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VOTE '06

In recognition of Election Day, The Argonaut has put together a voter's guide to help educate readers about the issues and the candidates. Look **INSIDE** for more coverage. Visit our Web site for continuous coverage of the elections tonight.

where to VOTE

Polls at the Kibbie Dome and Latah County Fairgrounds will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. If you are unsure of your precinct, check online at www.idahovotes.gov/yourpollingplace.
Kibbie Dome, southwest concourse: Precincts 1, 2, 8, 13, 16 and 18
Latah County Fair Exhibit Building, 1021 Harold St.: Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17

For those who did not pre-register, Election Day registration at the polling places is available with proof that you have been a Latah County resident for 30 days or more and proper voter identification.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	LARRY GRANT (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/>
VOTE FOR ONE	BILL SALI (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>
GOVERNOR	JERRY M. BRADY (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/>
VOTE FOR ONE	C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	LARRY LaROCCO (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/>
VOTE FOR ONE	JIM RISCH (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>

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Age: 60
Hometown: Fruitland
Background: Served as vice president and general counsel for Micron Technology Inc. for 10 years before he retired.
Web site: grantforcongress.com



Age: 52
Hometown: Kuna
Background: Attorney in private practice in Kuna, since 1984. Served in Idaho House of Representatives from 1990 - present. Former chair of Health and Welfare Committee.
Web site: billsali.com



Age: 70
Hometown: Idaho Falls
Background: President of the Post Company, a newspaper company in Idaho Falls. Ran for governor in 2002 challenging Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.
Web site: bradyforidaho.org



Age: 64
Hometown: Star
Background: Worked 30 years for J.R. Simplot Co. Elected to three terms in Congress from Idaho's 1st District, 2000 - present. Elected to four terms as lieutenant governor, two terms in the Idaho House.
Web site: otter4idaho.com



Age: 60
Hometown: McCall
Background: Senior executive with Neokinetics, a start-up software company in Coeur d'Alene. Elected to Congress from Idaho's 1st District for two terms, 1990-1994.
Web site: laroccoforidaho.com



Age: 63
Hometown: Boise
Background: Currently serving as governor, after stepping up from lieutenant governor when then-Gov. Dirk Kempthorne left office to become U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Elected lieutenant governor in 2002. Served 22 years in the Idaho Senate.
Web site: risch.org

Shuttle bus may leave its route

By Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The University of Idaho is looking at ending its eight-year contract with the Pullman-based bus service Wheatland Express next August, said Lloyd Mues, UI vice president of Finance and Administration. It is a decision that could end bus transportation in Moscow altogether.

For the last year, Mues said, the university has been examining all aspects of its budget in order to be better able to

fund those things most important to the mission of UI. Wheatland Express, a company that runs a shuttle bus between UI and Washington State University in Pullman, is in the seventh of an eight-year contract with UI and WSU.

The contract was designed so each party involved could pull out during any of the last three years, Mues said. The university has funded the shuttle through Aug. 2007. This spring, it will have to make the decision whether to fund the final year of the contract or discontinue the bus route, Mues said.

UI and WSU each pay \$100,000 to Wheatland in order to keep the bus transporting students between campuses. The system was designed years ago, before a contract was in place, in order to transport students who take classes at the other campus back and forth Mues said.

The contract formalized the deal and gave all parties a way out if need be.

Throughout the years, the system has grown considerably. In October, 9,094 people rode the bus from WSU and 6,135 from UI, said Peg Motley of Wheatland Express. Many community members also use the buses to travel from one town to the other, Mues said, eclipsing the original plan of using the buses only to transport cross-enrolled students. Only about 30 students are listed as enrolled in a course at the other university, Motley said.

"If you've got \$1, and someone wants \$100, you can't do it. What's the best use of the money you have?"

Lloyd Mues
Vice president of finance and administration

The service has been expanded over the years to include not only students who are cross-registered, but also faculty and staff and students using resources at the other institution, Motley said. As part of the evaluation of how the service is used, Motley said Wheatland was

asked by the university to begin keeping track of whether riders are students or faculty.

Only WSU and UI students or faculty are allowed to use the service for free. A \$2 fee is charged to all non-educational riders, Motley said. Riders are asked to present their university ID cards when boarding the bus.

The trouble with the bus, Mues said, is that it wasn't intended for the university to be funding a community bus system. The question that needs to be asked, he said, is whether the university is being a

good steward of public funds by funding a community bus service.

"A lot of people ride it, not necessarily related to the UI," Mues said. "Who should really be funding it? The taxpayer of the state of Idaho does intuitively give money to run a bus system."

UI receives approximately 35 percent of its funding from appropriated state funds, Mues said. About 15 percent of the university's approximately \$380 million budget comes from student tuition and fees. The rest of that money, Mues said, has to be raised. Part of his job as vice president of finance is to make sure the money the university has is being used to accomplish the appropriate goals, and there isn't enough money to cover everything, Mues said.

"If you've got \$1, and someone wants \$100, you can't do it," Mues said. "What's the best use of the money you have?"

The primary purpose of the university, Mues said, is educational. This year, the university had to cut community educational programs due to lack of funding, Mues said. Deciding what to fund is a matter of priorities.

"We are trying to provide the most quality education we can," Mues said. "All things equal, education is more important."

The problem with the bus system goes further than just the contract between the universities and Wheatland Express. Valley Transit, a nonprofit bus system based in Lewiston, relies on the deal to keep itself in operations.

According to Tom LaPointe, director for Valley Transit, the company receives

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Grant program gives research opportunity

By Caitlin Rice
Argonaut

Lots of ideas and no money. This seems to be almost every researcher's dilemma throughout history. Inventing the bicycle, finding Pompeii, landing on the moon and concocting Cheese Whiz — before they became reality, they cost money.

Money isn't always available for student research, said Matt Settles, a graduate studies student, especially at the undergraduate level. And without faculty funding, many students have no way to feed their brainchild.

Biology graduate student Mary Oswald said the opportunities she had to do research at her college in Colorado as an undergraduate were vital in making the decision to continue her education.

"It also helps students figure out if it is really what they want to study and have a career in," she said.

Thus the reason for a new Student Grant Program, which allows any on-campus students in any college or class to submit their research ideas and win the cash they need.

"What do we expect? We have no idea," said Settles, the chair of the program. "When you say research you probably

submit your PROPOSAL

For more information, log on to www.uroidaho.edu/srg. The deadline for proposals is Nov. 13. All materials are due by 5 p.m. in the University Research Office, Morrill Hall Room 103.

think of biology and stuff." But the very definition of research is loose, and can be applied to every area of study — art, engineering and law, to name a few, he said. The criteria for the proposals are broad, and the committee will accept any proposal for review.

"I want to look at the importance of family housing for non-traditional students," said Kari McMurray, a senior in sociology.

She said she has been looking for funding for her project for the last six months — making lots of phone calls and keeping her eye on opportunities on the Internet.

"It was just a fluke that I found this (grant program). ... I

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ARTS&CULTURE

The Lionel Hampton School of Music premieres music from guest composer Gwyneth Walker and Deborah Arlyn plays music at UI.

OPINION

The editorial board gives you its two cents and Travis tells non-voters to shut up and vote.



SPORTS&REC

UI football coach Dennis Erickson is looking to reevaluate his team after its third straight loss.

ON the WEB

Check out The Argonaut online at

www.uiargonaut.com

Corrections

In the Nov. 3 issue of The Argonaut, Civic Partners, the developer in the University Place lawsuit, was named incorrectly due to Argonaut error.

WeatherFORECAST

Table with weather forecast for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, including high/low temperatures and precipitation chances.

Discover Life at the Idaho Commons & Student Union. Advertisement for Debra Arlyn Piano Pop at Commons Food Court.

XBox consoles are available for free checkout at the Commons Information Desk.

S.P.L. Sound Production & Lighting. Student Supported, Student Staffed. Specializing in Technical Support for Student Groups and Events.

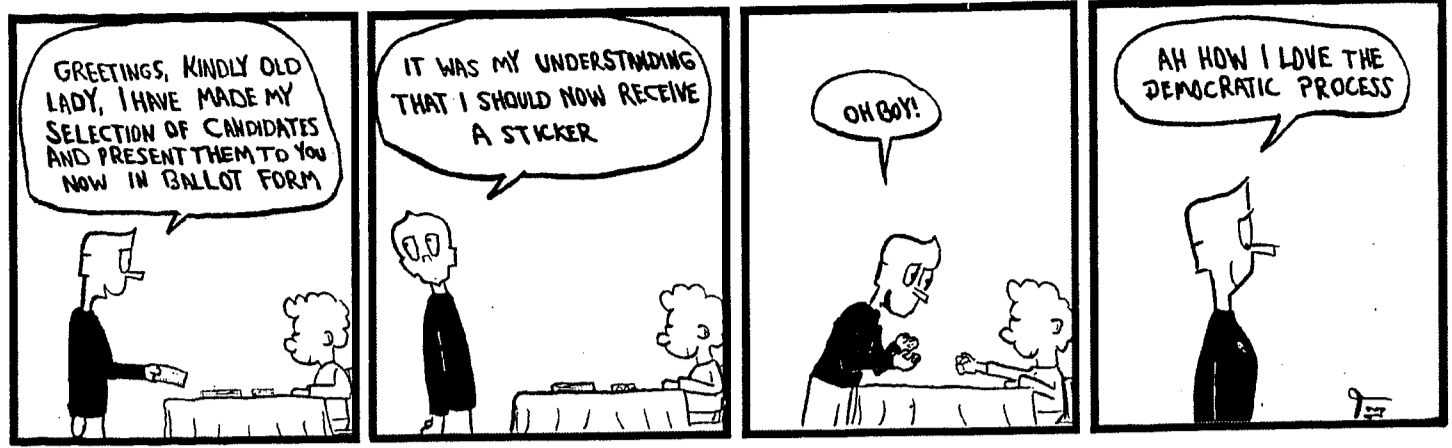
Outdoor Program. Annual Outdoor Equipment/Ski Swap Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. SRC Mac Court. Wilderness First Responder Course Jan. 3-10 (UI credit option).

Student Health Clinic Hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm. Student Health Pharmacy Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-5pm.

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UniversityAVE.



by Paul Tong/Argonaut

CampusCALENDAR

Today: University Interdisciplinary Colloquium: 'Water of the West: Towards a Sustainable, Interdisciplinary Water Resources Program'. Commons Whitewater Room 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Annual Distinguished Indian Speakers Series: Jeff Kinneveauk. McClure Hall Room 209 6:30 p.m. Thursday: IACURH Conference. All day.

UIRA annual meeting University Inn 9 a.m. Dissertation defense: Thor Hanson, natural resources College of Natural Resources Room 200 10 a.m. Idaho Treasures Award luncheon University Inn 11:30 a.m. MMBB seminar: Student Ben LaFrentz Life Sciences South Room 277 12:30 p.m.

Open house for Life Sciences South renovation Life Sciences South, fourth floor 3 p.m. Annual Distinguished American Indian Speaker Series: Cliff Sijohn McClure Hall Room 209 6 p.m. Canada Week lecture: Joseph Taylor of Simon Fraser University TLC Room 40 7 p.m.

LocalBRIEFS

U of Utah dean to meet with students. Dr. Wayne Samuelson, dean of admissions at University of Utah School of Medicine, will meet with interested students at 7 p.m. today in the Albertson Building Room 102.

Life Sciences Building. Everyone is welcome.

Student body encouraged to vote. An ASUI election will be held Nov. 13-15 for a student vote on a districting bill.

The results of the election will be announced as soon as votes are tallied in the ASUI office in Commons 302 on Nov. 15.

Delta Delta Delta hosts presentation. Kristin's story: A story of acquaintance rape and depression will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at the SUB Ballroom.

Dentist to talk to pre-dental students. Pre-dental students can learn more about dentistry and the Idaho Dental Education Program (IDEP) at Idaho State University with Dr. Travis Bartschi.

The amendment also requires that ASUI senators elected in the Fall 2006 General Election serve until May 2007 during the transition period from the current ASUI Senate election system to the new districting system.

Grant Program forms due Monday. Full-time undergraduate, graduate and law students are encouraged to apply for grants to support their creative, research and scholarly activities through the new Student Grant Program.

Kristin Cooper was a Baker University student and Alpha Chi Omega member who committed suicide on New Year's Eve in 1995. The story, told by her mother Andrea Cooper, tells of her acquaintance rape and subsequent suicide.

SudokuPUZZLE

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. Row 1: [] [] [7] [4] [] [] [] [] [9] [5]. Row 2: [] [] [] [] [1] [] [] [] [] []. Row 3: [6] [] [2] [8] [] [] [7] [3] [] []. Row 4: [] [2] [] [3] [] [] [9] [] [4] []. Row 5: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []. Row 6: [9] [] [4] [] [] [2] [] [7] [] []. Row 7: [] [1] [9] [] [] [6] [5] [] [7] []. Row 8: [] [] [] [7] [] [] [] [] [] []. Row 9: [3] [7] [] [] [] [5] [2] [] [] [].

Solutions from 11/3. 9x9 grid with numbers filled in. Row 1: 1 3 4 9 6 8 5 7 2. Row 2: 9 2 6 4 5 7 1 3 8. Row 3: 5 8 7 3 1 2 6 4 9. Row 4: 7 5 9 8 3 6 4 2 1. Row 5: 3 4 1 5 2 9 7 8 6. Row 6: 2 6 8 7 4 1 3 9 5. Row 7: 6 7 5 2 9 4 8 1 3. Row 8: 4 1 2 6 8 3 9 5 7. Row 9: 8 9 3 1 7 5 2 6 4.

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

CrosswordPUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Unforeseen obstacle, 5 Insider's advice, 8 Bear witness, 14 Ice unit, 15 Santa _ winds, 16 Taken care of, 17 Refrains, 19 Reviewed harshly, 20 Permitted by law, 21 Swiss rescue breed, 23 Click beetle, 25 Pisa's river, 26 DJR or JFK, 27 Coll. sports grp., 29 Distributors, 34 NFL rushing leader Smith, 36 Bombeck and others, 37 Whimper, 40 Preceding in order, 42 Well... that special, 43 Blatant self-assurance, 45 Birchbark boats, 47 Poet Maya, 49 Hero, briefly, 50 Finner's cry, 53 Egyptian goddess, 55 _ de corps, 57 Likings, 62 Potting soil, 63 Cheery, 64 Midday, 66 Frak of WKRP..., 67 NY gambling parlor, 68 Hunter or Connell, 69 Mystery writers' awards, 70 One of Pooh's pals, 71 Actress Sofer.

