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Steel House closes as a living group

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After being told that their house was to be closed last spring, the women of Ethel Steel House are disbanding as a living group for the coming year.

The group had been working with the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and planned to occupy its house on Idaho Street but the plans fell through, said Bruce Pitman, vice provost of student affairs.

According to former Steel House President Cyndil Markert, some of the women had

been living in the Phi Tau house over the summer. Phi Tau was supposed to make improvements to the residence but few had been done. One of the women told other members her parents weren't comfortable with her living there in its current condition, Markert said.

"Girls panicked and decided to get apartments off-campus," she said. "There was a lot of miscommunication ... people just wanted to be safe and have a place to stay."

Since then, the Phi Taus have begun making repairs to the building, but it was too late. "It caught us by surprise,"

Pitman said. The dean's office had been recruiting on behalf of Steel House during summer activities and trying to help the women get enough people to live at Phi Tau.

"Phi Kappa Tau was anxious to have someone in (the building)," Pitman said. "Steel would be good residents. They worked hard to put a deal together."

Some of the Steel House women have signed individual contracts with the residence halls, Pitman said. Others have gone off campus. University Residences had offered Steel a floor in a residence hall, but the

offer was declined.

"University Residences basically didn't give us enough time," Markert said. "Getting insurance and figuring out all the logistics when it's just a bunch of college girls is a little bit difficult."

Steel House was closed last year after the university ruled it wasn't up to living standards, Pitman said.

He does not know of plans for the house, but using it as a storage facility or possibly faculty offices has been discussed. There are different safety requirements for different uses, Pitman said. It may be all right

to use a building for offices that you couldn't let people sleep in.

"The housing staff felt there were certain safety issues that needed addressed," Pitman said of the closure. "It was a very sad and difficult action. People were happy living there."

The Phi Taus vacated the house last spring because the fraternity's numbers were too low, Pitman said. At one point, Sigma Phi Epsilon was interested in the house but was unable to work out a deal with Phi Tau. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has contacted

Phi Tau to see about living in the residence while their house undergoes construction this spring, Pitman said. The SAEs could not be reached for comment.

"They are doing a large renovation to their property," Pitman said. "They have been looking very hard for a place to live. When they heard Steel fell through, they called Phi Taus. Phi Tau is anxious to have a responsible tenant."

Phi Tau is planning on returning to campus in three or four years, Pitman said, and wants to make sure the facility

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Sororities pledge 236 new members

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Despite a fire that destroyed the Pi Beta Phi sorority house early Aug. 2, the sorority pledged 25 new members when formal recruitment activities ended Wednesday, bring their membership numbers up to 74.

"Our recruitment went awesome this year," said President Heather Crane. "Spirits stayed high the whole time."

The Pi Phi house became unlivable after a fire started by an attic ceiling fan burned through three floors. No one was hurt in the fire and the Pi Phi's have been temporarily relocated to two floors in Wallace. Each floor holds about 54 people.

"We're just trying to accommodate them the best we can," said Leah Andrews, marketing and recruitment coordinator for University Residences.

"The girls are doing so well," Crane said. "They know that we're just here for a semester and we're making the best of it."

