but still has 15 Menactra meningitis vaccines. They expect to receive 20 more in September.

About 25 vaccines have been given since school began, Rader said. Vaccines are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students who would like to receive a vaccine can call the Student Health Clinic at 885-6693 or stop by the office on campus at 831 Ash St. Students do not need an appointment.

Ernesto expected to hit Florida as a tropical storm

By Martin Merzer, Erika Bolstad and Gary Fineout
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Ernesto took its sweet time over the storm-disrupting mountains of Cuba Monday afternoon, a modestly favorable development for Florida:

Ernesto still was predicted to directly strike South Florida on Tuesday — but as a strong tropical storm with 70-mph sustained winds rather than a minimal hurricane with 75-mph winds.

The distinction was slim, but certainly encouraging for a state hit or brushed by eight hurricanes in the past two years.

Still, forecasters emphasized that many storms have been known to

rapidly intensify between Cuba and South Florida, and that Ernesto habitually has refused to adhere to forecasts.

"I can assure you that the probability is not zero that Ernesto could become a hurricane," said Max

Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in West Miami-Dade County.

In addition, meteorologists said Ernesto — like many storms that arrive from the south — could produce more of a water event in Florida than a wind event. Five to 10 inches of rain could fall on parts of the region, swamping

some areas. With that in mind, long lines formed for fuel and food, officials in Miami-Dade and Broward ordered schools closed Tuesday, and limited

evacuations were ordered or suggested.

"As long as we are preparing and not panicking, then everything will be okay," Charlene Strauss said as clerks delivered bottled water to the empty shelves of an Albertson's supermarket in Plantation.

With gasoline lines stretching for blocks in some areas, Gov. Jeb Bush praised South Floridians for taking pre-storm precautions, but urged them not to overreact. He said fuel inventories were abundant throughout the state.

A tropical storm warning and hurricane watch covered the Florida east coast from Vero Beach south through Broward and Miami-Dade and to Key West. That means tropical storm conditions are expected within 24 hours and hurricane conditions are possible.

Emergency managers urged everyone in the region to calmly begin shuttering their homes and businesses and otherwise preparing for Ernesto — preferably this

evening, when the weather is still good.

Conditions will begin deteriorating Tuesday morning or afternoon, with forecasters warning of torrential rain, strong wind and the possibility of coastal and inland flooding.

The center of Ernesto reached Cuba's southern coast Monday morning and forecasters predicted up to 20 inches of rain in some places. A report for Cuba's Radio Rebelde said officials in Guantanamo and Santiago de Cuba were concerned that heavy rain could propel mudslides into coastal towns.

The system barely clung to tropical storm status as it slowly roamed over Cuba's mountains. The duration of that trip substantially weakened Ernesto and should give it less time to regain strength over water before it reaches South Florida.

"I don't think anyone is going to complain about that," Mayfield said. Meanwhile, managers of the Federal Emergency Management Agency prepositioned 70 truckloads

of water and food at the Homestead Air Reserve Base, 50 truckloads in Jacksonville and 720 truckloads of ice elsewhere in the southeastern United States, according to Miami-Dade officials.

In other developments:

At the Kennedy Space Center, officials scrapped all plans to launch Atlantis early this week and prepared to move the shuttle off the pad and back to its hangar, a laborious process that will keep the spaceship and its six astronauts grounded for at least 10 days — and probably much longer.

Leaders of the Florida National Guard prepared to call up troops and deploy them where needed, according to spokesman Lt. Col. Ron Tittle. About 100 Guard soldiers, mostly experts in planning, will be called to active duty today, he said, with the main force likely to be called out Tuesday.

"We can bring in thousands of troops if necessary," Tittle said.

Apple to recall 1.8 million overheating laptop batteries

By Rex Crum
MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc. said Thursday it would follow in the steps of Dell Inc. and recall 1.8 million battery packs manufactured by Sony Corp. in what is the second major recall of laptop computer batteries in less than two weeks.

The batteries are said to be capable of overheating and posing fire hazards. Apple said it received nine reports of the batteries overheating, but that no serious injuries were reported.

In a statement issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Apple said it would recall the batteries from laptops it sold in the

United States between October 2003 and this month.

The computers involved in the recall are Apple's 12-inch iBook G4, and 12- and 15-inch PowerBook G4 laptops.

Apple, based in Cupertino, Calif., said an additional 700,000 of the battery packs were sold outside the U.S. and will also be recalled.

Consumers should remove the batteries, check their serial numbers, and either call the company or go to the company's Web site (<http://support.apple.com/batteryprogram>) to determine if their battery is among those being recalled, the company said.

Apple said it doesn't expect any more of its computers to be affected by the recall. Apple recently stopped

producing its iBook and PowerBook computers, and replaced those with the new MacBook and MacBook Pro models.

On Aug. 1, Dell moved to recall more than 4 million laptop batteries also manufactured by Sony. That action is believed to be the largest recall in U.S. consumer electronics history.

Officials at Sony issued a statement saying they expect the Apple and Dell recalls to cost the company between \$171 million and \$257 million based on current exchange rates.

Apple shares rose 50 cents at \$67.81. U.S.-listed shares of Japan-based Sony shares gave up \$1.16 to end the day at \$43.26.

Last Day to Return Textbooks Sept 5

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Israel would never shoot terrorists

He didn't say he was sorry, but Sheik Hassan Nasrallah did express the barest hint of regret Sunday over triggering a war with Israel by capturing two of its soldiers.

Apparently, the Hezbollah leader said, the fact that Israel rarely chooses negotiation over force when facing its neighbors never entered his mind. Oops. Good thing he considered all the possibilities before laying waste to the southern end of his country.

But hey, he said, they still might negotiate. Maybe? C'mon, be a pal.

-Nate

Alter ego

Wigs make things better. My roommate and I bought purple and pink wigs for Halloween last year ... but that doesn't mean we don't wear them all the time. Whenever we are bored or have friends over for drinks (non-alcoholic, of course) we put on the brightly colored bobs and they automatically change the mood of the room. It's pretty awesome.

Take, for instance, last night. My friends and I decided to dress up and go to some parties, but I noticed something was missing from my outfit — MY WIG! Immediately after putting it on, I felt like Wonder Woman. I probably looked like a Harajuku girl, but that's a different story ...

Next time your party is headed toward disaster, put on a blue wig. It works. Seriously.

-Sarra

No control

Do people on this campus need babysitters? Do they need their parents to follow them around telling them not to drink too much and not to act like idiots? I don't understand why no one can control themselves when they leave home for the first time. Grow up.

-Ryli

Haiku for ignorant drivers

Gold PT Cruiser
Speeds through crosswalk, doesn't look.
Me: Almost pancake.

-Tara

Shorties are smart, too

Just when I was getting proud of my 5'2" stature, the scientific world had to throw its new findings in my face. A new study out of Princeton University states that taller people are smarter. While I have a hard time believing this, children of taller height score better on tests, and eventually go into higher paying jobs. They attribute this to low self-esteem, poor health and social discrimination. The researchers haven't made a believer out of me yet; I know plenty of successful, smart, well-adjusted people well under average height.

-Miranda

Josh Blue rocks!

Hands down, the Josh Blue comedy show was the best three bucks I've ever spent. He was more laid back than on Last Comic Standing and really targeted the college audience. He personalized his jokes to Moscow, making fun of local stores and our windowed cows. Blue was also very interactive with the audience, even including a Q&A session.

And by the way, who was the girl that asked him about his favorite position? That was just weird.

Other than that, Blue was comfortable with improv responses and made fun of just about everyone, including us, but mostly himself.

However, I do have one beef with the ASUJ Vandal Entertainment Board. Why Sunday night? It's late, I'm tired and I still have homework to do. But all in all, thanks Vandal Entertainment for keepin' it cheap and keepin' it fun.

-Mackenzie

Life lessons with Ms. Davlin

On Saturday, I played laser tag for the first time since I was in fifth grade. Apparently, I'm a really bad shot. It's okay though. I look dang good in those vests. Also, a fifteen year old hit on me.

So, lesson learned. I shouldn't join the military, I should wear more vests and I should avoid becoming a high school teacher.

-Melissa

OurVIEW

Why is gay marriage still an issue?

House Joint Resolution No. 2 proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Idaho to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that will be valid or recognized in this state.

Nothing new. After the issue of gay marriage went into hiding in February when Idaho's Legislature gave its final approval to bar all forms of gay marriage, why is it suddenly finding its way to the limelight again?

Idaho is first and foremost a conservative state — it has not supported a Democrat for president since 1964 — and it's safe to assume that the conservative Idahoans are not in favor of gay marriage.

Nothing new. So why is it a big deal again?

The Legislature should have more important issues on their plates, issues that will affect Idaho in the near future.

Take for example, Idaho Gov. Jim Risch's proposal to eliminate the portion of property taxes that pay for public schools' maintenance. And there's also the issue of raising the sales tax to make up for the cut.

Gay marriage won't dip into undergraduates' wallets nor will it affect the operation of public schools. Why is the Legislature so dead set on placing judgment on two people who love each other and who want to make it legal when our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters are going to school in weathered buildings with rickety chairs and cracked chalkboards?

