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Changes coming in on-campus parking

By Christina Navarro
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With time comes change — and a change in parking may affect University of Idaho students, employees and commuters.

One change may affect commuters who in the past have used the free on-street parking along Sixth Street from Greenhouse to Perimeter Drive, including a portion of the street above the Dan O'Brian Track. However, free parking will still be available along Perimeter Drive by the Poultry Hill warehouse, West Farm and soccer fields. Be sure to check signs for any restrictions.

Carl Root, manager for Parking & Transportation Ser-

vices, said the proposal to convert these areas to blue and red zones has been approved by UI administration.

A proposal to convert the Guy Wicks lot into a permit zone is still pending, Root said since the lot would need to be improved, it is still unclear at this time.

Other proposed changes may not be seen until later this year.

"Even though we have approvals to change based on the final recommendations, some of the changes are still being worked out and they may take longer to implement," Root said. One example is disabled permits.

Root said a goal for PST is to provide excellent service to ev-

eryone, including the disabled community.

Because PTS has allowed state disability placards, both temporary and permanent, to park on campus without requiring UI parking permits, users did not have to pay for a permit.

A proposed change is to provide disabled permits for \$95 a year, while continuing to place highest priority on disability parking.

"We will make sure we have a complete program before implementation," Root said.

Julie Lang, office supervisor for Parking & Transportation Services, said PTS wants to make campus a great walking atmosphere — safe, convenient and easy to walk around.

"We're trying to keep (campus) green, with walking, bicycles and alternative modes of transportation," she said.

Lang said it is important to plan ahead and leave early.

"Our campus doesn't have storefront parking," she said. "Leave early enough to park."

Although PTS recognizes meters as a flexible and short-term parking option, they recommend not exceeding the time limit.

With meter tickets starting at \$30, Lang said commuters should try to avoid using them.

"Meters are a problem," she said. "We do not encourage them."

Lang said to be sure to take note of these changes to pre-

vent being ticketed. Planning alternative means to get to campus, carpooling or buying a permit are all ways to prevent tickets.

This summer marks PTS's first year selling permits early, before the usual sale date in August.

Lang said 80 percent, or 1,200 of the 1,500 permits, will be available for sale before Aug. 14. The early sale date was implemented to help avoid the rush of fall, she said, which is hectic enough with students buying books and settling in on campus.

"We're making sure that students who didn't know or are new have a chance to buy a permit," Lang said. "Parking has a bad rap, and we're trying

to show everyone that we're trying to be helpful and make it user-friendly."

Although permits will not be available to pick up until Aug. 1, the early sales will help ensure that campus commuters can get permits.

With only 300 permits available after Aug. 14, Lang recommends buying a permit (especially red) in advance.

"We always have a waitlist on red (permits), because it's for both students and employees," she said. "They tend to be our most popular."

Permit prices have gone up from last year, and it has been proposed that prices will continue to rise annually by a min-

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Motorcycle rally rolls into town

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

Next weekend, Main Street and the Latah County Fairgrounds will be rocked with the revs and thrums of motorcycle engines for the first annual Moscow Motorcycle Classic.

Saturday is going to be the event's peak, with an all-day bike show near Mingles and a street dance that night from 7-10 p.m.

Across town at the Latah County Fairgrounds, there will be a motorcycle rodeo, antique bike show and a starting point for rides around the Palouse. There will also be a beer garden and booths from local vendors and merchants.

"I think it's a good PR thing for the businesses and the city," said Steven Franklin, manager of Untamed Art and member of the Chamber of Commerce committee that put the event together. "It's great that Moscow is doing these kinds of things in the dead-end part of summer so we can bring some commerce to town."

Crystal White, marketing event director of Moscow's Chamber of Commerce, credits Dale Keeney of Keeney Bros. Music Center of coming up with the idea for the rally.

Her hope for the Classic is to offset the summer slump in business the town hits every year.

"The purpose (of setting up the rally) is to generate an event for local businesses, who experience a downswing," White said. "If we reach this goal, it'd be a great thing for Moscow."

Early registration ends Friday. Fees are \$20 for individuals, \$35 for individuals with guests, and \$60 for families (two adults, two children). After that, fees raise to \$25 for individuals, \$45 for individuals with guests and \$75 for families. Registration includes a pancake feed coupon and entry to all events at the fairgrounds.

Volunteers are still needed for the event in all areas, ranging from parking and trash collection to manning the beer garden, which you must be 21 to do. For more information, contact the Moscow Chamber of Commerce at 882-1800 or info@moscow-chamber.com.

UI Mythbusters

College isn't what you see in the movies and on TV. It's hard to believe, but you were lied to. There are myths that have grown up around attending college, built up in part by this depiction of college life. The Argonaut is here to either confirm or bust some of these myths, so that those new to the college game can get a sense of the real rules — at least at the University of Idaho.

By Matt Doyle, Christina Navarro
and Carissa Wright
Argonaut

Myth #1: All students are poor



For many incoming students, college will be their first time leaving the nest. Also, the first time students find themselves in desperate need of money. With so many students

on campus griping about having little more than moths in their pockets, is it true that all college students are poor?

Dan Davenport, director of admissions at UI says that 65 percent of students receive financial aid to help them through college.

"Most everyone can qualify for financial aid, regardless of their parents' income," Davenport says. "Freshman should contact the financial aid office and ask to talk with financial aid advisors for help."

Besides financial aid, many students take advantage of the numerous job opportunities on campus.

Tania Thompson, director of media relations for the university, says that during the last academic year, the university had 2,799 student employees.

With many students employed on campus and others receiving at least some form of financial aid, it's difficult to believe that all students on campus are broke.

Verdict: Busted, partially. You may be poor now, but getting a job means you won't be for long. Check out the UI job listings at www.hr.uidaho.edu/stes.

Myth #2: The only way to play sports is to get on a varsity team

You might have been on a community soccer team in high school, but you know you won't make the UI team. Are you days on the pitcher's mound? "That is so a myth," says Butch Fealy, director of intramural sports. About 50 percent of students participate in intramurals, he says, and there is no fee for participation — student fees cover it.

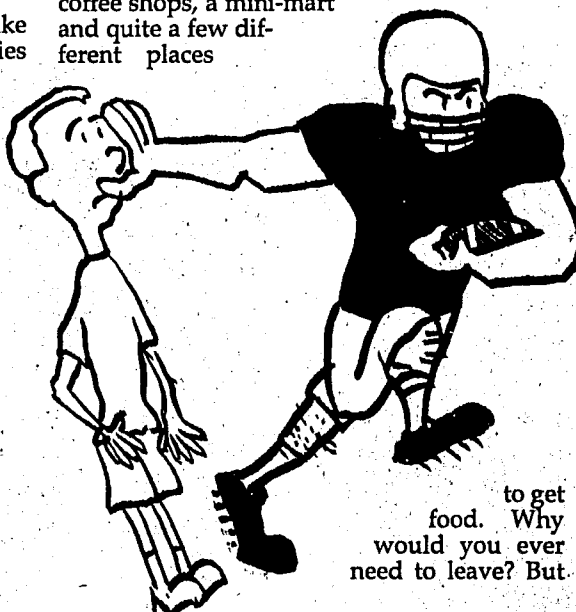
Students can get a group of friends together and sign up as a team in any number of intramurals, ranging from 3-on-3 basketball to Ultimate Frisbee. If finding a committed group of friends is an issue, students can sign up as free agents, and will be placed on a team.

Intramurals aren't even restricted to full-time students, according to Fealy. "All you need is one credit," he says. In addition to intramurals, which have organized competitions and leagues, students can participate in club sports. All you have to do, Fealy says, is drop off an interest form in whatever sport tickles your fancy at the Campus Rec office. A designated member of the club checks the drop box often, and will contact you about tryouts or practice times.

Verdict: Completely busted. Get more information on intramurals at www.campusrec.uidaho.edu/intramurals.

Myth #3: Students rarely, if ever, leave the campus

The UI campus has a gym, more than a few coffee shops, a mini-mart and quite a few different places



to get food. Why would you ever need to leave? But

most students do, and often.

David Wright, manager at One World Cafe says students go to and support many businesses off campus.

"(The student population) is beneficial and very important for business," Wright says. "We rely on the students during the fall and spring in order to stay open during the summer."

Students flock to One World not only for their collection of tasty drinks and treats, but also for the social, relaxing and even studious atmosphere.

"A lot of the students will come in and study because of the wireless Internet," Wright says. "If we didn't have it, students would go somewhere else (to study)."

Kevin Clary, owner of The Breakfast Club, says the business has had a strong percentage of student customers throughout the nine years it has been open, and about half the serving and cooking staff are university students.

Special events especially bring a lot of student business, and Clary says the busiest days at the restaurant are Mom's Weekend, graduation and the week before school starts.

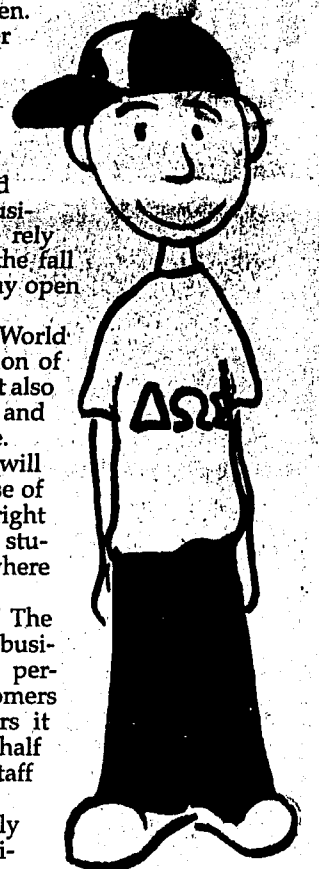
"Thanks to the student population, there is not a big change in business during the summer," Clary says.

Verdict: Busted. UI is part of Moscow, and the town that surrounds the university is well worth the visit.

Myth #4: All students go Greek

Choosing where to live is no easy task. Residence Halls and Greek houses are the two most popular on-campus living arrangements (UI also has on-campus apartments, generally for students with family) and it's easy to believe that most students go Greek.

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Gem Hall could be service-based this fall

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

In the upcoming school year, Gem Hall, located in the Living Learning Community, could be embracing a new philanthropic agenda.

Talks are in the works to have residents of Gem become more involved with service learning and volunteerism on campus.

University of Idaho sophomore Katie Kinsey is the student behind this new effort. She's been involved with the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action and created the Kids on Campus program with Nathan Hand, the former coordinator of ASUI Volunteer Programs.

"There's a big gap between ASUI and RHA (the Residence Hall Association)," Kinsey said. "A lot of students want to

get involved but don't know how. ... I want to help get students get more involved in programs on campus and get them excited to do things."

Kinsey credits Dee Dee Kanikkeberg, interim director of University Residences for giving her the idea. Gem adopting a new philanthropic identity would further the goal that every LLC hall have its own calling card.

"It's always been the goal for every house to have a theme," Kanikkeberg said. "Right now, there's Engineering Hall, the College of Natural Resources house, the Global Village and Scholars Hall. The idea is to move other houses into having themes."

Kanikkeberg said she got her idea from a conference she and Michael Griffel, director of University Residences, attended earlier this year. Another catalyst has been Megan Thompson, who

was involved in ASUI and a resident assistant before she graduated.

As of now, there are no concrete plans or timeline for Gem Hall to become philanthropy based. Kinsey said several hurdles need to be jumped before that happens.

Another snag is that Kinsey is no longer planning on living in Gem come fall. She'll be living in Gault Hall instead, saying a heavy school schedule and work as a summer RA prevents her from moving into Gem.

However, she said she doesn't feel her presence is necessary for her plans to succeed. Kinsey also encourages her fellow students to branch out beyond bookwork.

"So many students come here just for school and to get a degree," she said. "I

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File photo William Munge hauls sod during Saturday of Service 2007. Saturday of Service is just one event at the university that centers on volunteerism.

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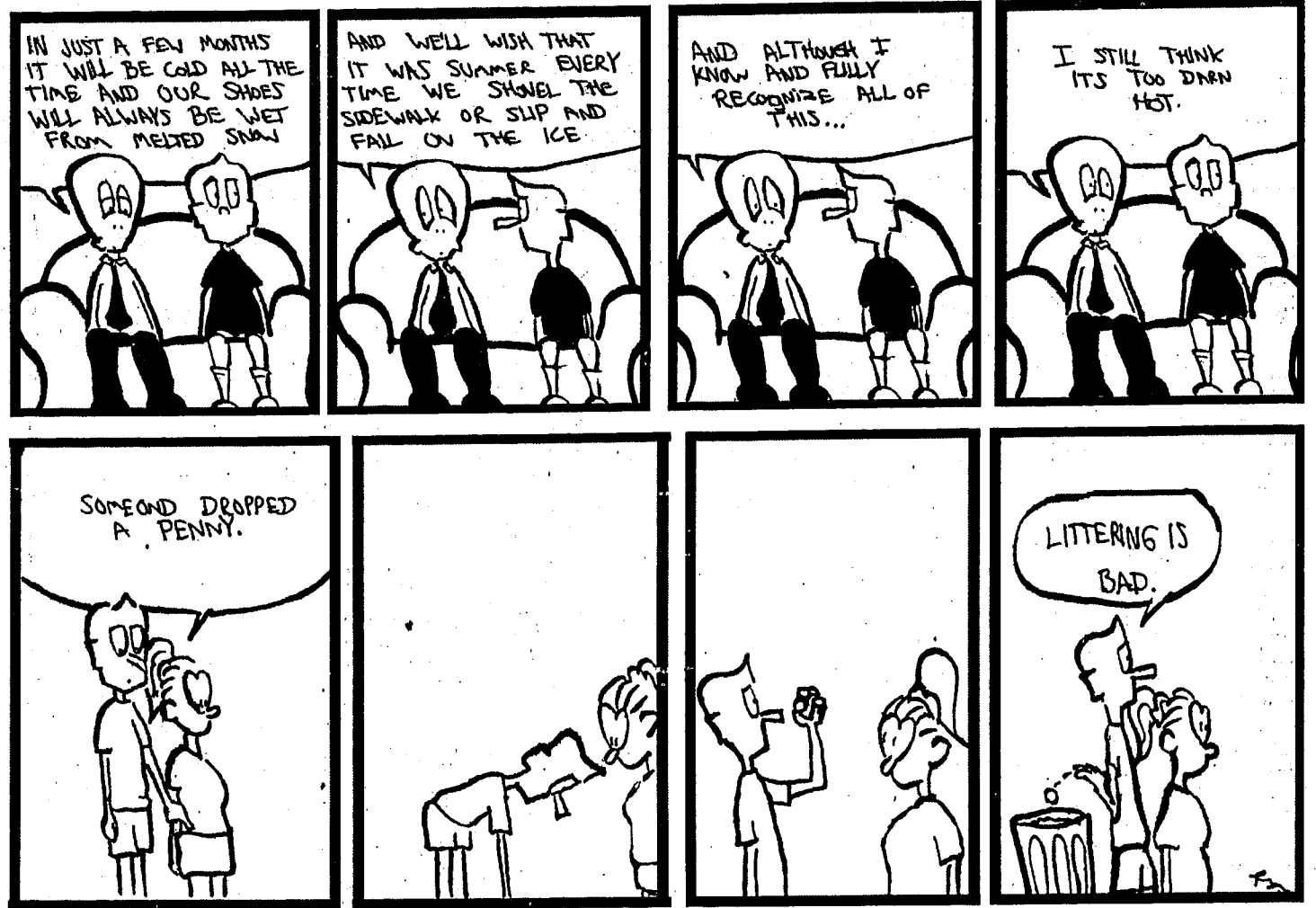
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University AVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



Local BRIEFS

Middle-schoolers mini-golfing

Nate Meyer, a UI alumnus and eighth-grade teacher in Downs, Ill., designed a project that required students to build a full-sized putt-putt course in their school gymnasium.

The project split students into groups of three and four, assigning them decades from U.S. history to design around and include an obstacle pertaining to a dilemma during that period.

Meyer, a 2004 graduate with a bachelor's degree in English, received a \$5,000 grant from the project and plans to use the money to fund it next year.

A/C shut-down for Education Building

The ventilation, cooling and heating systems in the Education Building will be turned off from 6 a.m.-5 p.m. today and tomorrow due to air conditioning maintenance.

UI residences cuts the Internet cords

No longer will any student in the residence halls be chained to their desk for Web access.

Wireless Internet is now available in McConnell Hall, the Theophilus Tower and the Wallace Residence Center. People in the Living Learning Community were already provided this amenity.

If residents choose not to roam with their laptops, there will be a 100 megabits per second Ethernet connection, an upgrade from the previous 10.

Climb in Canada

The Student Recreation Center's Outdoor Program is host-

ing an instructional mountaineering trip from August 3-5 to Kananee Glacier in Canada. A \$50 fee includes transportation and instruction. Departure time will be determined at the pre-trip meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 2.

UI prof named state vet of the year

Dr. Jim England, a UI professor of animal and veterinary sciences, was named the state's Veterinarian of the Year by the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association. He's been with UI since 1995 and directed the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center until 2001.

Sweet Avenue to be closed Thursday

Due to chip sealing being conducted, Sweet Avenue will be closed all day Thursday. Traffic to Family Housing and the Lionel Hampton School of

Music will be rerouted to go behind the Continuing Education building and up Blake Street.

Help new Vandals move in Aug. 16-17

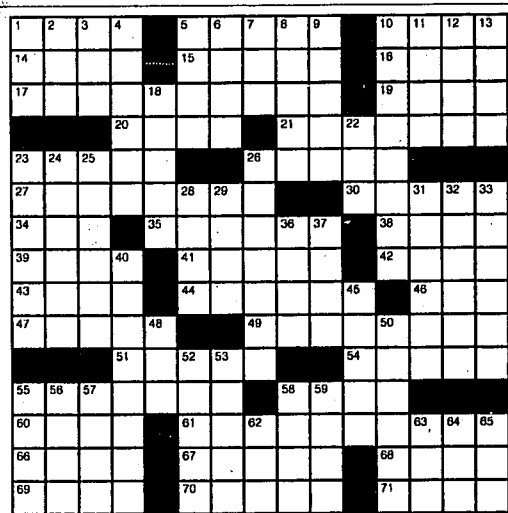
University Residences need people to help new students move and check into the residence halls on Aug. 16 and 17 for two-hour blocks between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Volunteers can staff an information booth, distribute handouts, transport boxes, and do other jobs. Call Leah Andrews at 885-7883 or e-mail her with your name, t-shirt size and desired time.

UI Facilities hosts blood drive

Facilities will be hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on July 31. The building is located on Perimeter Drive, near Campus Mail and Surplus. Call 885-6246 to make an appointment.