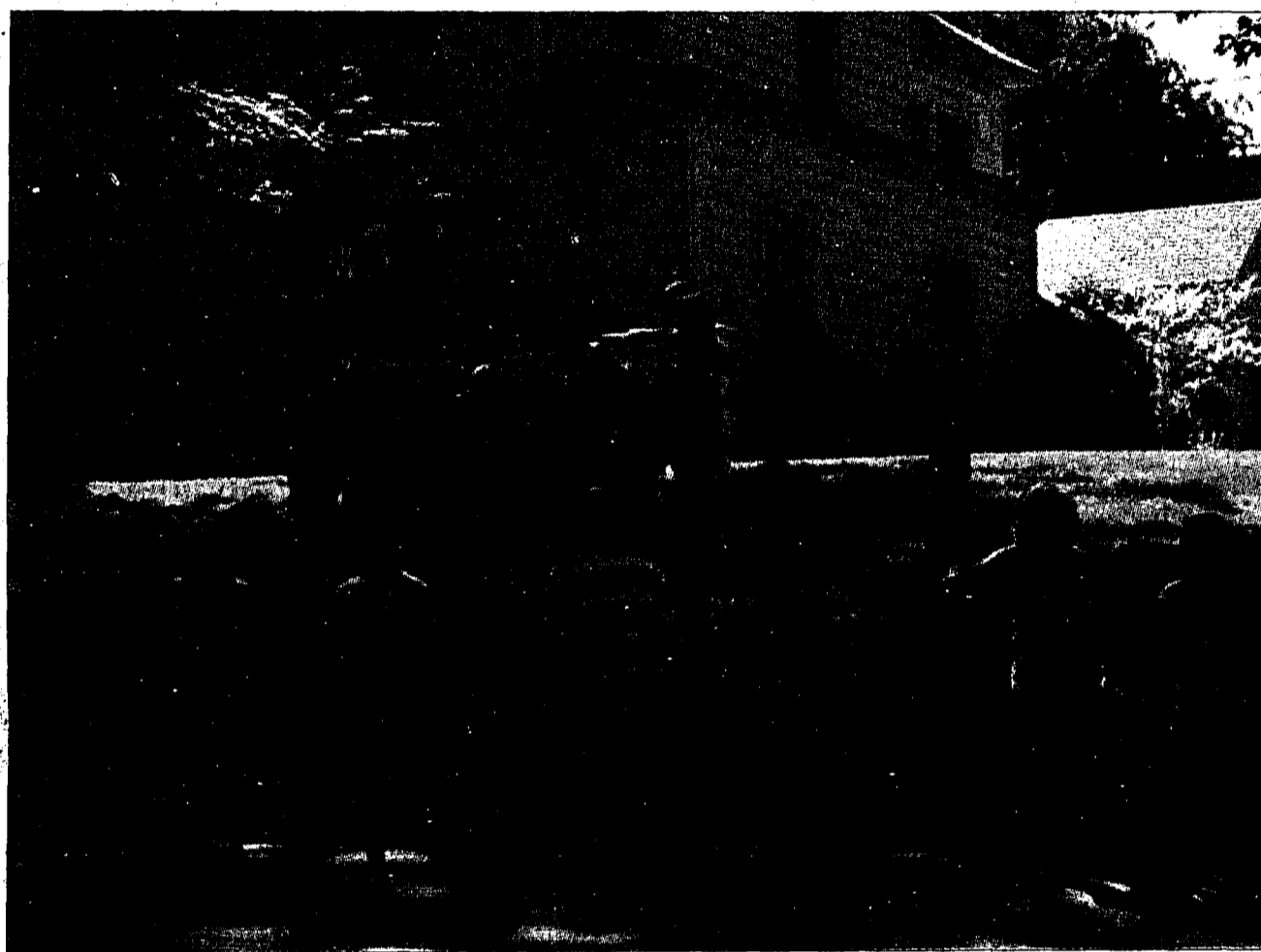
The Pi Phi house is going to be knocked down to the studs, Crane said, and rebuilt. The sorority has a semester contract with Wallace and will reevaluate its situation during winter break and decide what to do next, Crane said.

In the meantime, the sorority members are keeping a positive attitude and making the most of their time in Wallace, Crane said.

"We don't really see any challenges," she said. "This is more of an opportunity for the gap to bridge from Greek life and residence life."

"A house does not make a sorority," said Greek adviser Adrien Wright. "The people make the sorority. They're a strong group of women."

The University of Idaho's nine sororities pledged 236 new members and each chapter added between 24 and 27 new members, Wright said.



University of Idaho sororities line up to get their pictures taken with their new recruits after recruitment. Recruitment for sororities began Aug. 10 and ended Wednesday.

Last year the sororities added about 200 members through formal recruitment, Wright said. Formal recruitment is not the only time for new members to join, about 50 women joined sororities after formal recruitment ended. Most of the new members are freshmen, Wright said, but upperclassmen join every year.

New sorority members are chosen on a mutual selection process, Wright said. Potential new members sign up for recruitment on the Greek life Web site, pay a fee and then begin the recruitment process. All of the sororities are based on four principles of sisterhood, philanthropy, leadership and academic excellence. They have a rec-

ommended high school GPA of 3.0 and a college GPA of 2.75, Wright said.

During formal recruitment, which began last Friday, women visit different chapters, participate in house tours and other activities. It is more formal and structured than fraternity

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State board embraces Sandpoint campus

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Argonaut

This year's high school juniors in North Idaho won't have far to go to attend the University of Idaho in the fall of 2009. The UI is coming to them.