What's more important: two

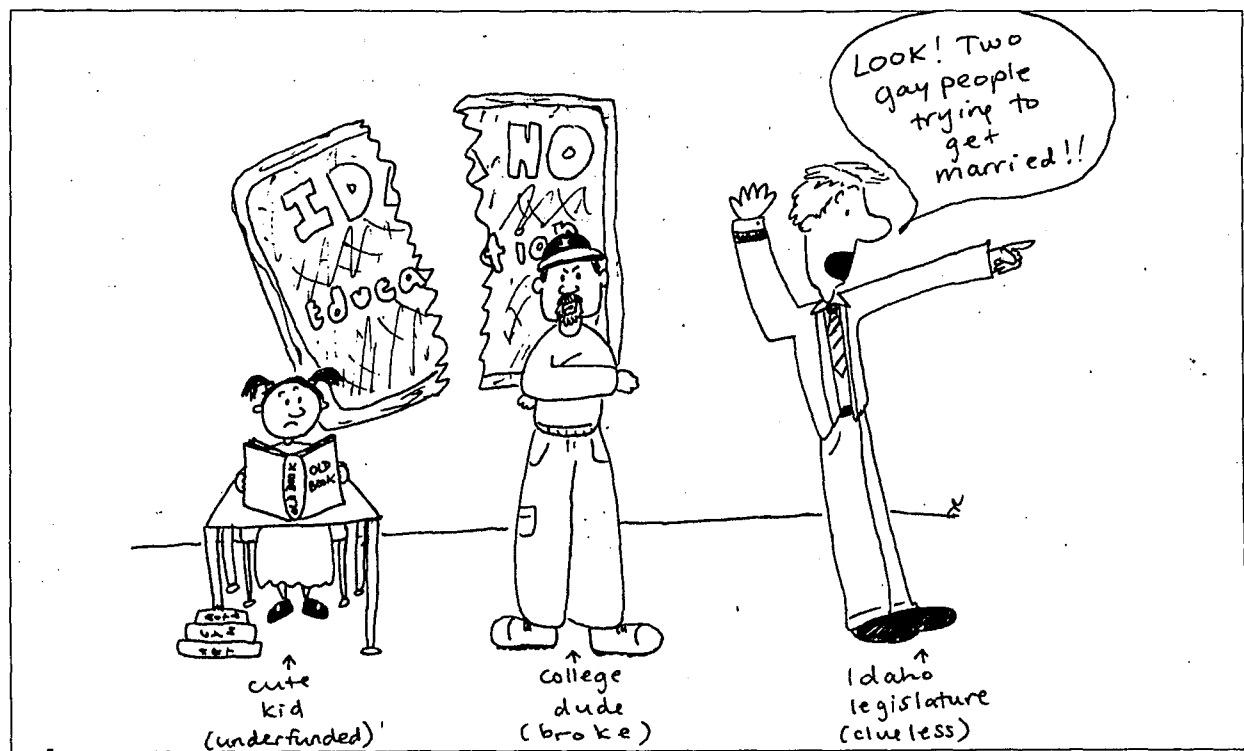
people of the same sex holding hands or education? You decide.

According to the governor's office, homelessness is one of the most challenging domestic issues facing the state, not gay marriage. How about shining the light on the homelessness problem instead of pointing fingers at Idaho's gay and lesbian citizens? The latter won't do anyone any good.

What's more important: two men wanting to make their relationship legal or people, who could be your grandfather or your uncle, sleeping in cardboard boxes in alleys behind restaurants? You decide.

Sure, gay marriage is definitely a newsworthy topic, but it should not be a priority when Idaho has more pressing issues to address.

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America's flirtation with Far Right politics

The politics of Americans are slightly bizarre. As politics will teach you, personal political ideals are extremely varied. These ideals are generally defined and classified as either left or right from center. The center could be defined as the balance of all personal political philosophies, left and right. Historically, in terms of governments, a prevailing or dominant left or right has always been in flux, comparable to a pendulum.

America for the past six years has been under the control of a right of center government in the form of the Republican Party. In the terms of today, the ideals with which the right is aligned with are conservative.

Modern American conservatives are quite numerous, and equally as

varied. However, it seems perception of politics in America is pushing the perceived center a little further right than it should be. Most modern conservatives, and for that matter, those in the Republican Party, are mostly center-right conservatives, or moderate conservatives. I, myself, fall in into the center-right category. But, like my liberal counterparts, I find the prevailing political climate is becoming frustrating.

America is burdened with a mistake, the election of a far-right conservative. George W. Bush, judging solely on what he has done in office, is a far right, borderline neo-conservative president. Now, why is this a mistake? As one half of the conservative, ultimately Republican influence in government, a far-right president has pushed the political agen-

da too far right from the liberal half of the population.

In our current circumstances the center-left and center-right have begun to skew as people start to move away from the far right. Certain issues in recent weeks, such as the stem cell debate and the situation in Israel, have shown that trust in far-right government is passing. This is not America's first experiment in far-right government, nor do I imagine it will be its last. However, it seems that like many experiments, the polarization of the government right has ultimately failed.

Historically speaking, any far-left government would meet with the same fate. In terms of American and international history the most successful governments are those that take into accounts the varying extremes of our society. Today, it feels as though we've found our way into a government which caters only to one side.



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Idaho justice

In May 2006 President Tim White proclaimed the University of Idaho has a rosy future considering that the \$28 million University Place debacle of 2003 now is in history's trash bin.

Unfortunately, President White's proclamation ignores the accountability of former president Bob Hoover and former financial vice president Jerry Wallace, who allegedly thumbed their noses at Idaho's judicial system by tossing a legal code of ethics out the window.

As the Idaho Statesman reported on July 28, 2004, the Latah County Prosecutor, Bill Thompson, investigating the University Place fiasco, said it will take more than just the "appearance of negligence" to file criminal charges against the perpetrators.

Prosecutor Thompson is coordinating the Idaho state criminal portion of the investigation while U.S. Attorney Allan Garten from the U.S. Attorney's office in Oregon is investigating the federal criminal portion.

I allege that a conservative estimate to date of the post-scandal combined cost for the state and federal investigations is at least \$2 million.

Even so, I allege that no one has suffered indictments or is likely to experience any future indictments. On April 26, 2005, two Idaho lawyers from the Boise law firm Givens Pursley, were charged with misconduct: Roy Eiguren and Ed Miller. The Idaho Bar Association now has scheduled a hearing to determine whether they will be temporarily suspended from practicing law. Even if they receive a slap-on-the-wrist suspension, they allegedly will be able to increase their income by spending more time working as lobbyists.

Is white-collar crime profitable in Idaho? Yes, I allege that if public-private partnerships can implement a clever scheme to misuse Idaho's higher educa-

tion tax money. In summary, the sad story continues about how a sordid debacle set back UI financially by at least five years and impacted UI's reputation. I welcome your e-mail comments. My address is mebowie@peoplepc.com.

Ralph Bowie
Naples, ID

UI's own Watergate

In May 2006 University of Idaho President Tim White issued a proclamation about the \$28 million in Idaho taxpayer funds lost in the 2003 University Place debacle.

Even though UI has been set back financially by over five years, President White says the University has a rosy future considering that the debacle now is in history's trash bin. Unfortunately, White's proclamation has the disadvantage of being untrue.

Former president Bob Hoover and former financial vice president Jerry Wallace, two of the alleged perpetrators, have not suffered any legal indictments to date and are unlikely to experience any future indictments.

As alleged in "Boise's Watergate," published in 2006 by Xlibris Corporation, Civic Partners allegedly scammed the UI Foundation out of millions of dollars for pre-development costs by allegedly submitting unsubstantiated invoices.

However, Idaho's taxpayers should be comforted in knowing they were not the only victims of Civic Partners. In 2004-2005, the very same Civic Partners allegedly scammed the citizens of Sioux City, Iowa, in a \$35 million theater/hotel complex fiasco.

In summary, the sad story continues about how a nefarious public-private partnership misused Idaho's higher education tax money.

I welcome your e-mail comments. My address is iebond@verizon.net.

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Government-sanctioned discrimination

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

-Philadelphia, July 4, 1776

What citizens of this great nation will assert that the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness does not include the right to live with the person of their choice and form a loving, stable, committed and tax-paying household?

America is a land filled with the stories of millions who have yearned to breathe free in a country where we are not judged by the color of our skin, the God to whom we pray or the creeds we hold dear. Dr. King's dream of an America where society takes us on the content of our character is still alive and well.

The same dream for equality and fairness applies to our genetic sexual orientation.

Idaho's homosexual citizens seek no special protections or rights. We simply desire the same state-granted rights, protections and obligations enjoyed by our heterosexual brothers and sisters. The rights to mutual property, hospital visitation and health insurance (among others) are fundamental and basic to healthy, committed relationships.

Heterosexual couples take these protections for granted because they are afforded them with the swift stroke of the county clerk's stamp on a marriage certificate. However, same-sex couples are denied that stamp and are forced to retain the services of an attorney to draw up a series of complex and costly legal documents that in the end only achieve a fraction of the protections granted to heterosexual couples.

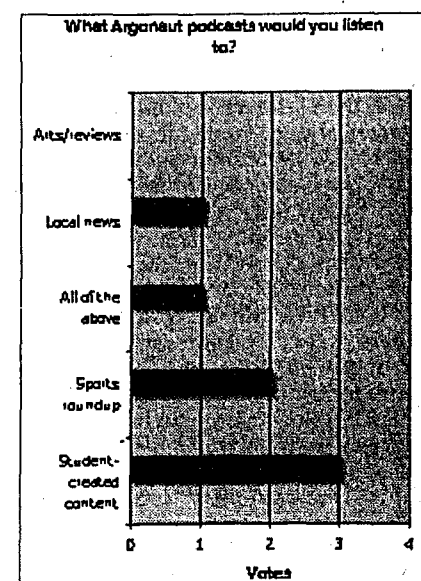
The fact that some people in our society cannot or will not accept or understand the reality of homosexuality in the human population simply does not give the government the right to mandate this class of citizens to jump through an entirely different, confusing and costly set of hoops to achieve a lesser end. It's called government-sanctioned discrimination.

The fathers of our government framed a society that enshrines the rule of fair and equal constitutional law for all our citizens — black or white, rich or poor, Christian or Buddhist, Republican or Democrat and heterosexual or homosexual. They guaranteed the freedom of the church from the government and vice versa. Our religious institutions are free to discriminate at their choosing and rightly so. But our government simply cannot.

It is the duty and obligation of all fair-minded Idahoans who cherish the values of our Constitution to join together and enter into heartfelt discussion with their families, friends and neighbors about the intent and purpose of this dangerous legislation. When will this Constitutional tinkering stop? And which class of citizens will be the next to be deemed unacceptable by the legislature?

When we cast our ballots this November, each of us will be faced with a choice to formalize Constitutional discrimination against a specific class of citizens or to remember the words of wisdom enshrined in our Declaration of Independence — that all men are created equal.

Peter Mundt is a 1996 UI graduate. He now lives with his partner in Boise.



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- Letters must be signed, include major and provide a current phone number.

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A taste of France close to home

By Christina Navarro
Argonaut

(Editors note: This story is part of a series on new restaurants in Moscow. Look for the next story in Friday's Argonaut.)

Since its grand opening last Friday, West of Paris has expanded Moscow's selection of foreign cuisine and gourmet dining.

It has drawn visitors from as far as Seattle and Spokane and stirred ideas for a French cooking class to commence this fall.

Hailing from Lyon, France, owner and chef Francis Foucachon and his wife Donna relocated to the Heart of the Arts one year ago, bringing fine French cuisine and big plans for the future.

Renowned for his prized gastronomy, Foucachon trained under one of the top 10 chefs in Lyon and has been mastering his skills in fine dining ever since.