Crossword PUZZLE

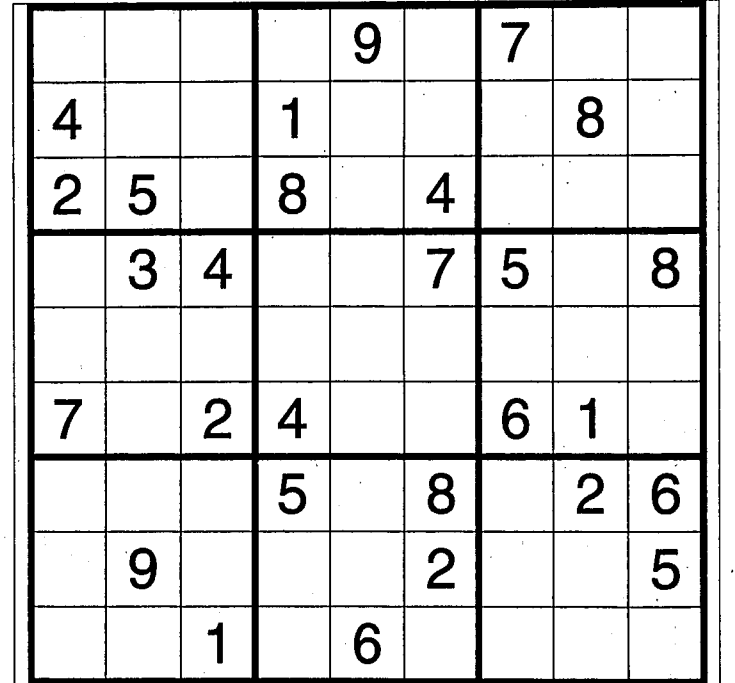
- ACROSS
- In the sack
 - Threw a party for
 - Plot of land
 - Flat charge
 - Basra man
 - Enigmatic
 - Driving force
 - Draft animals
 - Gave one's consent
 - Move like a peacock
 - Audibly
 - Spats
 - Phoebe or speed followers
 - Sch. of Trojans
 - Consecrate with oil
 - Stable youngster
 - Great landmass
 - Blood giver
 - Quaker pronoun
 - Open-handed blow
 - "This is ___ Tap"
 - Drivers' org.
 - Lends a hand
 - Family favoritism
 - Fencing move
 - Singer Mariah
 - Storehouse of arms
 - Train like Rocky
 - Bound upward
 - Phoebe and Phobus
 - Biblical wise men
 - Minut amount
 - Digits per hand
 - gin fizz
 - Gossiper
 - Units of length
- DOWN
- Chair rest
 - Reddish brown horse
 - UFO crew
 - Way around
 - Discharge
 - go brag!
 - The Chinese way
 - On a par
 - "Saturday Night Fever" dance
 - Water conduit
 - Bean (tofu)
 - Latest thing
 - Sized up
 - Additional
 - Rookie reporter
 - Press flat
 - Vigorous struggle
 - Ethnic
 - Utterly ridiculous
 - Shuts off
 - Cloverleaf segment
 - Goat coat
 - Make happy
 - Hot and sticky
 - Zilch
 - Pitfall
 - American dessert
 - Nearby
 - Sat. follower
 - Import tax
 - Offensive
 - Angry look
 - Charitable donations
 - Authentic
 - Palm starch
 - Separatist religious body
 - Urgent request
 - "The Hundred Secret Senses" author
 - Deadlock
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Solutions

ACROSS: 1. SACK, 2. PARTY, 3. PLOT, 4. FEE, 5. BASRA, 6. ENIGMA, 7. FORCE, 8. DRAFT, 9. CONSENT, 10. PEACOCK, 11. AUDIBLY, 12. SPATS, 13. FOLLOWERS, 14. TROJANS, 15. OIL, 16. YOUNGSTER, 17. MASS, 18. GIVER, 19. QUAKER, 20. BLOW, 21. TAP, 22. ORGAN, 23. HAND, 24. FAVORITISM, 25. FENCING, 26. SINGER, 27. STOREHOUSE, 28. TRAIN, 29. UPWARD, 30. PHOEBE, 31. WISE, 32. MINUTE, 33. DIGITS, 34. FIZZ, 35. GOSSIPER, 36. UNITS, 37. GOAT, 38. HAPPY, 39. STICKY, 40. ZILCH, 41. PITFALL, 42. DESSERT, 43. NEARBY, 44. FOLLOWER, 45. IMPORT, 46. OFFENSIVE, 47. ANGRY, 48. CHARITABLE, 49. AUTHENTIC, 50. PALM, 51. SEPARATIST, 52. URGENT, 53. SENSES, 54. DEADLOCK, 55. CONFIRMED.

Sudoku PUZZLE



Solution from 7/18

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8	4	7	2	8	3	5	6	1
8	6	9	7	2	9	4	7	1
1	9	3	4	7	7	8	6	2
9	8	2	5	3	9	1	3	4
4	7	5	6	9	2	8	1	3

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.

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imum of 5 percent to help pay for parking lot maintenance.

Red permit prices have increased from \$125 to \$131, blue from \$55 to \$59 and gold from \$250 to \$262.

According to an e-mail sent by Parking and Transportation Services to all active email accounts at the UI last spring, it has been proposed that prices for blue, silver, green, magenta & purple permits will rise at higher rates — up to 7 percent.

Despite the increase in prices, Lang said compared to the price of a parking ticket, it's a good deal.

"Our pricing is really good," she said. "I think we're the lowest out of everyone in comparison to other schools, like Washington State University."

With the continued funding for the Moscow Valley Transit and the Wheatland Express, commuters will still have mass transit as an option.

The Parking Services website features color-coded maps for parking zones, maps with the time it takes to walk to and from different areas on campus and Moscow Valley Transit and Wheatland Express bus routes.

GEM

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think they need to explore what else this school has to offer."

Luckily for her, ASUI is willing to help Kinsey so her plans come to fruition.

"This is a great way for students to come together and form quality friendships based on shared experiences," said Tara Malmquist, summer intern at ASUI's Center for Volunteerism.

"Service is not only a way of forming a bond with the individuals you are working with, but the community you are a part of. ... We are willing to be a resource to all campus entities be it residence halls, Greek life, clubs, faculty, or the student body in linking them with community service opportunities."

Keep an eye on the Argonaut Web site in the next few weeks for coverage of the Moscow Motorcycle Classic and the release of the final Harry Potter book.

MYTHS

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According to Greek adviser Adrien Wright, every year is different.

"There were about 500 students last year in total (that joined a Greek house)," Wright says. "The fraternities and sororities are recruiting all year round." More than 7,215 students live on campus, and approximately 1,800 live in the Greek residences. So of the students who live on campus, about a quarter go Greek.

Leah Andrews, market and recruitment manager of University Residences said many students decide to live in the residence halls.

"In fall of 2006, 705 freshmen students lived in a dorm on campus," she says. "The majority of freshmen students live in the Tower because it's all first-year students." Whatever a student decides, the campus is not segregated between Greek and non-Greek, and all freshmen interact with each other.

"There is there a perception that there is a lot of competition between the residence halls and (the Greeks)," Andrews says. "(It's important) students find out where they feel most comfortable — it's not about competition."

Verdict: Busted. Find where you're most comfortable, and go with it.

Myth #5: Students only take classes within their majors

For many students, one of the toughest decisions to make is what to study in school. But once you make that choice, do you get to take African dance, or underwater basket weaving? Or is your schedule full of every mechanical engineering levels possible?

Retired mathematics professor Ralph Newhouse encourages students to take classes outside of their major.

"If you have an interest in a specialty, you should take that class," he says. Though non-major classes are often more difficult to fit into a busy schedule, they play a huge part in the college experience.

Marc Skinner, an adviser and professor in journalism and mass media, encourages all majors "to take a variety of classes that will help them be more in tune with issues and events going on around them."

The variety of classes makes their course work "more meaningful" and expose students to "different disciplines early in their college experience," he says.

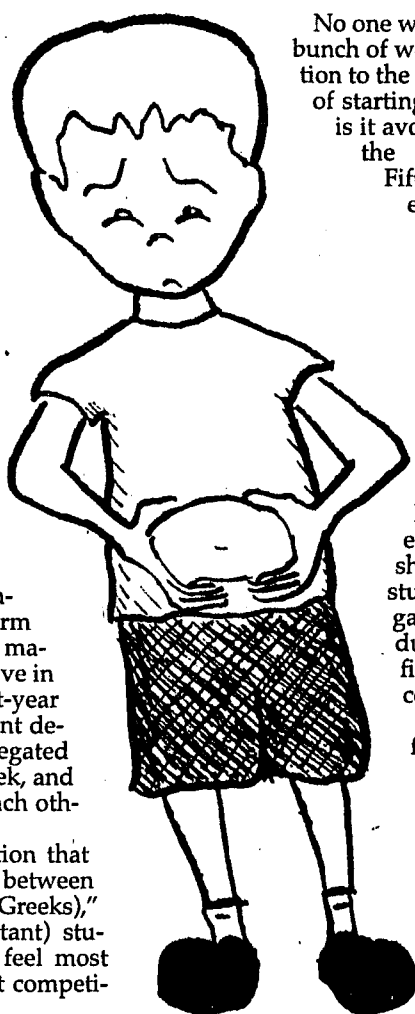
Skinner reminds students that it's easier to choose or add a different major early in the process.

"Many (computer science) majors add a degree in math," Newhouse says. "It's common to double major."

It's difficult to know where you'll end up on graduation day, but what's the point in getting there so quickly if you hardly enjoy the ride?

Verdict: Busted. Take whatever classes you want.

Myth #6: Students gain weight their first year at college.



No one wants to gain a bunch of weight in addition to the other stresses of starting college, but is it avoidable? Does the "Freshman Fifteen" really exist?

"To be honest," says Peg Hamlett, fitness director at the Student Recreation Center, "It's absolutely true." For a lot of different reasons, she says, most students do gain weight during their first year of college.

"It's the first time in their life, they've left their mom's fridge," Hamlett says. It's not that the food at UI is bad, she says, it's just different from the food

different from the food new students are used to.

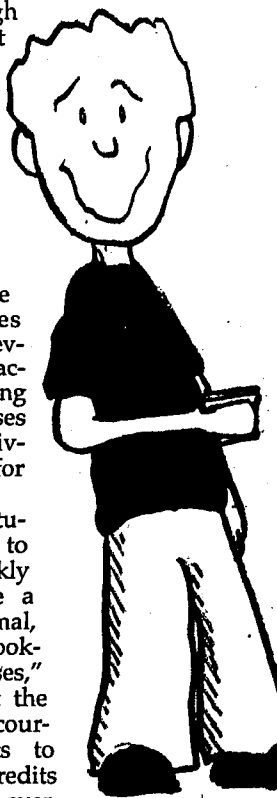
"It's hard to resist when people get a pizza."

Lack of exercise plays a role in the weight gain most students experience. The pattern of exercise that you had in high school probably won't carry over to college, and establishing new exercise habits can be difficult.

"A lot of students come from playing high school sports and they don't think they're good enough for UI or don't know about intramural sports," Hamlett says, so they drop the sport or activity entirely.

But there are opportunities available for every level of activity, including wellness classes and even activity classes for credits.

"A lot of students want to get out quickly so they take a lot of normal, academic, book-learning classes," she says, but the SRC staff encourages students to take fitness credits or establish an exer-



cise routine when they arrive at college. **Verdict:** Confirmed. However, there are ways you can avoid it. Resources are available to all students who need help establishing exercise habits or healthy eating habits, including a certified nutritionist.

Myth #7: Most college students graduate in four years.

You probably spent four years in high school — you'll be out of here in four as well. Not always, we found.

For many students, it's normal to graduate in five years — at least in the college of Art and Architecture.

Ellen McKenzie, assistant to the dean of the college, said one thing emphasized is starting on the right foot.

"If you don't start off right on the get go, you're going to be behind," she says.

McKenzie's children attended UI and finished in different durations.

"Some of them took longer than four years, and some did it in four," she says.

If students are dealing with a degree where the coursework is sequential, like architecture, finishing in four years can be more difficult.

"There's a problem with students having access to classes and time schedules," McKenzie says.

"It is our commitment here at the College of Art and Architecture to get people through in four years with an undergraduate (degree), and our graduate students (who also teach) try really hard to make that happen."

Dr. Archie George, director for Institutional Research and Assessment, put together years of data to see how many years, on average, it takes UI students to graduate.

"Virtually everyone is done by nine years," he says.

According to research collected by George and other analysts, on average, most UI students from every college graduate in five years.

Verdict: Busted, unless you know exactly what you're doing when you enroll — and never change your mind.

Myth #8: Core classes are a waste of time.

Gary Williams, chair for the Undergraduate Committee for General Education and English professor, says core classes should not affect the time it takes for students to graduate.

"The (general education) Core credit requirement is 36," Williams says. "Out of 128, it is really a small proportion."

He believes the perception of many students is Core classes are something to get past and not applicable to their field of study, but really serve in the student's best interest.

"It's something that people don't really understand about their education until

it's over," Williams says. "People tend to judge, especially Core Discovery classes before they take them, in terms of whether they seem to be applicable to the major they've declared — which shouldn't be a way to choose these courses."

Williams says Core classes are not a waste of time.

"Having a general education is going to be better for (students) in the long run, than the specific training they will get in their classes," he says. "Employers are going to want to know that (graduates) are aware of some things going on in the world, and general education is preparation for that."

One thing to remember is clusters within the Core Discovery curriculum may become outdated, and something future students will not deal with.

A proposal by the UCGE would replace the 23 Core clusters, which each have 15 courses for students to choose from, with a general category of 400 courses.

"By the middle of September, the list should be done and we should be able to go to University Curriculum Committee who finalizes that," Williams says.

Myth #9: All students drink alcohol.

Once you're out of your parents' house, all sorts of once-forbidden actions are open to you — chief among them, drinking copious amounts of alcohol. But do all college students really hit the booze once they reach campus?

A national study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health states that two in three students reported drinking in the past 30 days. A 2003 survey done by the UI Counseling and Testing Center showed reported that at the university, 85 percent of students consumed alcohol in the past year, with 58 percent of students reporting they drink up to four drinks per week.

"The majority of our students are reporting that they drink at some point," says Sharon Fritz, program director at the Counseling and Testing Center. "To me, the issue is the students who are drinking at a high risk level."

Drinking may have inherent risks, especially if you are under 21, but there are ways to reduce the risk you're taking. The Counseling and Testing Center recommends keeping track of the number of drinks you consume, using a designated driver, limit the money you spend on drinking before you start, drink slowly and eating before drinking, among other strategies.

The survey showed though the majority of students do drink at least on occasion, many choose to responsibly. The survey showed that 82 percent reported using a designated driver, 80 percent reported eating before drinking and 62 percent reported keeping track of how many drinks they consume.

Verdict: Confirmed, partially. The majority is not all, and there's no reason to feel pressured to drink because everyone else is — they're not. But if you do choose to drink, don't be an idiot about it. The CTC has resources and information on responsible drinking.



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Univ. president, 2 administrators forced out after alleged cover-up of student's rape, slaying

By Jeff Karoub
Associated Press Writer

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Three Eastern Michigan University administrators, including the president, have been forced out, months after top school officials were accused of covering up the rape and slaying of a student by publicly ruling out foul play.

President John Fallon was fired, and Vice President of Student Affairs Jim Vick and Public Safety Director Cindy Hall lost their jobs at the 23,500-student public university, the chairman of the school's governing board said Monday.

Board of Regents Chairman Thomas Sidlik also said the board would put a letter of discipline in the file of university attorney Kenneth McKanders.

The body of the slain student, Laura Dickinson, 22, was discovered Dec. 15 in her dorm room.

At the time, university officials told her parents and the media that she died of asphyxiation but that there was no sign of foul play, despite evidence to the contrary.

It was not until another Eastern student, Orange Taylor III, was arrested in late February and charged with murder that her family and students learned she had been raped and killed. Taylor has pleaded not guilty to murder and criminal sexual conduct charges in Dickinson's death, and is scheduled for trial Oct. 15.

An independent law firm investigation and U.S. De-

partment of Education report both found that the university violated the federal Clery Act, which requires colleges and universities to disclose campus security information.

Many in the administration were accused of covering up the truth and endangering students to protect the school's image, which has been marred in recent years by tensions with faculty, students and the community.

Board member James Stapleton said it became clear from conversations with Fallon and his attorney that Fallon was planning to take action during Monday's scheduled board meeting that would have damaged the university. As a result, the board unanimously voted to fire him.

Neither Stapleton nor other regents would elaborate on what he said Fallon was planning.

Fallon's secretary did not know how he could be reached for further comment. Fallon told the Ann Arbor News that a termination letter indicated his office had been secured and that arrangements would be made for him to retrieve personal items. He told the newspaper he was upset with how the board handled his firing.

"As a citizen, I am disappointed in this hastily called meeting, without any opportunity to be present or to respond," Fallon told the paper. "I have a story to tell and intend to tell it."

Messages left by The Associated Press at a telephone list-

ing for the official president's residence at Eastern Michigan and by e-mail were not immediately returned.

A gate prevented access to the front door of the residence Monday afternoon. A call placed to the residence from a telephone near the gate went unanswered.

Fallon has 60 days to leave the property, board members said.

Fallon's salary was \$225,000 a year. His contract was to run until July 2010, according to university spokesman Ward Mullens.

According to the terms of Fallon's contract, he would be paid the equivalent of one year's base salary if the board fired him.

Vick, who has been on paid administrative leave since March, told the News: "My first choice was to come back. But you don't always get your first choice."

The board appointed Provost Donald Loppnow as executive vice president. In that dual role, Loppnow will serve as the school's chief executive until an interim president is selected.

Robert Dickinson, the slain woman's father, said anybody implicated in the federal report "should probably expect the same" fate as Fallon.

"I fire my baristas if they do wrong," said Dickinson, who owns a coffee house in the western Michigan community of Hastings. "The board of this school should do whatever they need to do."

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Idaho education task force to tackle middle school blahs

Associated Press

Call it "reality math."

In Donna Clark's sixth-grade class at Wendell Middle School, she makes her students pay rent on desks and chairs. If they are punctual with assignments, she hands them play money as a reward. And the kids pay taxes on their "earnings."

"It helps you know how to do it now so you are ready for it when you get older," said Jessica Brasil, 12, who had Clark as a teacher last year.

Innovative teaching styles like Clark's are due to be scrutinized by a newly named 18-member task force of parents, teachers and Idaho business leaders seeking to strengthen the state's middle schools — or as Clark puts it, drive out the "blahs" that can afflict young students just beginning their teen years.

The task force, appointed by the Idaho Department of Education, will

be headed by state Schools Superintendent Tom Luna.

"Middle school is where you light the fire," Luna said. "High school is where you launch them on to dreams of their choice. If we mess up in middle school and we don't light that fire, in too many cases, it is too late."

He said he has no deadline to finish a middle school proposal and will include a broad range of interest groups in any plan that is developed. Luna said he may take reform plans to town hall meetings to gather even more points of view.

That's in part to avoid problems encountered by previous state government-led school reform efforts, such as boosting math and science requirements.

In 2006, both parents and teachers roundly panned proposed new math and science standards, arguing that the plan was a topdown solution that could have robbed children of the op-

portunity to take art or music, or kept members of religious groups such as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from attending after-school religious instruction.

After that furor, a similar but scaled-back proposal cleared the 2007 Legislature with nary a dissenting whimper after state Board of Education officials sought more public involvement.

Among other school programs the middle-school task force will look at are requirements in the Meridian School District, the state's largest. Teachers at the alternative middle school in the district just west of Boise no longer accept "D" and "F" work from students, who are now forced to redo shoddy assignments.

This effort to boost quality is now spreading to other district schools, said Superintendent Linda Clark.

Some teachers see middle schools in Idaho and beyond as the most neglected segment of public education.

Students battling changes in their bodies and social settings often aren't motivated to do their best work — sometimes out of knowledge that it doesn't affect their high school records. Students who don't do well face few consequences — until, of course, some get to high school and find themselves unprepared.

"What happens in that transition between eighth and ninth grade is there is a gap in which a middle school student sees himself as being promoted from grade to grade by (work that is) less than they are capable of," said Jim Johnson, a Making Middle Schools Work adviser working with Wendell. "Then they get to ninth grade, and all of a sudden if you don't pass English 1 or Algebra 1, you don't move to the 10th grade."

To promote accountability, Wendell Middle School began holding back flunking students.

In the past two years, the school of

about 325 fifth- through eighth graders has held back six students.