Solutions from X. 10x10 grid with numbers filled in. Row 1: 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. Row 2: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18. Row 3: 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27. Row 4: 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36. Row 5: 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45. Row 6: 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54. Row 7: 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63. Row 8: 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72. Row 9: 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81. Row 10: 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90.

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THIRD PARTY CANDIDATES		
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE FOR ONE	ANDY HEDDEN-NICELY (UNI) <input type="checkbox"/> DAVE OLSEN (IND) <input type="checkbox"/> PAUL SMITH (CON) <input type="checkbox"/>	
GOVERNOR VOTE FOR ONE	TED DUNLAP (LIB) <input type="checkbox"/> MARVIN RICHARDSON (CON) <input type="checkbox"/>	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VOTE FOR ONE	WILLIAM CHARLES WELLISCH (CON) <input type="checkbox"/>	
CANDIDATES FOR IDAHO STATE OFFICES		
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (POSITION B) VOTE FOR ONE	SHIRLEY M. RINGO (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/> L. ROGER FALEN (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
SUPERINTENDENT VOTE FOR ONE	JANA L. JONES (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/> TOM LUNA (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
SECRETARY OF STATE VOTE FOR ONE	BEN YSURSA (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
STATE CONTROLLER VOTE FOR ONE	DONNA M. JONES (REP) <input type="checkbox"/> JACKIE GROVES TWILEGAR (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/>	
STATE TREASURER VOTE FOR ONE	RON G. CRANE (REP) <input type="checkbox"/> HOWARD C. FAUX (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/>	
ATTORNEY GENERAL VOTE FOR ONE	ROBERT A. "BOB" WALLACE (DEM) <input type="checkbox"/> LAWRENCE G. WASDEN (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
STATE SENATOR VOTE FOR ONE	GARY J. SCHROEDER (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (POSITION A) VOTE FOR ONE	TOM TRAIL (REP) <input type="checkbox"/>	
CANDIDATES FOR LATAH COUNTY OFFICES		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT NO. 1) DONALD BALL (REP) • JENNIFER BARRETT (DEM)		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT NO. 3) JACK NELSON (REP) • LINDA S. PIKE (DEM)		
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT DOUG KREHBIEL (IND) • SUSAN R. PETERSEN (REP)		
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COUNTY CORONER DAVID L. HUTTON (REP) • CATHERINE M. MABBUTT (DEM)		
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SpeakOUT

Will you vote and why?



"I have already voted by absentee ballot. Voting is the highest duty in a democracy. It's what our troops defend: the right to vote to decide our government representatives."

*Jama Sabald
student financial aid adviser*



"I'm not sure yet. It depends on how fed up with all the negative campaign ads I am."

*Jessie Holderman
mechanical engineering major*



"Yes. I can't complain about who is in office if I can't vote."

*Nikki Goucher
education major*



"No. I'm not a U.S. citizen. I can't."

*Saori Tsuchida
communication studies major*

State ballot measures 2006

A sampling of hot-button issues on ballots in several states.

<p>Abortion limits</p> <p>California, Oregon, South Dakota</p>	<p>Same-sex marriage</p> <p>Arizona, Colorado*, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin</p> <p><small>*Two measures: One defines marriage, the other allows domestic partnerships</small></p>
<p>Property rights</p> <p>Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina</p>	<p>Decriminalize marijuana</p> <p>Colorado, Nevada, South Dakota (medical use)</p>
<p>Raise minimum wage</p> <p>Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio</p>	<p>Smoking ban, taxes</p> <p>Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, South Dakota</p>

States with the most ballot measures

Arizona	19
Colorado	14
California	13
S. Dakota	11
Nevada	10
Oregon	10

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
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**know your
BALLOT ISSUES**

For the full text that will appear on the ballot visit www.idahovotes.gov.

Proposition 1: Initiative increasing K-12 education funding for local public schools by adding 1 percent to state sales tax or an amount at least equal to the amount of revenue that would have been generated by increasing the sales and use taxes as provided in this section while holding funding for all other existing public services harmless. (idahovotes.gov)

Explanation: Would require the Legislature to raise the sales tax by 1 percent (one penny) or find an equivalent amount of money to go toward K-12 schools. The money would be used for buying textbooks, retaining teachers, maintaining buildings and other classroom purposes.

Proposition 2: Initiative limiting eminent domain when used for economic development; defining land use law; and permitting just compensation for regulatory takings.

Explanation: Places limitations on the taking of private property and provides for compensation for landowners when property values are affected by government regulation.

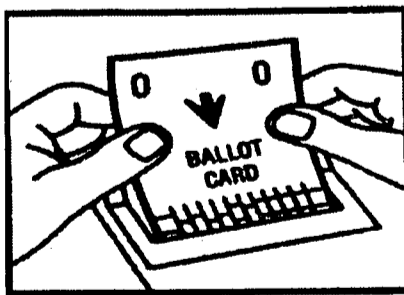
H.J.R. 2: Shall Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 28, to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be

valid or recognized in this state?
Explanation: Extends current Idaho law to restrict all civil or domestic unions between same-sex and heterosexual couples. The current law already defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

S.J.R. 107: Shall the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 18, Article VII, to create an Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund to consist of 80 percent of the moneys received each year by the state of Idaho on and after Jan. 1, 2007, pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement entered into between tobacco product manufacturers and the state of Idaho.

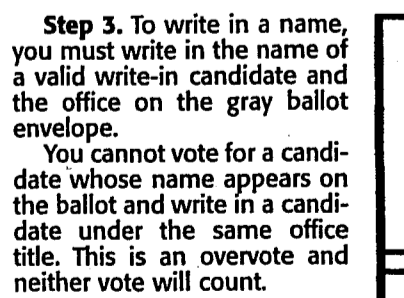
Explanation: If the amendment is adopted, 80 percent of the tobacco settlement money Idaho receives each year will be deposited into a newly created permanent endowment fund and 20 percent will be deposited into the existing Idaho Millennium Fund. All money in the permanent endowment fund will remain in the fund, with the exception that every year 5 percent of the fund's average monthly fair market value will be deposited into an income fund that is subject to appropriation. In addition, each year any amount in the Idaho Millennium Fund in excess of a maximum amount, as provided by law, will be transferred to the permanent endowment fund. (Written by Ben Ysura, Secretary of State)

**how to
VOTE**



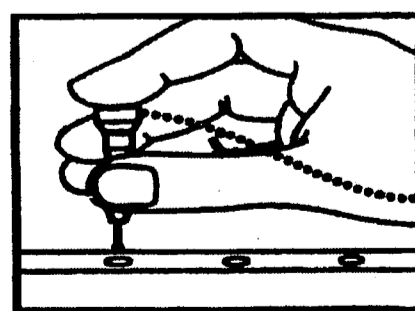
Step 1. Using both hands, insert the ballot card all the way into the voting unit. Be sure the two slots in the top stub of your ballot card fit down over the two red pins.

Step 2. Using the Official Ballot pages, find the voting number for your choice and punch that same number in the voting unit. Hold the punch device straight up and down when punching. Do not use a pen or pencil on voting unit.



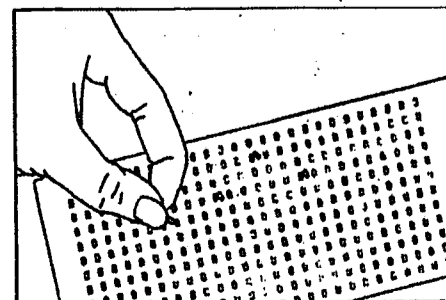
Step 3. To write in a name, you must write in the name of a valid write-in candidate and the office on the gray ballot envelope.

You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.



Step 4. After voting, withdraw the ballot card. Inspect it to be sure all holes are cleanly and completely punched out. Remove any loose chads as illustrated.

Note: If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, another ballot can be issued by returning the spoiled one to the Election Clerk.



Step 5. Insert ballot card into gray ballot envelope and return to the Receiving Clerk.

Brady looks to bring change of pace

Q. How would you describe your political affiliation?

A. Democrat.

Q. Why should you be elected as governor?

A. I see an opportunity to protect what is best about Idaho, a place I love. Our state is at a crossroads. Idaho should be the next great place, not a place that once was great simply because we didn't protect it. I'm not a politician; I've been a businessman in Idaho Falls. I am my own man, not a member of the political club. I base my decisions on principles, not the interests of one group or party. I will do what's best to protect Idaho's interests. I will protect our way of life.

Q. What is your background in politics and how will this aid you in fulfilling the governor position?

A. I have never held public

office, unlike my opponent who is a 30-year politician. I do not feel that my lack of political experience is a handicap. Rather, my independent background as a businessman in Idaho Falls is exactly why I am the man for the job. Do you want more of the same politics-as-usual, or a breath of fresh air? I will bring a change of pace to the one-party establishment in Boise.

Q. What will you bring to the college-age demographic of voters?

A. My campaign is staffed predominantly by young people. I admire and share the drive to do the right thing, to work hard for an ideal and to engage the world with passion and integrity. I steadfastly support higher education. It is the cornerstone of a strong, healthy society. My plan to implement a state-wide community college system will bring opportunities to Idaho's young people who have not previously had an accessible state-wide system of two-year colleges.

Q. What are your views on minimum wage in Idaho?

A. I am committed to providing a livable wage for all Idahoans. As governor, I will act quickly to raise the minimum wage to at least \$7, a clear message that our hard labor is not for sale to the lowest bidders. I have heard too many stories of Idahoans being forced to choose between staying in the state they love and leaving for higher wages in other states. I will keep good paying jobs in Idaho while building more for the future.

Q. What are your views on CIEDRA (Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act) and Boulder-White Clouds?

A. I do support CIEDRA. This legislation aims to protect wildlife, promote all kinds of recreation and access, help our rural economy and provide a living legacy for our children. CIEDRA is not a perfect bill; there are elements which I oppose. But CIEDRA is a good bill. Let's not make perfect the enemy of the good.

These are collaborative efforts and models of bridge building. As governor I'll help craft a final, reasonable consensus on protecting wilderness. Idaho is Idaho because it is wild.

Q. What are your views on our present situation in Iraq?

A. Unfortunately, Iraq is not a policy where a governor can effect much change. I do, however, greatly admire Idaho's men and women in service who have volunteered and sacrificed to serve our country. All campaign, I have traveled with Randy Johnson, who served in the Idaho National Guard in Iraq. Driving over 35,000 miles across Idaho during this campaign, Specialist Johnson has told me many stories of his time in Iraq. I honor him and am grateful to his service all the troops who serve.

Q. What are your views on abortion? Gay marriage?

A. I will vote no (on H.J.R. 2). I am a traditionalist — my faith teach-

es me that marriage is between a man and a woman — but this resolution goes too far in restricting the personal freedoms of consenting adults, including heterosexual couples. The amendment takes our eye off the ball of the real problem, which is Idaho's high divorce rate. My Marriage Protection Plan will strengthen existing marriages and reduce divorces by offering marriage education classes to married couples or couples thinking about marriage.

My church teaches me that abortion is wrong. However, as a man, I recognize that I will never have to make the difficult decision of an abortion. As governor, I will uphold current federal laws regarding abortion. The real issue that we face is not necessarily whether to change abortion law, but how to limit the number of abortions in Idaho.

Republican governor candidate C.L. "Butch" Otter was also contacted about his views on the questions, but did not respond as of Monday night.

State representative hopefuls face off in county

By Christina Lords
Argonaut

Palouse voters will have to choose between two of their own for the Idaho House of Representatives race Tuesday.

Republican candidate Roger Falen of Genesee and Democratic candidate Shirley Ringo of Moscow said they want to see more funding for education, especially for the University of Idaho.

"I want more funding to improve the programs (at UI) and to promote technology," Falen said. "I want to keep programs to retain people in Idaho. I think it's important to fill university positions from within."

Ringo said she wants to make higher education as accessible as possible. She hopes to create more need-based scholarships so that stu-

dents only have to work part-time.

"The school experience is a very important benefit. I don't want students to have to work full-time and go to school," Ringo said.

Ringo's other top priority is to raise Idaho's minimum wage. The wage has been stuck at \$5.15 an hour since 1997, Ringo said. She said she would like to see minimum wage legislation to raise the wage, and support raising minimum wage on the federal level. If that isn't a success, Ringo said she would like to see minimum wage go through the initiative process and let voters decide on it.

"Prices go up and up, expenses go up and up, but the wage stays the same and this leaves a lot of people in severe poverty," Ringo said.

Falen said he didn't know

all of the effects of raising wages in Idaho, but would be in favor of raising the minimum wage.

Both candidates said they are opposed to the H.J.R. 2 amendment, which would make the marriage between a man and a woman the only domestic legal union recognized by the state of Idaho.

Falen said he opposes it on the basis of individual rights and the terminology of the amendment.

"I support a civil union," Falen said. "I think everyone should have the right to all the same benefits."

Ringo said she feels that the proposed amendment is about more than just gay marriage, because it also prohibits any legal union that isn't a marriage between a man and a woman.

"I'm against it — I think it's

discriminatory," Ringo said. "I don't see any reason to discriminate against same-sex couples. They have the right to happiness that anyone else does."

Ringo has a bachelor's and a master's degree in math from Washington State University. She is a retired high school math teacher of 38 years. She has served three terms in the Legislature, and serves on the legislative budget-writing committee, the commerce and human resources committee, and the transportation and defense committee.

Falen has a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in animal nutrition from UI. He is a researcher in UI's animal and veterinary science department. He is the chairman of the District 6 Republicans.



Shirley Ringo



Roger Falen

Hometown: Moscow

Education: M.A.T., and B.A. in mathematics at Washington State University

Background: former teacher and House Representative

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Vans get makeover

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

Thanks to a \$20,000 federal grant, Gritman Medical Center is getting two brand-new community vehicles to better serve patients in need of transportation.

Community transportation is a free service Gritman provides for patients unable to commute to and from appointments. This isn't to be confused with ambulance service, said Jennifer Pfiffner, Gritman's director of public relations and marketing. People in an emergency will still need to dial 911.

"(The vans) are meant to help people who aren't able to drive or get around make routine appointments or rehabilitation treatments," she said. "We're trying to make medical services more available to patients in need."

The center's current vehicle is a 1996 Chevy 1-Ton ADA-Band, a truck specially made to comply with the American Disability Act. It was donated that same year by the hospital's auxiliary services, said David Hanline, Gritman's director of transportation, materials and environmental services.

But because the vans travel all across Latah County, not just Moscow, they have suffered a lot of wear and tear in the past decade. And with patients' demand for transportation increasing, something needed to be done.

In response, both the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transportation Administration kicked in money for the hospital to upgrade its fleet. The Latah County Commissioners also gave some finances.

With the funds it received, Gritman purchased two new vehicles: a 2006 Ford E-350 Van Terra XL and a minivan. Both cars have 4x4 drive, which will help in the upcoming winter months.