On Aug. 9, the State Board of Education approved a proposal to sell 77-acres of university property in Sandpoint for \$6.25 million to the Wild Rose Foundation, a non-profit organization headed up by Coldwater Creek CEO and founder Dennis Pence. The Foundation plans to divide the land into two separate plots and build a four-building campus for the university on about 33 acres. After construction is complete, the Foundation will give the campus back to UI. It is expected to cost about \$30 million.

Both Sandpoint and UI officials are excited about the proposal.

"This is one of those rare occasions where we have the ability to design from the ground up," said Lloyd Mues, UI vice president of finance and administration.

"It's going to be fantastic for the local community, not only from the education point of view but also for job creation and the local community," said Sandpoint Mayor Ray Miller.

The project was first proposed last February, though it has been in the works for about a year. Because it is being planned mainly in the private sector, Mues said, it is moving quickly.

"It did get fast-tracked," Miller said. "But when you've got somebody willing to pay \$30 million for you, you try to accommodate them."

Building the center is costing the university almost nothing, Mues said. Once the center is operational, UI will pay only for occupancy costs such as heating and cooling, he said. Wild Rose Foundation is financing all construction. Of the \$6.25 million used to purchase the land, currently the home of UI's Research and Extension Center, \$500,000 will be set aside to pay for start-up costs and the rest will be put into an endowment managed by the UI Foundation to continue paying for running the Sandpoint campus. In addition to their initial donation, the Foundation and the Sandpoint community have pledged \$800,000 a year for five years to run the campus.

Planned buildings for the campus include an administration and center operations building, a student union, a performing arts and learning center and an agricultural and life sciences building, including new greenhouses and laboratory space. There will be some limited living space for visiting students and professors, but

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While you were out: A look at what's been happening in town

Carissa Wright
Argonaut

It's been a long, hot summer around these parts, but if you've been elsewhere, you wouldn't know that, would you? You'd also have no idea what went on in Moscow while you were gone.

The Argonaut is here to give you a quick look at the stories that broke over the summer months.

Four dead after shooting rampage that ends in church

On May 19, 36-year-old Moscow resident Jason Hamilton shot and killed his wife, Crystal, before driving to the Latah County Courthouse and opening fire into a sheriff's dispatch center.

During the rampage he killed Moscow Police Officer Lee Newbill and wounded three others, including UI student Pete Husmann, before going to the First Presbyterian Church and killing caretaker Paul Bauer. He then turned the gun on himself.

Newbill was the first officer to die in the line of duty in department history and was honored May 24 in a memorial attended by law enforce-

ment officers from all over the northwest. Hamilton had a history of criminal violence.

Spurred by the shooting, Moscow Mayor Nancy Cheney asked for a legal opinion on whether the city could ban weapons, both concealed and otherwise, in public areas. Once the city receives a legal opinion, the council might consider such a ban.

Water tower gets a new look

The water tower on the UI golf course was repainted in early July, in a hue called "wheat."

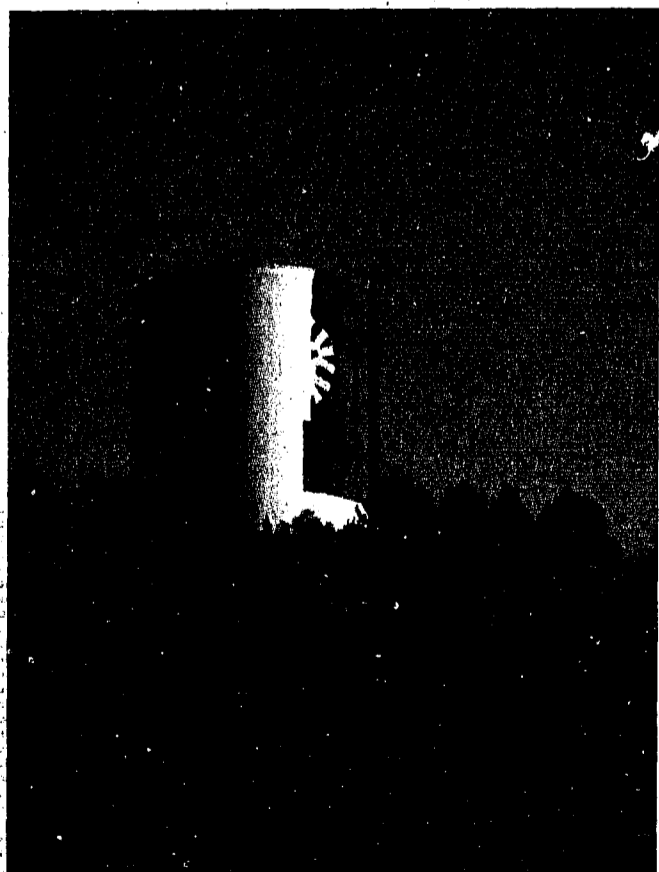
The project is scheduled to be finished by Sept. 6, said Tania Thompson, director of media relations. The starburst will be replaced by UI's word mark, which is the university's name, in black, which will be painted on the tower Aug. 27-31.