Carlos Vasquez, 15, who repeated eighth grade in the school year just ended, acknowledges he just "messed around" during his first effort. In his second, he says, he began paying better attention and concentrating. Teachers say he began asking questions, getting involved in discussions — and was rewarded with several "A" and "B" grades. This fall, he'll start ninth grade, the first year of high school.

"I'm ready for it," he said. Clark, the Wendell Middle School math teacher trying to inject a dose of reality into classes, thinks students like Vasquez are more engaged and working harder.

But she sees some holdouts: some students tell her they can earn more money working at the family dairy in this agricultural region about 100 miles east of Boise.

"Those are the hardest," she said.

Warhol's estate comes under fire for controlling market

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press Writer

The owner of a silkscreen self-portrait of Andy Warhol is suing the late artist's estate, saying it conspired for 20 years to control the market for Warhol's work with authority to stamp "DENIED" on any work it claimed was fake.

In a \$20 million lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court, Joe Simon-Whelan said the Andy Warhol Founda-

tion for the Visual Arts Inc. and the Andy Warhol Art Authentication Board force owners of each Warhol work to sign contracts giving them a "perpetual veto right over its authenticity."

He accused them of engaging in a two-decade scheme of fraud, collusion and manipulation that caused them to twice deny the authenticity of his 24-by-20-inch silkscreen even though it already had been authenticated multiple times by the estate or its related

entities.

As a result, the lawsuit says, anyone who buys a Warhol painting that has been authenticated by the board risks having the authenticity revoked at any time.

Simon-Whelan, a U.S. film writer and producer who lives in London, accused the foundation and the board of providing "a facade of corporate credibility obscuring a deeply corrupt enterprise that enables defendants to benefit from Warhol's art and reputa-

tion."

He said they had adopted a policy of rejecting as many works as possible to induce artificial scarcity in the market for Warhol's creations.

The foundation's chief financial officer, K.C. Maurer, said she had not seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment.

A telephone message left with the authentication board was not returned.

Simon-Whelan said he bought the

silkscreen, called "Double Denied" in his court papers, for \$195,000 in 1989, two years after Warhol died.

The work was one of several created in 1964 at Warhol's direction from an acetate personally created and chosen by him, the lawsuit said.

It was going to be sold in December 2001 for \$2 million until the authentication board without explanation stamped "DENIED" on the back of it in red ink, which bled through to the front, according to the lawsuit.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

'No Fish in the House'

Idaho Repertory Theatre presents the family-friendly play by Tom Willmorth at 6 p.m. in the Kiva Theatre. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for youth.

'Elvis People'

Idaho Repertory Theatre presents the story of several people whose lives are affected by The King at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for youth.

Tomorrow

'Much Ado About Nothing'

Idaho Repertory Theatre presents Shakespeare's classic comedy at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre's outdoor stage, which over looks Sixth Street and Stadium Drive. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for youth.

'Interment'

Idaho Repertory Theatre presents the story of a daughter sifting through the reality of her mother's death and memories of her life at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for youth.

Friday

'Harry Potter' release party

In celebration for the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the UI Bookstore will have a party starting at 10 p.m. The event will feature owls from the WSU Rap-ror Club.

Dissertation Defense

Yelizaveta Skryzhevskaya, a Ph.D. candidate in geography, will defend her dissertation "Regional Inequalities in Ukraine: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Implications" at 1 p.m. in McClure Hall Room 207.

'Much Ado About Nothing'

7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre Outdoor Stage.

Saturday

'Summer of '42'

Idaho Repertory Theatre presents the story of three teenage boys who sing their way through summer in war-torn Nantucket at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for youth.

Sunday

'Classical Afternoon' caps town festival

The Rendezvous Orchestra, conducted by Yaacov Bergman, will be the swan song for the annual Rendezvous in the Park festival. They will perform at 3 p.m. in the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

'Elvis People'

2 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

'Much Ado About Nothing'

7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre Outdoor Stage.

Tuesday

Dissertation defense

Environmental science Ph.D. candidate Shannon Donovan defends

'The Palouse: A Bioregional Approach for Assessing Sense of Place'

at 9 a.m., Agricultural Science building, Room 62.

Master's defense

J. Brent Slone defends "Function Modeling-Grizzly Bear Habitat-Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystems" at 2 p.m. in McClure Hall Room 207.

Curtains for 'Elvis People'

The last show for "Elvis People" will run at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

Final show for 'No Fish in the House'

The last show for "No Fish in the House" will run at 6 p.m. in the Kiva Theatre.

July 25

Dissertation Defense

Jacqueline M. Williams, a Ph.D. candidate in education, defends her dissertation "Teaching Ethics to Athletic Training Students from CAAHEP Accredited Athletic Training Education Programs" at 9 a.m. in Education Building, Room 301.

'Summer of '42'

7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

July 26

'Much Ado About Nothing'

7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre Outdoor Stage.

'Interment'

7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

July 27

Curtains for 'Much Ado About Nothing'

The last show for "Much Ado About Nothing" will run at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

Final show for 'Interment'

The last show for "Interment" will run at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

July 28

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The last show for "Summer of '42" will run at 7:30 p.m. in the Hartung Theatre.

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Terrorism has little effect on travel abroad

By Barbara Harrington
Daily Eastern News

The June 30 Glasgow International Airport attack and attempted car bombings in London on June 29 have reminded people all over the globe that terrorism often strikes when least expected. Although traveling to large cities increases a person's risk of being targeted, recent terrorist attacks have had little effect on student travel at Eastern Illinois University.

A group of students that was overseas for an English Department program two years ago experienced firsthand the effects of terrorism on travel abroad.

On July 7, 2005 Eastern students were studying abroad in England when four bombs were set off by terrorists — three were detonated on subway trains and one on a double-decker bus in London.

The program, Literary Landscapes, was stationed primarily in Grantham, England and was led by Dr. Randy Beebe and Dr. James Smith. Students stayed in Harlaxton Manor and were able to take day and weekend trips during their free time.

The group was scheduled to fly home on July 8, so a portion of the students decided to spend their last

couple of days overseas in England's most famous city, London.

Comparative Literature Graduate student Andrea Johnston had arranged to meet up with a friend in Grantham and stayed behind. Johnston said she woke up around 10 a.m. and soon learned of the attacks.

"My immediate reaction was 'Where are my classmates?'" she said. "These things are so rare and the fact that it occurred when we were there was unbelievable."

Later on that day Johnston received a phone call from her mother, who had awakened to news of the attacks on WGN-Chicago. She reassured her mother that she was fine, but was anxious to be reunited with the rest of her classmates.

Back in London, the other students had been getting ready to go out for a day full of sight-seeing. They had been staying in the Royal National Hotel, located just off of Tavistock Square. Most of the students slept in to avoid rush hour on the subway, also known as the tube. English and Creative Writing student Sarah Mims said she was heading out for the day with some friends when two girls from the group stopped them and explained they had seen injured passengers coming off the tube at Russell Square. The girls

were "quite shaken and upset," according to Mims, and the group was instructed to stay where they were for the time being.

Mims said they didn't understand the severity of the situation immediately because no information had been reported on the news. The students thought of the attacks as a slight delay in their plans.

"We complied with our professor's wishes, though, and as we stood talking about how to rearrange our plans for the day if we couldn't take the tube, there was a loud boom," Mims recalled. "Our windows rattled. We stopped talking for a moment and looked toward the window, then, not knowing what had happened, kept talking. That boom had been the bus, just across from our hotel."

The explosion occurred around 9:45 a.m. and was the fourth and final bomb to be detonated that day. One student actually witnessed the explosion.

"Until I went outside, I didn't know what to feel," Mims said. "After I saw the bus, but I didn't know what it was or what had happened, I remember feeling a kind of tingling, as if something big was happening all around me and it might have a major effect on all of us, but it might not. It was very

similar to how I felt on Sept. 11. But I wasn't in New York or D.C. on Sept. 11. This time, I was right in the middle of it."

Police told the professors and students they might need to evacuate the hotel at any moment, so students were instructed to quickly pack up their belongings and call their parents. The group stayed in the hotel for the remainder of the day and was told that for safety reasons, individuals would not be able to return to the building if they left.

Dr. Beebe and Dr. Smith took extra measures to ensure the students' safety and were very honest and open about the situation.

They held regular meetings in the hallways of the hotel to keep students informed. They worked hard to make sure the group would still be able to depart the next day. Luckily, all of the students were reunited at the airport the next day.

The transportation systems in London were up and running by June 8, allowing students to leave for home as scheduled.

Despite the terror in London, the events didn't have a negative impact on Johnston's or Mims' feelings about traveling overseas.

anything, the way it was dealt with

made me feel more secure," Johnston said. "To England's credit, they just kept going."

Mims shares similar sentiments. "What happened in London could happen anywhere, and we just happened to be there when it did. Risk is a part of our everyday lives, and I for one am not about to let that keep me from someday going back and seeing all the things I missed that day in London," she said.

As director of the Eastern Illinois University Study Abroad Program, Wendy Williamson, believes terrorism in the United States and overseas has had little effect on the number of students enrolled in the program.

However, the university always takes precautions when it comes to the safety of its students.

"We are working on a number of procedures to improve our ability to respond to emergencies abroad," Williamson said.

The program already educates students on emergency procedures during mandatory pre-departure orientations.

There are usually around 300 students enrolled in Eastern's Study Abroad Program, and Williamson expects that number to remain consistent or increase in the coming year.

Christian fraternity denied membership in Florida

By Mark Macmurdo
The Daily Reveille (LSU)

The University of Florida faced a discrimination lawsuit this past Tuesday after an all male Christian group was denied participation as an official student organization.

According to the Associated Press, Beta Upsilon Chi was not allowed to be a student organization because the group allows only men to join.

The organization was not recognized in the off-campus Greek system because it requires members to be of a specific faith.

Not being recognized by the University of Florida meant the organization would not receive access to provided meeting space, student funds or be allowed to recruit new members on campus.

BUC's Web site said the organization was started "by a handful of Christian men who desired an alternative to the present fraternal lifestyle."

BUC has 21 chapters on campuses across the southern United States. The organization was started in Texas where it hosts 10 different university locations.

"The only two requirements are that you are a male and that you agree with our doctrinal statement," said Chris Hurst, BUC Alumni Coordinator.

Hurst said the organization does require members to be Christians, although he pointed out not all Christians would agree with the organization's doctrinal statement.

Angela Guillory, director of Greek Affairs, said via e-mail the University's Office of Greek Affairs mostly deals with social fraternities. Because BUC is a non-social fraternity it would be considered an organization under the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, she said.

Michelle Lowery, assistant director of the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, said the organization would have to make changes to its policies if it sought student organization status at the University.

According to the CSLI Web site, organizations may not "deny membership on any basis prohibited by applicable law, including but not limited to sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, disability, marital status, or sexual preference." Lowery said these regulations reflect state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

"You have to be open to all students, but your officers may be more restricted," she said.

Lowery mentioned a Muslim student organization that allows all sexes to join but has only men in officer positions.

While numerous student organizations at Louisiana State University are religion-based, none have been denied recognition by the CSLI based on requiring members to be of a certain sex or creed.

Many University fraternities and sororities have roots in religion without such stringent membership requirements as Beta Upsilon Chi.

BUC's Web site sets forth a series of statements about their religious beliefs, including the Trinity and the Bible as "God's written revelation to man ... without error in the original

manuscripts."

The advocacy groups that filed the lawsuit, the Christian Legal Society and the Alliance Defense Fund, also sued the University of Georgia in 2006 under similar circumstances. The case was settled when the University of Georgia agreed to recognize BUC and amended its nondiscrimination requirement to allow BUC an exemption to discriminate based on religion.

The only other opposition the organization has faced in becoming recognized was at the University of Missouri. BUC was eventually recognized after the situation was resolved through correspondence from the organization's legal team.

According to Tim Tracy, litigation counsel for BUC, the University of Florida not only denied BUC's recognition because of its gender requirement but also said the university would be kicking out Kappa Upsilon Chi and Sigma Phi Lambda, two Christian Greek organizations that have already established chapters.

"[The suit] has been filed, but we have not been served with it yet," said Steve Orlando, University of Florida spokesperson.

Orlando said he could not comment further on pending litigation.

The Title IX Education Amendments of 1972 set forth guidelines to ensure universities do not discriminate against students. The landmark legislation made a big splash in collegiate athletics, mandating that universities provide equal opportunity to both men and women. Social fraternities and sororities have exemptions to Title IX that allow them to restrict members by sex.

Because BUC is not considered a social fraternity, it would not get exemption from Title IX.

Tracy said almost all of BUC's chapters are recognized as student organizations, not as social fraternities.

None of BUC's chapters are recognized by the inner-fraternity councils at their respective institutions.

Federal bill may aid students

By Clara Hogan
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

In seven years, in-state tuition at the University of Iowa has risen almost 85 percent, from \$1,453 a semester in 2000 to \$2,688 in 2007-08. And this sort of hike isn't unique to the Iowa City, Iowa-based university.

The cost to attend college has continued to increase across the nation, placing the heavy burden of student loans on many students and their families.

Last month, in a 273-149 vote, the U.S. House passed the College Cost Reduction Act 2007, which takes steps to ease the financial burden. The Senate is scheduled to vote on a similar bill later this month, and President Bush would need to sign the legislation before it becomes law.

"There are two things that have an effect on a student's ability to attend postsecondary education," said Mark Warner, the director of the UI Office of Student Financial Aid. "Cost of attendance is one, as well as the availability of financial aid."

In the past several years, tuition has increased, he noted, yet support from the federal government has not.

"This (new) act is so welcomed, because we have not seen the needed increases in the federal grants and loans in the past several years," he said.

Subsidized loans — government loans called Stafford loans, allow students to start paying off debt six months after graduation with a fixed rate of 6.8 percent. The bill would cut this rate in half. And Warner believes this will play a major part in assisting a broad range of people.

"A lot of the middle class as well as needier students receive the federal Stafford loans," he said.

Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, who voted in favor of the bill, said college should be more accessible.

"The opportunity to attend college should never be denied to (people) because their family can't afford tuition," he said in an e-mail, noting that this bill will provide \$232 million in additional funding for Iowa students so "more working families can afford to send their children to college." Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, also supported the legislation in the House, and said it would not only make college more affordable for students, it would also help Iowa in other aspects.

"It is also the key to keeping Iowa's economy strong and competitive in a rapidly changing world economy," he said.

The bill would allow graduates to pay back their loans in monthly payments of only 15 percent of their income; after 20 years, the government

would forgive the rest of the loans.


"It will probably be a student who is borrowing at an undergrad level, grad level, and professional level who is affected by the forgiveness after 20 years," Warner said.

The bill would also increase eligibility for Pell Grants and provide those eligible with more money. The maximum grant currently awarded to students is \$4,310; the bill would increase that by \$500 for five years, up to \$5,200.

The Pell Grant targets the neediest students, with little or no ability to contribute to the cost of education, Warner said.


According to Braley's and Loebsack's press releases, the measure would help up to 77,000 students in Iowa.

"Partnerships between all sources — federal, state, universities, and private companies — is important to serve in the best interest of those seeking higher education," Warner said.



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Fight song owner won't sell

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The Brigham Young University fight song will stay with a family that bleeds Cougar blue.

The son of the composer is bothered when he hears "The Cougar Song" is available on the Internet for doorbells, key chains and cell phone rings. Dee Sandgren, who holds the copyright, said only BYU can use the tune.

After considering whether to sell the rights or just give them to BYU, Sandgren said

the fight song "will not be sold."

"I have decided it is not in the best interest of anyone to sell the rights of a song enjoyed by countless individuals," he said in a statement.

Sandgren's father, Clyde Sandgren, composed the song in 1932. He was a BYU graduate who served as the school's general counsel and vice president. He died in 1989.

BYU freshman Brad Weinert said he sang the song in the shower while on a Mormon mission in California.

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Designed with quakes in mind, nuclear plants rarely damaged by seismic activity

By Matt Crenson
Associated Press

With 20 percent of the world's nuclear reactors in seismically active zones and the remote but real possibility of earthquakes just about everywhere else, nuclear power plants are designed with shaking in mind.

Plants in many countries have survived quakes more powerful than the one that hit Japan on Monday, suggesting that the poor performance of the Kashiwazaki Kariwa reactor is more illustrative of recent safety problems in the country's nuclear industry than any inherent vulnerability of the technology.

"It did what it was supposed to," said William Miller, a University of Missouri at Columbia nuclear engineering professor. "It shut down. It did not release radioactive material into the atmosphere."

Miller said he considers the relatively small amounts of radioactivity that were released when the earthquake knocked over several waste-containing barrels to be "negligible."

But environmentalists and nuclear watchdogs expressed concern that fire and power failure, both of which resulted at Kashiwazaki on Monday, can trigger nuclear meltdown.

Historically, Japanese nuclear power plants have performed quite well in previous earthquakes, even the one that sustained minor damage in Monday's magnitude 6.6 quake. The Kashiwazaki

Kariwa plant experienced a 6.8 magnitude quake in October 2004 without incident, though an aftershock two weeks later caused the automatic shutdown of one of its reactors. In August 2005 three reactors at the Onagawa plant in north-eastern Japan shut down automatically during a 7.2 earthquake.

"Barring an extraordinary seismic event, it is expected that the nuclear plants based energy supply in Japan can be maintained with manageable disruptions," Rice University engineers concluded in a 2000 analysis.

Generally, plants adhering to government guidelines drawn up after 1995 Kobe earthquake are considered safe in quakes up to 7.75 magnitude. Facilities in especially active regions are designed to withstand even greater intensity.

Even in the absence of earthquakes, however, Japanese nuclear plants have had safety problems. In 2004, five workers were killed and six were injured after a corroded pipe ruptured and sprayed plant workers with boiling water and steam at the Mihama nuclear plant in western Japan. In 2002, four out of the five companies operating nuclear plants in Japan confessed to hiding the presence of cracks in their reactors from the government.

U.S. nuclear plants have stood up well to earthquakes.

In 2003, a strong quake that rocked California's Central Coast was felt in the control room of the Diablo Canyon nuclear

power plant, a pair of 1,100-megawatt reactors near a series of faults running parallel to the San Andreas.

Onsite inspectors did a walkthrough of the plant following the magnitude-6.5 tremor and did not find any broken or leaking pipes, damaged support braces or displaced equipment.

Pipes, pumps and other components of the liquid cooling system are the most vulnerable elements of a reactor in an earthquake. If they fail, the reactor's core could heat up to the point that a meltdown occurs.

"It's not just a case of remaining standing after the earthquake," said Scott Bunnell, a spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires utilities to design nuclear plants so they can safely shut down in the event of a powerful earthquake, typically the strongest that geologists consider possible in the region. Plants are also required to be able to operate without disruption through a weaker earthquake, usually one about half as strong as the maximum.

Even some of the deadliest earthquakes in recent history have produced little or no damage to nuclear reactors in the affected area.

Though a December 1988 earthquake in northwestern Armenia killed 25,000 people, two Soviet-designed reactors about 50 miles from the epicenter continued to operate normally.

More than 190 feared dead in air disaster

By Alan Clendinning
Associated Press

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A Brazilian passenger jet crashed and burst into flames Tuesday after skidding off a runway and barreling across a busy highway, officials said. All 176 people on board were feared dead in what would be Brazil's deadliest air disaster, and at least 15 were killed on the ground.

The death toll officially stood at 40 after the crash of the Airbus-320 owned by TAM Airlines, but that number was expected to rise sharply as rescue workers, forensic experts and doctors scoured the wreckage in South America's largest city.