However, there are still only two cars covering the entire Latah County. This means the service is not available at a patient's beck and call. The community vans are still a more convenient option than public transportation, Pfiffner said.

"That is not a viable option for every town," she said. "Buses don't drop you off right at the hospital, they also don't run everywhere in the county."

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federal grants because of the money given to Wheatland. Wheatland Express and Valley Transit have no business connection, LaPointe said, but the company is allowed to use the \$200,000 given to Wheatland by UI and WSU as "soft-match" money to receive federal aid.

How it works, LaPointe explained, is as the lead institution for the contract, UI receives \$100,000 from WSU every year to fund the shuttle. UI then writes a check for \$200,000 (WSU's \$100,000 plus UI's \$100,000) to Wheatland Express. LaPointe asks the president's office to write a letter stating that UI gives the money in support of transportation and he can use that letter to get the government to "soft-match" the funds, LaPointe said. "Soft-match" means the government gives matching grant dollars for money that is not actually received by Valley Transit.

Valley Transit has a total operating budget of about \$280,000, LaPointe said. It receives \$40,000 from the city of Moscow (an amount that Moscow doubled from previous years) and \$20,000 indirectly from UI. Mues said the \$20,000 is money that the university collects in parking tickets for the city streets on campus. They give the money to Moscow, which has chosen to pass it on to Valley Transit, Mues said. The rest of the budget is received in grants. The company services all of Idaho Region 2, from the Latah County line to just south of Riggins. While

it is a large geographic area, it has a lower population, LaPointe said, and funds are divided based on population.

When combining the \$200,000 the universities give to Wheatland with the \$200,000 Valley Transit gets in grant money, LaPointe said UI is essentially getting \$400,000 worth of services for its initial \$100,000 contribution.

"I know these are tough times," LaPointe said. "We understand that the university is in tough times, but we think this is a tremendous deal."

That the service provided is needed by the community isn't part of the problem, Mues said. The decision the university has to make is whether it is their job to fund it.

"We're at a stage where we can't (afford the bus), Mues said. "One-hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money. The good news is, this is an opportunity for city and community to talk about it."

One way that the university may be able to continue funding the program, Mues said, is by adding a transit fee to UI student fees. He will be approaching students this spring to discuss whether students would be willing to pay for the buses, Mues said. According to Mues, WSU already charges its students a fee for transit.

If the UI decides to stop funding the system and funding is not picked up by another source (such as the city), Valley Transit will no longer be able to receive federal grants for its two fixed-route schedules in Moscow.

"We will cease operating our fixed-route service," LaPointe said. "We have to have money to run."

Making crossings equal

By Brandon Macz
Argonaut

Engineering students gathered Thursday to discuss a project to make pedestrian crossings an equal access opportunity for the disabled.

Smart Signals is a project started a year ago by electrical engineering instructor Richard Wall. When he first started envisioning the project, Wall contacted fellow instructor Michael Kyte to get a second opinion. Kyte, a civil engineering instructor and director of the National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology, agreed there was a definite need for these pedestrian safety devices.

A model of the device was set up at the conference for students to look at.

The large black box had a small red button on the top and faced a chart with a wheel on it with every directional point marked: north, south, east and west. Turning the box slightly, computer engineering student Bryan Humphrey pushed the red button and the southwest portion of the wheel lit up.

With a smaller-scale wireless device like this in the hands of a disabled pedestrian, the traffic signals would acknowledge them and not the fixed pedestrian buttons, which are not always conveniently located. These buttons can be troublesome for the blind and visually impaired, Carol Baron said.

Baron is the outreach director for the Idaho School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, one of the school's representatives at the conference. She was invited by Wall when he came to the school last spring.

"I think it's a great thing to explore in terms of enabling independence," Baron said.

Baron has been visually impaired for 34 years as a result of her diabetes. Diabetes can often trigger blindness and visual impairment in those with the disease.

Baron is legally blind in one eye and has a 60 percent hearing impairment in the ear of

her good eye. She said she often has trouble with the fixed pedestrian buttons.

"By the time you find the button, you have to reorient yourself with which direction you're traveling in," she said. "We all appreciate being included in this whole effort."

Covering the political and legal concerns for Smart Signals was Paul Olson for the Federal Highway Administration. He is the Intelligent Transportation Systems technology engineer on the project and an authority of traffic signal systems.

Olson said some state laws would conflict with the device's purpose. In order to make more time at a crosswalk, alterations would have to be made to the red and yellow intervals on traffic lights. To do this in some states would mean changing legislation, Olson said.

According to Olson, the best route for the Smart Signals team will be to show how many disabled pedestrians would benefit, show how the whole process would work and then submit a proof of process through all the legislative channels.

Beside every intersection is a box, called a cabinet, which controls the traffic lights and their timing. The cabinet is owned by the city. A Smart Signal box would be installed beside the cabinet's traffic controller system to transmit new information for time adjustments.

Wall has been working with Moscow officials to set up an experimental Smart Signal location at the Sixth and Deakin light. Wall told Olson that he plans on using most of next year developing Smart Signal before testing it in late 2007.

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was thrilled."

McMurray said she would use the money to conduct surveys with all the residents in family housing on the UI campus to discover what amenities are most appealing to a non-traditional student.

There are a minimum of 18 grants at a maximum of \$1,500, and one highly competitive grant at a maximum of \$5,000. The money is to be used to pay for equipment, expendable supplies, computer time, travel and other legitimate expenses.

Also available is \$10,000 for dissemination grants with a maximum of \$1,500 per grant. This money can go toward paying for the publication, presentation or exhibition of research.

Diana Bell, an anthropology graduate student, said the program was exactly what she has been looking for.

"It's really difficult to get

funding for a master's thesis," she said, "so I'm really glad they are doing this."

She said she will apply for the \$5,000 grant to fund the trip to West Africa that she has been planning for a year. The grant would be just enough to cover expenses such as vaccinations, equipment, airfare, visa fee, room and board and translation fees.

Bell said she has wanted to do her thesis in West Africa ever since she was an undergraduate and wanted to study the primarily Muslim religion in that area in cooperation with a Protestant mission group.

"This area of anthropology is very understudied and with the Muslim and Christian conflicts today it is very important," she said.

She said she had seen lesser grants offered to graduates that would help with some of the funding, but not come near to what the SGP would provide.

"Something is better than nothing, but this is huge."

The criteria for winning a

grant depends on a few factors, said Oswald, vice chair and graduate science representative for the program. First of all, a certain scholastic ability is required, with quality writing that shows a clear purpose in the proposal.

"Is what they are proposing going to benefit themselves, the university and the field they are in?"

The grant program is funded by last year's student fees and because of this, Settles said, there is a large emphasis on it belonging to UI students.

"Because this is a student initiative, we want students involved at every level — in the writing of proposals, the reviewing, the decision-making and then those who get the money for their project."

The associate deans of each college selected six undergraduates, three graduates and one law student to represent their college.

So far, the student response has been good, said Oswald.

"They're not procrastinating like most students," she said.

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First sustainability center projects begin

By Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Senior architecture student Maura Martin didn't know about the University of Idaho Sustainability Center (UISC) until she heard about the Sim Van der Ryn lecture and design workshop.

The event on Oct. 31 was the first part of a project proposed by sophomore architecture student Jens Carlson to redesign five rooms in Shoup Hall, home to the UISC.

Like Martin, many people at UI are becoming more aware of the UISC as the first two student proposals begin. One other proposal underway will create a multimedia interactive map focusing on the green areas of campus.

Carlson's proposal outlined a three-week student competition to develop plans, focused on sustainability, for the UISC remodel.

"Architects will be in the forefront of leading change to sustainable living," Carlson said.

The lecture and workshop were helpful, Martin said.

"I think if the school did (things like this) more often it would be great," Martin said. "There was a lot of cross disciplinary people taking part in this."

Each semester the student-run UISC will sponsor about five student-led projects that promote sustainability on campus and in the community. This is the student-initiated and student-fee funded center's first semester of operation.

Van der Ryn led the design workshop, called a design charette. The event was for students to create ideas for the UISC redesign. About 50 students attended the workshop in the Commons Whitewater Room. The students formed groups and were given a set of

guidelines for the design.

Van der Ryn talked about how materials create space and that it is important to consider what story a place tells and what it means, said senior Rose Keller, UISC director.

Martin said she was impressed by Van der Ryn, who visited UI to lead the workshop.

"I thought he was very nice and very approachable," she said. "He was friendly and listened to what everyone had to say."

Carlson contacted Van der Ryn early in the semester and to begin discussion about the architect coming to UI.

The deadline for the redesign plans is Wednesday. A judging panel will choose three finalist teams, which will be announced on Friday. The finalists will present their projects in front of the panel. The panel and UISC staff will then help the teams develop their projects further.

The program has generated a lot of interest across the campus, Keller said.

The redesign process of the UISC is expected to take a while due to limited funding, she said.

Keller said she hopes they will find a lot of outside support for the project, such as companies willing to donate products or money.

Other student projects for this fall are in different stages of negotiation, said Claudia Hemphill Pine, UISC communications coordinator.

Student project proposals submitted this semester to the UISC covered subjects such as recycling and wetland revitalization proposals.

"The proposals touched on a lot of important areas," Hemphill Pine said.

But there were no proposals for areas such as energy efficiency, electronics efficiency, water

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conservation and global warming, she said. Some of these ideas are already being worked on for spring semester proposals, though.

UISC student proposals are reviewed by the UISC staff and UISC Campus Community Advisory Board. The advisory board provides more support for the UISC and is made of two faculty members, one staff member, two ASUI representatives, one GPSA representative and one Student Bar Association representative.

Senior Jed Kleppen submitted the proposal to create a multimedia interactive map titled "Our Green Campus." He received the green light to move forward with his project on Oct. 27.

Kleppen said the UISC staff liked Kleppen's proposal because it focused on an interdisciplinary aspect of campus. The five members of Kleppen's team are all from different campus departments including business, engineering, psychology and sociology. Kleppen found his team members in a variety of ways such as talking to people and referencing his black book.

"I've learned to hire for character because you can train skill," Kleppen said.

Everyone on Kleppen's team is passionate about the project, Keller said.

The map will have links to "green" areas, or sustainability-friendly areas, on campus. Each

link will go to a 45-second video on the area. The team has already started filming.

There are places on campus that exemplify sustainability that no one knows about, Kleppen said.

"There are a lot of great ideas that don't get the exposure they deserve," Kleppen said.

Green spots on campus include the UI steam plant, the reclaimed water irrigation system and the Administration Building lawn, a nationally protected forest, he said.

As far as the UISC staff and Kleppen know, the map is the only one of its kind for colleges in the United States.

The tentative completion of the map is slated for the later part of January, Kleppen said.

The sustainability center efforts are going well, said Hemphill Pine, one of the UI students who developed the plan for the UISC.

"We have come further and faster than other schools, with fewer resources and less amounts of money," she said.

The center is way ahead of student expectations, Hemphill Pine said.

"We want this center to be somewhere for students to come and get involved," Keller said.

The focus of the center will always be students being empowered. It is able to do this by providing students with hands-on experience, Hemphill Pine said.

"Everyone on this campus knows how to talk about collaboration," Hemphill Pine said. "But a lot of students don't get to take classes outside their department."

Students can come to the UISC and build networks, Keller said. As a result, the UISC will get stronger and stronger, she said.

Meet the University of Idaho Sustainability Center student staff

Rose Keller, student director

Keller is a senior studying international studies with an emphasis in Eastern Europe and Russia. Keller has always been interested in sustainability. She grew up living in an environmentally friendly lifestyle. Keller has lived in Kenya and traveled to developing nations, which has heightened her passion for the environment, and living environmental lifestyles. She has had experience working for federal agencies and non-governmental organizations, as efforts to promote sustainable living in areas that include agriculture, global warming and energy use.

Claudia Hemphill Pine, communication coordinator

Hemphill Pine is a Ph.D. student in environmental science. She made sustainability a key topic while teaching a UI class and participating in two seminars. Her efforts have resulted in students developing campus projects that include selling reusable coffee cups and the Talloires Declaration signing in spring 2005, confirming UI's commitment to sustainability. In 2005 she began working with a team to develop the plan for the UISC.

Alecia Hoene, project coordinator

Hoene is a master's student in environmental science. Her upbringing was quite opposite of Keller's, she said. Hoene lived a lifestyle where little or no thought was given to sustainability until she moved to Seattle, where the amount of development she saw hit home, she said. After her move to Seattle she decided to implement sustainable practices into her own life.

Ben Austin, technology coordinator

Austin is a senior in environmental science. He was a member of the UISC initiative team since 2005. He is currently completing research to identify what faculty, staff, student and community leaders consider the main factors helping and hindering sustainability progress at UI.

Julian Matthews, business coordinator

Matthews is a Ph.D. student in higher education administration. He has been involved in sustainability efforts on campus since the signing of the Talloires declaration. He has been an active member of the UI environmental club. "It is important to get the idea of sustainability into college students heads," Matthews said.

Women unite at engineering conference

By Hartley Riedner
Argonaut

April Christenson, coordinator for Women in Engineering Day, said she still remembers when she participated in the visitation day when she was in high school.

"It convinced me to stay in science," she said. "It was a great experience and I loved the day."

The day provides an opportunity for female high school students from Idaho who may feel hindered by their school curriculum or gender to learn about engineering. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, women are underrepresented in all engineering fields, and make up just 10 percent of engineers worldwide.

The event begins at 8 a.m. Friday at the University Inn, and lasts until 5

p.m. It is funded by the College of Engineering.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for students to learn about engineering in general," Christenson said, especially for women. "It's not a field with a high population of women in it."

The day was created 13 years ago by Dr. Jean Teasdale, the assistant dean for student research and outreach within the college of engineering. From a recent five-year span of data, Christenson said that about 55 percent of the students who attend the event end up at least initially enrolled in an engineer-

ing program at the University of Idaho, and about 75 percent of the students come to UI.

The day is promoted throughout the state by mailings sent to all math and science teachers in Idaho, all high school counselors and engineering alumni. Students are nominated and then asked to send in an application.

"We want the day to be academically productive," Christenson said, and she uses the application process to ensure that the students are coming for academic reasons as well. This year, she is expecting 60 girls to participate.

Throughout the day, the high school students interact with female engineering students and faculty from all eight disciplines within the field.

A panel with engineering students, faculty and professionals begins the day. Panel members will share why they chose to go into engineering, the resources they use as women and words of advice. The panel then will open up to a question-and-answer session when the high school students can ask them questions about their career, choices and obstacles.

"Common questions are like, 'How did you balance family with engineering?' and 'How did you find role models?'" Christenson said.