"He's always kept up his cooking skills doing gourmet banquets and fundraisers for the Presbyterian Church," Donna Foucachon said.

Foucachon mirrored his wife's sentiments about his wide range of interests.

"As a minister I like to bring good news, and as a chef I like to bring a good time," Foucachon said.

As an ordained Presbyterian minister, Foucachon founded The American School of Lyon where he heard about Moscow through American employees.

"It's been an unusual route to get here," Foucachon said.

The couple also decided to move to Moscow because their sons wanted to go to New Saint Andrews College for its liberal arts program and the University of Idaho for its programs in international business and chemical engineering, specifically alternative fuels.

"We have the best of two worlds here," Foucachon said.

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Foucachon said by knowing the owner of Zume, which formerly filled West of Paris' space, he learned about its availability and decided to buy the space for his restaurant endeavors.

Foucachon said preparation and quality are very important and gives great care to what goes into his cooking.

As a saucier, he makes all his sauces from scratch.

Foucachon uses organic and fresh ingredients, vegetables from the Farmer's Market, cheeses from Switzerland and France and organic or free-range meat sent by FedEx.

"The three most important elements are ingredients, ingredients, ingredients," Foucachon said. "A painter can do good paintings but needs good paint and brushes."

The lunch menu features a selection of signature crepes from West of Paris' creperie. Crepes are thin pancakes with sweet or salty ingredients such as meats and cheeses, strawberries and cream or hazelnut chocolate.

Junior English major Matthew Doyle said he was glad to see a restaurant offering a European-style set menu after experiencing it during his study abroad in Spain.

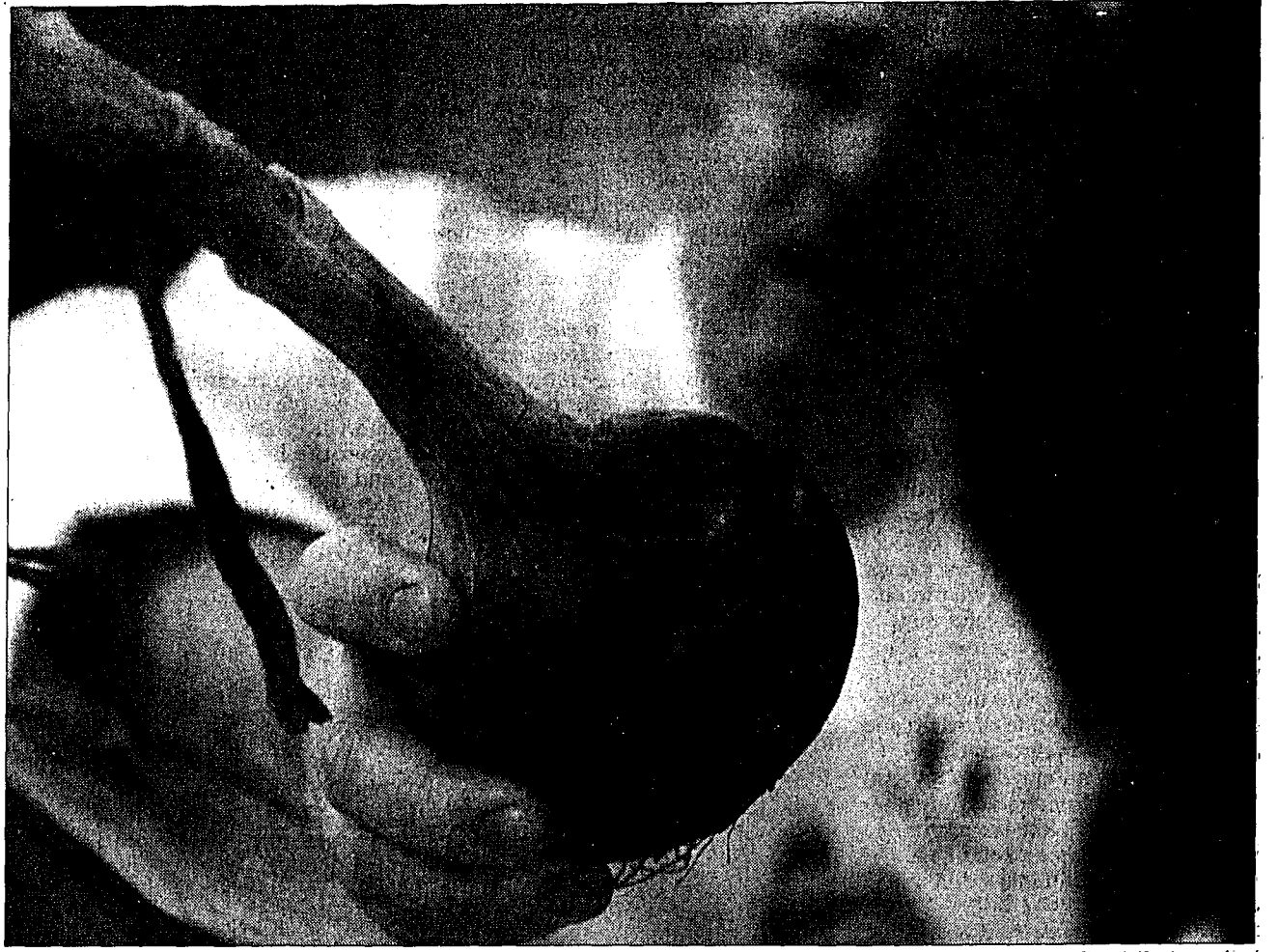
"There's usually a wide variety to choose from, only it's more economical," he said. "It's one of the things I miss most about Europe, but just make sure you are ready for a lot of food."

Foucachon said both the town's response to restaurant and its success have inspired him to begin teaching cooking classes in his home this fall.

He said he believes it will catch people's interest, and has taught classes in French cuisine at New Saint Andrews College in the past.

Foucachon said reservations are highly recommended, due to limited seating and an increase in clients.

"What comes out of the mouth of more than half of our customers is



Kylie Pfeifer/Argonaut

Chef Foucachon explains the benefits of buying organic, locally grown, and free-range ingredients Monday at 'West of Paris.' Foucachon's produce is purchased just around the corner at Moscow's Farmer's Market whenever possible.

"We have been waiting for this for so long," he said.

Foucachon said customers are encouraged to come for the experience and not feel rushed. "(Come) for the good food, good wine and good company," he said.

With the restaurant's buzz getting around town and the limited seating posing a concern in the future, Foucachon said he is considering open-

ing an additional space downtown.

"I've toyed with the idea of opening another one later on, but specializing in crepes," he said.

While the restaurant has flooded with intrigued guests already, it will soon be home to a selection of fine wines as well.

While Foucachon plans on bringing in a variety of wines from France, Chile and Australia, he will also fea-

ture wines from California, Oregon and local wineries.

"I'm not limiting myself to French wines," he said.

With this weekend being the restaurant's one-week anniversary, a liquor license is just the way to celebrate.

The selection also features a set menu with three choices in the categories of appetizers, entrées and desserts.

West of Paris brings gourmet dining to Moscow

By Ryli Hennessey
Argonaut

West of Paris has a nice location in Friendship Square where patrons can enjoy a table inside or outside to enjoy the warm weather.

The décor is simple — black, white and red is the color scheme. There is nice molding on the ceiling and on some of the walls.

It's the kind of place to take a date to impress him, or go to on an anniversary or special occasion. The

prices are high, especially if you are on a college budget, so it isn't an everyday dining establishment.

The atmosphere is simple and comfortable and a table for two is small and intimate. Each table is elegantly set with an Eiffel Tower-shaped vase and a fresh rose.

The service is great — not too pushy — and there is time to sit and enjoy the meal before someone is rushing over to snatch the plate.

Disappointingly, West of Paris does not yet have its liquor license, so it is not yet able to serve a glass of wine with the meal.

The hors d'oeuvres are great. The country style duck and pork pate lacks presentation but makes up for it in its richness. There is a good selection of cold and hot hors d'oeuvres on the menu.

The salmon entrée in a dry white wine and fresh shallot cream sauce is rich and flavorful. There is no overly fishy flavor for anyone who is not crazy about fish. The serving sizes are not huge. There is a medium sized portion of fish, a few potatoes and some green beans. If you're looking for a big meal, this may not be the place.

The portions are small but at the

same time it is nice to not have way too much on your plate. Most of the time when going to a restaurant people feel like they have to eat more than they need. This way you can eat most of what's on your plate without feeling guilty.

The service is one of the best features of the restaurant. The servers are quiet and polite. They don't bombard customers with too much friendly banter like they do at many restaurants. They are not pushy, but give you time to order and time to enjoy your meal. And after you finish, instead of rushing over with the

check before your dessert is even finished, they ask if you would like anything else and if you would like to sit and talk or would like your check. There is nothing worse than a waiter or waitress that brings the check before you have even finished your meal.

The desserts are perfect to finish off a great meal. The warm crepe with a slow-cooked pear and hot Belgian chocolate is incredible and perfect for two. Sharing this big, delicious dessert is a great way to end a date and a great way to share a close moment with someone special.

Dance away Thursday nights with the Swing Devils

By Michael Howell
Argonaut

It's a Thursday night. Just above CJ's on Main Street in Moscow, a faint echo of music from long ago can be heard coming from the windows and flashes of light can be seen from the street.

It's the Swing Devils having their Thursday night swing dance.

"We started as just a small group of swing lovers," said Matt Parks.

Parks, who is a member of the Swing Devils and a swing dance teacher at the University of Idaho, explained how the group began.

"A student at the time by the name of Sarah Harrison started the group," said Parks. "She was bitten by the swing bug, and at the time, there was nowhere to go if someone was into swing, so she started what would become the Swing Devils."

Parks said the group started with a group of people with similar interests in music and dance. Since then, the group has expanded and the number of participants in events has grown.

"It's not uncommon on some nights to see 130 to 140 people at one of these dances," said Parks. "Sometimes with special occasions, we can see around 200 people."

Spencer Garrison, a sophomore political science major at UI, comes almost every week.

"It's just a fun thing to do," Garrison said. "Every week, a person can come in, get a lesson for about an hour and then have about three hours to just dance and have a good time."

Rachel Bockmier, who has been coming to the dances consistently for two years, has her own reasons for coming.

"It's an extremely social event," Bockmier said. "It's easy to meet new people, there's no stress, and it's just a good way to let loose."

According to Parks, anyone can get into swing dancing.