The crash — Brazil's second major disaster in less than a year — happened in a driving rain on a runway at Congonhas airport that had been criticized in the past for being too short. The TAM Airlines jet slammed into a gas station and a building owned by the airline, said Jose Leonardi Mota, a spokesman with airport authority Infraero.

An official said early Wednesday that 25 charred bodies had been recovered from what was left of the plane and that 15 people who were on the ground either died at the scene or in hospitals.

Ten more people on ground were injured and hospitalized, according to a Sao Paulo state public safety media official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department policy.

"I was told that the temperature inside the plane was 1,000 degrees (Celsius), so the chances of there being any survivors are practically nil," Sao Paulo State Gov. Jose Serra told reporters at the airport. That temperature in Celsius is equivalent to about 1,830 degrees Fahrenheit.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva declared three days of national mourning for the victims, and presidential spokesman Marcelo Baumbach told reporters late Tuesday that no cause would be immediately

released because it was premature to do so.

"His worries now are with the victims and the relatives of the victims. That is main concern," Baumbach said, referring to Lula.

TAM Linhas Aereas Flight 3054 was en route to Sao Paulo from the southern Brazilian city of Porto Alegre. TAM Airlines said there were 176 people on board, 170 passengers and six crew members. A Brazilian congressman was among those on the flight, his aide said.

The airline released an list of most of the people on the flight early Wednesday, but did not specify their nationalities.

"TAM expresses its most profound condolences to the relatives and friends of the passengers who were on Flight 3054," the company said.

Before the list was released, Lamir Buzzanelli said his 41-year-old son, Claudemir, an engineer, had called him from Porto Alegre to say he was in the plane and about to return from a business trip.

"My hopes are not too high because I've been calling him on his cell phone, and all I get is his voice mail," Buzzanelli said, his eyes tearing up.

The crash highlights the country's increasing aviation woes. In September, a Gol Airlines Boeing 737 collided with an executive jet over the Amazon rainforest, causing the passenger jet to crash, killing 154 people.

Since then, there have been questions about the country's underfunded air traffic control systems, deficient radar system and the airlines' ability to cope with a surge in travelers. Controllers — concerned about being made scapegoats — have engaged in strikes and work slowdowns to raise safety concerns, causing lengthy delays and cancellations.

TAM worker Elias Rodrigues Jesus, walking near the site just as the crash happened, told The Associated Press that the jet exploded in between the gas station and a warehouse owned by TAM.

Suspect in singer shooting takes own life

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press Writer

LARAMIE, Wyo. — A military sharpshooter accused of killing his estranged wife as she sang at a bar died Tuesday night after being found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest, police said.

Wyoming Army National Guardsman David Munis was found by a search team at about 7:45 p.m. after police received an anonymous call from a man who spotted Munis at a small camping trailer in a remote area about 15 miles north of Laramie and about five miles outside the search area, Albany County Sheriff's

Lt. Michael Garcia said.

He had shot himself in the chest with a high-power rifle, Garcia said.

Munis, 36, was flown to a hospital and pronounced dead at 8:01 p.m., Garcia said.

Munis' estranged wife, Robin Munis, 40, was singing with a classic-rock and country group at the Old Chicago restaurant and bar early Saturday when a bullet pierced a plate glass door and hit her in the head, killing her.

About 75 heavily armed officers had been searching for Munis in a canyon area near where his pickup was spotted late Monday.

Munis apparently shot

himself as searchers closed in on him, Munari said.

Authorities had been looking for Munis, 36, in a canyon area north of Laramie near where his pickup was spotted late Monday. He was found in a trailer about 15 miles north of Laramie, near where police had been searching, Munari said.

Munis' estranged wife, Robin Munis, 40, was singing with a classic-rock and country group at the Old Chicago restaurant and bar early Saturday when a bullet pierced a plate glass door and hit her in the head, killing her.

Witnesses at the hospital where Munis was taken said

they saw a body covered in a tarp being taken out of a helicopter.

"We were standing outside, and we saw a helicopter come in pretty fast and land," said Evan Maurer, who was helping to install networking and telephone lines at the emergency room. "About eight guys in fatigues, looked like National Guardsman or Army, jumped out with M-16s."

"They grabbed a body out of the copter and started carrying it," Maurer said.

Munis was charged with first-degree murder earlier Tuesday.

The Munises were recently separated.

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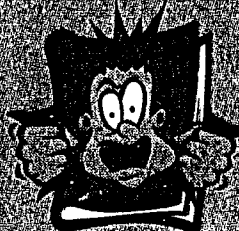
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College: It's what you make it out to be

A lot of options open up after you graduate from high school. Choosing what path to take is important, but more important is deciding what you're going to do on the path you've chosen.

Some people go to college because it's what's expected of them, or because the only way to get a job is to have a bachelor's degree. So they coast through four years at a university somewhere, partying on the weekends (or every night) and getting out with a degree in communication. That's as good a way as any to get through "the best years of your life."

But why would you just want to get through those years? That would be a waste — of your time, of your (or your parents') money and of opportunity.

College gives you so many opportunities to do so many cool things, and all you have to do is show up.

Last spring more than 100 students and advisers spent Spring Break in Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi helping to clean up the destruction from Hurricane Katrina that still remains. There is no lengthy application process to go; interested students just need to say so.

Students perform in theater productions all year round. They sing in the jazz choir, play tuba in the marching band, organize events for NASA. They work at Student Media.

These students are doing something. They spoke up when an event, activity or pursuit piqued their interest, and are able to keep doing what they love while they get an education.

So speak up. Talk to people — even your professors. Some of the best opportunities can be found by telling a professor what you're interested in, even if you don't know exactly what you want to do with it.

- CW

Fact checking vs. Michael Moore

This Sunday marked the end of an eight-day war of words between CNN and filmmaker Michael Moore. The debacle started quite humorously on "The Situation Room," a daily news segmented hosted by Wolf Blitzer. After showing a fact-check clip of Moore's recent documentary "SICKO" produced by CNN's chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Moore became rather upset. Moore's subsequent tirade could be described as childish and immature, in which he attacked CNN and "mainstream media."



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A few days later, CNN again hosted Moore on Larry King, pitting Moore against Dr. Gupta. Again things didn't go quite so well. Internet news junkies quickly noticed the whole affair, and the war of information between CNN

and Moore can be read on their respective Web sites.

On Sunday, CNN put an end to the whole deal by posting an 11-point rebuttal to the questionable information in Moore's film and his website. The tone of CNN's final article reveals how annoyed the editors of CNN must be with the debacle. This eight-day spat is the latest in a long series of Michael Moore controversies regarding the information he makes use of in his films.

Almost every controversy regarding Moore essentially boils down to where he draws his information, and the conclusions he draws from that information, the others are caused by Moore using footage out of context. In their 11-point rebuttal to Moore, CNN was kind enough to provide links to the

relevant information. The article reveals that Moore picks and chooses his data from various sources. For example using one set of data for the life expectancy of Cuba, while using a different source for the life expectancy of the United States.

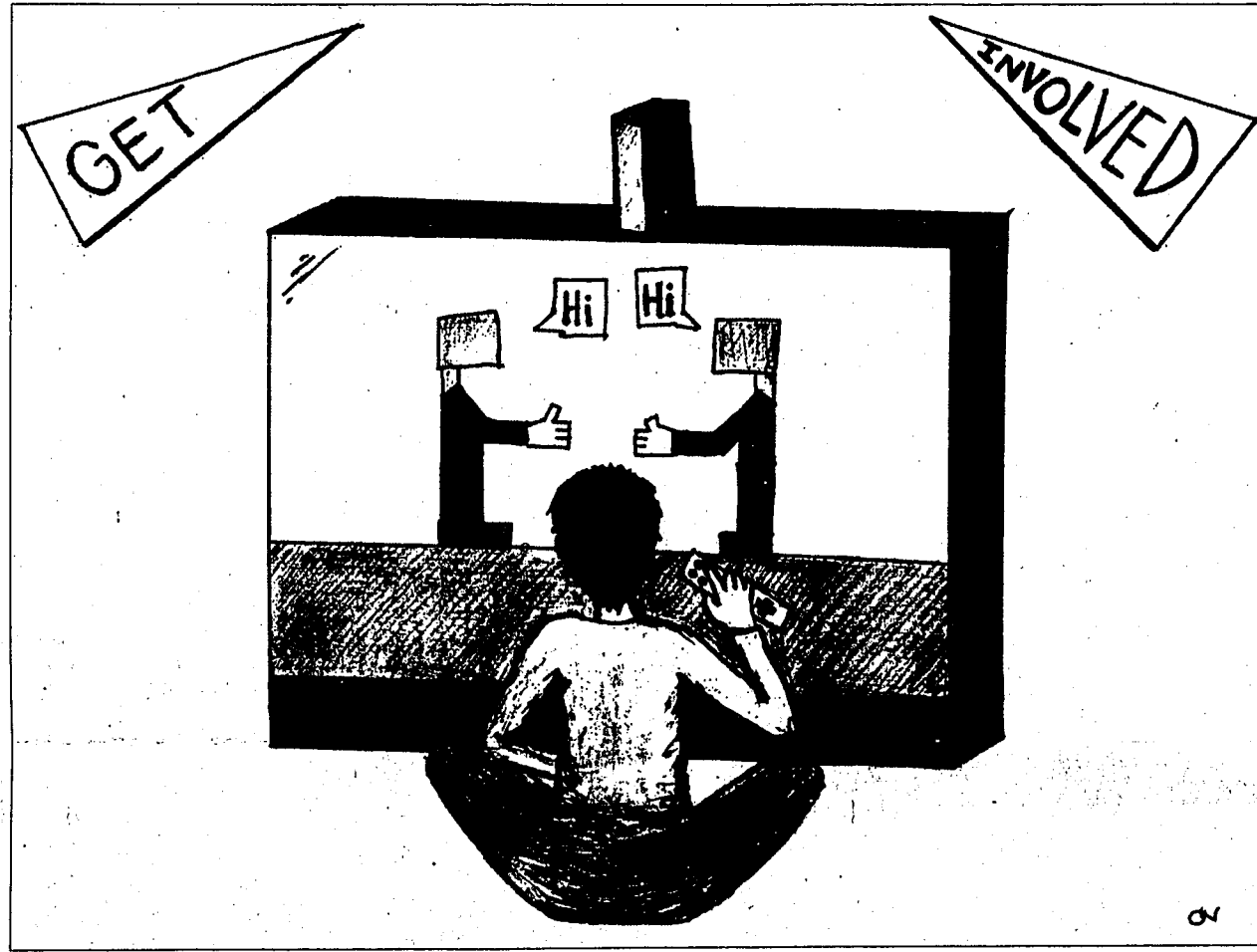
However, in his film he presents the different data without explaining that they were taken from different sets of data. This is a practice that is unacceptable in the academic world. It also draws to light the questionable nature of Moore's filmmaking style.

His previous film "Fahrenheit 9/11" drew a number of criticisms from various sources and has spurned two other films that question Moore's conclusions and use of footage out of context. "Manufacturing Dissent," a film made by Canadians, originally was meant to be a documentary on Michael Moore and his style of filmmaking. However, during the course of researching topics for the film its

makers discovered the bias nature of Moore's films and instead made a documentary criticizing him.

Strings of controversies can be followed all the way back to Moore's first film, "Roger and Me." The details of these controversies are too long to include in a single column. What is frustrating about Moore is not his gadfly-like style or his overwhelming bias, but his penchant for attracting controversy regarding the information he uses. Now granted, if Moore were writing a research paper and included credible information, the only controversy that could arise would be the conclusions that were drawn from the given information.

The legitimacy of any topical paper or documentary is dependent on the information that it's based upon. Moore's tendency to stir controversy undermines the value of his works. Unless of course controversy is just what he's trying to accomplish.



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Television made better, funnier

So there's this Web site. It's called Television Without Pity, or TWP. Though I hardly ever watch TV (Mariners games notwithstanding), those few shows I watch, I like a whole lot. So this site (www.televisionwithoutpity.com) features nearly 200 shows, both active and on "permanent hiatus" — either cancelled on the network or discontinued on TWP. The site's tagline is "spare the snark, spoil the networks," which is something I can really get behind. At the heart of the site are the recaps. Each featured show — and again, there are almost 200 of them — has recaps of every episode written by a funny, talented and perceptive staff of writers. My favorites are the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" recaps and the "Grey's Anatomy" recaps. But I haven't read any of the season three "Grey's" recaps yet — I have to wait for the DVDs to get caught up. But rest assured, I'll be watching and reading as soon as they're released.

- Carissa Wright

Is it the end of an era for Cuba, Castro?

By Matt Doyle
Argonaut

Last Monday, Cuban interim president Raul Castro called for municipal elections to be held Oct. 21 of this year.

The elections will have a direct roll in deciding whether ailing Fidel Castro will continue his position as head of state — a position he has held for three decades.

Fidel Castro passed dictatorial power to his brother, Raul, last July while he recovers from surgery. One year later, Castro is still convalescing as he nears his 81st birthday in August. Fidel has disappeared off the public radar since his surgery and many Cuban news sources claim officials think he is too fragile to return.

Raul's decision to hold municipal elections in October is the beginning of a possible shift in Cuban political power, but the municipal elections are only the beginning.

The elected representatives of the

municipal and provincial assemblies, which are voted for on a local level, then vote for the National Assembly that in turn will vote for the president in 2008. Because Cuba follows a single party system, the candidate who supersedes Fidel will come from within the communist party.

Although despised by decades worth of U.S. officials, Fidel Castro is one of the most powerful and recognizable figures in the world. His reaction and resistance against U.S. interventionism is legendary and highly disputed.

As president of the Cuban Council of State, Cuban Prime Minister, First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, and Commander in Chief of the armed forces, his political influence is monumental.

Fidel's regime has outlasted a U.S.-imposed embargo that has blocked economic, commercial, and financial activity between the two countries since 1962. The effects of blockade are

seen in all facets of society. Rusted 1952 Chevys may line street corners and plenty of televisions are still adorned with rabbit ears, but the truth is Cuba has successfully transitioned into the next millennium without the economic assistance of the United States.

On behalf of the White House, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has publicly stated that the United States will not tolerate another dictatorship in Cuba. Although Cuban officials deny allegations of a dictatorship (they do hold presidential elections every five years), the mere fact that Cuba outlaws non-official political parties has angered many in Washington.

The United States would love to see a democratic government established in Cuba. It is the hope of Washington that a president with more sympathetic views towards U.S. foreign and economic policy will replace Fidel's persistent regime.

According to U.S. State Department

spokesman Tom Casey, however, until Cuba holds democratic elections, it "doesn't really matter much" whose name is on the ballot.

Many politicians are convinced that Raul Castro is the prime candidate for the presidency. The question remains, however, whether he will start negotiations with U.S. officials, or if he will continue to abide by the already established Cuban policies.

Concerned that the elections will yield another dictator in Cuba, the United States claims that Cubans "have the right to liberty" but will not support another dictatorship. This means that if Raul Castro comes to power, the embargo will continue.

The United States has remained silent as to what they plan to do after the October elections, but considering past U.S. foreign policy to communist regimes, one can be sure that few negotiations will be made unless the communist party is disbanded and removed from power.

My luck, Mercury in retrograde

The other day, I was talking to a friend about a few sticky situations I had gotten myself into over the past month. They ranged from more costly issues, like when my luck reared its ugly head and my car's clutch plum fell apart on my way putting up White Bird hill, trickling down to smaller things like computer troubles and personal miscommunications. Curiously enough, she was having similar issues and suggested it was because of the Mercury Retrograde. OK — retrowhat?

She went into how Mercury goes into retrograde between June 15 and July 24, which happens to affect personal misunderstandings/communications, technological delays and breakdowns, including cars, phones, computers, trains, etc. So, I checked up on it at "Astrology On the Web," and they said "These problems usually arise because some crucial piece of information, or component, has gone astray, or awry." I don't know if it's just coincidence, my luck, or the universe's tricky ways — but here's to waiting until July 24.

- Christina Navarro

Here's the secret: This is why we are in college

By Seth Miller
Daily Eastern News

For the incoming freshmen and transfer students from all over Illinois, the country, and from across the world share one thing in common from their experiences in high school. They were stuck in a system of labels and cliques and were chastised for their efforts to express themselves or change their status. The dreams of youth and the friendships made years earlier on playgrounds and in backyards are forgotten in a mere four years.

Who we think we are and what we are based on what a group of friends we knew liked. Psychologists call this "labeling," a process in which people base their opinions of themselves on

what society calls or thinks of them.

After our four years in high school, we come to college. This is the golden opportunity we have somehow been blessed with. A place from our old lives where we have the opportunity to break free from the high school life and find yourself in the chaos of college. Yet it still seems that some people still are stuck in the mold of high school life.

The reasons could be that students like who they are now with all their heart or they are scared of the new environment and changes that are happening, so they retreat to where they are comfortable and stick with it.

For those who are in the latter, this column is not meant to be cruel, but a bit of advice to give. I know col-

lege can be scary and it feels better to follow the old trends of high school just because it is familiar, but that is the way college is supposed to be; to motivate change. Just because college is tough, you shouldn't forget the real reason you are there (and no it is not to make more money in the future). We are here to become better citizens, to educate ourselves, and learn more about ourselves. To this we need to change something about ourselves, even if it is just the way we dress.

I offer this advice to the incoming students of Eastern. Forget about what people think of you and what is expected of you. Try something new throughout all the years you are here. If you think you are funny and can act, tryout for one our comedy troupes

like Lunchbox Voodoo or Hello Dali. If you want to write, try and work for one of the publications.

Why stop there, talk to someone in class you never considered talking to before; even if it is just to get notes from the class. Talk politics with someone you disagree with to get their perspective, try an activity you never thought of doing before, go to club meeting you thought were stupid, listen to music you hated, maybe even consider a major you did not think about before.

The point is that to really appreciate college you have to be willing to change. Staying the way you were for the last four years takes all the fun out of it and begs the question, what was the whole point of coming to college.

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Cash crop

As the United States slowly makes a switch from petrol based fuel to an ethanol based substitute, dependency on Mexican corn has caused serious issues. For one thing, meeting the United States' demand caused prices of tortillas in Mexico to jump by more than half in some areas. The sad reality is the workers who plant and gather the corn cannot afford to eat it. As a response to the inevitable protests in Mexico D.F., President Felipe Calderon limited the price increase to 40 percent — or roughly 10 times the recent increase of the country's minimum wage. As NAFTA leaves the trading floor open for more U.S. involvement in Mexican crops, this may show U.S. dependency on foreign oil may devolve into a dependency on foreign corn.

- Matt Doule



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Wild about the wizard

Moscow Muggles prep for last ride with Harry Potter

By Matt Doyle
Argonaut

This Friday night will be delightfully magical, as Moscow locals prepare for one of the biggest events in publishing history.

As the release of the much anticipated seventh and final Harry Potter book approaches, fanatics will soon be faced with a difficult decision — which of the many release parties should they attend?

Many businesses on the Palouse will be throwing parties for "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," but for those who would like to stay near campus, you won't have to go far.

The University of Idaho Bookstore will host their party from 10 p.m. until the last book is sold — but don't worry, they have plenty on hand.

Included in the festivities are games, treats, prizes and unlike other Potter parties real-life owls provided by the Washington State University Raptor Club.

"There will be two great horned owls and one other (species)," said marketing and retail supervisor, Patty Carscallen. "People can take photos with them provided things aren't too chaotic."

BookPeople in downtown Moscow plans to celebrate the release with an outdoor party.

The store will provide a wizard hat piñata, a Bertie Botts jelly bean taste-testing contest and a sorting house event in front of the store.