Students also frequently ask about the difficulty of classes and what opportunities are available for female engineers.

The day continues with lab tours to get a better understanding of the eight disciplines and a mini-design engineering challenge.

The purpose of the mini-design challenge, Christenson explained, is to show the girls the range of skills that engineers need to have.

"It's not all just math and science. Many girls don't realize that they need those other skills."

Those other skills include teamwork, communication and leadership skills, Christenson said.

The Women in Engineering Day is an event that both high school students and current UI students and faculty look forward to, and has been looked at by the university as a model for other, similar programs through other colleges.

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Quiet people aren't scary. I speak from experience. I am generally a very quiet person — I don't raise my hand in class, and I usually have to be spoken to first before I say anything. Is it because I'm shy? No, not necessarily. What most people don't understand is that quiet people don't say anything because they don't have anything constructive to say. As a quiet person, I think saying random crap just to hear my own voice is pretty useless. So, I don't practice it. There's your explanation. But, to all you loud people out there — please, don't stop your incessant chatting. I need some entertainment as I sit in the back of the room before class.

-Sarrah

Christmas anticipation

I'm getting really excited about buying Christmas presents. I think it's probably my favorite thing to do all year. I love the challenge of trying to find the perfect gifts for my family and friends. And if it seems weird that I'm thinking about it now, it's not. Really. I start early and trick myself into thinking that I didn't spend much, since it's over a long amount of time. And it takes the stress off of shopping in the holiday madness.

-Miranda

Mmm ... fudge

Among the many groovy things discovered on The Argonaut's recent expedition to St. Louis was a nifty little shop called the Fudgery. At the Fudgery, a small national chain, friendly cooks make fudge the old-fashioned way ... all while singing. They have to sing as part of their applications process, so they're all really good. Unfortunately, the chain is mostly on the East Coast, but there is one slightly nearby, in Tulalip, Wash., at the Seattle Premium Outlets. If you get the chance, don't miss a chance to eat fudge and get entertained.

-Tara

Dress-up day

I haven't dressed up in months. Months, I tell you. In fact, the last time I remember really getting gussied up for anything was my wedding ... that was three months ago. So today for some strange reason, I decide to make myself look presentable (must be those new meds). Of course, it wasn't until I was halfway to school, sloshing through the puddles and trying to keep my umbrella from folding inside itself, that I wondered to myself, "Why the heck did I pick today to dress up?" I'm such a nerd. Oh well, it's the thought that counts.

-Teresa

Favorite day

My favorite day in November is almost here. Nov. 8: the day after elections. Yes folks, that's right — it's the day we can finally turn on our television with a sigh of relief that we don't have to watch any of those horrendous political advertisements that tell us which politician is the worse of the two evils, the one who will take the least amount of our money. I just can't stop smiling thinking of watching an entire brainless hour of "Grey's Anatomy" Thursday.

-Cynthia

Get off the road

I don't like running but I do it anyway. I drag myself out of bed in the morning, stumble down the street, and pray that I make it back to my apartment without falling. I hate it and it's all I can do to get myself going in the morning. However, if you, Mr. Mean Truck Driver (yes, you know who you are), splash me one more time while I'm waiting to cross the street in the rain, I'll do something. Something bad, real bad. I don't know what it is yet, but there are going to be some serious consequences. Like me quitting running and getting fat. Thanks a lot Mr. Mean Truck Driver. You suck.

-Mackenzie

An election alternative

By now, you've been inundated in election reporting and ads. So why not focus on the tale of 69-year-old Russell Teeter, who after more than 10 convictions for exposing himself to children was sentenced Friday to wear a T-shirt to work with the words "I am a registered sex offender" emblazoned upon it? Sure, the shirt will keep kids away from the gardening business Teeter shares with his wife. But isn't there something else — effective counseling, even — that he can be forced through?

-Nate

OurVIEW

Our two cents

Who deserves your vote

So you've read up on all the candidates, but still aren't sure who to vote for today. Maybe we can help. Here's our take on the races we feel comfortable choosing:

Governor: Jerry Brady

True, Butch Otter brings loads of experience to the table, but his about-face early this year on selling public lands and his general unwillingness to debate his opponents smack of a man who isn't sure what his constituents want and isn't sure he cares. Contrast that with Brady, whose campaign and attempt to meet his public this year has been a huge improvement over his last try four years ago, and the upstart Democrat has the edge. Neither Ted Dunlap, one of the more palatable Libertarians in recent memory, nor Marvin "Pro-Life" Richardson, formerly of the Constitution Party and now just a kook, are likely to win.

Lt. Governor: Larry LaRocco

Not necessarily because he's the best candidate but because his opposition is worse. That's no dig on LaRocco — the Democrat has served Idaho before, in the House from 1991-94, and his focus on fighting meth and bettering education mesh well with his history of preserving public lands for both hikers and hunters.

Former Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, on the other hand, behaved well enough until his power trip this year when he got to play governor. Though some have viewed the Republican's decisive action on

property taxes and his attempt to change Idaho's roadless plan as a sign of aggressive and effective policy, that doesn't change the fact that they were hasty decisions more intended to ensure people know who Risch is. If he has so many ideas for Idaho, why does he want to demote himself?

Constitution candidate William Charles Wellisch, with the rest of his party, seems bent on ensuring only Christians live in the U.S. Don't encourage him.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Jana Jones

Just barely. Jones, the Democrat and current No. 2 to Superintendent Marilyn Howard, clearly has the edge in terms of experience and background for the job — oh, and the support of most Idaho teachers. The best Republican Tom Luna can use is a nebulous assignment as director of the U.S. Rural Education Taskforce, which may or may not have actually accomplished anything. Of course, that associates him with former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, who famously called the National Education Association a "terrorist organization."

What Luna is good at is throwing out education and No Child Left Behind buzzwords. Don't let that fool you: Luna may run a better campaign, but Jones will be the better choice when the job begins.

Attorney General: Lawrence Wasden

Democrat Bob Wallace seems a nice enough chap, but incumbent Republican Wasden has

done a commendable job in the position. Let's pat him on the back and send him back in.

1st Congressional District: Larry Grant

Easily. Some people may see the fact that Republican Bill Sali angers his own party as a good thing. "He sticks to his guns," they say. That may be true, but how useful will that be when congressmen cut out Sali and any favorable legislation for Idaho because they say he is an idiot?

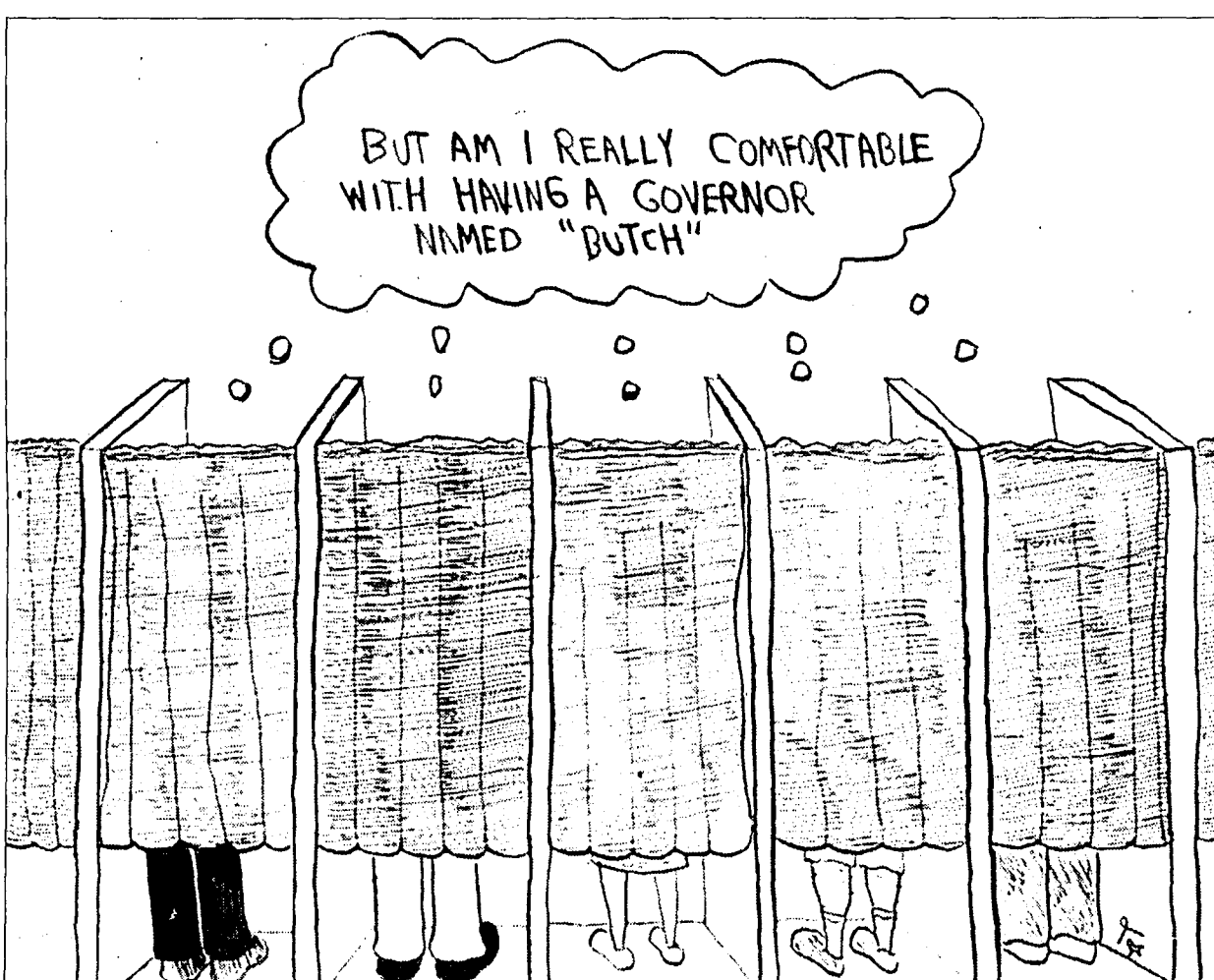
For a Democrat, Grant is remarkably grounded in the "traditional" Idaho values, and he seems bent on bettering Idaho rather than badmouthing his opponents. In another state, he could almost be conservative. In this state, he's the right choice.

Once again, the third-parties just don't measure up. The most notable is United candidate Andy Hedden-Nicely, who has some good ideas but is remembered more for essentially jumping up and down, waving his arms and screaming "Look at me!" all election season.

State Representative B: Shirley Ringo

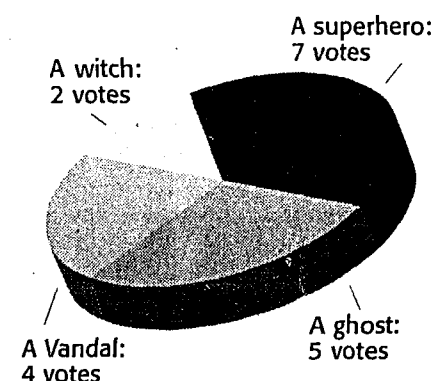
We almost feel sorry for Republican Roger Falen. As a UI employee, he has detailed plans for education. He's also a strong public records advocate, something this board appreciates. But Ringo, a Democrat, overwhelms him in terms of experience

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Last week:

What did you dress up as for Halloween when you were 6?



This week:

Do you use the Wheatland Express bus between Moscow and Pullman?

Cast your vote at the Argonaut's Web site, www.uiargonaut.com.

Learn from Mexico: Si no votas ... cállate

This summer I had the pleasure of studying abroad in our southern neighbor, Mexico. It was a particularly interesting time to be in the country as there was a general and presidential election in July. While living in Mexico is by itself an eye opener, being there for an election was a real education in civics.

For those of you unfamiliar with Mexican politics, the country was controlled for more than 70 years by a single party government known as the PRI (Partido Revolucionario Institucional, or Institutional Revolutionary Party). The PRI maintained hegemony over the country by more or less rigging elections to prevent another party from coming to power. In 2000, Vicente Fox became the first president of Mexico from a second party since the 1930s as a member of the PAN (Partido Acción Nacional, or National Action Party).

On July 2 the country returned to the polls for a general election and to elect a new president (in Mexico presidential terms are six years, and presidents are prohibited from serving consecutive terms). The run-up to the election was impressive — nearly every streetlight, billboard, wall next to a street and newspaper was covered with advertisements for candidates for office. Being a foreign student, I wasn't supposed to discuss Mexican politics while in the country. But it was usually the only thing Mexicans wanted to talk about (in my experience Mexicans are generally extremely friendly and tend to randomly start conversations with foreigners whenever and wherever possible, i.e. bars, restaurants, beaches, the Mexico City subway, etc). So, I would try to have a civil discussion without offending whomever I was talking to. After my first month there, it was quite apparent that Mexicans are more passionate about the politics of their country than Americans

are. But I suppose you could say they have a reason to be. They've only lived in a multiparty democracy for six years now. Hence, the memory of single-party tug politics is still fresh in their memory.

America is one of the world's most stable democracies. Our government has functioned continuously under the same constitution and a multiparty system since 1789, surviving economic isolation from Europe, an invasion by the British Empire, war with Mexico, a civil war, European colonialism, a world war, modern history's worst economic depression, a second world war, the most expensive standoff in history (the Cold War and its proxy wars) and rock 'n' roll. The United States is the only surviving superpower

with the fastest economic growth of the developed world and a shrinking crime rate. Perhaps that's why we generally don't care about politics, because there's nothing going on that threatens society at large. So, it seems we've decided to turn our attention to more pressing matters like invading countries in Mesopotamia to stop terrorism that wasn't there until we invaded, and building fences — not the friendly white picket kind — around our borders to make sure no one steps on the grass, and by grass I mean jobs and social welfare programs.

A political theory holds that democracies in which the populace is content tend not to have a large voter turnout. In countries where the populace is unhappy with the state of things, the voter turnout tends to be rather large. Mexico is one such country. It's no secret that Mexico is plagued by economic and social problems. So, what you have is a country desperate for improvement and an electorate that's adamant to impact change on its government. One of the political advertisements that was everywhere was a picture of a

person holding their index finger over their mouth in the universal "be quiet" gesture, with a single slogan "Si no votas... cállate." In English, "If you don't vote... shut up." In other words, if you don't exercise your right to vote, you shouldn't be talking (with regard to politics). I think it's an expression we should import.

Although America is seemingly content, people still relentlessly complain about politics and the voter turnout is embarrassingly low. Next time someone complains to you about what's going on in America, ask him or her if they voted in the last general election. Statistically, they have a 50 percent or one in two chance of saying no. One in two — good odds if you're gambling, but that's pathetic in terms of political involvement. If you don't participate in politics through your right to vote, you shouldn't talk about it.