Taupule sentenced for robbery

Former UI football player Tone Taupule was sentenced July 25 to five-15 years in prison after robbing UI student Sean Fitzmaurice, who Taupule claimed sold him marijuana, in May.

Taupule pleaded guilty to robbery in May after striking a deal with prosecutors to drop

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The water tower on the UI golf course gets the first stages of new paint

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Arts&Culture
Check out this weekend's lineup of guest artists and get a taste of America at the Lentil Festival.

Sports&Rec
Check out two nearby camping areas and get a look at UI's newest player, "The Judge."

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Have a look through the Summer Arg archives, vote in the new poll, and keep better informed than all your friends. Watch for exciting changes in the coming weeks.

WeatherFORECAST

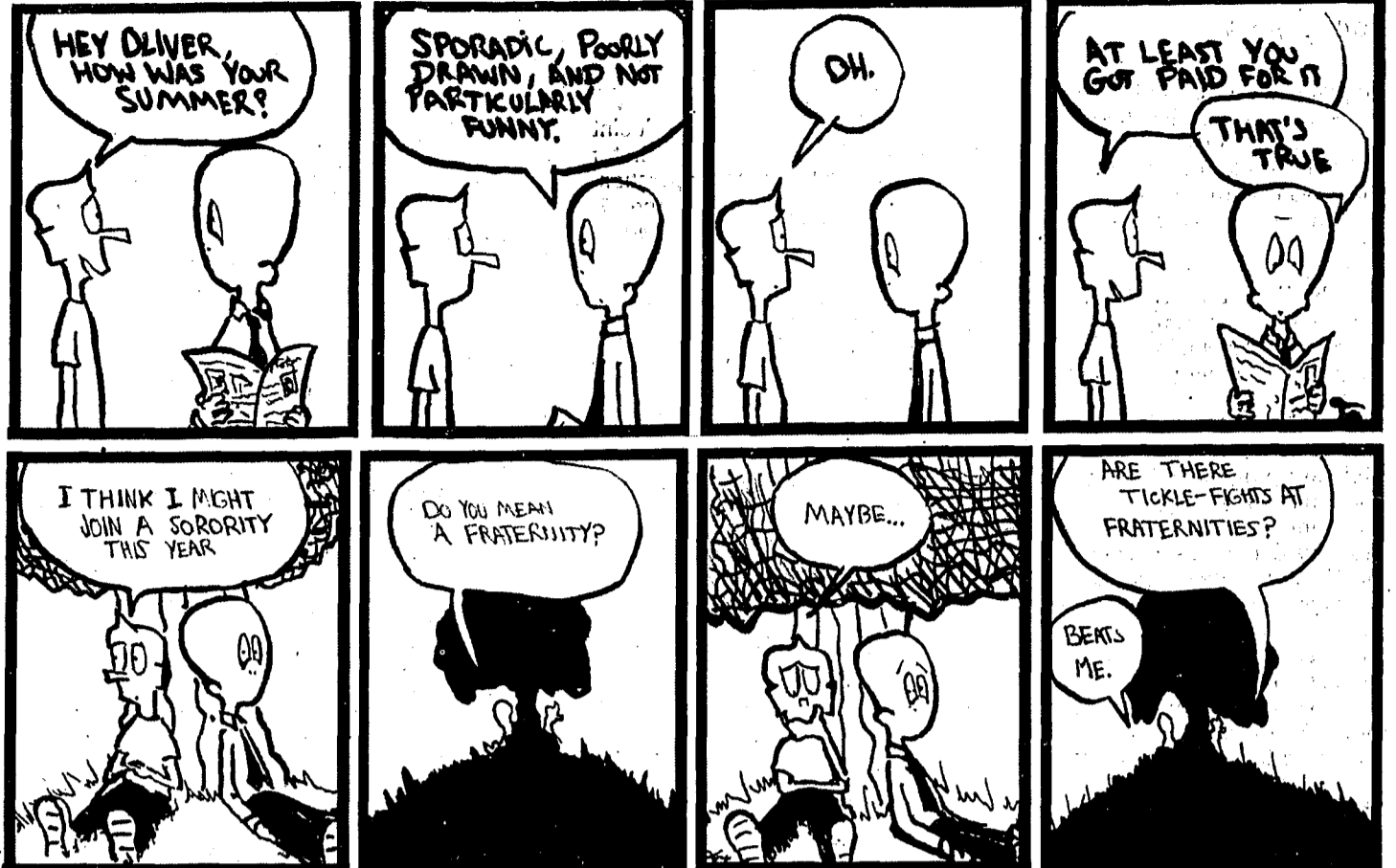
Today Sunny
Hi: 82
Lo: 49

Saturday Partly cloudy
Hi: 78
Lo: 50

Sunday Thunder Storms
Hi: 64
Lo: 45

UniversityAVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



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Campus Recreation

Intramural Sports Deadlines

Horseshoes Forms due: 8/22 Play Begins: 8/24	Soccer Forms Due: 8/28 Play Begins: 9/5
Sand Volleyball Forms Due: 8/23 Play Begins: 8/25	Flag Football Forms Due: 9/5 Play Begins: 9/10
Wiffleball Forms Due: 8/28 Play Begins: 9/4	Manager's Meeting #1 8/27 @ 4pm

Sport Club Federation
Start a Club - Join a Club - Get Involved

Ice Hockey, Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Rodeo, Rugby, and more!

www.webs.uidaho.edu/sportclubs

Local/BRIEFS

Real estate leaders start scholarship

The Urban Land Institute of Idaho announced it is sponsoring a scholarship program for students being educated in Idaho and Montana in fields related to responsible land use and real estate development. Interested students can contact Diane Kushlan at (208) 433-9352 or coordinator@idaho.ULL.org to receive an internship application and a letter of recommendation form. Applications must be received by Sept. 15.

Ag Days gives a taste of college

Fashion, microbiology, cloning and food safety will all be featured workshops at this year's Ag Days, September 28-29, for high school students to get a taste of their future college careers. In addition to participating in workshops, high school students have the chance to meet students and stay overnight in the SRC. Information about registering for the high school work-