Owner Bob Greene said he expects more than 400 people to arrive, and with all guests partying outside, some may spill into the streets.

"We are expecting about two people per book," Greene said. "I've made a request for the street to be blocked off. ... We want to keep things under control."

People will not be allowed inside the store until moments before the "wizards' hour" at exactly 12:01 a.m., Greene said.

Greene plans to keep the store open as late as necessary.

"As long as people are there, the store will be open," he said.

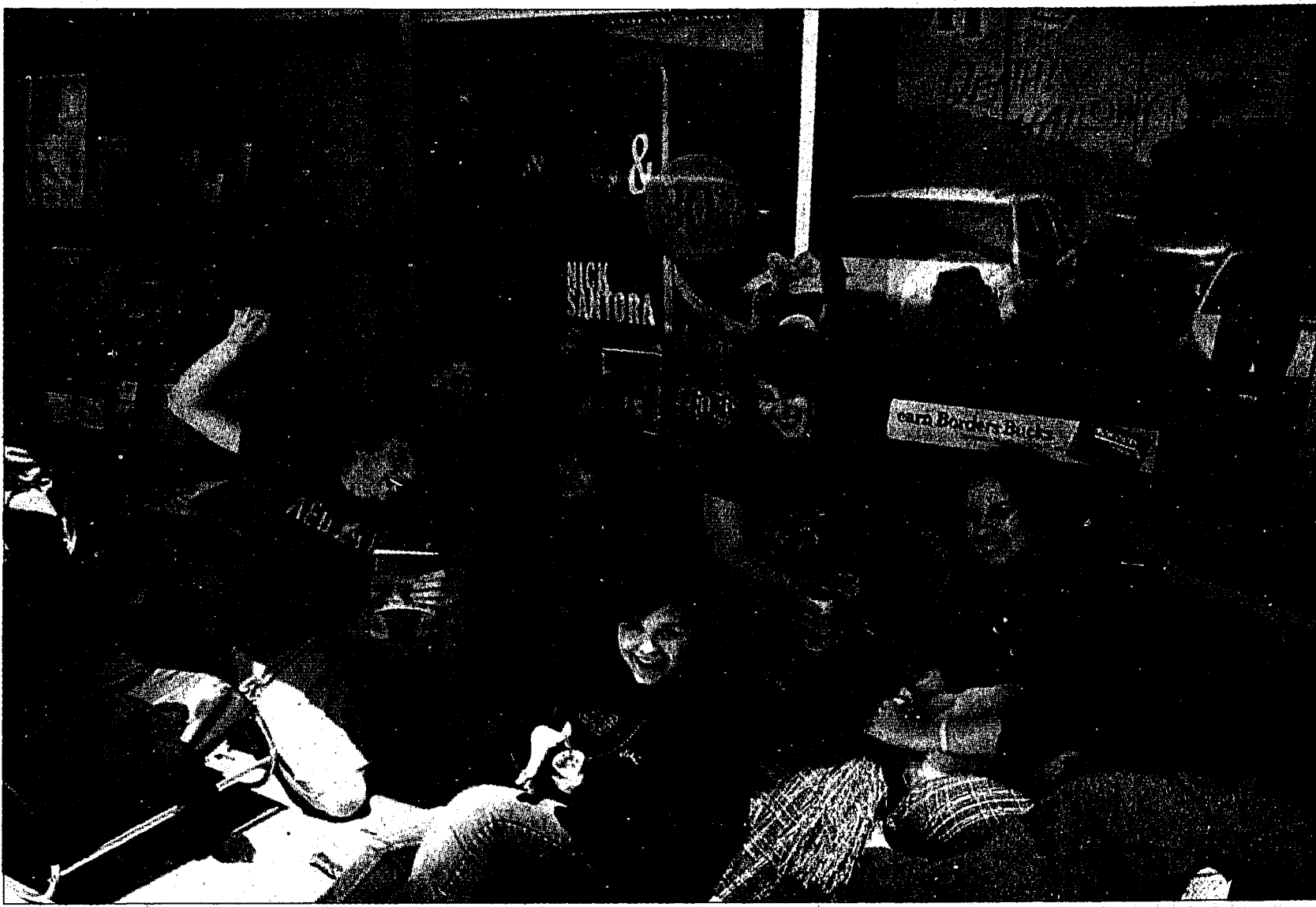
Entertainment superstore Hastings will also host an earlier release party, for those that want to swing by before heading to the other bookstores.

Beginning at 8 p.m., events will include a potions test, trivia contest and "kid-friendly" butter beer, which all lead up to the costume contest at 10 p.m.

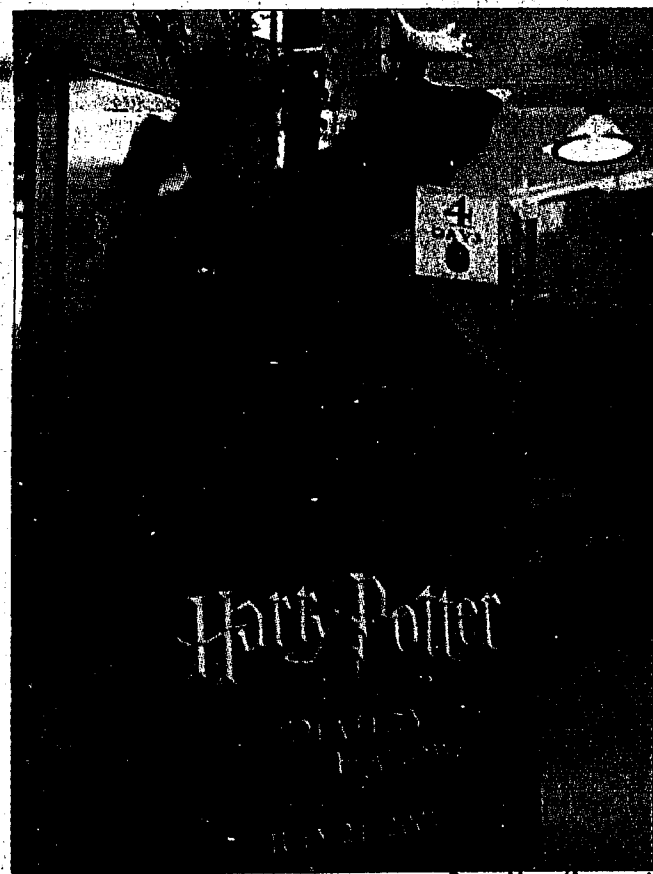
The winner of the contest will be placed first in line to receive a free copy of Deathly Hallows.

According to Hastings Store Manager, Courtney McDaniel, U.S. Potter publisher Scholastic has required no book be sold before 12:01 a.m. — winner of the contest included. With two lines and a full staff, however, McDaniel expects to have most people served by 1:30 a.m.

Although all businesses remain confident that they have an ample supply of Potter books on hand, they all recommend reserving a book to insure that no Potter fan will go back to their "Muggle" lives empty-handed.



This image provided by Borders Group Inc., shows Harry Potter fans gathered outside a Borders bookstore early Tuesday in Mission Viejo, Calif. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" arrives in bookstores at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, and that's when the frenzied speculation about the ending of the most successful series of books in literary history should finally cease. (Below) Moscow Bookstores will also have plenty of opportunities for Potter fans.



Bruce Mann/Argonaut

'Phoenix' is fine, but not up to par

By Carissa Wright
Argonaut

This is quite a summer for Harry Potter. Within two weeks, the newest installment in the movie series will have hit screens and the latest and last sequel in the book series will hit the shelves. The mystery surrounding both events was thick. While book seven won't drop for a few more days, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" was revealed at midnight last Wednesday.

With the buildup this movie (and this book series) has enjoyed, it would be easy to be disappointed in the final outcome. Plot points from the book are dropped out; the actors chosen to portray certain characters aren't exactly what readers have imagined; developments that took pages and pages to happen occur in five minutes. But "Order of the Phoenix" is still a good movie.

It's hard to take a book and the movie based on it as separate entities. Comparisons are inevitable. But a movie that is just an accurate retelling of the events of its book (for example, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets") loses much more in the translation than a movie that is true to the feel of its book while leaving out some of its more intricate plot points.

"Order of the Phoenix" is much closer to the latter than the former.

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MJ Barleyhoppers offers big-time beers on a small scale

By Carissa Wright
Argonaut

At 3 p.m. Monday, Marv Eveland is finishing a batch of Harvest Ale. The wort has just come off the boil, and Eveland is running it through a cooling machine.

Once it cools to below 80 degrees, he'll add the activated yeast — pitching — and the mixture will officially be beer.

"I work all day for that moment," he says. "Just to put the yeast in the beer."

Eveland is the head brewer at Lewiston's MJ Barleyhoppers, a sports pub and bar that is also one of Idaho's few microbreweries. He brews 14 different beers, seven of which are seasonal and some of which routinely take top honors at brew festivals throughout the west.

Eveland doesn't normally brew on Monday, but since he just returned from a brew fest in Reno, Nev., he's running behind. There, competing against 43 other breweries, Barleyhoppers' Steamboat Stout won first place in the stout category, beating out the internationally renowned

stout, Guinness.

"When you compete against the big boys and win, it's fun," Eveland says.

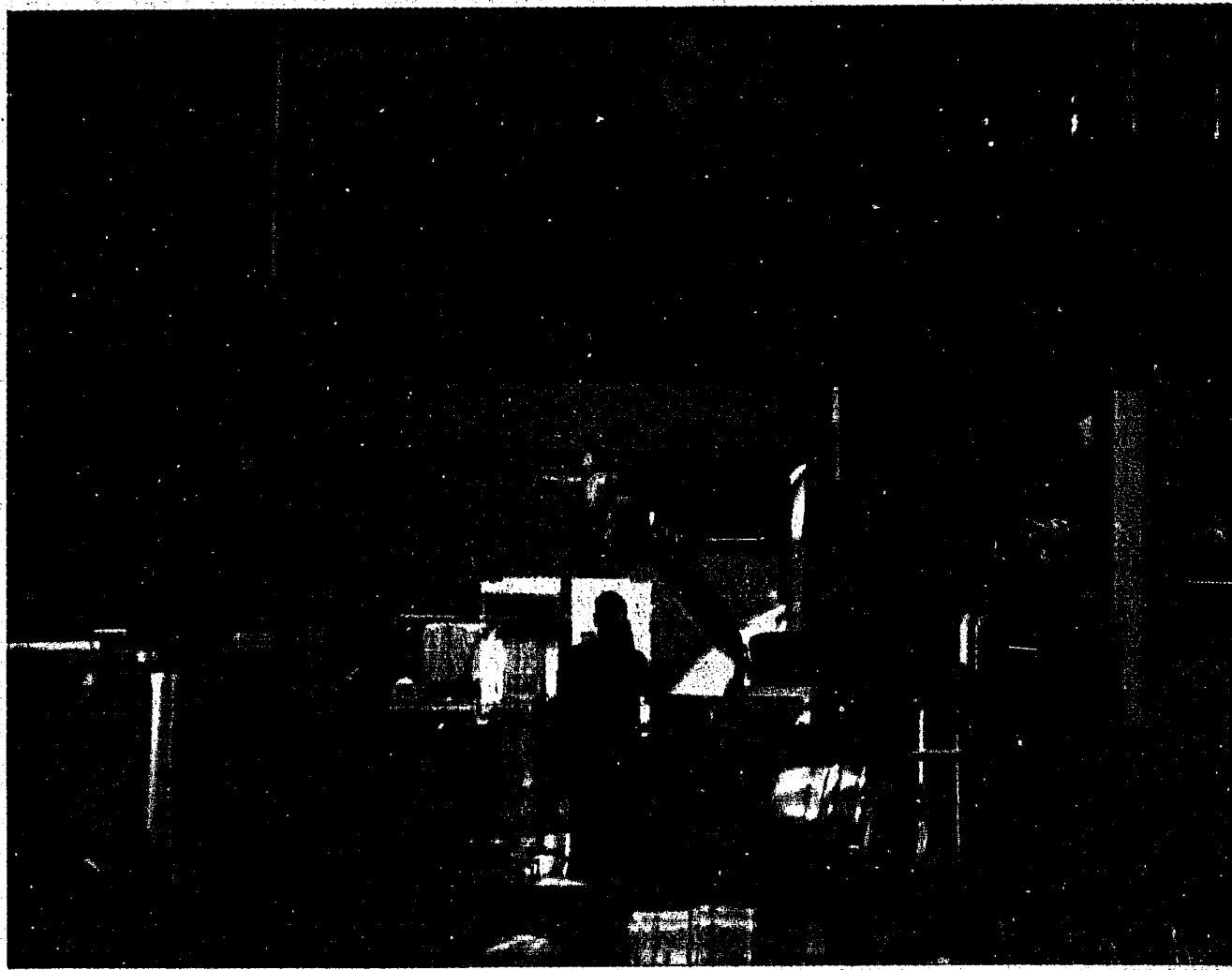
A beer Eveland developed three years ago, his Summertime Citrus, took third in the specialties category at the Reno event. The light, flavorful brew is currently Barleyhoppers' most popular offering — Eveland anticipates brewing at least five 200-gallon batches of it before the summer is out. Another customer favorite is the currently cooling Harvest Ale, which he calls a good "lawn mowing beer." One recent batch of Harvest Ale, Eveland relates, was carbonated and put into kegs on a Tuesday. By the following Friday, it was gone.

Eveland doesn't have a favorite beer out of the 14 he brews — he likes them all, he says, for different reasons and at different times of the year.

"The colder the weather, the darker the beer," he says, adding that in the summer he prefers a lighter, more refreshing beer.

Three days a week, Eveland spends 10-12 hours in the small brew

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Carissa Wright/Argonaut

The MJ Barleyhoppers brewing operation is contained within this room. The 370-gallon brew kettle is on the right, and the fermenting drums are arrayed behind it. Marv Eveland, the head brewer at MJ Barleyhoppers, brews approximately 1,000 gallons of beer every week.

Staples highlights Rendezvous

Soul legend the centerpiece of 25th festival in East City Park

By Christina Navarro
Argonaut

Moscow's summer music festival, Rendezvous in the Park is a four-day concert series that has attracted artists and music lovers since 1983.

Bruce Livingston, co-president of the Rendezvous in the Park controlling board, said Rendezvous is the biggest music event of the summer in Moscow.

"We're a pretty significant festival," he said.

Livingston said during the event's peak in 1995, Arlo Guthrie brought between 3,000-5,000 people to East City Park.

"It was a mob scene, the way all the people talk about it," he said. "We would look forward to having a crowd like that, and we'll see if we do."

Thursday's International Beat Night includes the "Latin Jimi Hendrix," Omar Torrez, who will be opening for the reggae group Little Big Man and the local band Ether Hour.

On Friday, California band Mother Hips will be sharing its psychedelic presence with Bobby Bare, Jr., for a night of dancing.

Saturday, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Mavis Staples will be

joining the line-up, along with Priest River's Carl Rey, the Blues Gators, and Rendezvous Showcase winners, Kelly Riley and Brian Gill.

"Our biggest act is Mavis Staples," Livingston said. "She is an icon — up there with Aretha Franklin, and other artists that are in the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame. It's really hard to compare anyone else in our line up to her."

All Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will be at East City Park.

The Rendezvous Chamber Orchestra will be concluding the program with classical music at the University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton School of Music.

In the past, Rendezvous' budget has been an obstacle and limited the artists the board could invite to perform.

Livingston said now they will try to win themselves "back out of the black."

"We reached out and hired Mavis Staples, (and other artists), and almost doubled our budget," he said. "I hope people respond and recognize that we have great talent here."

Livingston credits the event's survival to give support to local businesses.

"The community support we get is tremendous," he said. "Without question, (the festival) could not function without their support."

Livingston said he hopes the event will bring people to Moscow to see a great act, see the town, and help support local businesses while they're in town.

The Rendezvous Cafe will be open at the park every concert evening starting at 4:30 p.m., and will offer a variety of foods from local vendors. There will also be a beer and wine garden.

"(There will be) an outstanding variety of options for eating, so if people don't feel like bringing a picnic dinner with them, they don't have to," Livingston said. "They're going to have fantastic eating opportunities."

Rendezvous for Kids

In conjunction with the four-day concert series, Rendezvous for Kids will include two half-days made up of 45-minute long workshops from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at East City Park.

Livingston said Rendezvous for Kids was started some 15-20 years ago.

"It's very free form and easy (and) one of the best things about Rendezvous (in the Park)," he said. "They get exposed to all kinds of great art, and do different things."

He believes the event is a signifi-

cant and great part of the Moscow community.

"Watch it and you see these beaming smiles on kids," Livingston said. "This is a great thing we've done here, and the great music is a part of it."

This year marks Frances Preston's second year being involved with Rendezvous for Kids.

Organizing the event took a team effort to make this year's event possible, including help from Preston and several other organizers.

"It is so much a team effort because we're trying to juggle a number of artists and hundreds of children," Preston said.

Preston said there will be a variety of different mediums and performing arts on both days; dancing and drama.

"There are just so many choices for the children to move in the direction of their creativity," she said.

Thursday's Rendezvous for Kids workshops include using origami to make paper heart fortune cookies and making music with buckets, jugs, boxes and other found objects. St. Joseph's Pipe and Drum Corps will also be performing for lunchtime entertainment.

On Friday, art lovers will learn about positive and negative space through sponge painting cutouts of colorful hearts. Idaho Repertory Theatre will also be joining the group for activities in make believe with a performance of "No Fish in the House," by Tom Willmorth.

Both days, participants will use

metal from the Recycling Center to design, construct and paint metal flowers to create an installation that will be publicly displayed in Moscow.

Though pre-registration for the workshops has ended, children who stop by the park will still have the chance to participate. Children who did not get a chance to register for the program are encouraged to join the smaller hands-on Art Stops.

"We always have more kids show up and wish they could be part of it, so they go to the Art Stops," Livingston said.

Preston mirrored Livingston's sentiments, and said the Art Stops are a great way to keep everyone involved, no matter if they are registered or not, or when they stop by.

"They can't do the complete program, but can do about 10 different Art Stops," she said. "(We encourage) those who didn't get to pre-enroll to come along and join."

Preston said the kids' events make Rendezvous in the Park a family event.

"This program is amazing, especially for the town of Moscow," Preston said. "It brings the community together. For Moscow to have something like Rendezvous, and having something like this exist — that's what Moscow is all about, for me," she said.

On-site registration for the program will be available at East City Park from 9 a.m.-noon each day and costs \$10 per participant.

'Mad' a current view of 1960s

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — At first glance, the world of "Mad Men" seems as distant from the here and now as Neptune.

Welcome to an ambitious new drama on cable's AMC, and to the Sterling Cooper advertising agency perched high above Madison Avenue. The year is 1960.

In this world, women of all ages are girls, and know it. Liquor punctuates the workdays of the men in charge. Everybody smokes—anytime, anywhere—despite the recent Reader's Digest article warning cigarettes can kill you.

Meanwhile, the Pill has burst on the scene. Desperate housewives try psychotherapy.

A record by a hot young comic named Bob Newhart is slaying listeners with his "but-ton-down mind" (whatever

that is).

Plenty of questions (if not so many answers) are blowing in the wind, and "Mad Men" identifies them vividly.

But the charm of this series (premiering Thursday at 7 p.m.) is that it doesn't treat 1960 as a quaint aberration. Instead, "Mad Men" provides an unexpected window on America in 2007. It's a contemporary series, purposefully unfolding at a half-century remove.

"Things don't change, people don't change," insists Matthew Weiner, who created "Mad Men" (and was a writer for "The Sopranos"). "The rules change."

A good barometer of those rules is advertising.