"We spend about an hour teaching not only swing dancing, but the swing experience as well," said Parks. "Since we moved into this location, it's become a friendlier environment. All ages are able to come and participate. We get students from all the schools as well as members of the community."

Garrison has had seven years of swing experience and has been going to the events for two years.

"During that time, I've seen people who will



Courtesy photo

Alyssa Kimura and Morgan Douglas defy a little gravity at a spring 2006 Swing Devils dance night.

come in one week with no experience and pick up the basics of swing in a couple of weeks. It's because they take the time to teach you how to swing every week," Garrison said.

Brockmier said if people make it to a dance session, all they need to remember is to have fun. "People that come don't always have to swing either," said Garrison. "I know some people are afraid to swing or it's not their thing, but I've seen people come and just dance. The dances here just seem more personal than The Beach."

At the end of the night, the Swing Devils seem to just want to do a couple of things.

"Every time that we put on one of these dances, we're looking to just preserve a small part of a time long ago," said Parks. "If we can teach the swing experience, then we've done just what we wanted to do."

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

When: From 7:30-midnight every Thursday. First hour is lessons, the next three hours are dancing.

What to bring: Comfortable clothes you can move in, good athletic shoes with clean soles or dance shoes of any kind.

How much: \$3 or \$5 for couples — admission fee includes dance lessons.

Who: Everyone of all ages and dance experience. Partners are not required.

Where: Downtown Moscow, 112 North Main Street on the second floor.

Website: www.swingdevils.org

'Arrested Development' Anonymous

After going through the first season of "Arrested Development" on DVD like a child with candy on Halloween, I'm now on the second season. It's dangerously

leaking into "free time" I had set aside for schoolwork and such, and I have seriously considered seeking help with not exceeding my daily episode quota. Anyone who knows how to handle addictions to the Bluth family's regular tomfooleries, please contact me with a meeting time and place.

Christina Navarro

'Pinky and the Brain'

Since the first week of school is usually the most hectic for someone like me, I haven't been able to watch much TV. So this is more of a DVD geek for me.

I love "Pinky and the Brain." I recently bought the DVD of the show and I must say that it is hilarious. I realize now why I used to go around school in eighth grade saying things like "narf," "poit," "zort" and "troz." My favorite episode isn't included in the DVD set, but there were plenty of good ones to see. So, if anybody wants to be pondering what I'm pondering, pick up the DVD.

Michael Howell

Give 'House' a chance

I may have to give the show "House" another try this TV season. Don't get me wrong, I liked the show before, but I lost interest when it became too repetitive. I mean, how many times does he have to say the same thing to the skinny girl, the hot blond guy and the intern who's always pissed at him? Putting the past aside I saw the episode where House gets shot the other night. It was different and wild and had the guy who played Casey Jones in the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" movie in it. If it stays this good I might have to watch it this season, as long as it's not on during any other shows.

Ryli Hennessey

'Sunshine' is self-centered family fun

By Ryli Hennessey
Argonaut

The family in "Little Miss Sunshine" may be a bunch of self-centered losers, but when it comes to rallying around the baby they all come together.

The film starts with a family crisis: Sheryl's (Toni Collette) brother Frank (Steve Carell) has tried to commit suicide. Frank has to move into the house with his sister and her family, which includes her husband, two kids and their grandpa. When the youngest child, Olive (Abigail Breslin), makes it to the finals of the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant, the entire family has to pile into the VW Bus to make it to the finals in California.

The entire family, with the exceptions of Grandpa (Alan Arkin) and Olive, has only one redeeming quality: They love Olive, the baby of the family. They are all self-centered and completely unlikeable otherwise. Most of the funny moments in the film have to do with laughing at

how pathetic they all are.

The best parts of the film involve Olive and Grandpa, who has been kicked out of his retirement home for snorting heroin. Grandpa may be a crazy old man, but he seems to truly care about his family. He is the one who spends time rehearsing for the pageant with Olive. He teaches Olive her dance for the talent show and he spends time building up her confidence instead of bringing her down like the rest of the family, at times, does.

Breslin's performance as Olive is the best in the film. She is the sweetest, most genuine little actress. The costumes on her are so much fun. Olive looks like one of those kids who got the freedom to choose their own clothes every day. In one part of the film she is in a red shirt, funny short shorts and big red cowboy boots, and is almost always wearing a sweatband. The sad thing is she probably got to pick them out because no one in her family was really paying attention to what she was wearing.

Steve Carell may be hot right now but his performance in "Little Miss Sunshine" is not all that remarkable. He plays the depressed, conflicted, gay Frank. He is a renowned Proust scholar who has just lost his job and had an unsuccessful relationship with one of his graduate students. The best part about Carell's acting is that he can add so much meaning to just a small gesture. A smile or a strange look can have more meaning than most of the dialogue.

The journey to California is funny, the family is riddled with car troubles and other setbacks, but for Olive, they finally make it to the pageant.

Once the family finally makes it there, the characters become bearable enough to like, if only for a few minutes. Olive and family realize how much different they are from the other pageant contestants (who look

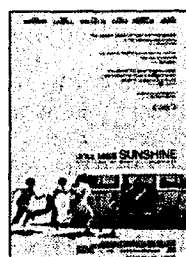
more like they are competing in the Little Miss Drag Queen pageant). The family must rally around the baby in a final scene that is by far the funniest in the film.

Yes, they love Olive and them helping her make her dream come true does make them sort of redeemable humans beings, but that doesn't change the fact that they are all bad people.

They may be able to stand together just long enough to be there for Olive, but the family is disgusting.

One can only hope that their moment of togetherness is a beginning. There is some hope that they will start to care more about each other and less about themselves. Maybe there is some sort of message hidden in the film. Something like, be kind to each other, life isn't worth living unless you have

someone besides yourself to love and depend on.



"Little Miss Sunshine"

★★★ (of 5)
Toni Collette, Steve Carell

'Rattled' doesn't quite beat stereotypes

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

There are some writers who take stereotypes and play with readers' expectations of them. Debra Galant appears to be one of these authors in the early pages of her playful first novel, "Rattled," but doesn't quite manage to leap the hedge of convention and surprise her readers by the end.

"Rattled" is the story of Heather Peters, a New Jersey housewife whose picture of the good life mostly includes a big house surrounded by neighbors who fear and respect her. Heather drags her long-suffering (and terribly one-dimensional) husband and her spoiled-but-ignored son to Galapagos Estates, a premier housing development, in an effort to further climb the social ladder.

One day, while bossing

around a local farmer (Harlan White) she's hired as her handyman, she comes face to face with a timber rattlesnake. Heather freaks, forcing Harlan to kill the snake to protect them both. Chaos ensues (as it always seems to) when a local animal activist named Agnes arrests Heather for killing the endangered snake. Heather becomes the center of a media circus, painting herself as a victim and further neglecting her family. The neighborhood turns on her when the fiasco draws protestors who sympathize with the snakes using loud and messy means.

And then there's something with Galapagos Estates' developer Jack

Barstad (thinly-veiled anagram alert, there) building on land he knew was protected.

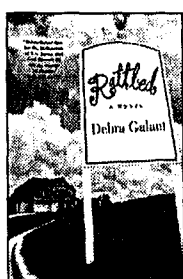
The main problem with "Rattled" is it's big on plot but thin on character. And to make things worse, the plot isn't as strong as it could be. Galant reveals too much when a sense of mystery would make the book more engaging, and includes too many details in her side stories at the expense of her main plotline.

Characters that could have brought more depth to the story are pushed aside. For instance, Connor, Heather's son, is mostly depicted as a stereotypical video game-addicted brat. There are moments, however, where Galant hints there is much, much more to

the boy's delicate mental state, but instead of digging in and exploring that, she sticks to using the kid as a prop for Heather's antics.

Heather also isn't quite given justice by Galant. She is a stereotype from page one, and very little changes by the end despite lots and lots of story. Galant's point may be that people like this never change in real life, but that just doesn't work in a novel. Characters need to change, or at least give good reason for not changing, to make a satisfying ending. Galant sets up a million opportunities for Heather to be enlightened or awakened or something, but it doesn't happen and readers feel cheated.

"Rattled" is not a bad novel — on the surface it's pretty entertaining — but Galant just doesn't work with her potential to make the book something more.



"Rattled"

★★★ (of 5)
Debra Galant
Available Now

Telenovelas are a trend, not a fad

By Mike Duffy
Detroit Free Press

Get ready, America. The telenovelas are coming.

The popular Spanish-language twist on the soap opera is being given an English-language makeover for prime time in the U.S.A. this fall.

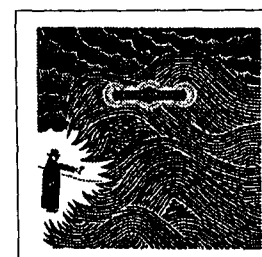
With storytelling that's more over-the-top, broadly humorous and faster-paced than the typical American soap, the telenovela trend includes:

- My Network TV, a new prime-time venture devoted entirely to the soapy format, launches Sept. 5 with "Fashion House" and "Desire," starring Derika Abraham. They're the

first in a yearlong rotation of eight telenovelas, airing 8-10 p.m. Monday-Friday, concluding after 13 weeks, followed by another pair of flamboyant melodramas.

- "Ugly Betty," starring America Ferrera, is producer Salma Hayek's Americanized ABC version of the Colombian hit "Yo Soy Betty La Fea." It has received positive buzz and the high-profile spot at 8 p.m. Thursdays in front of "Grey's Anatomy."

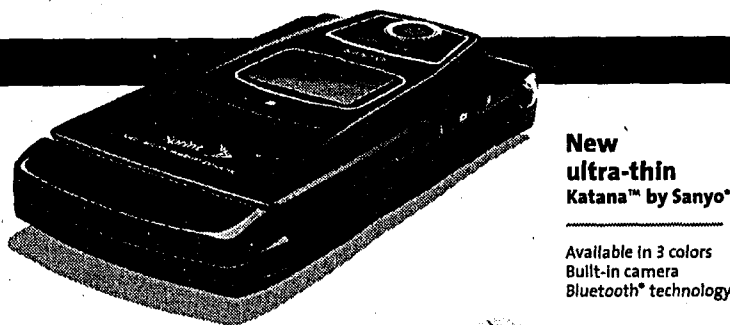
- Lifetime has scheduled 20 episodes of "Bianca" — based on a German series — for Saturday nights starting in October.