The approval ratings of the president and Congress are also embarrassingly low. If so many people don't approve of these people, how on earth were they elected to office? Simple, low voter turnout. The segment of the population that's not content didn't exercise its ability to impact the system. As an example, evangelicals are without argument the most influential group of people in America. But they're a minority, a minority that votes in large numbers and votes in unison. You can't complain about the influence of evangelicals on politics because they're using the system how it was designed. Only those that vote have an impact.

Show up to the polls today and make an impact in your country. You could help keep us from picking fights in the name of anti-terrorism and help keep our yard fence-free. You don't even have to wear clean clothes or take a shower to do it. Take 20 minutes out of your day and make an impact on the next two to four years of politics in your state and country. If you don't, well, as they say in Mexico ... cállate.

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MailBOX**Does Sali need 'compassion'?**

We constantly hear complaints of "business as usual" in politics and then lambaste every original thinker who comes along, endlessly proving Solomon's observation that there is truly "nothing new under the sun." For example, while serving 14 years in the House of Representatives John Adams introduced an anti-slavery bill every Monday in defiance of a rule his contemporaries passed prohibiting it. His response to their exasperation was that he was duty-bound to represent his constituents, a unique idea that earned him re-election six times.

Fast forward 200 years to Bill Sali, another independent thinker whose public record reveals little inclination to chase lemmings, a fact easily illustrated by recalling Bruce Newcomb's now famous (and childish) "idiot" outburst about Sali's supposed lack of "compassion."

Hmmm ... has Idaho's oath of office pledge to uphold the state and national Constitutions been replaced by one mandating "compassion?" Does the word "compassion" even appear in Idaho's Constitution? Should Sali's votes on legislation impacting the health, emotions and finances of every Idahoan be based on factual information (Psst — Google "breast cancer - abortion" for enlightenment) or on his leader's opinions? This example perfectly illustrates Sali's commitment to principle in the face of strong opposition, a trait reminiscent of Adams' obstinacy concerning slavery.

But perhaps most importantly, do Sali's numerous re-elections to public office indicate whether or not he honors his duty to represent his constituents? That one's pretty much a no-brainer to anyone not a "idiot." For sure he could represent me.

Keith Lunders
Elk River, Idaho

Help yourself by voting

Election season is when many become captivated by politics. Why? Second only to individual choices that each of us continually make, policies and laws created (or not created) by elected officials have the greatest influence on our quality of life. And although shaping government policy is difficult work, choosing the right elected official for that work is vastly easier.

Many people feel powerless when it comes to the business of lawmaking. Voting, however, is one of the most powerful (and easiest) ways for individuals to control government. Voting also happens to be little more than one of those everyday individual choices.

If you haven't already planned to vote today, please consider it. Especially for first-time Idaho voters and those who have changed addresses, verifying one's voter registration status and/or registration requirements in advance can make the process even easier. Call your county court house.

Do yourself a favor and vote this year. In fact, vote as if your (quality of) life depends on it ... in many ways, it does.

Naomi Goldberg
Hailey, Idaho

Koefod knows his stuff

I would have to agree with Mica Koefod on this one. We are paying thousands of dollars for this diploma, and I would like to earn it from a person instead of a computer. What happens when someone doesn't own a computer? I didn't see a prerequisite that you needed a computer for a math class.

Andrew Brown
electrical and computer engineer, freshman

Sali doesn't understand

Why does Bill Sali refuse to state his position on Proposition 2? Sali keeps saying it's "extremely complicated" and he can't figure it out.

I doubt that's the problem — Sali just knows which side his bread is buttered on and who his master is. Every other major candidate in Idaho, from both political parties, has strongly voiced their opposition to Prop 2. But none of them have received hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Club for Growth whose state action chair just happens to be New York real estate mogul Howard Rich who just also happens to be the financial power behind Prop 2.

Let's tell out-of-state speculators like Rich that our decisions are made in Idaho by Idahoans, not in New York real estate offices. Say no to Bill Sali and no to Prop 2 — Idaho is not for sale.

And Bill, would you make up your mind about who you represent?

Mark Solomon
Moscow, Idaho

Students are helping Republicans get richer

As a former Ricks College professor and current political science instructor at Idaho State University, I am in constant communication with people just like you — students who are the future leaders of our wonderful state.

As future leaders, it's important that you learn from our past mistakes. And right now, you're paying for a whopper. Late last August, as you were basking in the final days of summer, the Idaho Legislature snuck into Boise to raise taxes. But instead of raising taxes equally, this tax specifically targets people like you — young people and young families who rent rather than owning property.

Perhaps if the money raised from this tax was being spent on higher education, public education or making health care more affordable, you might not mind paying an extra percent on every taxable purchase you make.

But the money you pay is going to be passed along to large corporations, such as Micron Technologies, J.R. Simplot and wealthy out-of-state vacation homeowners.

The bill was championed by temporary Gov. Jim Risch and the Republican leadership of this state. It raised sales tax by one penny, and now you are paying six cents for every \$1 you spend to the state's general fund. This tax increase came at a time when the state had \$260 million left over from

the previous year! In a couple of months, the new law will lower property taxes for commercial and industrial property and for people who are lucky (and wealthy) enough to own vacation homes.

Will this law also provide some property tax relief to ordinary homeowners? Very little, if any, because these same middle-class people are going to be paying a full percent more in sales taxes — all year long.

So where do college students fit into this equation? You can take this to the bank: not one student who is renting — and I don't know any who are not — will see one dime of benefit from the property tax cut. Yet all of you are paying 20 percent more today in sales tax than you were last summer.

So now, you have to dig a little deeper into your pocket to pay for just about anything — from that box of macaroni and cheese in your kitchen to that new oil pump for your old car.

So whenever you hear that cash register start to ring, as you hand your money across the sales counter, just remember that you're helping companies like Micron Technologies and people like J.R. Simplot and Arnold Schwarzenegger get just a little bit richer. And you can thank Jim Risch and the Republicans for doing such a great job!

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and position. She's Latah County's voice on several committees, including the vital Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, and has a demonstrated track record of good service. Ideally, she should listen to some of Falen's ideas about technology jobs and the role of UI once elected.

Those who want to topple her simply because she's not the dominant party in the state can take solace in the fact that Rep. Tom Trail and Sen. Gary Schroeder, both unopposed, are both Republicans.

H.J.R.-2: No

It doesn't even matter that Idaho already has a law against gay marriage, or that our state courts seem unlikely to ever

overturn it anytime soon. This law is a bad idea because it outlaws civil unions, domestic partnerships and anything similar. That means heterosexual non-married couples across the state will be affected as well, losing a long list of rights that include prison and hospital visitations. So what if not everyone is Christian and married? That doesn't mean we should pick on them.

Prop. One: Yes

The proposition is confusing, but it essentially requires lawmakers to add an extra 1 percent to the sales tax to raise money for K-12 local public schools or find an alternative source of money. As this could pay for maintenance on Idaho's broken school buildings or textbooks for poor students, we definitely approve.

We did hesitate over the "alternative revenue stream"

wording. Yes, it's in there because the sales tax was spontaneously raised this summer, but that still leaves a hole for legislators to kick the directive around pointlessly instead of doling out much-needed money. It would almost be better to save the proposition for next year.

Prop. Two: No

Limiting eminent domain is good. Bankrupting the state in the process is bad. For those who missed it, the provisions in a similar measure have left Oregon with more than \$5 billion in claims from property owners who were "unfairly" limited by those pesky zoning laws — the kind that keep people's homes away from, say, garbage dumps. The eminent domain section is redundant and mirrors an existing Idaho law. Don't let this travesty, pushed by outside interests,

become enshrined in our constitution.

S.J.R.-107: Yes

This amendment is a good sign for something the state has had problems with — long-term planning. Placing tobacco money into a hands-off endowment fund means the Legislature will have an extra source of revenue in the future when it once again can't quite balance things.

Property Tax Advisory Vote: No

With its biased wording, this advisory vote on this summer's property tax relief plan begs you to validate Jim Risch's existence. Vote "no," ask your lawmakers to find a better way to do things and then weep as they all ignore your vote.

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Premiering new music

Guest composer Gwyneth Walker unveils new works tonight

By Michael Howell
Argonaut

For most people, the chance of meeting their idol is slim.

For University of Idaho music professor James Reid, it's about to happen. When it does, UI will benefit from being the first place ever to showcase Gwyneth Walker's newest music.

Walker will be at UI at 8 p.m. Today at the School of Music Recital Hall.

Gwyneth Walker is a renowned composer and graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She is a former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, but in 1982 she resigned from academic employment to pursue a career as a full-time composer.

"I heard arrangements she had done for the guitar when I was a student at the Hartt School," Reid said. "I found myself performing those arrangements numerous times over the years. I started to wonder if she would compose pieces for me."

Reid then came across Walker's personal Web site.

"She had a link where it was possible to send her an e-mail," Reid said. "We started corresponding and eventually I sent her demos of some of her pieces that I had performed."

Reid managed to convince Walker to compose some pieces specifically for him. As part of the deal, Walker would come to Idaho from Vermont and watch Reid debut her new pieces.

With the deal in place, the preparation began.

"I got the music from her early this year," Reid said. "She sent me the new pieces and I was given the freedom to make editorial changes if there was a part that wouldn't work as well with a guitar. It was a back-and-forth collaborative process."

Getting this music to UI wasn't a completely problem-free process. There was even a point when it seemed the guest composition would have to be postponed.

"I'm a soccer coach as well," Reid said. "And I managed to injure the hand that I grip the fret of the guitar with. It's good to go now, but for a while it seemed like we might have to wait."

While Walker is in Moscow, she will also get to see what the Lionel Hampton School of Music is all about. She has been visiting some of the classes in the days before the performance.

Tonight, Walker will get to hear a huge performance dedicated to her music.

"Along with the new pieces that I will be debuting for her, I will also perform some of her older pieces that I have done before," Reid said.

Reid's will not be the only Walker-



The School of Music will premiere works from guest composer Gwyneth Walker tonight.

composed performance of the night. The Vandaleer choir will perform a piece by Walker. One of her songs will be performed by a brass concerto and many others.

Reid said he will get a chance to meet one of his idols and UI will get a chance to hear some great music from a great composer.

"How often do you get the chance to be the first to hear the world premiere of great music?" Reid said.

see the SHOW

When: 8 p.m. today

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For more information on artist: www.gwynethwalker.com

'Trebekistan' for more than trivia geeks

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

Quick — Name the 16th president. If you said Abraham Lincoln, very good. Now name the three guys who came before him. Can't do it? Then read Bob Harris' "Prisoner of Trebekistan," and by the end you'll have down Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan, plus laughter and some weird mental images to go along.

Bob Harris is a "Jeopardy!" legend, a five-time champ who went on to lose (but put up a good fight) in a Tournament of Champions, a Master's Tournament and the Ultimate Tournament of Champions. He even officiated a wedding on the "Jeopardy!" set once.

But don't expect some stuffy dude lecturing on about vice presidents' wives just because of the tie-in with the quiz show. Harris is also a comedian and writer, so the book is deep and delightfully funny. The main narrative of the book is his experiences with "Jeopardy!" but he weaves in his personal life and philosophy, leading the story toward a bigger point than "Here's how to do well on game shows." "Trebekistan" is hopeful, inspiring even, and not at all trivial.

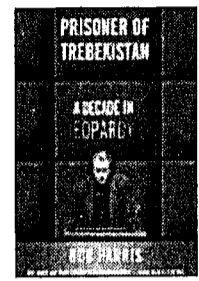
Through "Trebekistan," readers will learn the behind-the-scenes secrets of "Jeopardy!" (there are pastries in the green room, Alex Trebek is pretty cool but has to keep a fair distance from the contestants, a whole week's worth of shows are filmed in just one day) as well as tricks of memory for "Jeopardy!" hopefuls, or even just students worried about test taking.

After his first victory,

Harris did in-depth study on memory as well as major rivers and Latin roots. His extensive discussions of state-dependent retrieval are among the most fascinating points in the book. State-dependent retrieval means (basically, as explained by Harris) "the power of things like sights and smells and even our body chemistry to trigger memories." This means if you want to do well on a test, studying in an atmosphere as much like the test-taking room as possible might help. For Bob, this meant rearranging his entire apartment to feel like the "Jeopardy!" set, eating only what he might be served in the green room and following the same sleeping/waking schedules as he would while filming. He admits it became a slightly self-destructive obsession, but it worked, and for Harris and his struggling finances, that's what mattered.

During all his discussions of the game and memory, Harris provides one more wonderful feature of his book — he lets readers play along. "Jeopardy!" clues are offset in black boxes, with plenty of space before the response so readers have a chance to give it a shot. Some questions are insanely hard, but Harris puts many of them in a context to help readers learn, not just read.

The only real weakness with "Trebekistan" is Harris' tendency to repeat and re-repeat jokes. But then again, this may just be another one of his memory tricks to force readers to remember what they've read and take more away from this engaging take on America's most popular game show.



Prisoner of Trebekistan

★★★★ (of 5)
By Bob Harris
Now available

Young artist follows her family to music

By Brandon Macz
Argonaut

Two months to the date from the release of her second CD, Debra Arlyn will be performing her piano-based pop and R&B music for the University of Idaho's Noontime Concert series Wednesday.

The Portland-based artist will be promoting her album, "Complicated Mess," which she produced under her own label, Homeslice Music, started in 2003 with her father and manager, Tony.

Debra started playing the piano at 15. The same year of her high school graduation, she won the Oregon Idol Competition, sponsored by Fox and Clear Channel. Arlyn was flown to LA to compete for the national competition, but she never made it to the finals and the three famous judges.

"I didn't get to be in front of Simon," Debra said. "I did get to meet Randy, later. He kind of thought it was funny that I didn't make it all the way onto the show, but he said I didn't need it."

Returning home, Debra said she spent over a year working on making contacts and looking for serious influ-

ences in the music industry.

"You run into a lot of people that say I know this person or that person, or this is what you need to do, and then you find out, five or six months later, they have no idea what they're talking about," she said.

Her first album, "Thinking Out Loud," was released in 2004 and is less cohesive and defined than her new album. Debra said this is because it had two different producers, whereas her new album was produced by herself.

Debra said she writes the songs, then makes a demo that she plays for her band. Each member then writes and adds their parts to it. Her bassist has been a part of the band for two years while the guitarist and drummer are new recruits that Debra said really helped with her new album.

Tony was a musician for 20 years on the East Coast and now manages his daughter, setting up tour dates and protecting her assets.

"He had his own manager so he knew how the business was run," Debra said. "There are times when it's difficult to separate manager from dad, but most of the time it's really good and I enjoy it."