"It's a reflection of the culture," says Weiner, explaining that ad execs have always aimed "to find out how you feel, then tell you how their product is going to make you

feel better."

But in 1960 the advertising business, like so much else, was at a turning point.

The rules had been upended a year earlier by the revolutionary Volkswagen campaign that invited drivers to "Think small" and choose the VW Beetle. No grandiose come-on. The pitch was subversive and ironic.

And it's remembered as maybe the greatest ad campaign ever. Advertising would never be the same.

How will Sterling Cooper adapt? That's largely in the hands of its creative director, Don Draper.

Played by Jon Hamm ("We Were Soldiers"), Draper is a star at the agency. He's smooth, witty and tormented. And more candid than most.

As he tells an attractive woman over cocktails, "You're born alone and you die alone, and this world just drops a bunch of rules on top of you to make you forget those facts. But I never forget."

The woman asks if love might brighten his outlook.

"What you call love," says Draper, "was invented by guys like me, to sell nylons."

But right now it's Lucky Strike cigarettes he's under fire to sell. And in a tough new regulatory climate, he must hatch a campaign that avoids any claim that Lucky Strikes are somehow beneficial to a smoker's health.

That's not the only thing weighing on him at work. Though barely over 30, Draper feels pressure from Pete Campbell, an even younger up-and-comer eyeing Draper's job. Played by Vincent Kartheiser ("Angel"), Pete is also eyeing Draper's winsome new secretary, played by Elisabeth Moss ("The West Wing") — never mind he's about to be married.

Smart, kicky and cosmopolitan, "Mad Men" is redolent of John Cheever short stories and "The Apartment," the multi-Oscar-winning film about corporate climbers that happens to have been released in 1960.

"By talking about that era," says Weiner, "I can talk about everything right now that I care about." Social mores.

"I love the division that has existed since then, a counter-cultural wave and a conservative wave that keep co-opting each other," he added.

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ing room, starting with dry grain around 5 a.m. and finishing with the ever important cleansing and sanitizing of all his equipment around 5 p.m. The brewing room holds four fermenters along with the brewing equipment — three of them are always in use.

"It's a challenge in the summer to keep up," he admits. In the nine years that Eveland has worked at Barleyhoppers, the demand for beer has greatly increased, but the bar's brewing

capacity has stayed the same. Though he would love to open a brewery in Moscow, as the Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company has, or place his product in some local bars, Eveland knows he wouldn't be able to meet the demand.

"A lot of people don't know we exist," he says, acknowledging that only a small portion of the bar's business comes from the Moscow-Pullman area. Barleyhoppers relies primarily on good word of mouth to get its name out, and Eveland's 30 years of brewing experience and skill at crafting award-winning beers is something to talk about.

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stunning visuals, this film holds onto the feeling of tension and frustration that permeated the book. The villain, Dolores Umbridge, is played by Imelda Staunton with barely restrained lunacy and a frightening drive for power at any cost. Her increasingly authoritarian control over the school is at the heart of the book, and is unmistakably carried over into the movie.

Harry's character development is one of the best elements of the movie. Daniel Radcliffe has markedly improved since the last movie (though with his hair short, it's harder to ignore that his face is exactly the same width of his neck — it's more distracting than you might think), and he portrays Harry's frustration and anger at the situation he is stuck in well. Emma Watson is getting better; her eyebrows didn't act for her in "Phoenix" as they did in the last few movies.

With so much material to

churn through in less than three hours, a shortcut was needed to help with transitioning. Director David Yates uses the Daily Prophet, the newspaper in Harry's world, to move between scenes. The way the papers move and turn is dizzying, but gives an idea of not only what's happening within Harry's school, but outside it.

One low point is that the movie feels rushed. But based on the longest Harry Potter book to date, it probably should. In the interest of hitting all the major plot points possible and introducing Harry's relationship to all the major characters, we move from point to point as quickly as possible, spending only as much time as necessary on any one event or on any one character. The character development of any character save Harry is almost nonexistent.

As an adaptation of a 700-plus page book, "Order of the Phoenix" fares well. But as a good movie in its own right, it falters. It hits the points it needs to, and it develops a mood and the character of its lead, but it isn't quite good enough to stand on its own.

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Deflating summer movie madness

By Luci Van Scoy

Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

AMES, Iowa - The summer is a big hit for those who want to go catch a flick when restlessness and boredom set in. Some really big blockbusters have moved forward in advertising for better promotion, and some have shown progress just by word of mouth. Either way, this year's highly anticipated movies are getting loads of press -- it's getting a little ridiculous.

Consider three of the most anticipated events at the cinema this summer: "Transformers," "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" and "The Simpsons Movie." Each one of these movies caters to an incredibly loyal fan base, so when time comes for advertising, we already know who's going to be first in line to buy the newest themed merchandise. Most of us also already know

there will also be groups who think the new version is never going to be as great as the original. And, sadly enough, there will be those fanatics who read way too much into the message.

Are these people part of the original fan base, driven by mass media to extrapolate themes into something they love?

It's a bit hard to tell, considering the fanfare and perspective they're pushing. For instance, the "Harry Potter" franchise has exploded across the world, and everyone wants to be associated with it. Harvard Square in Cambridge, an area with loads of history in the town and the university next to it, was renamed "Hogwarts Square" for a weekend bash to celebrate the series and the release of the next book.

Not that the series doesn't warrant acclaim for the tremendous amount of fans and praise for the plotlines,

but the world is going mad reading into this as something like the greatest fantasy story in history. For a franchise targeted toward a younger audience, an amazing amount of adults are sucked in as well.

It used to be geeks around would praise "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Dark Tower" in secret, scorned into a classification system. When the world finally decides this literature is fantastic, we celebrate "Harry Potter." It's all about the number of fans, now undaunted from boundary through the Internet, which sucks the true substance from the story and makes it a marketing wonder.

A less fanaticized story, that of the "Transformers," drew crowds who wanted to see their favorite Autobot or Decepticon of their childhood. Lots of people liked it, and it's fair to say lots of people had complaints. That's what happens when you take a part of someone's history and have

to mold it into a sellable movie. But something else lurks behind the story of robots from another world.

Through the army scenes and the patriotic undertones, politicians have emerged calling the film biased toward conservative values. Do we really need to analyze the crew behind the magic in order to enjoy and decipher the story? If "Transformers" is a political movie, then may the heavens have mercy on the film industry.

The only hit that seems to be immune from a skewed perspective about its worth is "The Simpsons." The series has been around for 18 seasons, gathering different generations of fans throughout the process.

For promotional movie purposes, different 7-Eleven stores around the nation were changed into "Kwik-E-Marts," selling products from the show's storylines. Sellout? No way. "The Simpsons" franchise has rested on the theme that humanity is

random and opportunistic, funny and cruel, and basically life just "happens." The fans love it, and that's what makes the recent promotions so profitable.

Although the history of long-adored morals and cliffhangers is dwindling because of the debatable nature of their influence, it seems a franchise made for pure entertainment value is causing the least amount of ripples in the pond. That should really be the entire point of entertainment and art -- to comment on life and give people a good show. Trying to find the great meaning and worth behind everything just makes the world suckers for a fad ideology or an attitude that politics determine everything. Despite the background of all these movies, just remember that when you leave the theater, you're either a fan or you're not. There's really no need to make it more than it is.

Yellowcard sinks with 'Paper Walls'

By Ramon Ramirez

Daily Texan (U. Texas)

Remember "Lethal Weapon 2"? I'm Danny Glover -- "too old for this sh--"

We grew up with Green Day concerts, Etnies shoes, Hurley shirts, the Warped Tour and a life outlook best summarized by blink-182's ubiquitous 2001 single, "Rock Show." There's no need to quote "Rock Show"; we all remember its spirited, free-love attitude.

We got high behind the bowling alley in eighth grade, worked summer jobs at Cinemark Barton Creek, had disposable income, played bass in bad bands and lived for fast food.

In America, life is good if you're 16 and not poor. It's insular and exciting, linear and totally sweet no matter your placement on the social ladder. It makes sense to celebrate high school years via (marketable) songs. A crop of pop-punk heroes spawned from blink's underdog success captured the era and spirit better than any wave of bands since the British Invasion.

Now what? I'm 22, while Mark Hoppus is

35 and still making poop jokes on national-arena tours in front of females he'd be thrown in prison for touching. Jordan Pundik is 27. Mike Herrera is 30. Chris Carrabba is 32. "High school's over, and you still won't quit." Something Corporate nasally and ironically sang five years ago.

For his part, Yellowcard singer Ryan Key is 27 and has fronted a solidly respectable crew since the late '90s.

Yellowcard was forged at a Florida prep school for the arts -- they're classically trained and boast a full-time violin player -- and good enough to outlast their contemporaries in terms of quality output.

Last year's poorly received "Lights and Sounds" shed the emo baggage; its only objective was to rock hard for 40 minutes. Even the violin player plugged in, sounding like a sunny and needless third guitar. "Lights and Sounds" was a step in the right direction, though: Get over the girl you've been crooning about since "One For the Kids," accept your lyrical limitations and make me wanna pogo.

"Takedown," "Paper Walls"

opener, sounds like 2001 with Key yelping like his testes haven't dropped. It's well done, sonically solid, but unnecessary. "Fighting" proceeds to wax philosophical ("What am I fighting for/ there must be something more"), and it's instantly apparent Key has nothing to say. At least he vows to "never give up."

"Shrink the World" isn't bad, but Key wrote superior recollections of his adolescent romantic relationships four years ago on Ocean Avenue. "Light Up the Sky" is bad, but it's at least earnest and lovable -- the way watching an autistic kid perform magic tricks is. "Five becomes Four" tries to patch up things with a former bandmate, but Key already did this for a different departed bassist more capably on "Empty Apartment." Maybe he should just work on his people skills.

Forgive me for the whole "mean jerk critic" thing, but Yellowcard played my high school in the spring of '03. They were nice guys, I got to interview them for the school paper, and I've been defending them passionately this whole time. This is what it sounds like when doves cry.

Limited Brands sells Express, Limited labels

By Kristina Schroeder

The Daily Universe (BYU)

PROVO, Utah—Limited Brands, retail giant and operator of more than 3,100 specialty stores nationwide, announced the sale of Express and Limited Stores last week for almost \$500 million.

The sale is part of a plan to focus Limited Brand's attention and money on intimate apparel and personal care, in the forms of Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works.

"These strategic actions will better position Express and Limited Stores for future growth and profitability and enable the 'new' Limited Brands to derive the benefit of our increased focus," said Leslie H Wexner, CEO of Limited Brands, Inc., in a news release.

Limited Brands is a multi-billion-dollar corporation with ownership over such companies as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, C.O. Bigelow, La Senza, White Barn Candle Co., Henri Bendel and Diva London, and previously Limited Stores and Express.

The new plans include the sales of companies that don't fit into the intimate apparel and personal care category, which leaves only Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, and La Senza, an intimate specialty store in Canada.

While the most obvious changes will be within Express and Limited Stores, Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works are undergoing some new maintenance as well, said Kim Backus, Victoria's Secret store manager at the Shops at Riverwoods.

"They're looking to max out Victoria's Secret and Bath and Body," she said. "Basically we'll be able to grow our volume."

Shoppers shouldn't expect any changes in the remaining two stores for now, but Express is a different story.

"It's different already," Backus said. "Their visuals are way different. Everything is changing."

Golden Gate Capital, a private equity firm with over \$3.4 billion of capital, purchased 75 percent ownership interest in Limited Brands' Express for \$602 million, subject to closing adjustments.

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'Chuck & Larry' trots out gay stereotypes, then turns preachy

By Christy Lemire
AP Movie Critic

As you've probably guessed from the TV commercials, or even just the billboards, "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" is a one-joke movie and that joke might have seemed edgy back in 1977, when Billy Crystal was playing a gay man on "Soap."

(Speaking of which, and in case you were wondering, yes, there is a soap-dropping reference in here.)

Crystal's fellow "Saturday Night Live" alum Adam Sandler and likable lug Kevin James play Brooklyn firefighters who pretend they're a couple to receive domestic partner benefits. This sets up a litany of obvious gags and adolescent one-liners, followed by a swift, politically correct embrace of gay culture.

Director Dennis Dugan ("Happy Gilmore," "Big Daddy," say no more) wants to have it both ways but never gets either right. It might seem offensive if it weren't so lame.

Sandler's Chuck Levine and James' Larry Valentine try to convince the world they're gay by picking up Wham! and Barry Manilow CDs and pro-

fessing that they're "riding the dude train." They do this because Larry, a widower, is concerned that his kids won't receive life insurance if he dies in a fire. (Among the flat subplots, Larry's young daughter is a tomboy who loves baseball, while his son is practicing his tap routine to audition for "Pippin.")

Suddenly, their fellow firefighters stop playing pickup basketball with them and feel nervous about showering around them. And while a fraud inspector (Steve Buscemi in a weasly, unfunny role) starts snooping around suspiciously, their captain at the fire station (Dan Aykroyd) doesn't want to know the truth.

So Chuck and Larry enlist the help of attorney Alex McDonough (Jessica Biel) to help them defend their case. Trouble is, Alex is astonishingly hot and Chuck, before turning into a faux-mo, was a ravenous ladies' man.

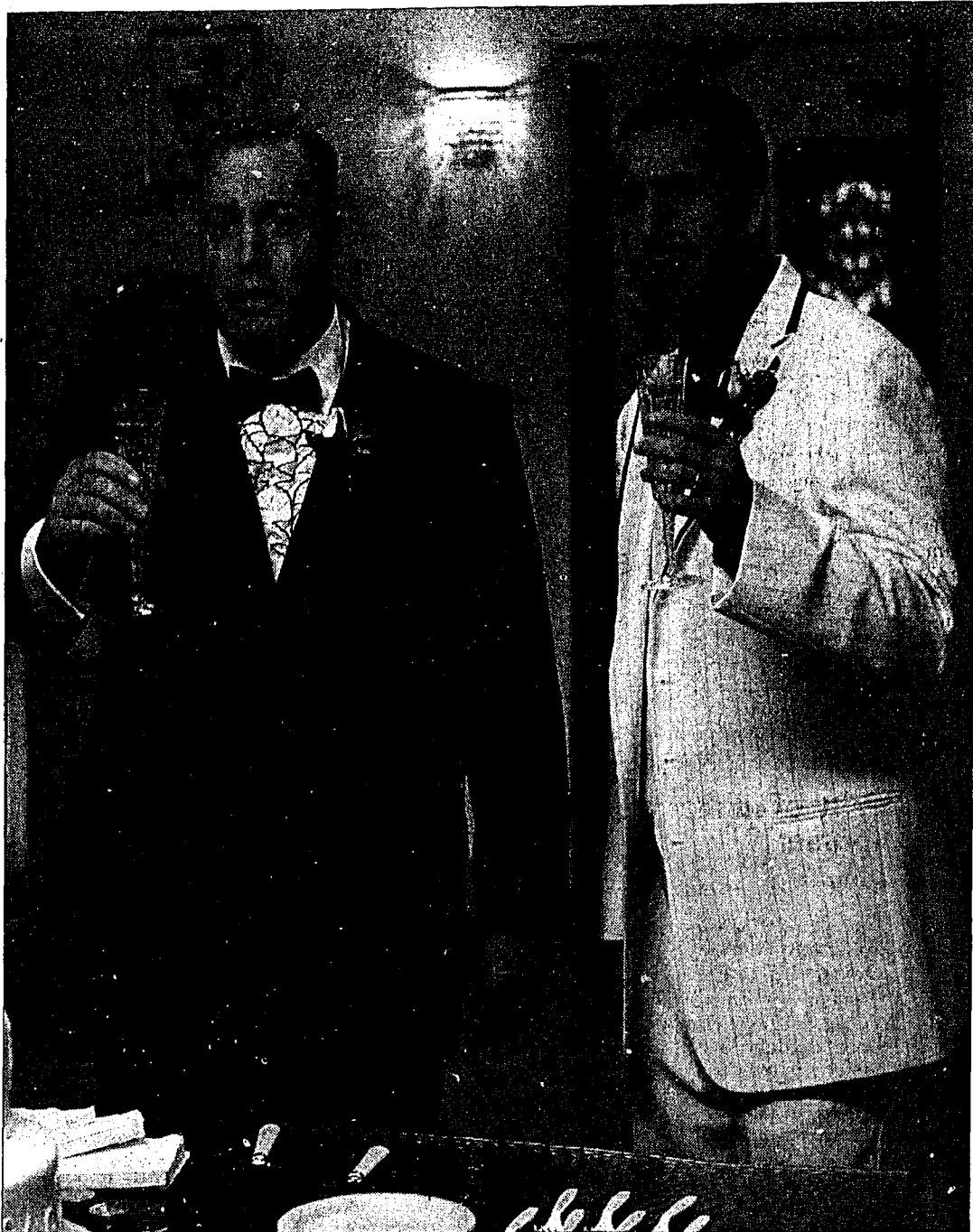
And so he agrees to be her buddy on shopping sprees and girlie wine nights, just to be close to her. Of course, because she trusts him so much, she lets him feel her breasts to prove that they're real. We all do that with our gay pals! And

of course she will eventually find out he's straight and feel duped.

The most baffling part of all is that Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, the Oscar-winning "Sideways" writers, are credited with having spruced up the script written a decade ago by Barry Fanaro ("Men in Black II," "Kingpin"). You'd never know that anyone capable of creating rich, full characters — characters with hearts and brains — had anything to do with this.

Ving Rhames gets maybe two laughs as a tough-guy firefighter with a big secret, and Sandler pals David Spade and Rob Schneider show up in the obligatory uncredited cameos. Schneider's actually is kind of offensive: He plays the wacky Asian minister in Niagara Falls who performs Chuck and Larry's commitment ceremony, with shades of Mickey Rooney as the landlord in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

But in the end, Sandler literally stands up in a courtroom to proclaim that homophobia is bad. "Chuck & Larry" could play on a Pedantic Cinema double feature with "Hair-spray," which teaches us that racism is bad.



Courtesy Photo
Kevin James and Adam Sandler star in "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry," a comedy about a pair of friends who pretend to be gay.

Would-be Harry Potter spoilers spread on the Internet

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the final days before the world learns whether Harry Potter lives or dies, spoilers or those pretending to spoil are spreading on the Internet.

On Tuesday, scanned pages of what may be the entire text of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" were circulating among Web users. A separate link, <http://www.zendurl.com/h/hallows>, displayed what the site claimed to be a seven-page epilogue

and the table of contents from "Deathly Hallows," coming out July 21 under ultra-tight security. Similar information appeared Monday on spoilerboy.googlepages.com/home.

Meanwhile, a resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, has said that he downloaded hundreds of pages from the 784-page book and U.S. publisher Scholastic, Inc., has been busy ordering would-be spoilers to remove their information from the Internet.

"I'm guessing we're in the double digits," says Scholastic spokeswoman Kyle Good, who added that requiring

material to be pulled down did not mean it was authentic.

"There's so much out there that it's confusing for fans. Our lawyers are trying to keep down the amount of spoiler traffic that's out there and clear it from places where fans might be reading."

Anxious about keeping a lock on publishing's ultimate mystery, Scholastic has refused all along to say whether a spoiler has the real book or not. According to Good, there is more than one version of the full Potter text on the Internet. She said the different

versions all "looked convincing" and all had different content from each other.

Author J.K. Rowling, who has said two major characters will die, has begged the public not to give away the ending to her seventh and final Potter book. Fan sites such as <http://www.the-leaky-cauldron.org/> and <http://www.mugglenet.com> have vowed to keep spoilers away.

"A lot of our tips about spoilers are coming from fans," Good says. "There's a groundswell from fans who find these links and send them to us,

saying, 'I'm not going to look at this, but somebody told me about it.'"