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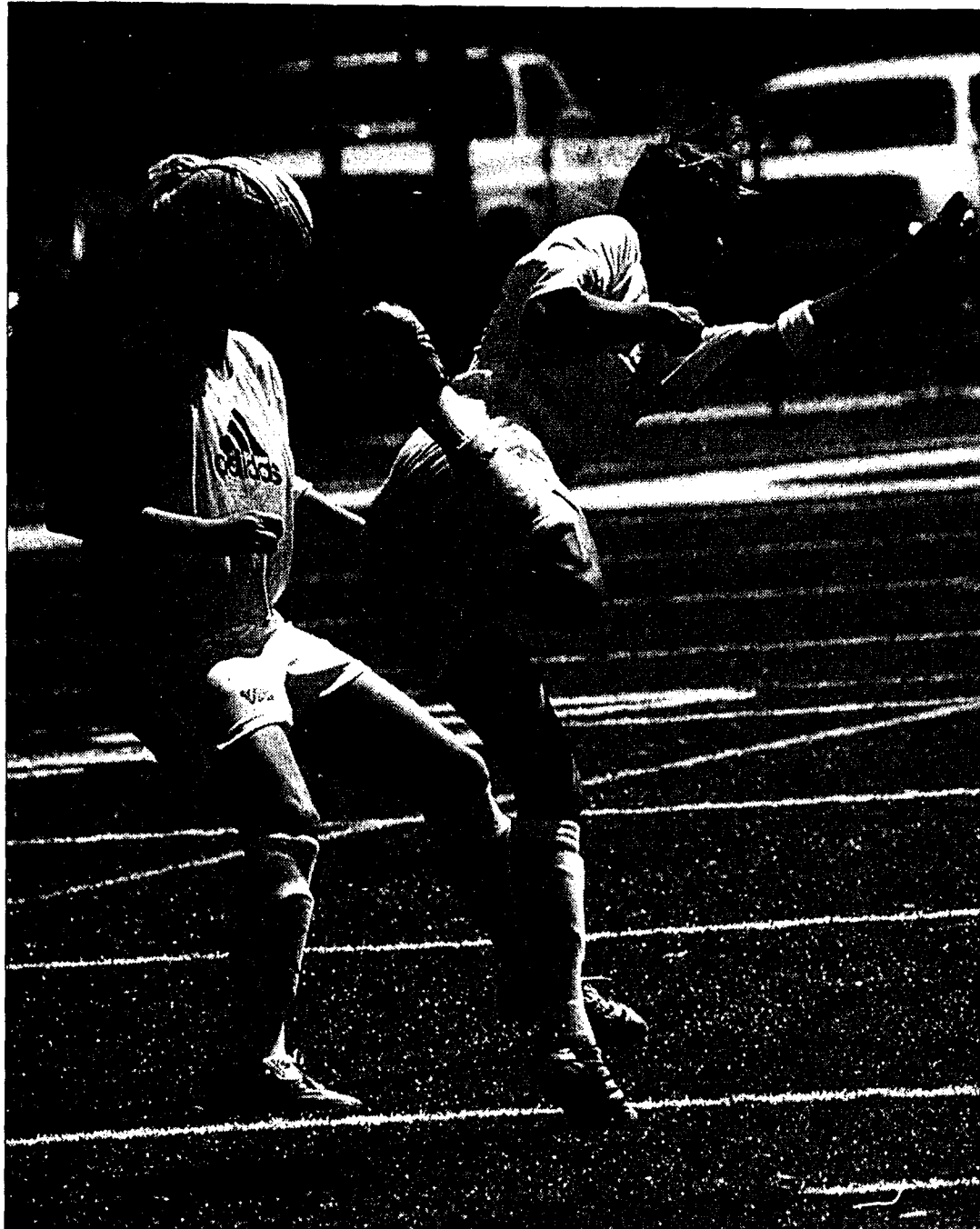
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Junior Ali Buswell tries to gain control of the ball at the Vandal soccer scrimmage Aug. 19 on the Sprinturf field in front of the the Kibbie Dome. File Photo

Vandal soccer scoreless in Cali

By Alec Lawton
Argonaut

There's no way to make a shutout sound great, much less two in a row.

But there is something to be said for how the Vandal women's soccer team carries itself through them.

In the case of the Vandals' presentation against Pepperdine and Cal State Fullerton last weekend, it truly could have been worse.

In Friday's match against No. 20-ranked Pepperdine, the Vandals held steady in the first half, giving up one goal in minute 22 but remaining competitive throughout. Another goal early in the second half seemed to demoralize the players and set the tone for goals three through five.

"We played well and held our own for the first 20 to 25 minutes," University of Idaho coach Pete Showler said. "The quick goal in the second half sort of sucked the wind out of our sails. We didn't create enough offensively and our shape let us down a little, but the game showed us some areas we need to tighten up."

And while losses are hard

for any team, programs like UI's should not set their collective heart on upsetting ranked teams like Pepperdine, at least this early in the season. Showler seemed to have taken the loss in stride and used it as a learning experience and bar raiser for his players.

"Pepperdine was everything we expected them to be," he said. "They were quick, fast and strong, and if we made a mistake they made us pay. The 5-0 score doesn't reflect the game like it should because

there were some soft goals we could have prevented. But a team of this caliber will make you pay for any mistakes and that is exactly what happened."

The Vandals' loss to Cal State Fullerton on Sunday played out much the same on the scoreboard, but the team demonstrated greater endurance and only folded well into the second half.

"We played very well for the first 70 minutes of the game," Showler said. "We contained and kept our shape, but we need to learn to play that way for the entire 90 minutes. A lapse in concentration led to a goal late in the second half and

we weren't the same team after that. Cal State Fullerton took full advantage of that."

Cal State Fullerton may not be quite the team that Pepperdine is, but the improve-

"But we are not despondent because we can take a lot of good things away from this game."

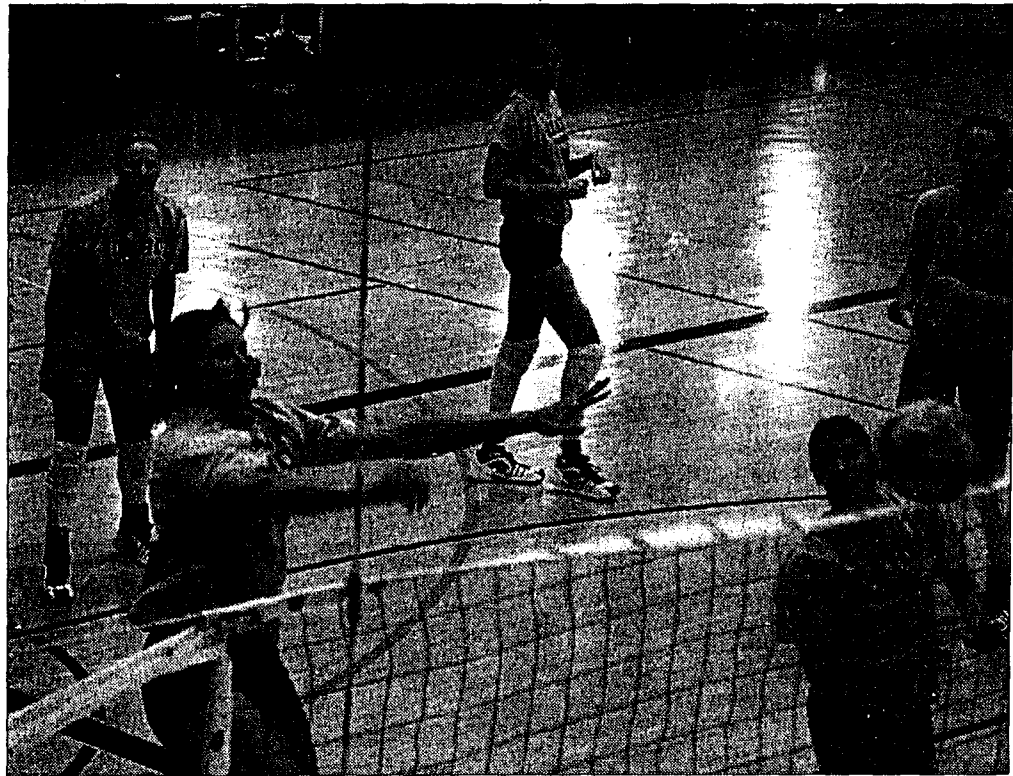
Pete Showler
UI soccer coach

ment demonstrated from one game to the other, combined with Showler's emphasis on learning from every defeat, salvages what could have been a total loss.

"We are disappointed in the loss," Showler said of the Pepperdine match. "But we are not despondent because we can take a lot of good things away from this game."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Inexperience takes toll in tournament



Sopomore Anna McKinney spikes the ball at practice Aug. 22 at Memorial Gym. File Photo

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team lost all three matches at the Oklahoma Sooner Legends Nike Volleyball tournament over the weekend, but it didn't come as much of a surprise to Coach Debbie Buchanan.

"You are always trying to get wins, that's the main thing, but those teams are better than us right now and we talked to our kids about that," Buchanan said. "The biggest thing we could walk away with was building some experience, learning some lessons, and competing against some top-notch competition."

The Vandals went up against ACC champion University of Arkansas, University of North Carolina and University of Oklahoma.

The performance showed Buchanan there is still work to be done despite being selected to finish fourth in the Western Athletic Conference in a pre-season coaches poll.

"They just had a lot more expe-

rience than us, and we have to learn to play consistent and some of that just comes from experience," Buchanan said.

Even with her Idaho team returning home without a win, Buchanan saw the tournament as a learning experience that will only make her squad stronger the rest of the season.

"Our team isn't bad, we aren't in a bad spot, and we just have to learn to put everything together," Buchanan said.

With 11 underclassmen on the roster, Idaho struggled against three teams that featured ample veteran leadership, and Buchanan knows the only thing to cure the team's mistakes is more experience.

"At times we had all our freshmen out there and we need to learn how to deal with pressure being put on us by tough teams," Buchanan said.

The team's first match Friday against Arkansas started well but resulted in a 3-1 loss against a physical Lady Razorbacks squad.

After dropping a close first game 30-24, the Vandals rebound-

ed to take game two 30-28, in part thanks to red-shirt freshman Debbie Pederson who led the Vandal team in hitting at .368, while recording 10 kills and two block assists for the match.

The final two games of the contest proved to be more of a struggle for the Vandals as they lost 30-22 and 30-21.

In the team's afternoon match-up, Idaho squared off against another physical team in the North Carolina, the defending ACC champions.