She goes to Los Angeles several



Courtesy Photo

Portland-based musical artist Debra Arlyn will perform as part of UI's Noontime Concert Series Wednesday.

times a year to co-write songs with more established writers, one being Ben Margulies, who wrote and produced Mariah Carey's first album.

Debra will be in Reno next week to perform at the National Association for Campus Activities, where student event coordinators from various colleges can get a

preview of artists they might want to hire.

Over 1,000 entries came into NACA and Debra was one of 40 selected to represent and, in a way, audition for colleges on the West Coast.

Having two albums out at 21, Debra said her biggest hope is to

become one of the more well-known independent artists in the industry.

Her albums can be purchased at Borders, iTunes and her Web site, www.debraarlyn.com.

Her albums recently sold out at a performance held inside a Borders store. She said she hoped they ordered more.

Gritman whips up some healthy holiday alternatives

By Joel Slocum
Argonaut

The holidays are often considered a time for feasting and gorging on confections and high-fat content foods. Unfortunately, for many this indulgence can often be stressful on both mind and body. For those on diets, such temptations can often lead to eater's remorse.

On the other hand, the stress brought on by creating that very same meal can be overwhelming. The point is, the holidays are intended to be a festive time of laughter and cheer, while secretly, they are often some of the most taxing times of the year merely masquerading as the jubilation of fruitcake.

Last Thursday at Gritman Medical Center, patients, staff and the public were offered the opportunity to attend a free workshop dealing with such stress-related issues. In years past there have been such topics as the "Volume Matrix" and "Baking with Chocolate." This year's seminar was aptly entitled, "A Healthy Twist to Spicing up your Holidays," and featured presentations on how to keep healthy and stress-free followed by a buffet sampling and prize drawing. Co-coordinator Joanne DeMacon, a registered nurse of 21 years, has been in partnership with

Nancy Kure, Director of Diabetes, Dietary and Clinical Nutrition who co-created the program nearly 12 years ago.

"It started out as a support program in conjunction with the diabetes program and has grown ever since," Kure said. "People from cardiac rehab, as well as staff members, now come to the event for information."

The program has even started up in Colfax/Whitman where there is a Gritman branch.

The seminar's featured presentations came from both Kure and Megan Williams, a registered dietitian and leader of this year's seminar. Williams presented three low-fat recipes and Kure suggested methods of relieving some of the built-up stress that arises during the holiday season.

The recipes presented included cranberry wassail, chunky vegetable dip and raspberry napoleons, each of which had their own little culinary tidbits or factoids associated with them. For example: The cranberry wassail, while being a simply mulled cider, came with a lesson about its two key spices.

"The clove is an unopened flower bud of an evergreen, while cinnamon comes from the bark of a particular evergreen species," Williams said. "It's fitting to the season and quite amusing that the two key ingredients come from one of our most prominent Christmastime images."

Another set of factoids came from the chunky vegetable dip, which utilized red and green bell peppers as a primary set of ingredients.

"Bell peppers are not actually peppers. Rather, they are chilies misclassified as peppers by Christopher Columbus so that he could get a larger sum from Europe for them since various peppers were in high demand at the time," Williams said.

These peppers added to various other chopped veggies and low-fat dairies make for a healthy dish. That said, the dip was lacking something — another prized commodity during the time of Columbus — salt. It was rather bland and needed an extra kick, so Williams suggested using salsa, pimiento, horseradish or hot sauce to make up for this.

Last but not least in her demonstra-

tions were the raspberry napoleons: An easily prepared dish that could be made well ahead of time.

"The napoleon is not traditionally a French dessert, as it is often attributed to the revolutionary figure. Rather it is any stacked or layered dish (often with puff pastry) which originated in the province of Naples, Italy," Williams said.

The sugar-free pudding in this mix, when mixed with berries and phyllo dough blends with and virtually removes any artificial sweetener aftertaste.

Kure talked about staying "WELL" and stress-free over the holidays. This was discussed in two ways. First was a process which allowed people to analyze the problems causing them stress and then evaluate how important each problem was. Once they assessed the problem, they could then find a reasonable solution to adjust or correct their stress. The other part focused on maintaining health over the holidays through a three part hierarchy known as "WELL"—Water, Exercise and a Little Less.

"With all the hot drinks and available beverages during the holidays we tend to forget about water. You should still be drinking water regularly," Kure said. "Weight can also be a stressful part of your holidays, so exercise. It will help take your mind off other stressful things as well that you might experience around this time of year."

When it comes to eating a little less, Kure suggested skipping that extra slice of pie or taking the smallest portion available.

"You'll really feel good about yourself," Kure said.

One of her primary examples of this came from a request to discover a recipe for low calorie fudge. After several trial-and-error sessions she and her guinea pigs decided the effort was fruitless and pointless. A serving-size portion (1 to 2 oz.) of fudge is not all that bad, she said, and in reality not at all harmful when eaten in moderation. The same principle goes for most of this season's cornucopia of holiday food.

"So eat a piece of good fudge this season," Kure said. "Just don't eat a whole handful."

Recipe for Cranberry Wassail
From the kitchen of Gritman Medical

Ingredients:
8 cups (1/2 gallon) low calorie cranberry juice cocktail
3 cinnamon sticks
25-30 whole cloves
1 orange sliced 1/4 in. thick
1 cup rum or brandy (optional)
Special equipment: Slow cooker, cheese cloth, kitchen string (twine)

How to:
Pour juice cocktail into slow cooker. Tie cinnamon sticks and 10 of the cloves in cheesecloth. Add spice bundle to slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH for 2 hours or on LOW for 4 hours or until hot (May be kept warm on low up to 3 hours). Meanwhile, insert 3-4 cloves in the rind of orange slices. Cover and refrigerate until cider is ready. Discard cheesecloth bag and place orange rings in rum or brandy in slow cooker. Garnish each cup right before serving. Garnish each cup with additional cinnamon sticks if desired. Yield: 8 cups.

Recipe for Chunky Vegetable Dip
From the kitchen of Gritman Medical

Ingredients:
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
1 celery stalk, chopped
1/8 tsp pepper flakes
2 Tbsp water
1/4 cup skim milk
3/4 tsp cornstarch
2 oz. reduced-fat cream cheese
4 oz. shredded cheddar
1/2 teaspoon salt

How to:
1. Coat slow cooker with cooking spray. Add red and green peppers, onion, celery, pepper flakes and water. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours or until celery is tender.
2. Combine milk and cornstarch in small bowl, stirring until cornstarch dissolves. Add to pepper mixture with cheddar and cream cheese. Press down on cream cheese with rubber spatula until well blended.
3. Cover and cook for 15 minutes or until thickened. Serve with baked corn tortilla chips.
Special note: To give dip an extra zip add any of the following: salsa, horseradish, pimiento (1-4 oz jar) or hot sauce.

Recipe for Raspberry Napoleons
From the kitchen of Gritman Medical

Ingredients:
2 1/2 cups skim milk
1/4 tsp almond extract
6 sheets phyllo dough, thawed (13.5 x 8.5 inches)
1.5 ounces sugar free vanilla instant pudding
2 cups raspberries (fresh or frozen)*
2 tsp powdered sugar
Mint sprigs for garnish (optional)

How to:
1. Place milk in medium bowl. Add pudding mix; whisk 2 minutes. Stir in almond extract; cover and refrigerate.
2. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Working quickly, lay 1 sheet phyllo dough on a large work surface, longer edge toward you; coat evenly and lightly with cooking spray. Lay another sheet on top of the first; coat with spray. Repeat with another sheet, coating lightly with spray. Press sheets together. Cut stacked dough crosswise into 6 strips (A pizza cutter can easily roll across the dough to cut the strips). Cut each strip in half forming 12 rectangles. Transfer rectangles to an un-greased

cookie sheet. Repeat process with remaining 3 sheets of phyllo dough; place onto a second cookie sheet. Bake 6-8 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. Remove from oven; transfer to wire cooling rack. Cool completely.
3. To assemble, spread half of the pudding over 8 of the rectangles; top with half of the raspberries. Repeat layering with 8 more phyllo rectangles, remaining pudding and raspberries; top with remaining 8 phyllo rectangles. Place powdered sugar in a strainer; shake over tops of napoleons. Transfer to serving plates; garnish with mint sprigs, if desired.
Other optional toppings include chocolate syrup or whipped cream. *Raspberries may be substituted with your favorite fruit (bananas, strawberries, and blueberries would be good options).

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Annual Powwow returns to UI

A gathering of Northwest Indian tribes hosted by the UI Native American Student Association will meet at noon Saturday at the UI Memorial Gym. The festival includes a dance, drum and royalty contest as well as arts, crafts and food vendors.

Personal art exhibit opens at Prichard

The Prichard Art Gallery presents Stuart Larson's "Liquid Scans & Dead Technology" and Nathan Orosco's "El Norte."

The two artists will exhibit art that is close to them and intertwines with their current lives. With his exhibit, Larson looks closely at how our world knows itself through technology, from how beauty products to passenger aircraft are determined through computer modeling, computer imaging and computer testing.

Orosco's work with "El Norte" explores divisions that separate and define the modes of communication about and around the Texas border. This includes issues of the environment, immigrants and labor.

The exhibits will be open until Dec. 2. The gallery's hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The gallery is closed on Monday. Admission is free.

For additional information please contact the gallery at 885-3586.

A call for artists

The Moscow Arts Commission has issued a Call for Artists for their sixth annual Winter Solstice group. The exhibit is scheduled to open at the Third Street Gallery Dec. 8 and will run through Feb. 2. Interested artists can get an application online at <http://www.moscowarts.org/Winter%20Solstice.htm>, e-mail csentz@ci.moscow.id.us or call 883-7036. The deadline for submitting applications is Nov. 14. Work in every medium will be considered as long as it reflects the winter theme.

Glass workshop at Dahmen Barn

Nora Moser will conduct a workshop on the copper foil glass technique from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Artisans at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown. Moser has been working with the copper foil method of stained glass for over twenty five years. The cost of the class is \$25, which includes all the materials. This workshop is for participants 13 years and older, and will be limited to a maximum of 15 students.

A registration form can be found online at www.ArtisanBarn.org on the calendar of events page, or by calling (509) 229-3414 between Thursday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registrations must be received by Thursday.

Tales of the New Old West

By T.J. Tranchell
Argonaut

Friday's reading.
Creative writing professor
Mary Blew introduced
Kittredge.

William Kittredge dispelled the myth that the Old West died before 1900 when he read from his novel "The Willow Field" Friday night in the Administration Building Auditorium.



William Kittredge

Kittredge, 74, is best known for his nonfiction work dealing with his youth on a ranch in southeastern Oregon and his time after leaving the ranch. Environmentally conscious and socially aware, he has garnered praise from literary luminaries such as Annie Dillard and Jane Smiley.

While the auditorium was not close to filling up, there were more listeners than would have fit in the College of Law courtroom where many readings are held. This was not the only difference in

Blew spoke of a telephone conversation introducing her with Kittredge, that took place when the two were published in the same literary journal.

"I can't remember the title of my story but I can remember the title of Bill's," Blew said. "It was 'Silver and Gold.'"

Kittredge made his way to the stage with a slight stoop but his reading voice showed nothing of his age. Before beginning to read from "The Willow Field," he related his previous struggles to write a novel.

"I wanted to be one of those people who wrote a novel every three or four years," Kittredge said. "I tried it but it

didn't work." Kittredge began writing "The Willow Field" at age 70 and it is his first published novel.

"Those other novels, I knew what was going to happen and I tried to force the characters into doing what I wanted them to do and it ruined them. This time I let the characters run the book. It was the most pleasant writing experience I've ever had."

William Kittredge
Author

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covers much of the western United States and a few overseas locations.

Prefacing his reading, Kittredge talked about a reading a few days before at Stanford University in California.

"I was told by Tobias Wolff not to give away the whole plot," Kittredge said. "He (Wolff) said it killed his desire to read."

Kittredge reads like he is a Shakespearean character: full of asides commenting on the text. While reading a section taking place on a ranch in northern Nevada called the Never Sweat, Kittredge said, "It sounds real, doesn't it... but I made it up."

Becoming friendly with spaceships

By Ryli Hennessey
Argonaut

Like many, I am not a sci-fi fan. When I think of spaceships I think of nerds, and I don't consider myself a nerd (at least not the spaceship-loving kind).

I can watch some of the mainstream movies like "Star Wars" and "Blade Runner" and, because of its camp value, I can even watch a bit of the original "Star Trek." Though I can watch those, I usually make fun of people who are really into stories about space travel, robots, things of that nature.

This said I have really gotten into the show "Battlestar Galactica." Go ahead, make fun, call me a nerd, a geek, whatever. I was forced into watching the first season kicking and screaming. I made fun of everything, I mean seriously — there are robots called Cylons who have turned against their masters. That is totally lame. The more I watched it the more I became interested, and though I made

fun of it to make myself seem cool, I secretly loved the show.

So once I had been broken, I had to admit that I liked it in order to talk about it with someone. I had been dying to talk about what I thought of the Cylons and Starbuck's antics and the use of the word "frack," but in order to stay cool, I resisted.



Ryli Hennessey
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So now that I've gotten that off my chest, I can tell everyone about this show. It isn't for nerds and the spaceship stuff is pretty cool, but the best part is the social commentary. When the humans have their planet destroyed by Cylons they go on the run, looking for another planet to settle. When they find one they try it out, but soon the Cylons catch up with them and occupy their planet. An insurgency starts, a human police is formed by the Cylons and suicide bombers attack the enemy. Sound familiar? It should.

In this case it is easier for Americans to identify with this than a war that is so far away. Just because not many of

us have traveled into space doesn't mean the characters' struggles aren't realistic. There is sympathy for the characters. Even as they are strapping bombs to their chests the audience can still relate. We understand why they would fight against the people occupying their settlement.

The show is an effective commentary on the war in Iraq because of the connection with the characters. They are all Americans even though in this world the country may not exist. They are a mix of races, but most of them speak English. The people aren't a part of some far-off culture living in a foreign country, they are much like the people of this country. The audience has come to understand them, therefore they understand their reasons for rebelling.

This is such an effective way of making the world a little bit smaller and bringing an important issue a little bit closer to home.

I think from now on I'll give spaceships a chance. Television (even sci-fi), no matter how trashy most of it is, can still be a very effective medium.