"I just hope they find these people and punish them accordingly," said Leaky Cauldron Web master Melissa Anelli. "This is exceedingly wrong and mean-spirited. Let people enjoy their book, for Pete's sake."

Last month, a hacker who identified himself as "Gabriel" claimed to have broken into the computer system of British publisher Bloomsbury PLC and posted key plot points on http://seclists.org/misc/harrypotter_spoilers.html.

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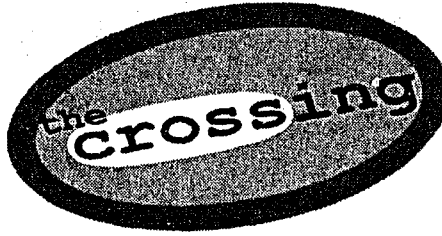
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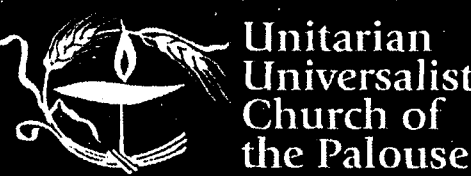
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Putting on the Palouse

By **Jeremy Castillo**
Argonaut

For some, golf is a gentleman's game, one full of tiny intricacies and argyle-pattern socks. To others, it's an excuse to goof off and get drunk with friends while pretending to be athletes.

Whatever way you choose to enjoy golf, here are some courses on and around the Palouse for you to check out.

University of Idaho Golf Course

(208) 885-6171

If you're a Vandal staying for the summer or a full-time Moscow resident, there's no excuse to not check out the course here on campus.

Located on 1215 Nez Perce Drive, the University of Idaho has an 18-hole, 72 par course with over 6,600 yards.

The signature hole is number four. The green of this uphill par five sits at the base of UI's famous "T" water tower and overlooking the rolling hills of the Palouse, vistas to its side and along with several campus landmarks, including the O'Brien Track and Field, the Kibbie Dome.

"(The water tower hole) is probably the hole alumni thinks about when they think about the course," said Daws Marlatt, general manager and UI's director of golf.

For a pre- or post-round meal, Bogy's Café is located near hole 10 next to the pro shop and offers fare such as burgers, chicken sandwiches, and French fries. As the course is on-campus, alcohol is not allowed.

If you're in the mood to tee off, but not deal with roughs, fairways or the dreaded green, there's a driving range. Small buckets are \$4, large buckets are \$6. Power carts, pull carts, and golf clubs are available to rent.

Green fees:

Weekends: \$25 for 18 holes; \$16 for nine, if tee-time is after 2 p.m. (Prices for all golfers).

Weekdays: \$22 for 18 holes and \$16 for nine for the public; UI students: \$18 for 18, \$13 for nine (must be full time and show student i.d.); Seniors: \$20 for \$18, \$15 for nine; Juniors: \$10 for nine or 18.

Moscow Elks Golf Course

(208) 882-3015

Moscow's Elks Lodge has a 36 par

18-hole course along State Highway 8 spanning 3,139 yards.

The course's signature hole is the first and known to be the trickiest, said Bruce Olson, the course superintendent. This hole is a par four with a fairway sandwiched between the driving range and a left side lined with trees. There's also a sudden drop, creating a blind hole, and a creek approximately 25 feet behind the green.

Drinkers will be delighted to know there's a bar that also serves appetizers, fries, chicken strips, burgers and other pub fare.

However, you can play up to four times before being asked to join the Elks or stop playing at this course. Lodge membership fees are \$116.

Green fees (not including tax):

Adults: \$22 for 18 holes, \$18 for nine.

Juniors (17 and under): \$9 for 18 holes, \$5 for nine.

Colfax Golf Club

(509) 397-2122

A shade less than 30 miles from Moscow is the nine-hole Colfax Golf Club in Colfax, which covers 3,010 yards with a par of 35.

Golfers will find its signature hole, unlucky number seven, to be the most difficult because of the natural obstacles rather than its par-five 520 yards. Not only does a creek run across the fairway, approximately where your second shot would land, but a big cottonwood tree sits smack dab in the middle of the fairway.

You won't find any food at the Colfax Golf Club, but you can enjoy a drink on the course, so long as you buy it at the bar.

Green Fees:

\$21.50 for 18 holes, \$14 for nine.

Bryden Canyon Public Golf Course

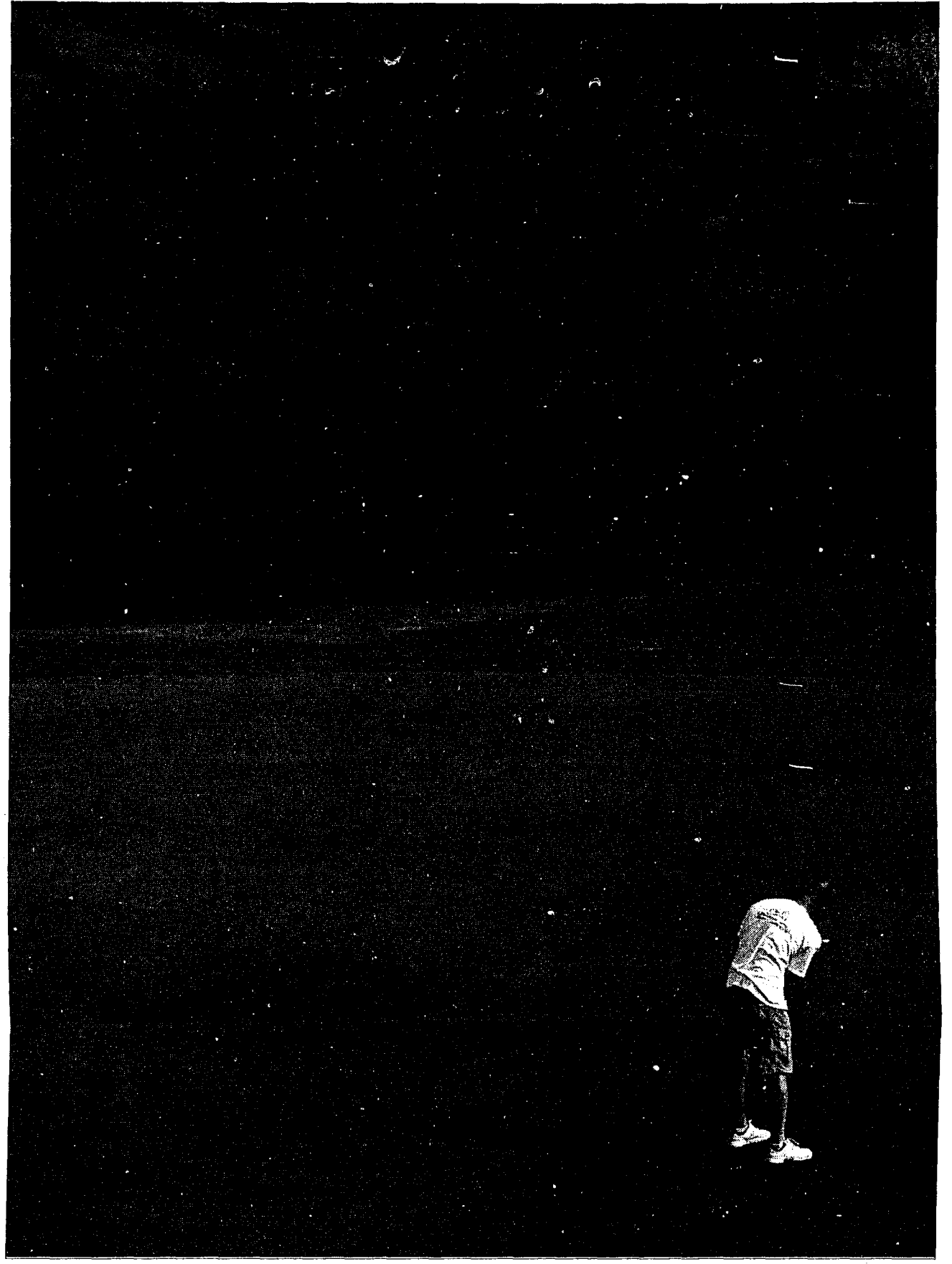
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Lewiston's only municipal golf spot is the Bryden Canyon Public Golf Course, an 18-hole, par-71 course located at 445 O'Conner Road.

Its signature hole is number 10, a 270-yard, par four with a volcano-shaped approach. The green plateaus 30 feet, creating a drastic change in elevation and what Matt Solem, the course's assistant pro, calls a "risk-or-reward" factor.

Hungry golfers can visit in the

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Bruce Mann/Summer Arg

A golfer finishes the 18th hole at the University of Idaho Golf Course on Saturday.

Mountain climbing: a way of life

Outdoor Program offers students clinic and trip to develop climbing, communication skills

By **Matt Doyle**
Argonaut

Mike Beiser has led more than 60 outdoor excursions with students, ranging from rafting to mountaineering. During the first week of August, he will lead one more, this time to Kokanee Glacier in British Columbia. Though the opportunity to learn new climbing skills is a good one, Beiser says that programs like these teach skills useful off of the mountain range.

"Learning these skills will teach (students) something about human nature and what we are capable of," Beiser says. "(The clinic) teaches tools that can be applied to other life skills. We teach lifestyles."

An instructional clinic will take place Aug. 1, which will teach students the basics of mountaineering.

"The clinic is basically a precursor to the trip," says Beiser, who is the Outdoor Program coordinator. "The clinic will teach you the basic climbing skills ... and how to use the gear."

Students can further develop their new skills during the excursion to Kokanee Glacier Aug. 3-5.

Although the clinic and excursion are for people of all skill levels, Beiser says they are "are not for the hardcore (climber)," as beginners will need more time to practice during the clinic and on the mountain, and will likely go at a slower

pace than highly experienced climbers.

However, Beiser says he is sure that "even experienced people will learn something new."

The instructional mountaineering clinic and trip, Beiser says, will provide skill development in a non-traditional sport.

"A lot of what we teach is verbal and non-verbal communication," Beiser says. "(These skills) are very important when you have someone's life in your hands."

Patrick Just, a UI student and Outdoor Program employee, says he signed up for the trip because he always wanted to get into alpine mountaineering.

"I never had the opportunity," Just said. "I have pretty slim climbing skills — the basics. I am excited to get all (the skills) right the first time."

For Just, this is not only a weekend trip, but a chance to "connect with people that share the same interests."

In order to provide a hands-on approach to learning, the clinic and excursion have a limited enrollment.

If the timing isn't right this time or the programs fill up quickly, however, there are usually three or four instructional clinics and trips each year.

Students interested in the Kokanee excursion will need to sign up and attend a pre-trip meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2.



File photo

Students heading on the excursion to the Kokanee Glacier will have a chance to develop their skills during an instructional clinic at the Student Rec Center.

The instructional clinic is not mandatory, but students going on the trip must have previous backpacking or mountaineering experience if they opt not to attend the clinic.

The instructional clinic costs \$10 at the SRC climbing wall and includes all necessary equipment.

The trip to Kokanee Glacier costs \$50, which will be used primarily to cover gas expenses, and does not include equipment.

Beiser said the clinic and

excursion are both a rare deal for students, and the trip is a good opportunity for someone who wants to learn but not pay a lot through an outfitting company.

"A commercial company is going to charge at least \$300 or \$500 (for a similar trip), but since students can bring equipment they already own or rent it from (the Outdoor Program rental center), it brings the cost down," Beiser said. "It's a great deal for students."

The great outdoors — no empty gas tank

Kamiak Butte County Park
30 minutes from downtown
Hiking, camping, day use

Kamiak Butte, located 11 miles north of Pullman, is a great place to hit the trails and explore nature's beauty.

Recognized as a national landmark, the park offers approximately five miles of forested hiking trails for people of all abilities.

"Pine Ridge is part of the national trail system," said park manager Roger Marcus. "It's an opportunity to get out into the woods ... and see the rolling hills."

The 300-acre region on and around Kamiak Butte represents one of the larger wooded areas on the Palouse.

With an elevation of 3,641 feet, Kamiak Butte is home to the second-highest point in Whitman County.

If a weekend getaway is in order, there are grills, campfire pits and seven campsites available for overnight stays.

Visiting fees are \$2 per vehicle and \$15 a night for camping.

- Matt Doyle

Robinson County Park
10 minutes from downtown
Day use, camping, nature trail

Right in Moscow's backyard lays Robinson Park.

About a 10-minute drive from downtown, the 55-acres of free recreational bliss is perfect for anyone looking for somewhere to spend a day (or night) without having to break their piggy bank.

"The park has plenty to offer, such as picnic facilities, a softball field, two volleyball nets and horse-shoe pits," said Andrew Grant, director of parks and recreation for Latah County.

For hiking enthusiasts, the

park's nature trail is a quarter mile long and offers a stretch of wildlife, nature and lush scenery.

To get away from the hustle of campus life, overnight tent camping is available for \$5 — day use is free.

- Christina Navarro

Wawawai County Park
45 minutes from downtown
Day use, camping, nature trail, swimming

While Moscow has the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center, if you want to get wet in fresh water, there are only a few places close enough to warrant a day trip. Wawawai County Park, located in Colton, Wash., on the Snake River is one of the best.

The park boasts a 100-person picnic shelter with a large central barbecue as well as several smaller shelters. It's located on the river, but the swimming area is in a small backwater that generally stays warmer than the river proper.

Park manager Jeremy Cross calls Wawawai a "little green oasis" in the middle of the brown landscape of the river canyon. The lush greenery attracts various birds and other wildlife, and the park has a viewing platform where enthusiasts can watch nature at play.

Wawawai also has about five miles of trails, Cross said, which include historical sites and scenic viewpoints.

One unique feature of Wawawai County Park is the ranger's house. It was built directly into the side of the hill in 1980 and is sheltered and insulated by the earth around it.

"It doesn't stick out like a basic brick building or wood cabin," Cross said. "Most people don't even see it because it blends in so well."

- Carissa Wright

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course restaurant, which serves breakfast and lunch along with an array of beer and wine.

If you want to practice your swing, check out the driving range or, if it's your first time out on the course, take a lesson from the professional instructor on staff.

Green fees:

Monday-Thursday: \$17 for 18 holes, \$13 for nine.
Friday-Sunday: \$20 for 18 holes, \$15 for nine.
Juniors (10 and under): \$7

Circling Raven Golf Course

1-800-523-2464, ext. 7223

Up in Worley on Highway 95, is Circling Raven, an 18-hole course covering 7,189 yards with a par of 72. The course is adjacent to the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel.

Unlike many courses, the Circling Raven has no signature hole.

"A lot of people have talked about which one it might be," said Bob Bostwick, the course's director of public relations and communications. "But there's so much diversity among the holes that we don't have one that we call a signature."

If hitting the holes makes you hungry, food is in abundance in not just one but multiple surrounding restaurants including the Twisted Earth Grill, The High Mountain Buffet and Nighthawk Lounge.

Golfers are urged to buy booze at the bar, but are allowed to carry their own alcohol with them as long as they abide by the course's no-glass policy.

Green fees (through Sept. 16; includes power cart):

Monday-Thursday: \$80
Friday-Sunday: \$90

Vick indicted on dog-fighting charges

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — NFL star Michael Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury Tuesday on charges of sponsoring a dogfighting operation so grisly the losers either died in the pit or sometimes were electrocuted, drowned, hanged or shot.

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback and three others were charged with competitive dogfighting, procuring and training pit bulls for fighting and conducting the enterprise across state lines.

The operation was named "Bad Newz Kennels," according to the indictment, and the dogs were housed, trained and fought at a property owned by Vick in Surry County, Va.

The 18-page federal indictment, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, alleges the 27-year-old Vick and his co-defendants began the dogfighting operation in early 2001, the former Virginia Tech star's rookie year with the Falcons.

The indictment states that dogs fought to the death or close to it.

If convicted, Vick and the others, Purnell A. Peace, Quanis L. Phillips and Tony Taylor, could face up to six years in prison, \$350,000 in fines and restitution.

Telephone messages left at the offices and home of Vick's attorney, Larry Woodward, were not returned. A woman who answered the phone at the home of Vick's mother said "no comment" and hung up.

"We are disappointed that Michael Vick has put himself in a position where a federal grand jury has returned an indictment against him," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

"The activities alleged are cruel, degrading and illegal. Michael Vick's guilt has not yet been proven, and we believe that all concerned should allow the legal process to determine

the facts."

Vick and the Falcons are scheduled to report to training camp on July 25.

"Obviously, we are disturbed by today's news," the team said in a statement posted on its Web site, apologizing to fans for the negative publicity.

"We will do the right thing for our club as the legal process plays out. We have a season to prepare for," it said.

John Goodwin of the Humane Society said the manner in which losing or unwilling dogs were killed was especially troubling.

"Some of the grisly details in these filings shocked even me, and I'm a person who faces this stuff every day," he said. "I was surprised to see that they were killing dogs by hanging them and one dog was killed by slamming it to the ground. Those are extremely violent methods of execution. They're unnecessary and just sick."

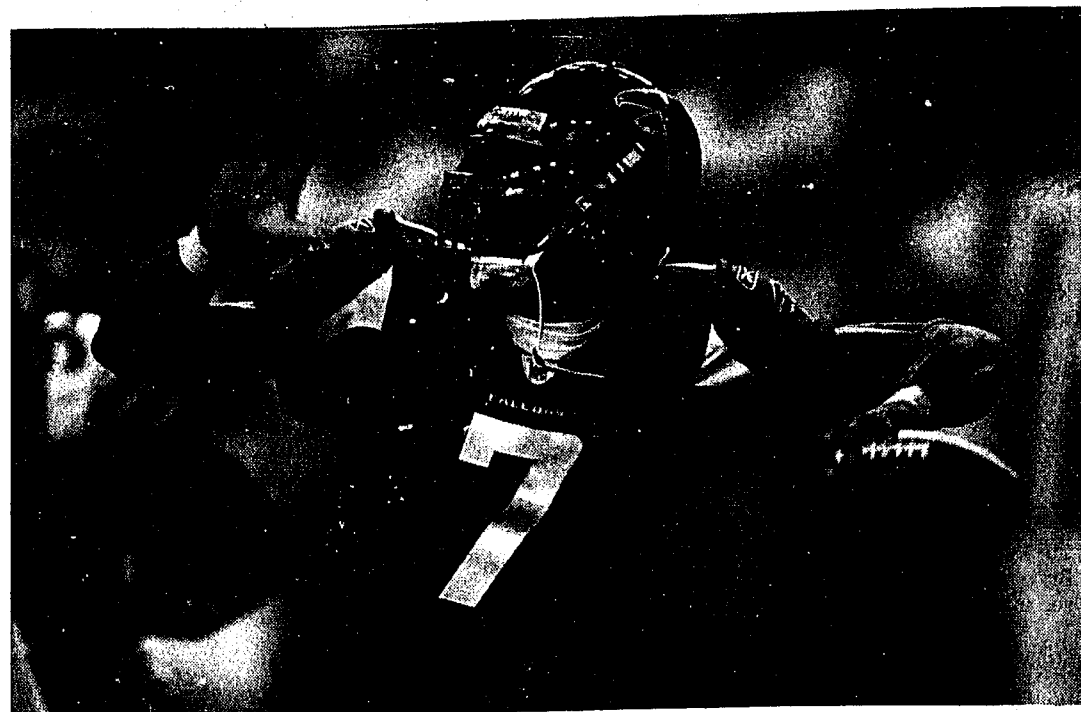
Vick and the others are accused of "knowingly sponsoring and exhibiting an animal fighting venture" and conducting a business enterprise involving gambling, as well as buying, transporting and receiving dogs for the purposes of an animal fighting venture.