Idaho showed the ability to adjust by vastly improving their defense and limiting the Tar Heels to a .167 hitting percentage, but the team's inconsistent offensive attack proved too much to overcome.

The Vandals hit just .110 for the match but senior Erin Curtis, who hit .368 and senior Stacy Sode, who recorded 23 digs did their part to try and lift Idaho.

"Stacy Sode had a great weekend, she made the all-tournament team and she was probably our

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Solo kayaker to recreate wild salmon odyssey

Bill Erickson plans to kayak 900 miles to raise awareness about the plight of wild salmon

By Alec Lawton
Argonaut

For the next 20 days, Bill Erickson will live his life much like a fish. Because of four large concrete structures, that may be a problem.

The 30-year-old would like to see four low-output dams removed from the path of young salmon on their way to the ocean, as well as mature salmon returning to their breeding ground.

"I'm trying to get the attention of the general public regionally and nationally to get active and write their congressmen," Erickson said. "Those are the only people who can really make a decision about these dams."

He hopes that the difficulties he faces on his trip downstream will demonstrate what young salmon face on their way to the ocean.

Erickson paddled on the lower Snake River from Lewiston through Clarkston on Sunday but will float on the Salmon, Snake and Columbia Rivers throughout his trip. Erickson is especially passionate about sockeye salmon.

Erickson has been working as a backpacking, climbing and paddling guide ever since he graduated from the

University of Northern Arizona with a degree in parks and recreation management. That, combined with his youth spent hunting and fishing in South Dakota, seem to have given him not only the desire, but also the capability to change what he sees as a loss for people as well as animals.

"I got a lot of my outdoor ethics and ideas from my father and grandfather," Erickson said.

He talks about being outdoors and how much he valued those experiences, not just because the environment and wildlife were healthy, but what it meant to his childhood.

"My earliest memory is fishing for Chinook on the Puget Sound with my dad when I was 4 years old," Erickson said. "That's something I hold onto very dearly."

In fact, it is one of the main reasons that he wants the salmon run restored to its pre-dam magnificence. He would like others to have great memories like the ones he has of fishing with his dad.

"There's a whole generation of children since 1978 who have never been able to fish on these rivers," he said.

He spotted the problem that kicked off his entire expedition when he began guiding river trips in Idaho. He

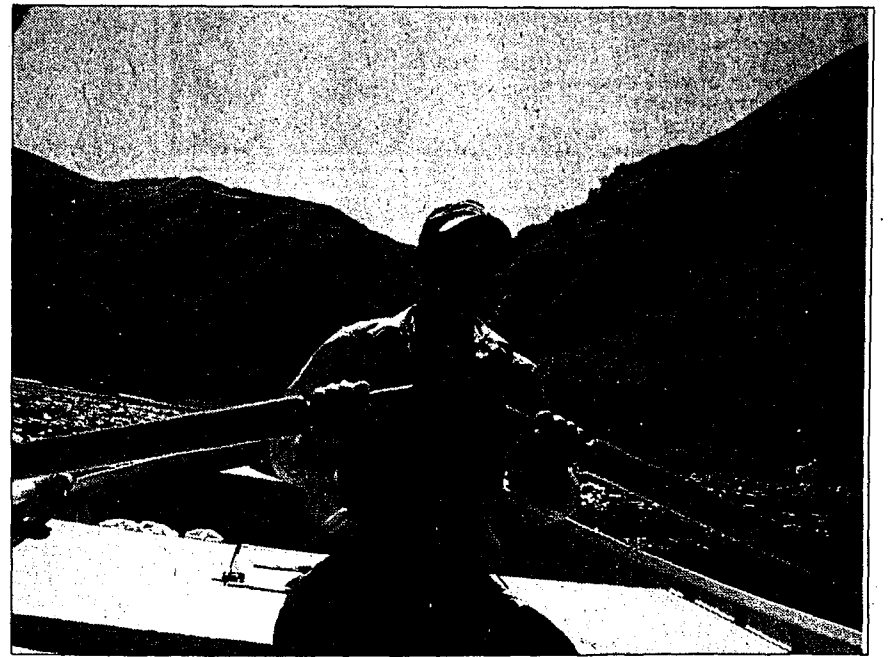
MORE INFO

More information on Erickson and his trip, as well as his personal blog, are available at www.salmontosea.blogspot.com

said that he was amazed at the beauty of the Sawtooth Valley, but that he never actually saw the fish for which the Salmon River was named. This was when Erickson first thought of taking a trip to raise public awareness.

While Erickson has a large number of supporters including - individuals who have made donations to fund his trip, river supply companies that have donated equipment and people who simply agree with what he is doing - he acknowledged that this can be a heated area to talk about dam removal. He added, however, that he feels there is a significant community along his path that is dedicated to restoring the salmon run.

When Erickson encounters his literal obstacles, the dams, he is forced to portage around them using a cart donated by one of his sponsors. In some cases he walks a few miles to get around the dams, something that helps Erickson see things from the salmon's perspective. This out-of-species experience is also forcing him



Erickson relaxes on the waterways he is trying to protect on behalf of salmon. Courtesy Photo

to endure the long, exhausting stretches of flat water between artificial barriers.

"That's something that I've learned so far," Erickson said. "The easy part of this trip is behind me. It's so similar to what the salmon do. They hit slack water near Lewiston, and it's totally

backward from what their instincts tell them."

Regardless of instinct and exhaustion, the fish keep on swimming, and so Erickson keeps on paddling.

"I'm sitting here and my shoulder's killing me," he said, "and I've got 20 days to go."

MSU coach is pupil in opening game

By Shannon Shelton
Detroit Free Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — When John L. Smith scheduled the opener against Idaho in 2005, he did so as a favor to a former assistant coach.

But earlier this year, Nick Holt left as Idaho's head coach and became the defensive coordinator at Southern Cal. That created an opportunity for Dennis Erickson, a longtime collegiate and NFL coach, to return to the school where he got his first head job.

As Smith expected, there will be a teacher-student match-up Saturday at Spartan Stadium, but Smith will play the unexpected role of pupil. Erickson, 59, hired Smith, 57, at Idaho as his assistant head coach and defensive coordinator in the early 1980s.

"We scheduled a game thinking I'd go against a former assistant," Smith said Monday, "but now I get to go against a former mentor. He's been my mentor offensively."

In addition to discussing his relationship with Erickson, Smith outlined his expectations for MSU during his first weekly news conference of the season.

"We have to take these guys seriously because, with what they do with the football, they have a chance to beat anybody that they play," Smith said. "So we've got to be prepared, come to the field in a serious state of mind and show people that we're a different club."

That applies to more than just the Idaho game, which is expected to feature a shootout between offenses that live by their passing games. As MSU starts its season, the Spartans are trying to erase memories of their past two losing campaigns and their late-season break downs.

MSU will need the stronger defensive effort it has promised during the off-season and a kicking game it says is much improved

rom last season.

Done it all:

Erickson won two national championships with Miami (Fla.), coached Seattle and San Francisco in the NFL and also coached Idaho, Wyoming, Washington State and Oregon State.

Triple threat:

Sophomore running back Javon Ringer will handle kickoff returns and punt blocks on special teams. Smith said Ringer was capable of doing more, but he didn't want to overextend his starting rusher.

"That kid wants to do everything, but how much can you use him and keep him fresh enough to be where you want him?" Smith said. "You just have to limit the things you put him on."

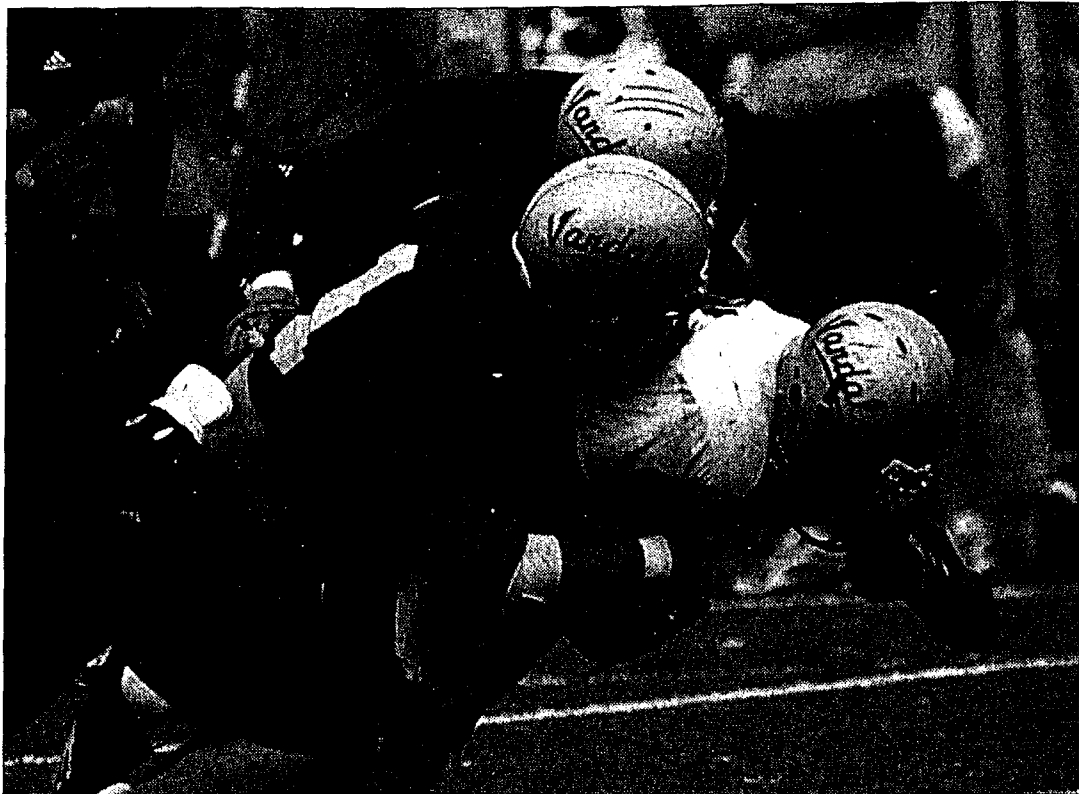
JuCo starters:

MSU's updated depth chart featured two changes. Junior college transfers Ervin Baldwin and Ogemdi Nwagbuo moved up to first string after holding backup roles during the preseason. Baldwin will start at rush end in front of sophomore Brandon Long. Nwagbuo takes over at defensive tackle ahead of senior David Stanton.