shops and Ag Days is available at www.cals.uidaho.edu/agdays. Registration for the workshops and other events is available for \$25 to \$70 depending on the event.

Idaho students join medical chapter

Lindsay Barclay and Kyle Tubbs, both UI WWAMI medical students, have been elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha University of Washington School of medicine chapter. Both student just completed their third year of medical training. Only a portion of the top 25 percent of their 182-member medical school class were eligible for election to the organization, which is the only national honor medical society.

Students win top research award

Idaho science researchers gave top honors to student research that could help in the fight against cancer. Christopher "Kif" Ewing's poster won first during a competition held at the Idaho IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence annual conference in Moscow. Rational drug design and work with molecules that could fight cancer occupied Ewing's sum-

ATVP receives shelter grant

Idaho Housing and Finance Association has received \$525,763 in Emergency Shelter Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will provide homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services. The funds have been administered to 19 Idaho organizations, including \$27,000 to Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. ATVP is a 24-hour provider of emergency, secure, confidential shelter. The funding will be used for shelter operations and maintenance, shelter staff salaries, client services, food and supplies for client education and employment.

Art professor featured on HGTV

College of Art and Architecture professor David Giese will be featured on an episode of "Look What I Did" at 6 p.m., Aug. 28. This episode will profile Giese's creative ability and the unique quality in which he has designed both the interior and exterior of his home in Moscow.

Local/CALENDAR

- Today**
New Student Resident Orientation Begins at 7:30 a.m.
Scott Fife's "Big Trouble: The Idaho Project" gallery opening
Prichard Art Gallery
8 a.m.
- Lentil Festival's Friday Night Street fair**
Downtown Pullman
6-11 p.m.
- Saturday**
Palousafest
Tower Lawn
5-11 p.m.
- Lentil Festival Downtown Pullman**. Free parking near Reaney Park.
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Monday**
Class begin
Faculty meeting
University auditorium
3:30 p.m.