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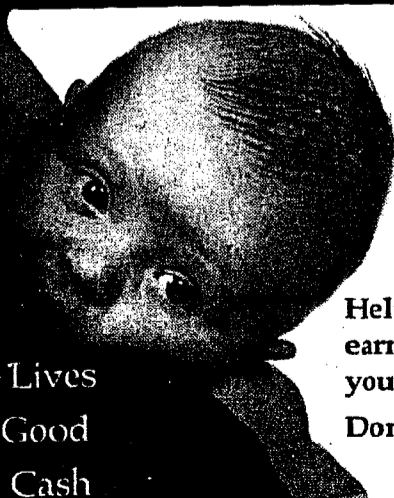
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Errors keep women from first win

UI women's basketball falls 67-65 to Northwest Sports Sunday

By Shanna Stalwick
Argonaut

For eight University of Idaho women's basketball players, it was their first time stepping onto the court as a Vandal.

And for all 13 players, the Sunday exhibition game against Northwest Sports was a reminder of the work that lay ahead for the young team.

Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss was not surprised by the team's lack of cohesiveness that led to the 67-65 loss.

"We had several chances to win it, but we made a couple

of errors," Divilbiss said. "We just went off emotions, and we played a little smarter at the end. That's what happens when you've got eight new kids."

In front of a crowd that only slightly outnumbered the hoard of cheerleaders and band members cluttering the sidelines, the Vandals took the court for their first time this season in Memorial Gym.

Idaho wing Karly Felton, the only returning senior was honorable mention All-American Leilani Mitchell transferred to Utah, led the Vandals with 17 points. Felton

also grabbed eight rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures were juniors Liz Witte with 16, Lindsey Koppen with 11 and Jessica Summers with 15.

Summers added 12 rebounds to help Idaho out-rebound Northwest Sports 43-34.

"They shot the ball real well early and we didn't and that made a big difference," Divilbiss said, adding that he was disappointed with Idaho's defense in the first half.

Trailing by a 16-point deficit at the half (26-44), Idaho came back in the second to manage 39 of its total 65 points.

"It took a lot of character (to fight back)," Divilbiss said. "I'm proud of their effort in the

second half. They competed, and they did well."

Junior guard Stephanie Jones was fouled with four seconds remaining and the Vandals trailing by three. After making her first of two free throws, she returned to the line after a Northwest Sports' timeout to miss her final free throw.

The last four seconds were a scramble as Summers rebounded and missed a

clinesmith. jumper, followed by Jones' rebound and a missed layup as the clock ran out.

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Mike Divilbiss
UI basketball coach

Idaho shot 37 percent from the field and made 23 turnovers. Northwest Sports hit 44 percent from the field and had 23 turnovers.

Former NCAA basketball players make up the Northwest Sports' travel-

ing team, including former WNBA player Stacy Clinesmith. The Mead High

School (Spokane) graduate played for UC Santa Barbara before signing with the Sacramento Monarchs in 2000.

Clinesmith led Northwest Sports with 25 points, connecting on 9-of-24 shots from the field and hitting 3-of-4 free throws.

This exhibition serves as Idaho's only warm-up before traveling to Portland Tuesday to start the season.

In the meantime, Divilbiss said improving defense will be a top priority in practice.

"We're still trying to figure out the best way for us to play," Divilbiss said. "There's a lot about us that we just don't know."

FOOTBALL

Coach rethinks team's direction

A 45-7 defeat left Idaho reeling and Dennis Erickson with the realization that the team needs a change of direction

By Alec Lawton
Argonaut

Even before Saturday, University of Idaho head coach Dennis Erickson suspected that his team might have come full circle to its losing ways of seasons past. After losing 45-7 to the Wolfpack, there was no doubt in his mind.

He said that playing against Boise State convinced him of the team's initial improvement, but sometime in the last few weeks the team hit another slump.

"Football teams get better or get worse," Erickson said in the aftermath of the game that left Idaho at 4-6 for the season and 3-3 in the Western Athletic Conference.

"They never really stay the same. After the Boise State game, I really felt we were a football team that really, really improved. The last two weeks we got worse. I wish I knew why."

The players are also wondering what happened to the way they played in weeks past, and even Nevada coach Chris Ault was expecting to see something more than a watered-down version of that tenacity.

"We came up concerned because of the way (Idaho) played Boise," Ault said. "It's a tough place to play in and Dennis and his staff are good

coaches, so I'm pleased."

Idaho linebacker David Vobora said he isn't sure exactly what went wrong against Nevada, or Hawai'i for that matter, but he knows that he didn't see the team that was rapidly improving in weeks past.

"I'm still searching for them as well. It's hard to find exactly what to say," Vobora said. "A team that was

continually improving, I felt came back this week in practice. I felt like we had a pretty good week in practice. I felt we were ready to come out and play. We just didn't. We didn't make plays. They set the tempo from the beginning and they made plays and we didn't."

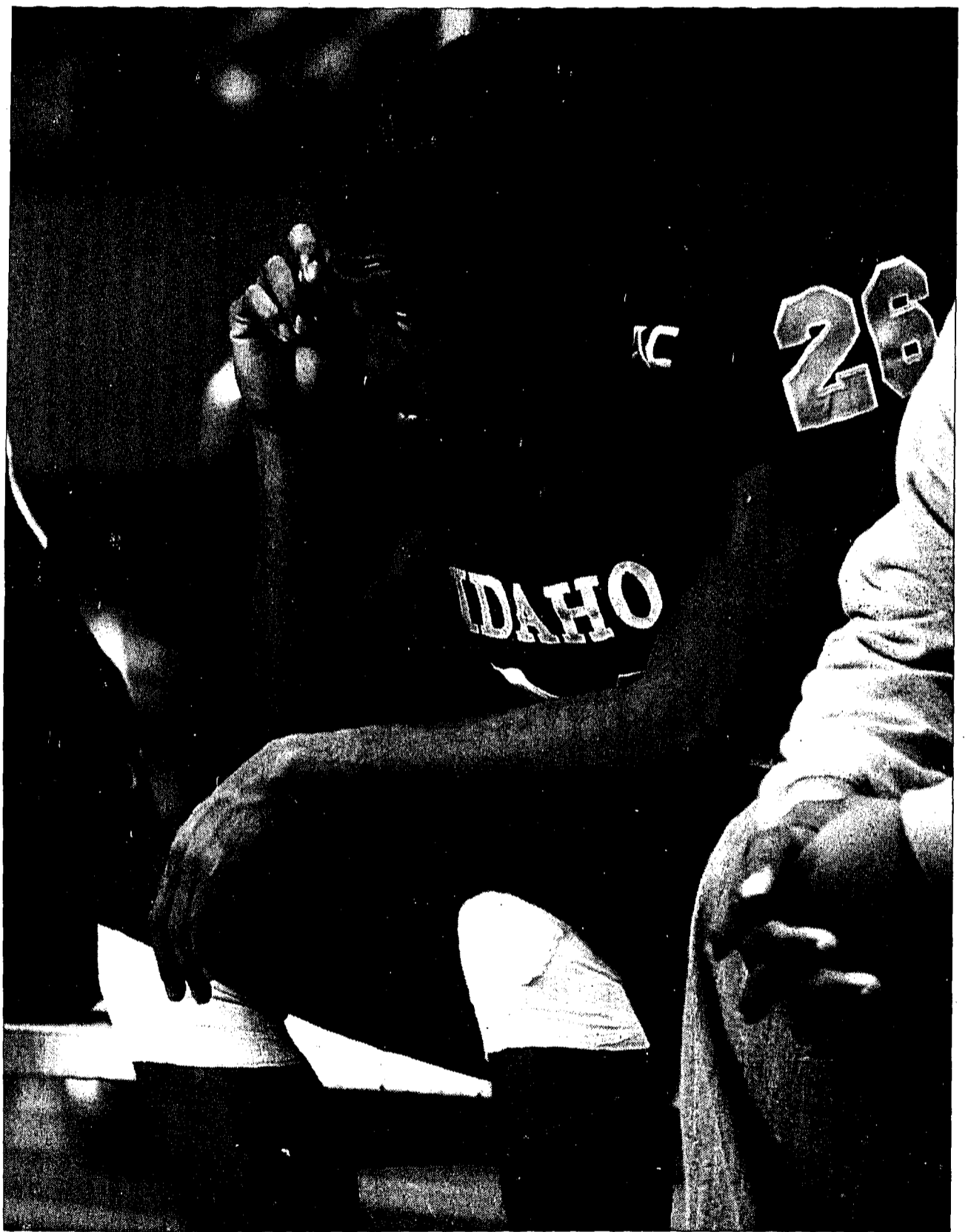
Vobora added that the bye week will be an ideal opportunity to remedy some of the problems, as well as to get the team healthy.

"Obviously there's a lot of questions that need to be answered and it's a good thing for us (that) we have a bye week this week," Vobora said. "Get some of those injuries healed up, maybe get a couple guys back, and just do a lot of self-scouting. Focus on what we've done right, what we've done wrong."

Those problem areas seemed to loom over everything the team did on Saturday. The special teams left

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Chris Ault
Nevada football coach



Wide receiver Marlon Haynes peeks up from the bench after being ejected for striking another player in the third quarter of the Vandals 45-7 loss to Nevada. Bruce Mann/Argonaut

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VOLLEYBALL

Idaho inconsistency helps Aggies sweep Vandals

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

They say close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades, and the University of Idaho volleyball team proved that to be true Saturday, staying close but eventually falling 31-29, 30-26 and 30-27 to New Mexico State University.

The No. 23-ranked Aggies came into the matchup with a record of 27-1 (10-1 WAC) and their powerful, well-executed offensive game-plan showed why they make up one of the best teams in the nation.

Junior Kim Oguh terrorized the Vandals all night, finishing with 11 kills, six blocks and a .364 hitting percentage.

Senior Alice Borden was also a force for the Aggies, finishing with a match-high 15 kills.

Still, the Idaho defense posted respectable numbers,

limiting New Mexico State to a .209 hitting percentage as a whole and collecting nine blocks.

The problems for the Vandals came on offense, where inconsistency plagued the Idaho team throughout the match.

"I think we battled. I think the difference in the match was that we passed a fairly low percentage," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We weren't distributing like we needed to and we weren't hitting that great a percentage. After game two we had three key players hitting in the negative, and you just can't do that and expect to win."

Redshirt freshman Debbie Pederson led the way for the Vandals hitting .625 for the match, collecting 10 kills and committing no errors in 16 attempts.

Sarah Conwell, another redshirt freshman, came

into the match for the final two games. Her six kills and no errors pleased Buchanan.

"Sarah (Conwell) came in and did a nice job for us. We had to make some subs there at the end, and I think the kids that came off the bench did a great job," Buchanan said. "The nice thing about this team is that we do have some depth and we can do some different things."

That depth helped the underdog Vandals stay close all three games against New Mexico State, and right from the start, the rowdy home crowd did its best to will the Vandals to a win. It was the loudest and most enthused crowd of the season, and New Mexico State coach Mike Jordan was impressed with the way the Vandals played in front of their home fans.

"I thought Idaho played well," Jordan said. "They

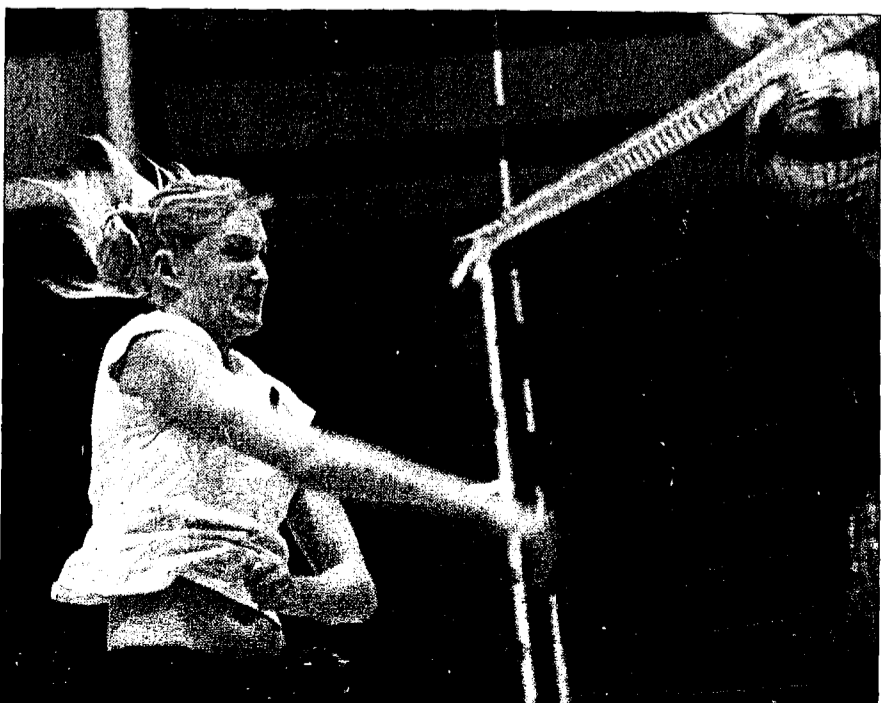
have improved and were well prepared. It is a difficult place to play."

For the match the Aggies out-hit the Vandals 209 to 128, while out-digging Idaho 64-61 and out-blocking them 10-9.

The loss dropped Idaho to 8-15 for the year and 7-4 in WAC play, but the team's fight against such a tough foe leaves reason for hope and optimism for the rest of the season.

"We played well, but it was just kind of typical of us being inconsistent at times during the year," Buchanan said. "If we can make that better we will be in a good position. We will probably face this team again in a couple weeks, if we finish the way we know we can."

Idaho returns to the court Thursday, when they face off against Fresno State at 7 p.m. on their final road trip of the season in Fresno, Calif.



Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

Senior Erin Curtis spikes the ball during the Vandals' third game against Louisiana Tech Thursday night at Memorial Gym.

Runners look for challenge at NCAA Regional meet

Top honors place Rhea Richter and Kevin Friesen as team favorites

By Joel Slocum
Argonaut

NCAA Regionals is the toughest competition of the year for the University of Idaho cross country team and it has done its best to prepare for it. When it is all said and done on Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif., what will really determine success is the scoring system, which is as complex as ever. Success at Regionals means a spot at NCAA Nationals.

"It is a weird qualifying procedure," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "First the top two teams are automatically bid to attend NCAA Nationals."

The NCAA National Conference which is to be held Nov. 20 in Terre Haute, Ind., offers the remaining third to sixth place teams a spot to attend based on the availability and performance of teams in the other regions. As for runners who do not qualify to participate based on team performance, they qualify to attend if they are in the top 25.

"Individuals that are within the top 25 and are already a part of the top two placing teams are removed," Phipps said. "Then the top 6-8 or so placing runners will be bid for Nationals."

This process is the same for both the men's and women's teams across all regions.

Idaho just happens to be among the toughest competitive regions and as a result we face some toughest-heat competition.