About eight young dogs were put to death at the Surry County home after they were found not ready to fight in April 2007, the indictment said. They were killed "by hanging, drowning and/or slamming at least one dog's body to the ground."

The indictment also outlined a rough chronology:

- In March 2003, after a pit bull from Bad Newz Kennels lost in a fight, it said Peace consulted with Vick about the losing dog's condition, then executed it by wetting it with water and electrocuting it;

- In March 2003, after two Bad Newz Kennels dog lost fights to dogs owned by a cooperating witness, it alleged



Top: Atlanta Falcons' Michael Vick throws a pass against the Dallas Cowboys during the first half of an NFL football game in this Dec. 16, 2006 file photo in Atlanta. Bottom: State and Federal officials search the grounds behind a home owned by Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick in Smithfield, Va., July 6.

that Vick retrieved a bag containing \$23,000 and gave it to the owner of the winning dogs. One of the fights had a \$20,000 purse;

- In the fall of 2003, a person witnessing a dog fight involving one of the dogs trained by Bad Newz Kennels incurred the ire of another cooperating witness by yelling out Vick's name in front of the crowd during the fight.

It also said that after establishing Bad Newz Kennels in early 2002, Vick and the others obtained shirts and headbands promoting their affiliation with the kennel.

After a police raid on the property in April, Vick said he was rarely at the house, had no idea it may have been used in a criminal enterprise.

He blamed family members for taking advantage of his generosity. On Vick's Web site, he lists



his birthplace as Newport News, "a.k.a. BadNews."

Purses for the fights ranged from hundreds of dollars to the thousands, and participants and spectators placed side bets, the document said.

Local authorities have been investigating the allegations since the April 25 drug raid at the property Vick owned. On

June 7, officials with the Department of Agriculture executed their own search warrant and found the remains of seven dogs.

Surry County prosecutor Gerald G. Poindexter said he didn't know of the indictment before it was filed, and said he's not sure how the county will continue its case.

Time for Europe to show its strength

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — European golf has never been stronger.

At least in September. And as long as the players are wearing matching clothes.

Europeans boast about their talent every other year in the Ryder Cup, and rightly so. They have beaten the Americans five of the last six times, and beaten them by record margins the last two matches. It now has reached the point that most people recognize Europe as having the stronger team.

But the Ryder Cup is only an exhibition, and a highly entertaining one.

Majors are what define greatness in golf.

And until a European wins a major championship, all that bluster about European strength means nothing.

"Now is the time," Colin Montgomerie said last week at Loch Lomond. "We spoke about the Ryder Cup team last year in September, about how it was the strongest that it's ever been. And now is the time that I think one of us should come forward. I think we are good enough to come forward now and win."

They sure had their chances last year.

Montgomerie squandered his opportunity when he missed the green with a 7-iron from the middle of the 18th fairway at Winged Foot. Sergio Garcia started the final round of the British Open one shot out of the lead and finished seven shots behind Tiger Woods. Luke Donald was tied with Woods going into the last round of the PGA Championship and wound up six behind.

And don't forget about Justin Rose. He was one shot out of the lead with two holes to play at the Masters, then promptly took double bogey on the 17th hole.

"You look at the Ryder, that validates that we have a core of very strong players," Donald said. "We've really dominated it in the last 10 to 15 years. Somehow, we've got to transition that to individual players."

He also referred to the world rankings, where Europe has six

players among the top 20; the United States has five.

"We obviously are talented enough," Donald said. "We just haven't done it yet. But I think it's only a matter of time. When we do, that will definitely validate the Europeans as a bunch of great players."

Montgomerie writes off the eight-year drought as coincidence, that and Woods hogging the Grand Slam events.

Nick Faldo, known more for his six majors than his incomparable Ryder Cup record for Europe, is starting to wonder if the very thing that helps his comrades in the Ryder Cup is what holds them back in the majors.

Everyone talks about European unity every other September. Faldo sees too much of it the other 23 months of the year.

In an interview this week with two British newspapers, Faldo suggested maybe they were too friendly. He noted that a six-pack of major champions from Europe — himself, Seve

Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Jose Maria Olazabal and Ian Woosnam — went their own ways.

"Now the current generation are all having lunch together, and they go off and play for a million dollars," Faldo told The Times of London and the Daily Mail. "It is interesting to me that now they are all so much more chummy."

"Is that healthy? I don't know. I'm just posing the question," he said. "But the bottom line is the six players I've mentioned won 18 majors, and on the other side you have none."

That would be to ignore Paul Lawrie, which is easy to do.

Hardly anyone remembers that Lawrie won at Carnoustie because the memories belong to Jean Van de Velde and his unseemly collapse. Lawrie's name only comes up in conversation as the last European to win a major.

Someone asked the Scot if he was shocked it had been eight years since a European won a major.

The great American soccer hero

By Brian Feldt
Daily Egyptian

David Beckham's checklist upon arriving to America:

1. Find housing for me and my hot wife. Check. 2. Find my kids a school. Check. 3. Single-handedly familiarize the United States with futbol, or soccer as they refer to it. In progress.

For those sports fans living under a rock — or believe the pretentious notion that soccer is unimportant — Beckham, who is far and beyond the biggest soccer star on the planet, was officially introduced as the Los Angeles Galaxy's newest player this weekend.

That's right. The LeBron James of the futbol world will be logging minutes as an American soccer player come July 21. Beckham will not only bring his tasty Spice Girl wife (Victoria Beckham) and his pretty boy looks, but also the expectation of reinventing the game of soccer in America.

The task seems daunting but if anyone can pull the miracle off it appears to be Beckham. He has enthusiastically said he wants to bring the game of soccer to the forefront of America, and has the skill and notoriety to do it.

And why shouldn't we believe in him?

The former England soccer stud has only been in the

States a handful of days and is already generating an L.A. media frenzy that could take on Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton combined.

Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas, who signed Beckham to a \$250 million contract, said Beckham has already paid for himself by leading to 11,000 new season-ticket holders and selling out the Home Depot Center's luxury suites.

It won't be long until we see celebrities coming out to watch the English bloke. Maybe Jack Nicholson can bring his cooler-than-everything charisma to the Home Depot Center while the Lakers are in the offseason.

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Hopes for tour victory fading

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press Writer

BRIANCON, France (AP) A favorite to win the Tour de France, Alexandre Vinokourov's title hopes are fading fast.

The injured cyclist fell more than eight minutes behind leader Michael Rasmussen in Tuesday's ninth stage, the last of three stages in the Alps.

Juan Mauricio Soler became the latest Colombian to show climbing prowess at the Tour, attacking in the last of three major ascents and holding off a pack of chasers to win the stage.

Soler, a 24-year-old Colombian competing in his first Tour for the newcomer Barloworld team, finished the 99.1-mile ride from Val d'Isere to Briancon in 4 hours, 14 minutes, 24 seconds.

"I'm really happy ... Winning a stage is a dream," Soler said.

Rasmussen, a Dane who took home the polka-dot jersey of the Tour's best climber the last two years, leads a

thinning pack of hopefuls after the Alps proved too much for some.

His ambitions are growing to hold on to the leader's yellow jersey, which he took in the second Alpine stage Sunday.

His main rivals did little during Tuesday's climbs.

Only a few managed to make up some ground. Alejandro Valverde of Spain, who placed second after Soler, gained 16 seconds against Rasmussen and is second overall 2 minutes, 35 seconds back.

Valverde, who crashed out of last year's Tour with a broken collarbone, leads a strong Caisse d'Epargne team and has shaped up as perhaps the biggest threat to the 33-year-old Dane's ambitions.

Iban Mayo, a strong Spanish climber, was third overall and 2:39 behind, crossing the finish line along with Rasmussen.

Vinokourov was aching in both knees after a crash Thursday.

The Astana team leader briefly

dropped back to get an anti-inflammatory pill from the race doctor during Tuesday's stage.

"I did what I could. The team worked well again ... and tried to reduce the gap," Vinokourov said on France-2 television.

"It was another horrible day for me," he said before breaking into tears.

Vinokourov, who was third in the 2003 Tour and won last year's Tour of Spain, lost another 2:42 to Rasmussen and now trails by 8:05 overall in 21st place.

Riders face two time trials frequently where fortunes change and Vinokourov is strong and three grueling days in the Pyrenees early next week that could shape the outcome.

Other title aspirants also lost ground. Russia's Denis Menchov lost 2:49 to Rasmussen and was 7:10 back, and 2006 runner-up Oscar Pereiro was 2:42 behind, trailing by 6:36 overall.

Among the expected contenders within striking distance, Cadel Evans

of Australia was fourth, 2:41 back.

Frenchman Christophe Moreau sat sixth, 3:18 behind; Carlos Sastre of Spain trailed by 3:39 in seventh, and American Levi Leipheimer was ninth, 3:53 off the leader's pace.

Astana's biggest hope might now be Andreas Kloeber of Germany, one of the world's best long time-trial specialists who was runner-up to Lance Armstrong in 2004.

He kept close to Rasmussen and was eighth overall 3:50 back.

"For the team, the most important thing was not to lose contact with the yellow jersey group," Astana sporting manager Mario Kummer said. "The Tour isn't over yet."

Rasmussen will be in yellow again Wednesday for a mostly flat Stage 10, a 142.6-mile trek from Tallard to the Mediterranean city of Marseille.

It is the second-longest stage this year.

Rasmussen's Rabobank team was one of three along with Italy's Lampre-Fondital and Dutch squad Rabobank

that experienced unannounced blood tests by the International Cycling Union early Tuesday before the stage.

None of the 25 riders tested were ruled unfit to continue.

Riders trudged up the Iseran and Galibier passes Tuesday, ascents among the toughest in cycling.

The stage ended with a long descent into Briancon, but a slight uphill patch at the end.

There were more spills. Marcus Burghardt of Germany struck a spectator's dog that ambled onto the road. His front wheel buckled, and he was thrown off his bicycle.

He finished the stage. The dog also seemed OK.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy came out to support the competitors

Tuesday, riding along with Tour director Christian Prudhomme in a car that followed Soler's breakaway performance.

"I had to buckle up in the back seat, he was going downhill at 49 mph," Sarkozy told France-2.

Investigators find steroids in body of wrestler who killed wife and son

By Greg Bluestein
Associated Press Writer

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) Pro wrestler Chris Benoit had more than 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system when he hanged himself in his home after killing his wife and 7-year-old son last month.

But did that have anything to do with the slayings?

"I think it's an unanswerable question," said Dr. Kris Sperry, Georgia's top medical examiner.

Test results released Tuesday neither bolstered nor entirely debunked speculation that anabolic steroids might have led Benoit, a wrestler with a family-man image, to commit the shocking crimes.

Some experts believe steroids can cause paranoia, depression and violent outbursts known as "roid rage," but Sperry noted that there is no consensus on the issue.

Steroids were found in the Benoit's gated home, but Sperry there was no evidence of any besides testosterone in the wrestler's body, and nothing to

indicate the drugs played a role in the deaths of Nancy and Daniel Benoit.

Even the high levels of testosterone should not be overanalyzed, Sperry warned. They could indicate the wrestler was being treated for "testicular insufficiency," he said.

In the end, he said, authorities will never know whether the steroid could have caused the murderous outburst. Benoit strangled his wife, suffocated 7-year-old Daniel, placed Bibles next to their bodies and then hanged himself on the cable of a weight machine June 22.

The testosterone, a synthetic version of the primary male sex hormone, appeared to have been injected shortly before Benoit died, Sperry said.

Benoit's body also contained the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the painkiller hydrocodone, authorities said.

Daniel appeared to have been sedated when he was asphyxiated, and Nancy Benoit had a "therapeutic" not toxic — level of sedatives in her body, Sperry said.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said Chris Benoit tested negative for alcohol.

Investigators had been eager to determine whether alcohol was a factor in the killings after 10 empty beer cans were found in the home, as well as an empty wine bottle a few feet from where Benoit hanged himself.

Nancy Benoit's body had a blood-alcohol level of 0.184 percent, more than twice the level at which Georgia law considers a driver intoxicated.

But, Sperry said, that level may have been affected by decomposition.

Nancy Benoit tested positive for Xanax, hydrocodone and the painkiller hydromorphone.

Daniel Benoit had Xanax in his system, authorities said.

The GBI said it could not perform tests for steroids or human growth hormone on the boy because of a lack of urine.

World Wrestling Entertainment last screened Chris Benoit for steroids in April.

It said the results released Tuesday

were proof he did not test positive for illegal substances.

"All it means is that scientifically, it's now known that sometime between April 10 and when he died, he had treatment with testosterone," said Jerry McDevitt, a WWE attorney. "That's all it establishes."

Fayette County prosecutor Scott Ballard, when asked whether tests on the wrestler produced more questions than answers, mustered just a few meek words.

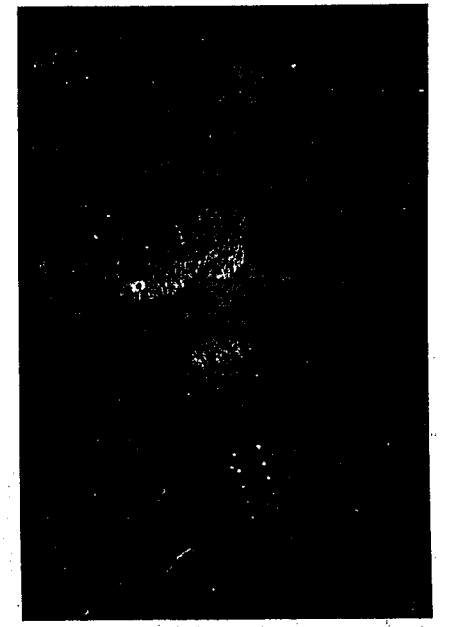
"Maybe a little of both," he sighed.

Federal authorities have charged Chris Benoit's personal physician, Dr. Phil Astin, with improperly prescribing painkillers and other drugs to two patients other than Benoit.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Before he was charged, Astin told the AP he prescribed testosterone for Benoit, a longtime friend, in the past.

He would not say what, if any, medications he prescribed when Benoit visited his office the day authorities believe Benoit killed his wife.



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Young athletes gather for popular BYU lacrosse camp

By Joshua Austin
The Daily Universe (BYU)

PROVO, Utah - It took more than 100-degree heat and long hours in the sun to keep young lacrosse players off the field, as more than 240 campers gathered for the BYU lacrosse camp last week.

This summer marks the 11th year BYU has hosted lacrosse camps, and more than 900 players are projected to attend this year's camps within a five-week span, making this the highest-attended camp in BYU lacrosse history.

"We started back in 1997 with 27 kids," BYU coach Jason Lamb said. "It's come a long way."

BYU assistant coach Pete Stevenson has worked with Lamb for several years, developing and expanding the camps.

"It's incredible to watch as the sport becomes more and more popular," Stevenson said. "And it's fun to be a part of it."

When BYU added lacrosse to its list of athletic camps, the numbers were few and interest in the sport had not yet sparked as it has in recent years, but now BYU holds five separate weeks of camps for all age groups, and even features a girls' lacrosse camp.

Lamb said the camp has grown to draw and attract players from not only Utah, but from all over the country, making it among the biggest, if not the biggest lacrosse camp in the West.

"This camp is unique," Lamb

said. "It's unique in that it's first a BYU experience, and incorporated within that experience is a lacrosse experience."

Lamb said players who attend these camps get to experience the life and atmosphere of BYU firsthand. They get to meet and associate with other members and players from all over the country, and no other lacrosse camp can offer that type of experience.

Lamb credits much of this to the staff. Although they don't bring in professional lacrosse players like other camps do, the staff is made up primarily of former and current BYU players, many of whom played on the 2007 national championship team.

The campers have the opportunity to learn lacrosse from some very talented and experienced players, while in an atmosphere unique to BYU.

"It's a lot of fun to coach and get to know each player," Elliot Grow, a BYU lacrosse player and camp staff member, said. "It's fun to teach the sport we love."

Lamb and his staff not only operate this camp, but have also helped create and develop lacrosse teams all over Utah County.

In 2001, Lamb created a junior high league, consisting of six teams. Since 2001, interest in the sport has exploded all over Utah County. There are currently 21 teams competing in the junior high league, and Lamb now hopes to start a new division for third- and fourth-graders.

Veggie lifestyle more accessible with planning, increased options

By Alanna Berman
The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO - Imagine looking at a menu and not being able to eat anything because everything has meat. It's hard to go out to dinner with friends if you're a vegetarian, especially if they are meat eaters.

Many people wonder how it's possible to go without eating meat. The assumption is that vegetarians are simply unhealthy and that humans need meat to survive.

However, this is not true and with a little careful planning, you can safely cut meat from your diet and start reaping the benefits of vegetarianism. People who don't eat meat have a lower risk for heart disease, cancer, obesity and

strokes, along with greater energy levels according to www.weightlossresources.co.uk/diet/vegetarian.htm.

There are many tasty meat-alternatives on the market now.

From fib ribs to imitation lobster, most grocery stores now carry vegetarian options.

Many restaurants offer vegetarian menus and will make popular dishes without meat.

For some people this dietary change is more symbolic than nutritious. This was the case for journalism senior Josh Babin who said he cut meat out of his diet in stages.

"Less than a year ago I stopped eating red meat, but I was still eating other animal products," Babin said. "Most people never make an actual change,

even though they are against animal cruelty; I am doing my part."

Animal ethics aside, the bigger concern is whether these alternatives offer the same nutritional benefits as meat.

Vitamins D and B12, protein, iron, calcium and zinc are vital for bodily functions. These nutrients are, in fact, found in various foods that do not contain meat.

Dairy products and eggs contain the recommended amounts of vitamins D and B12. Dairy products are also a good source of calcium and protein, which is one of the biggest concerns for vegetarians.

Other sources of calcium include dark green vegetables, such as broccoli. Tofu is especially rich in protein, as are dried beans and nuts.

Prof disputes dumb-jock myth

By Christopher Patton
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Contradicting the common notion that schools have to sacrifice their athletes' education in order to be competitive, University of Iowa sociology Professor Michael Lovaglia has determined that academic and athletics success often go together in football and men's basketball.

Lovaglia said Jeffrey Lucas, a University of Maryland sociology professor who earned a Ph.D. from the UI, suggested doing research into the correlation between academic and athletics performance in college programs.

"Several years ago, the NCAA began evaluating member schools with a ranking called the 'Academic Progress Rate,'" Lovaglia said. "The (rate) measures

both academic retention and progress."

Lucas and Lovaglia's Web site explains that the rate tracks two sets of data for athletes on NCAA teams. First, the association checks whether athletes who played on a team the previous year remain on the team during the current year. Second, it considers whether athletes maintain the academic eligibility from year to year.

"In order to create our ranking system, we combined the (Academic Progress Rate) with a new criterion, the 'Athletic Success Rating,'" Lovaglia said. "The (rate) measures indicators of how schools do athletically in ways prospective recruits might be interested in."

The number of team wins in the past five years, total attendance at recent home games, and the number of program players in the NFL or NBA are among

the seven factors they use to determine a school's Athletics Success Rating.

"We combine the ratings to come up with the 'Student-Athlete Performance' rate," Lovaglia said.

The rankings on Lucas and Lovaglia's Web site list Iowa as tying for 12th overall in football and 91st in men's basketball.

Lucas said he wasn't surprised that good athletics programs tend to do well academically.

"With the NCAA using the (Academic Progress Rate) and threatening negative consequences for schools with poor academic performance, one might expect that athletics and academic success will correlate more strongly over time," Lucas said. "Programs that succeed athletically are being pressured to do well academically."

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