Foot report:

Freshman Brett Swenson will be the kicker. "I have great confidence in the kicker and the people around him," Smith said. "He has a great focus about himself."

Sophomore Todd Boleski will handle kickoffs and be an option on field goals longer than 50 yards.



Lisa Wareham/Argonaut
Senior DeAngelo Ramsey gets tackled at the Vandals' scrimmage Thursday afternoon at the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals' first game of the season is against Michigan State University.

Up for honors:

Senior quarterback Drew Stanton is one of 34 players on the preseason watch list for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award. Members of the selection committee, made up of sportswriters nationwide, will select semifinalists in November. The winner will be announced

in December from a field of three finalists.

Ticket update:

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Teams set for WNBA Finals

The Detroit Shock dismantled the Connecticut Sun 79-55 on Sunday to move on to the WNBA Finals that start on Wednesday.

The Shock rebounded from a nine-point loss to Connecticut in game two of the conference finals thanks to Swin Cash and Katie Smith who each scored 16 points to lead Detroit.

Coach Bill Laimbeer and his Detroit team will be making a return trip to the finals for the first time since 2003 when they won the league championship.

Standing in their way will be the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs who swept the Los Angeles Sparks to make a return trip to the finals.

The Monarchs have yet to lose a game in the playoffs and also ousted the Houston Comets from the playoffs in the first round.

Both the Monarchs and the Shock are No. 2 seeds and this will be the first season that no No. 1 seeds made it to the finals.

Tiger wins at Bridgestone

Tiger Woods has a flare for the dramatic. And his victory at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational on Sunday was no

different as Woods fought off heavy rain and a game Stewart Cink was expected to win for his fourth straight tournament of the summer.

Cink overcame a three-stroke deficit over the final three holes to force a playoff with the world's top golfer, and despite chances on each of the first three playoff holes, Cink could only watch as Woods sank an eight-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole for the win.

It was Woods' fifth victory over the past seven years at Bridgestone and his victory on Sunday happened to mark the ten-year anniversary of his turning pro, which only made the victory even sweeter.

It was also the 52nd career victory for Woods, which ties Byron Nelson for fifth all time, but it had to be one of Woods' strangest victories yet.

Prior to his roller coaster final round 68, Woods made four straight bogeys on Saturday, his longest such streak in nearly 10 years, and on Friday, Woods ended his round by hitting his second shot onto the clubhouse roof.

Nevertheless, Woods overcame the trouble and will have the chance to win his fifth straight tournament next weekend at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Liddell retains title

Ultimate Fighting Championship light-heavyweight champion Chuck Liddell defended his title Saturday night, easily defeating Renato "Babalu" Sobral at UFC 62 in Las Vegas. Liddell had already beaten

Sobral once in 2002, but this year's version proved to be quicker and more impressive, as Liddell dispatched his Brazilian opponent in just 1:35.

A stiff right uppercut from Liddell dazed Sobral and sent him to the mat and the 36-year-old champion pounced quickly, landing a barrage of strikes on his opponent's head before referee John McCarthy called a stop to the fight.

Also on the card was a rematch between Forrest Griffin and Stephan Bonnar who were involved in one of the epic fights in UFC history in April 2005.

Version two wasn't as dramatic, but the bloodied fighters fought three action-packed rounds once again, and for the second straight time, Griffin won on the judge's scorecards.

Also emerging with victories on the night were Nick Diaz, Cheick Kongo, Hermes Franca, Eric Schafer, Wilson Gouveia, David Heath and Yushin Okami.

USA rips Australia

The United States routed Australia 113-73 Sunday to move into the quarterfinal round at the FIBA World Championship, where they will face off against Dirk Nowitzki and Team Germany.

Carmelo Anthony led the American team with 20 points while Dwyane Wade added 15, and every American player scored against the much smaller, slower and weaker Australian team.

The game was sealed by half time, thanks to an impressive run by the Americans that

saw them outscore their opponent 32-6 in the second quarter.

Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut led the Australian team with 20 points and six rebounds but only one other player managed to score in double figures. The team shot just 6-25 from the three-

point line compared to the Americans 14-27 effort.

At the last World Championships in 2002, the United States finished in a disappointing sixth place, so their dominant performance so far in the tournament has shown the world that American basketball is back.

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Swimmer alert: Danger may lurk in contacts

By Julie Deardorff
Chicago Tribune

Swimming in chilly Lake Michigan usually is the most nerve-racking part of the Accenture Chicago Triathlon, one of the largest swim-bike-run competitions in the world.

The course along the Monroe Harbor seawall is narrow, choppy and congested. Potential hazards include getting smacked in the head by overenthusiastic competitors or swallowing a wave, when what you really need is air.

An often-overlooked danger of the swim, though, comes from a source most people would never suspect: contact lenses. It might sound like an urban myth, but eye specialists say that wearing soft or rigid gas-permeable contacts in lakes or pools can lead to serious infection and even blindness.

I've been swimming with my gas-permeable lenses (and goggles) for 10 years and regularly visiting an eye doctor for 30. I've never been warned about this, and my vision is so bad that, for the safety of others, I wouldn't dream of swimming lens-free.

But now that I've heard about 16-year-old Jackie Stillmaker's torturous battle with Acanthamoeba keratitis, a rare but painful infection of the cornea, Lasik eye surgery is looking more attractive.

Stillmaker, of Des Plaines, Ill., was an incoming freshman at Maine West

High School when she swam in both a lake and a wave pool while wearing soft contact lenses and developed an eye infection. Her doctor diagnosed pink eye, but she wasn't responding to the medication. Weeks later the teen woke up in excruciating pain, with white circles around her cornea.

The culprit was a microscopic, water-borne parasite named Acanthamoeba. This creature, which especially loves the spongy plastic of soft lenses, (but also adheres itself to gas permeable) is found everywhere; in the soil and dust and in water sources such as lakes, rivers, hot tubs, chlorinated swimming pools, tap water and even bottled water.

Once the protozoan gets into the eye, the lens holds it there. Acanthamoeba can then invade the cornea, causing an infection or corneal ulcer. Symptoms include feeling as if there's something in your eye, watery eyes, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, swelling of the upper eyelid and extreme pain. If detected early, when only the surface layer of the cornea is infected, it may respond rapidly to treatment. If the parasite takes up residence, it can take a year or longer to remedy.

For every million lens wearers, just two or three people normally contract Acanthamoeba each year. But in the Chicago area, 35 cases were reported between May 2003 and May 2005, an

unusually high number. "It's recently resurfacing because people are swimming with contacts," said Randy Epstein, Stillmaker's doctor and a professor of ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center. "Almost all other infections can be readily treated. When people get this one, it can be really devastating."

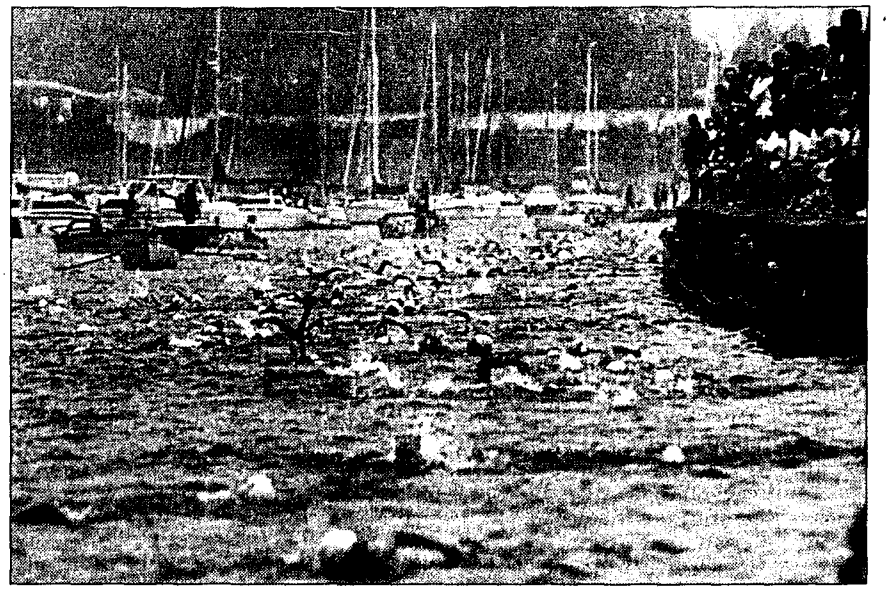
Since 2002, Stillmaker has had three corneal transplants and massive doses of toxic medication to kill the resilient bug. She still needs another transplant to have a cataract removed.

Her mother, Mary Beth, is lobbying the Food and Drug Administration to place warnings on contact lens products detailing the dangers of swimming with contacts.

Epstein is adamant that all swimmers, including the Chicago triathlon participants who need eyewear, should go without lenses. "Leave your contacts and solution at your bike and follow the other swimmers," he said.

You could also wear prescription goggles or have someone try to hand you your glasses at the end of the swim. (They must stand behind the fence lining of the course.)

Still, triathletes know these aren't very practical solutions. Some of us would never find our bike or the blurry figure holding our glasses. Meanwhile, it's hard enough to get feet into bike shoes after a swim. Are you really going to try to insert a contact lens in



Stacey Wescott/Chicago Tribune/MCT
Swimmers race in Monroe Harbor during the 24th Accenture Chicago Triathlon, Aug. 27, 2006, in Chicago.

the middle of the race?

If you take the risk, eye doctors say with a cringe, consider swimming with a daily disposable lens. That way you can immediately throw them away afterward and start with a fresh pair. Gas-permeable wearers — about 15 percent of lens users — should consider the lenses contaminated and disin-

fect them after a swim. Never sleep in lenses, especially after swimming.

And always remember where you've tossed your protective eyewear. Chicago triathlete Craig Patnode once whipped off his goggles with such force that one of his gas-permeable contacts popped out. He later found the missing lens still stuck inside his goggles.

Polluted pools can be a major hazard for swimmers

By Kendra Marr
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — On hot, sticky days, there's nothing more refreshing than jumping into a cold pool. But how can you tell if the water is clean and safe?

It's not easy, say experts in pool health and safety. Even clear, sparkling pools can harbor bacteria. And a strong chlorine smell, often followed by stinging eyes and coughing, doesn't necessarily mean swimmers are safe: It's a noxious byproduct of chlorine binding to mass amounts of urine and sweat, said Michael Beach, an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Well-maintained water

should be odorless and irritation-free.