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Recreation Hotline 885-1212
www.campusrec.uidaho.edu

CrosswordPUZZLE

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1 Six feet of water
7 Sort or kind
10 Make well
14 Tropical lizard
15 Exact bird
16 Ms. Fitzgerald
17 Boneless cut of meat
18 Verbal picture
20 Otherwise
21 Second appearance on stage
23 of Cortez
24 At present
25 Pile wood
26 Sudden feeling of anxiety
27 Unusual
28 Sturtle
31 Seaside
33 Docs' grp.
36 Sub weapon
38 Spanned
40 Nevertheless
41 Type of boom
43 Puglist's weapons
44 Woman last mentioned
45 Plays trump
47 Hilo hi
50 Actor's parts
51 Sturdy cup
54 Donees
56 Strike an attitude
57 Light musical production
58 Cut choppers
60 Perform ushering
61 Work unit
62 Rugged ridges
63 Sea eagles
64 One of the Three Stooges
65 Poe's lady

DOWN
1 High-pitched flutes
2 Nimble
3 Oklahoma city
4 Robust
5 Individual
6 of honor
7 Change a public official

8 Daft
9 Miniature race car
10 Messenger
11 Large antelope
12 Mrs. Kramden
13 By and by
19 Exchanges of sorts
22 Prolific U.S. inventor
24 Assume a fixed form
26 Soda
27 Bruins' great Bobby
28 Porker's pad
29 "The Raven" poet
30 Table scrap
32 Supernatural
33 Blockhead
34 Encountered
35 Want
37 Unknown John
39 Bro's sibling
42 Last B.C. era
44 Blouses

Solutions
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S E I E V O H E I V E S
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46 Befitting a gala occasion
47 Popped up
48 Outcast
49 Indian or Arctic
50 Stylishly out-of-date
51 Words to live by
52 Wedding worker
53 V-formation
55 Agenda topic
56 Hammer part
59 Afore

SudokuPUZZLE

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Solution from 8/17

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1	2	4	6	9	7	3	4	8	5

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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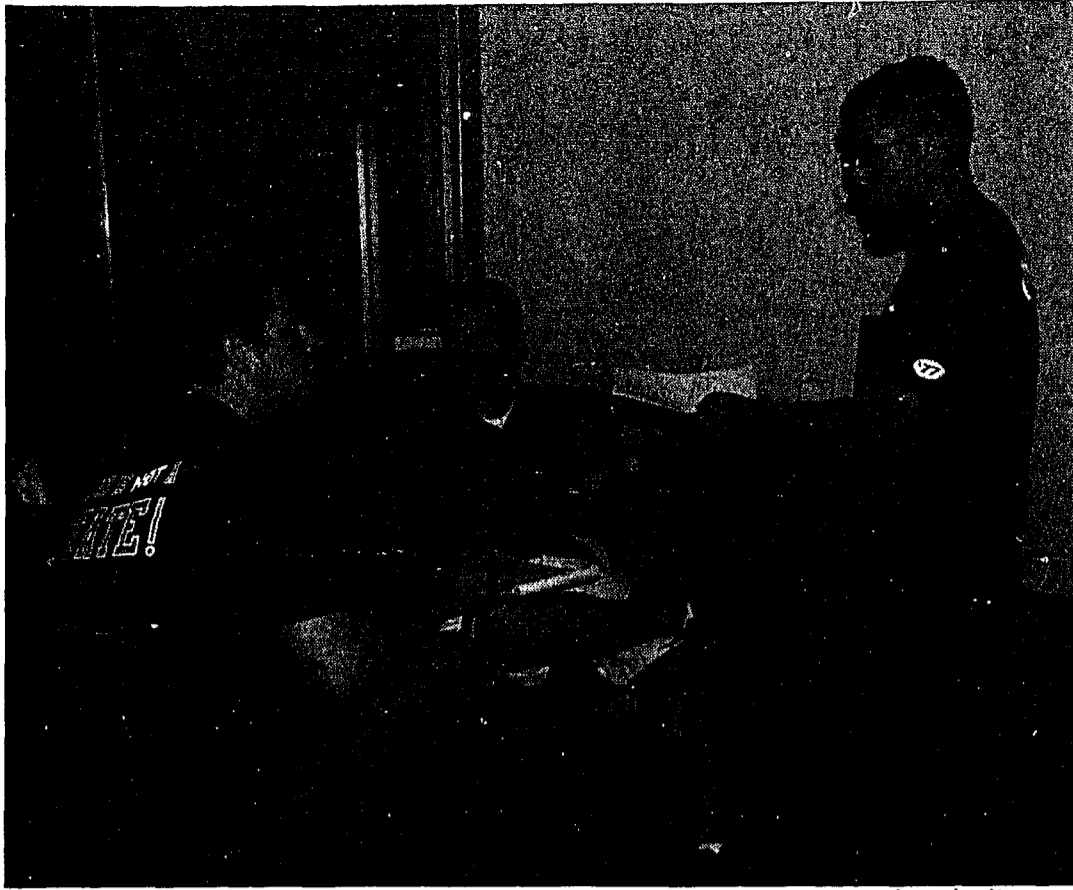
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ASUI President Jonathan Gaffney (center) speaks with ASUI lobbyist Jimmy Fox (left) and ASUI Pro-Tempore Garret Hallbrook (right) in Gaffney's office. Jake Barber/Argonaut