As a result, the team will focus more on personal effort as opposed to that of a com-

binated effort as Idaho will push for freshman Rhea Richter and sophomore Kevin Friesen to qualify for nationals this year. A team totaling seven men and six women will be their accompaniment as they take on the toughest competition of the season.

"This is one of the toughest, if not the toughest races to qualify as a team for. All the PAC-10 teams will be there to include Stanford and Arizona State," Phipps said. "These two top teams will probably provide the greatest competition in terms of individuals as well."

Realities had to be faced and a decision had to be made. Idaho has better chances of reaching nationals by running individuals then as a team.

"You have to focus as either a team or an individual," Phipps said. "[Friesen] has a chance for the top 25, while Rhea is our best bet for nationals."

From the beginning of the season, Richter and Friesen have been at the top of their game (with a few minor exceptions of course). Beyond this commonality, both share a history outside of the United States as each grew up in other countries: Richter in Germany and Friesen in Canada. Through their outside experience they seem to have achieved an ability to run at a higher competition level, thus securing their roles as some of the best runners on the team.

In last week's performance at the Western Athletic Conference Championships, Friesen's sixth-place finish led him to receive First Team

All-WAC honors (an award granted to the top seven finishers). This award carried over to first place finisher Richter who also took home WAC Athlete of the Year and WAC Freshman of the Year. Their performances have thrust them into the spotlight as they work to achieve success at the upcoming NCAA Regionals Conference.

Rhea Richter:

How do you think you performed at the WAC Championships?

"It's OK. The time's OK. But to be first in Germany, I have to run better."

Do you think you can do the same when it comes to regionals?

"I hope so, I really hope so. The next meet is more important as it is a qualification for the nationals."

Has your performance at regionals added any pressure?

"Of course. It's a lot of pressure. I want to improve well and perform well."

Have workouts changed for you since the weather took a turn for the worse?

"Uh ... no. I am the lightest trainer on the team. If I need a break I will ask for one. I usually only run three times a week and swim three times a week so I am wet either way."

What do you think the race is going to be like?

"I think its going to be harder. We'll see next week. I really want to qualify because I want the experience of nationals."

You said your time was OK, but not good enough for

a first place in Germany. Why is this so important to you?

"Last year, I went to European Cross Country Championships for the first time and hopefully not my last."

Kevin Friesen:

How was the WAC Championships race for you?

"I was sixth place. Basically, I was running with two guys from Utah State for the last two miles, and they just got ahead of me in the last 100m of the race. Then they just held me off."

Do you think you can perform at the same level, if not better, at regionals?

"Yeah, I think so. I thought that I ran well at conference. It is a team race there, where as regionals is about running as fast as you can. You just hope everyone runs well so that they can place high."

What do you think the race will be like?

"It is going to be tougher because it is a 10k race instead of an 8k. At regionals they only take two teams and a few individuals so it is up to you to see if you can make it to the top."

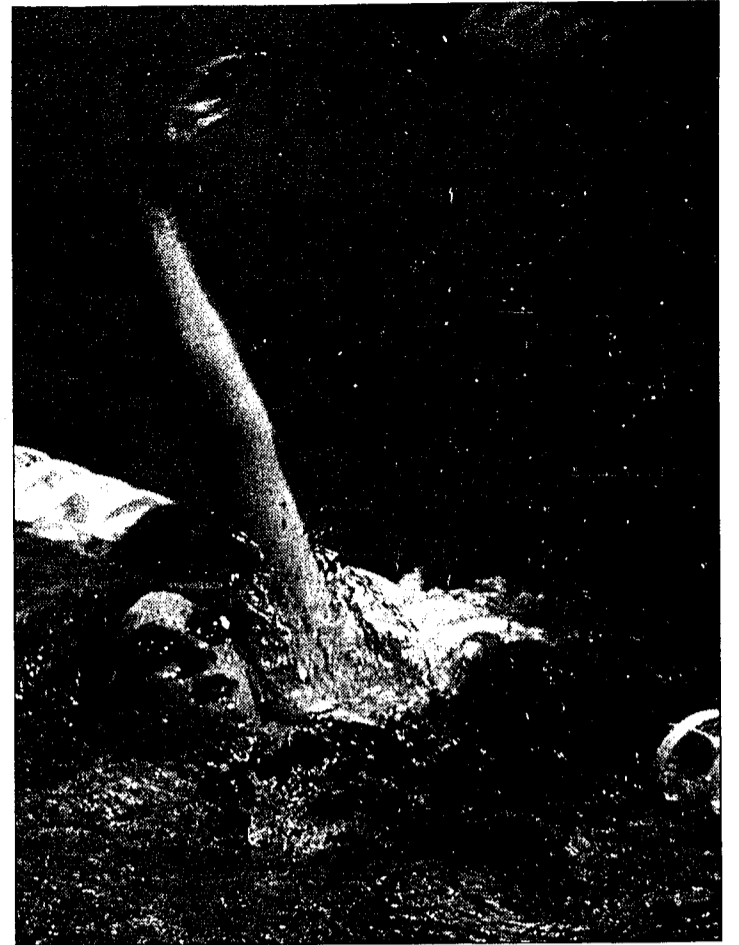
How has practice changed since the last meet?

"Practice tapered off for conference quite a bit, and will probably taper off for regionals, but not as much."

What's next for you?

"The first weekend in December, I am running in the Canadian Cross Country National Championship as a part of BC Athletics, which enables me to compete in Canada still."

Idaho sees mixed results at Shootout



Kentaro Murai / Argonaut
Junior Kirsten Wight does laps Tuesday at the UI swim center.

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team started slow but finished strong at the Big West Shootout in Irvine, Calif.

"The Big West Shootout is always nice because it is an outdoor meet so we get to swim under the sun, and there is a lot of good competition there so it is a lot of fun," junior Katie Kolva said.

Despite the warm weather, the Vandals struggled during day one of the event, going just 1-2, but Idaho coach Tom Jager said it wasn't all bad for the Idaho swimmers.

"We didn't swim bad, just not great," Jager said. "Good

doesn't get it done in competition. You have to be great to win."

The Vandals topped Cal Poly 85-53 but fell to the University of San Diego 84-54 and UC Davis 94-42.

On day two Idaho bounced back to win all three of their meets. Jager praised several of his swimmers for their performances during day two including Kolva who swam a strong opening leg for the 400 freestyle relay team, and she said the trip was a good experience for the team as a whole.

The Vandals' 3-0 day included a 63-32 win over Cal State Northridge, a 73-38 win over Cal Poly and a 58-53 win over Pepperdine University.

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D-Chi reigns in intramurals

By Andrea Miller
Argonaut

A new era has begun. The Delta Chi fraternity is now the dominant competitor in University of Idaho Intramural's flag football competition.

The 19-12 win against the Leather Headgear team on Oct. 26 gave the fraternity its third title in as many years.

"It was cool because it was a different team," team captain Travis Berti said. "We (Delta Chi) only had three guys back from last year."

Berti and teammates Joe Kaufman and William Perry are the only members who have been on all three championship teams. Berti, Kaufman and Perry were joined this year by Justin Aslett, Scott Black, Ben Burns, Mark Davidson, Tim Hedrick, Joe Paisley and Reid Thol.

Berti has lead Delta Chi to each of its titles. And Black said the best guys in the house are

generally chosen by the captain to be on the team.

"I've been captain the last three years," Berti said. "We've had (intramural) teams forever, but I just happened to be the one (captain) now."

Delta Chi rolled through the regular season only losing one game and played solidly against opponents in the playoffs. Berti said the fraternity's toughest game of the regular season came against the Harvest Cheddar.

"It was just a real low-scoring game," Berti said.

Delta Chi usually garners a crowd at its games too.

"The house gets excited," Black said. "There are always a lot of people who come to the games, especially the playoffs."

The fraternity takes flag football seriously, but they don't feel pressure to practice during the season.

"We don't need to," Black said. "We learn as we go."

The competition is pretty loose too, Black said.

"Every game is tough. In flag football you never know what is going to happen," Black said. "We are usually pretty confident because we have pretty good players."

All of the guys on the team have previous football experience from high school. Black, from Glens Ferry, played in two AA state championship games, and Berti played high school football in Kellogg.

Black said competing in flag football is fun and brings back

old memories from the "glory days" of playing football in high school.

Delta Chi is also a dominant force in the All Greek competition between the houses, which they have won the past two years.

"The win in flag football is a good start for the year for Delta Chi," Black said. "We're going for another win in the All Greek Competition."

In the All Greek competition, each house earns points for participating in and winning intramural competitions. "It's big to win football," Berti said. "It's 200 points and a lot of houses compete in flag football."

And the Delta Chi era doesn't seem to be going anywhere. Black said the "A-team" from the house won in the Competition division of intramurals, but Delta Chi had younger fraternity members compete and find success in the recreation division.

"Delta Chi always has good recreation teams," Black said.

Members of the flag-football team and other members in the house also participate in other intramural teams such as basketball, weightlifting and dodge ball.

"It's fun to get out and play again and compete," Black said. "I like being on a team and winning again and it's a break from studying too."

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Rangers hire Washington

The Texas Rangers, in the hunt for a new manager after firing Buck Showalter following a disappointing 80-82 season, hired Ron Washington on Monday to take over the reigns of the struggling club.

Washington, a coach for the Oakland Athletics the past 11 seasons, beat out four other candidates for the job and he takes over a Texas team that hasn't made the playoffs since 1999.

Washington will be the Rangers' first black manager in team history and presently he is one of only two black managers in the major leagues, along with Mets manager Willie Randolph.

Despite never managing at the big league level, Washington played parts of 10 seasons for five teams during a major league playing

career, and prior to his 11 years in the Athletics organizations, he managed two years in Class A for the New York Mets.

Bears fall to Dolphins

The previously unbeaten Chicago Bears were stunned by the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, losing 31-13 in front of a shocked Chicago crowd.

Dolphins' running back Ronnie Brown rushed for a career-high 157 yards and quarterback Joey Harrington threw three touchdown passes.

The Miami Dolphins defense forced six Chicago turnovers including three Rex Grossman interceptions, one of which was returned by Jason Taylor for a touchdown in the second quarter.

The Bears 7-0 start was the team's best since 1985 when Chicago went on to win the Super Bowl. The only undefeated team remaining is the 8-0 Indianapolis Colts who defeated the New

England Patriots on Sunday.

Gators, Tar Heels top preseason rankings

The defending national champion Florida Gators were the consensus choice Monday in The Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll.

Florida returns all five starters from last season and will look to become the first repeat national champion since Duke in 1992.

The Gators received 63 of 72 possible first-place votes with the University of North Carolina receiving the other nine.

The Tar Heels sat in second place with Kansas and Pittsburgh sitting in third and fourth respectively.

LSU and UCLA, two Final Four teams from last season were in fifth and sixth while the rest of the top ten was rounded out by Ohio State, Georgetown, Wisconsin and Arizona.

DON'T LOOK DOWN



Bruce Mann/Argonaut
Second Lt. Daniel Carpenter rappels from the catwalk above the endzone at the Kibbie Dome Saturday for Military Appreciation Day.

SportsCALENDAR

Today

UI men's golf at Turtle Bay Intercollegiate Oahu, Hawaii

Intramural swimming play begins

Thursday

UI volleyball at Fresno State Fresno, Calif.

7 p.m.

Intramural doubles badminton entries due

Friday

UI men's basketball vs. North Dakota State Moscow 7:05 p.m.

Intramural doubles badminton play begins

Saturday

UI cross country at NCAA West Regionals Portland, Ore.

UI volleyball at San Jose State San Jose, Calif. 8 p.m.

UI swimming vs. Washington UI swim center 11 a.m.



Bruce Mann/Argonaut
Stanley Franks picks off a pass late in the fourth quarter during the Vandals' loss to Nevada on Saturday.

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the Vandals with poor field position, while UI quarterback Steve Wichman's protection was paper-thin. The Vandals' frustration grew as Nevada stamped them on both sides of the ball, but they couldn't answer. In the final seconds of the third quarter, Idaho receiver Marlon Haynes threw a punch at a Nevada player, venting some of the frustration that his team experienced all game. Haynes was ejected from the game, but Erickson was not sympathetic, saying that if Haynes threw the punch, he deserved the ejection. Erickson was especially frustrated at seeing problem areas which had been resolved in weeks past.

"We're not executing on offense like we're capable of," Erickson said. "We're not making plays on offense like we're capable of. Defensively, we've had trouble stopping everything. That's the most disappointing thing with where we're at right now is that we made a lot of progress, then we stopped making progress and went sideways."

Erickson didn't claim to have all the answers, but he said that there was only one option for what the team could do this week.

"So we've got a bye and the biggest thing we can do right now during the bye week — and we'll practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — is to get better."

Women's tennis ends fall season

The UI women's tennis team concluded the fall season by picking up 11 match victories at the Boise Invitational, at Boise State University last weekend.

Patricia Ruman, Laura Leoni and Lauren Drew picked two wins apiece in singles matches over the weekend, all against Weber State opponents. Ruman defeated Inalisse Pienaar 6-2, 6-4 on Friday and was victorious against Gabi Venditto 6-3, 6-1 on Sunday. Leoni picked up her wins on Saturday and Sunday, by beating Orayce Farias 6-2, 6-4 and Kate Ennenga 6-2, 6-3. Drew won her matches against Keya Adamson (6-2, 6-1) and Ennenga (6-1, 6-2), on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

"I was pleased with Lauren Drew. It was her first

competition this fall, and if she continues to work hard, she'll be a vital part of the team," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said.

On Saturday, Mariel Tinnerello and Efrat Leopold won their matches against Weber State opponents. Tinnerello won in straight sets against Pienaar 7-5, 6-1, while Leopold dominated Farias 6-1, 6-0.

Even though the Vandals didn't win any singles matches against nationally ranked Boise State, Beaman was pleased with the effort.

"I thought we played close against some tough players," Beaman said.

In doubles, Idaho picked up three victories. Ruman and Tinnerello were victorious against Farias and Adamson of Weber State, 8-0. Drew and Kasie King picked up a win against Farias and Adamson

of Weber State, 8-5. On Sunday, Leopold and Leoni beat Schappers and Ennenga of Weber State in a close match, 9-8.

Beaman said the highlight of the weekend was the doubles match between Ruman and Tinnerello and Boise State's Jana Mackova and Laura Baum. The match went down to the wire and Ruman and Tinnerello had a chance to win when they were serving. They were unable to come up victorious and fell 9-8.

"I felt they showed that they can compete against nationally ranked competition," Beaman said.

The team will be going through a transitional period before the spring season, where they will be conditioning four days a week and working on their techniques, Beaman said.

The Vandal women will start the 2007 spring season Feb. 3 at Washington State University.

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