But there's no doubt that contaminated water is a problem nationwide.

Pools and other recreational water facilities can harbor bacteria, viruses and parasites — the most common being E. coli, giardia, cryptosporidium, shigella and hepatitis A — that cause diarrhea, skin rashes and ear, eye or respiratory infections.

The CDC has observed a steady growth nationwide in recreational water illnesses, with 19,000 cases reported between 1985 and 2002 — an increase the agency chalks up to more recreational water usage and better detection.

Levels of cryptosporidium, a

parasite that causes diarrhea, increase five-fold in the summertime and are responsible for about 60 percent of the outbreaks, Beach said. Although chlorine takes care of most germs in less than an hour, cryptosporidium can live for days even in the most well-maintained pool.

"A lot of people think pool water is sterile," Beach said. "This is like communal bath water. Where else is it publicly acceptable to urinate?"

Beach warns that most people don't think to blame recreational water when they become sick. "When someone becomes ill with diarrhea, he's thinking about what he ate last night, not where he swam last week," he

said. Most pool contamination can be traced to a single source: poop, either solid or in the form of diarrhea, which is nearly undetectable.

"Sometimes you have a few kids who leave a little Hershey kiss floating," said Aaron Bueno, aquatics coordinator for the city of Milpitas, Calif. One summer, Bueno said, he cleaned three fecal accidents at a public pool in just one week.

Under California law, pools, spas and other water facilities are required to close immediately, for anywhere from 19 minutes to 8 hours, when feces are found, to allow heavy chlorination and water recirculation to sweep away the germs.

But pool managers hate to turn away swimmers and will often reopen the pool too soon, said Kevin Mulvany, a county environmental health specialist.

Chlorine is the main line of defense against the spread of germs. It works by oxidizing microorganisms and bacteria and rendering them harmless. Meanwhile, recirculation equipment, such as flow meters and pumps, keeps the water clear, and filters, gutters and skimmers clean out debris.

But as more and more people jump into the pool — particularly on hot days — the water becomes less acidic, as measured by pH tests, and the chlorine loses effectiveness. Sweat, sunscreen, urine and soap accumu-

late, using up chlorine that should be fighting germs.

"You can see the pools in certain times of the day go through color changes," Bueno said. "After recreational swim, the water is brownish, yellowish for half an hour before turning crystal clear again."

The worst offenders are small swimming pools and spa pools in hotels and apartments.

Apartment complexes are very price-conscious and reluctant to fix broken equipment to keep the pool clean, said Javier Payan, safety chairman for the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association. Payan, who also owns a professional pool service, said he has dropped several of his apart-

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most consistent player," said Buchanan. "Erin Curtis really did some great things offensively as well, especially in the North Carolina game."

On Saturday, Idaho was swept in its final match against Oklahoma, 30-25, 30-20 and 30-17.

In game one, the Vandals held a lead as big as five points on two separate occasions but the Lady Sooners fought their way back and closed out the game 30-25.

Senior Amanda Bowman had a strong outing for the Vandals, collecting 11 kills along with seven digs and a block. But another inconsistent offensive performance doomed the Vandals as they recorded a hitting percentage of just .141 for the match.

The offensive troubles for the Vandals were in full sight in games two and three as the team hit just .088 and .037 respectively, and the erratic offensive attack is something the team must address, but Buchanan hasn't hit the panic button quite yet.

"We are just really inconsistent right now, one match our middles hit great and the next match our outside hit great, but we just haven't had a match yet where every position is consistent and everyone is doing their job and that is where we need to get better," Buchanan said.

Next up for the Vandals is a trip to the Shamrock Invitational on Friday, hosted by the University of Notre Dame.

Agassi exits with one certainty

By Charles Bricker
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

NEW YORK — This is the final look at one of the sweetest strokes in tennis.

It's the final look at the face that once launched a million screaming teenagers and which now, more important, draws reverence from even more adults, who have marked him down as one of the greatest gentleman-athletes of any sport.

You may never again see drops of sweat dappling his bald head or watch him blow his signature kisses to the four corners of a stadium after victory.

It's also the last time to wince with him when his debilitating back, angered by 21 years of pivots and pirouettes, reminds him, and everyone else, that he's 36 years old.

It's not quite correct to say Andre Agassi will be missed when he retires from tennis at the conclusion of his U.S. Open, because he'll still be quite visible from his philanthropic perch in Las Vegas and because this unique man is measured more today by his contributions to humanity than by his athletic genius.

He has raised more than \$50 million to aid troubled children, and his no-cost kindergarten-through-12th grade school for those children, in Vegas, is now a \$13 million-a-year operation.

When he finally puts professional tennis aside, and there's a good chance it could happen in the second round against the gifted Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis, his farewell probably will be the most celebrated in the history of the game.

What a long and fascinating journey it has been for Agassi, from the day his father, Mike, dropped him off at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton 23 years ago to this heavily advertised exit.

He was a wild hair at 13. Several wild hairs. The longest hair in tennis, but so infinitely talented that a few weeks after he arrived in Florida, Bollettieri called Mike Agassi and told him, "I don't know what to make of your kid personally, but I'm giving him a full scholarship."

There followed a succession of indelible moments in his melodramatic career in which he adopted the mantra "image is everything" and let the good times roll a lot more than he worked on his game.

Today, his metamorphosis long

ago complete, it's hard to believe he was ever as careless with his career as he once was.

He won eight Grand Slam titles, and many believe he could have won a lot more had he focused on his tennis in his early- and mid-twenties as Pete Sampras did, instead of squandering those years.

But Agassi said without a hint of embarrassment: "I don't regret anything, because for me it was the right decision at the time."

Saturday, on the annual Arthur Ashe Kids Day two days before the start of the Open, Agassi was on the stadium court with Andy Roddick and Serena Williams, trying to knock down wooden targets with ground strokes, entertaining thousands and, apparently, loving every minute of it.

But there has been a much more serious side, also, at his 21st and last U.S. Open. He arrived in New York eight days ago to begin practicing, his back eased by one last cortisone shot and his attitude clear.

"I'm going to the U.S. Open to win the tournament," he said after announcing at Wimbledon in July that the Open would be his curtain call. He made it clear he didn't want a lot of pre-tournament celebrations or press conferences. This would be a business trip until he either won it for the third time or lost.

His demeanor on the practice courts this past week has been deadlier sober and highly focused. As is his custom, he doesn't start one of these sessions bunting the ball over the net. The first shot of the warm-up rally comes with heavy pace, and the rockets don't stop until the hour is up.

Several players, but not the declining Agassi, were called to speak to reporters Saturday, and Roddick, to whom Agassi has been a demi-god, couldn't have been more effusive about the great man's career.

"The story from the 2006 U.S. Open, regardless of what happens, is going to be Andre's last tournament," Roddick said. "I hope that it's a celebration of his career, for this whole event, and that's what it should be."

"When he was playing his best tennis, people knew they were going to have pay the price physically to win the match. He's controlling the middle of the court. He's inside the court. He's the one kind of bullying you around in the baseline points. And you add the way he competes ... There were just so many factors you

Agassi's achievements

Andre Agassi, 36, will retire from competitive tennis after this year's U.S. Open, his 21st.

Personal profile

Born: April 29, 1970, Las Vegas

- Married Steffi Graf, 2001; has a son, Jaden Gil, and daughter, Jaz Elle
- Married to Brooke Shields, 1997-1999

Career profile

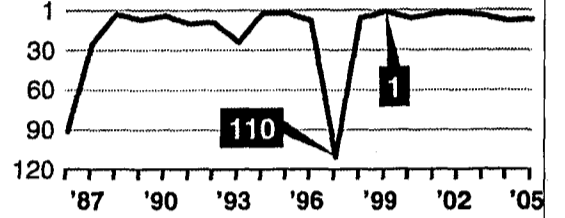
Turned pro: 1986
Prize money: \$31 million

Record	Singles	Doubles
Titles	868-273	40-42
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Grand Slam titles: 8;
4 Australian Open ('95, '00, '01, '03);
2 U.S. Open ('94, '99); 1 French Open ('99); 1 Wimbledon ('92)

Won Olympic gold in 1996

Year end rankings



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needed to deal with there."

Agassi has conquered so many challenges and errors in judgment in his career—his early dislike of grass before winning the 1992 Wimbledon; his wrist surgery in 1993 before coming back and winning the 1994 U.S. Open, unseeded; his lost interest in the game in 1997, when his ranking plunged to 141 before he came back a year and a half later to win the French Open, giving him titles in all four Slams; his short marriage to actress Brooke Shields, followed by his successful marriage to Steffi Graf and his fathering of two children.

But most of all, he conquered himself, and he did that on the court by finally understanding the significance of not wasting his talent and off the court by his involvement with his charities.

"I realized the only way to make a difference in a child's life is to help

him learn how to make better decisions for himself, so it sort of led to education," he said.

In a way, it sounded as if he was assessing a discovery of himself. So what now, when this ride is over?

"I've spent 20 years waking up and saying, 'What do I have to do today?' I'm going to spend the rest of my life now waking up and saying, 'What do I want my life to look like.' It's going to be a quest and a journey that I'll take on with every bit as much passion," said Agassi.

"Being bored is not an option, of that I can assure you. Being bored is bad for me."

And, he said with the finality of a retiring great, he doesn't expect much from the game that took 21 years of his life. "I just want it to be better off for my time with it," he said.

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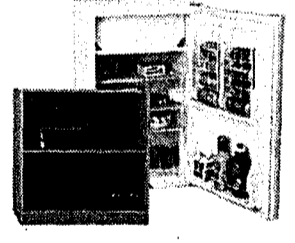
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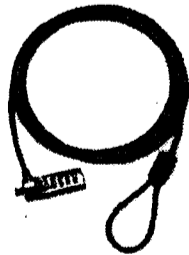
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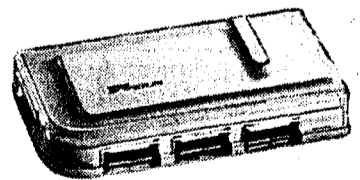
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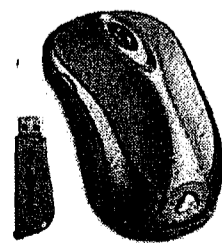
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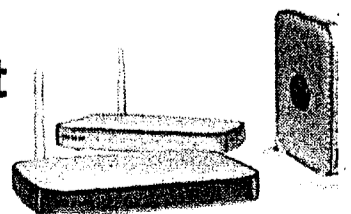
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