ASUI wants to see students involved

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

ASUI President Jonathan Gaffney is hitting the ground running this fall.

As former employees of the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, both Gaffney and Vice President Amy Huddleston are passionate about getting students involved, both on campus and in the community. Gaffney was the Days of Service coordinator for the center and Huddleston worked with coordinating blood drives.

One of his major goals for the year is to expand the service trips ASUI goes on. Two years ago, about 60 students went to Waveland, Miss. to help with Hurricane Katrina relief. Last year, that number was up to 110. Gaffney hopes to see it increase even more this year.

Gaffney said he'd like to see ASUI have both a domestic and international trip this year. He said there are plans for a two-week trip over winter break, but a destination hasn't been decided.

"We're hoping to expand our domestic trip, both in the number of students and the number of locations," Gaffney said.

This year the volunteer center has eight interns. Gaff-

ney hopes to keep expanding the center.

"We're really pushing volunteerism," he said. "That's where we'll see most of our growth."

He encourages new students to find ways to get involved at UI.

"Don't fall into a routine," he said. "Find some way of getting involved and making a difference here."

Another goal for ASUI this year is avoiding the sort of division the Senate and Executive branch experienced last year.

"There was no reason for that to have happened," Gaffney said. He hopes to avoid any problems this year by making sure everyone is involved in projects they feel passionately about. He hopes passion and ownership of projects will help ASUI be more effective.

He also hopes to increase accountability for elected officers. Students voted down a redistricting effort last spring, and Gaffney said he doesn't know if it will be revisited. He hopes to find other ways to make ASUI accountable to its electorate.

"I'd like to try some other ways before changing a system that seems to be working," he said.

Part of increasing account-

ability is shaking the unapproachable image he feels ASUI and the UI administration have. He wants all students to feel welcome at ASUI and says the administration feels the same way.

"Anybody can come up here," Gaffney said. "I want to be the guy anyone can talk to about what's wrong with campus."

He encourages any student who has concerns about any aspect of UI to contact him.

As for improving programming at the university, Gaffney hopes to see ASUI take on advising this year. He is looking at possibly holding training sessions for faculty advisers and perhaps instituting a peer advising system for underclassmen. He feels that younger students need the contact with upperclassmen that have gone through the same experiences as them. Older students benefit more from meeting with faculty and having professional advising, he said, because they are preparing to enter the workforce.

While he says he hears many students complain, bad advising is not across the board.

"There are a lot of faculty doing a really phenomenal job," Gaffney said. "They're here for the students."

Positions still available with ASUI

Cyrella Watson
Argonaut

ASUI is getting fired up for the new school year by trying to fill its many job openings.

There are about 25 open positions, said ASUI President Jonathan Gaffney. Under the executive branch there are at least fourteen jobs that need to be filled, from director of academics to lobbyist. There are no specific requirements for the jobs available.

Gaffney said he would love to see not only returning stu-

dents but also freshmen getting involved with ASUI.

"Everybody can get involved," Gaffney said.

Policy advisor, director of communications, director of community relations, student recreation board chair and Vandal Entertainment board chair are just a few of the jobs that are available. To see more jobs and their descriptions visit the ASUI Web site, www.asui.uidaho.edu.

Those who are interested in working with ASUI during the 2007-08 academic school year can apply online or pick up an

application at the ASUI office, located on the third floor of the Commons.

Nothing can be decided until after the first meeting on Aug. 29.

"No deadline for applications — we'll take them so long as there are open positions," Gaffney said.

As applications are gathered, additional information will be posted on the ASUI Web site about which student got what position.

For information contact the ASUI office at 885-6331.

UI hoping for success in enrollment efforts

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

The University of Idaho will present its enrollment numbers to the state August 30, 10 days after the beginning of classes, the benchmark set up nationally to analyze trends and appropriate funds in higher education. With enrollment down 5.9 percent last fall, the university is speculating about what will happen this year.

About 1,000 students make up their mind to come to school between the two weeks before and 10 days after classes begin, said Lloyd Mues, vice president of finance and administration.

"It's very fluid," he said. So far this year, it appears that graduate student enrollment may be down slightly, Mues said. Freshmen enrollment appears to be holding steady and more students seem to be living off campus this year, as evidenced by space still available in the residence halls, he said.

"There have been regional trends that have been generally down in the last couple of years," said Bruce Barnes, vice president of enrollment management services.

Barnes' position was created last year to provide leadership for departments and campuses. A former professor of naval sciences at UI, Barnes started the new job last March.

To improve enrollment, the university needs a strong recruiting team and must offer valuable services to students to ensure retention, Barnes said.

"Every quality indicator we have is up," he said.

After students expressed concerns about advising last year, the university set up an advising taskforce to ensure current students were getting the assistance they need. An

undergraduate success study was also taken with a focus on sophomores.

"Sophomores are often the class that doesn't have as much experience," Barnes said.

With the university accounting for over 50 percent of Moscow's economic base, it is important that the community support it, according to Bruce Pitman, vice provost of student affairs.

"This economy is just tailored to the needs of the student preference," Pitman said.

The harder part, he said, is offering more services and programs to students when every 1 percent decline in enrollments means \$500,000 less to spend.

"We've had to reduce services because fewer students makes less money for the university," Pitman said.

There have also been delays on new plans and services, however, the university is expecting to begin operating a campus in Sandpoint in 2009. The state board of education approved the plans last week with the consideration of a \$35-\$40 million investment from Coldwater Creek CEO Dennis Pence.

"We are improving and recovering now," Pitman said. "The UI has some important strategic plans. I think we're moving forth in renewing the university."

As far as enrollment, there are recruiting forces based in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, the Puget Sound area and southeast Idaho. Pitman said they seek out quality students by every means possible and are now offering the Go Idaho scholarship for Idaho high school graduates with a 3.5 GPA or higher that enroll at UI directly after graduation. The Go Idaho scholarship gives students a minimum of \$1,500 in scholarships for four years. Next to the University of Washington, UI ranks second

in the northwest for national merit scholars. National merit scholars receive money for full tuition, fees, room and board and books, totaling more than \$45,000 over four years.

At New Student Services in the Student Union Building, telecounselors call prospective students, assess their interest levels and tell them when recruiters will be in their area. According to Lloyd Scott, director of New Student Services, they see over half of new students visiting campus with an even higher percentage on the long used Vandal Friday.

Last year, New Student Services used Idaho Sneak Peek as a means to attract high school sophomores and juniors who haven't yet thought about where they will go after graduation.

"We use it to get them to think, not only about college, but about the UI in general," Scott said.

Since the end of the traditional starburst and the inception of a new branding campaign, students are getting a feel for the campus under its new slogan, "Open spaces. Open minds."

"I think the new branding campaign has just given the university some new visibility," Scott said.

Junior Josie Morse used the university's services when she visited the university. After recruiters came to her high school, she said she had an interest in engineering. Morse is now an orientation leader for new students.

"I heard they have a really good engineering program," she said. "When we came and visited, I asked."

With the final numbers still under speculation and the Idaho Falls campus starting a week later, the final count on enrollment will only act as a benchmark, Barnes said. The future of the university is dependent on its student body.

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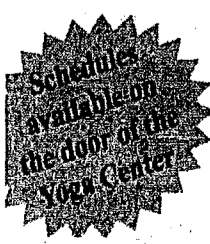
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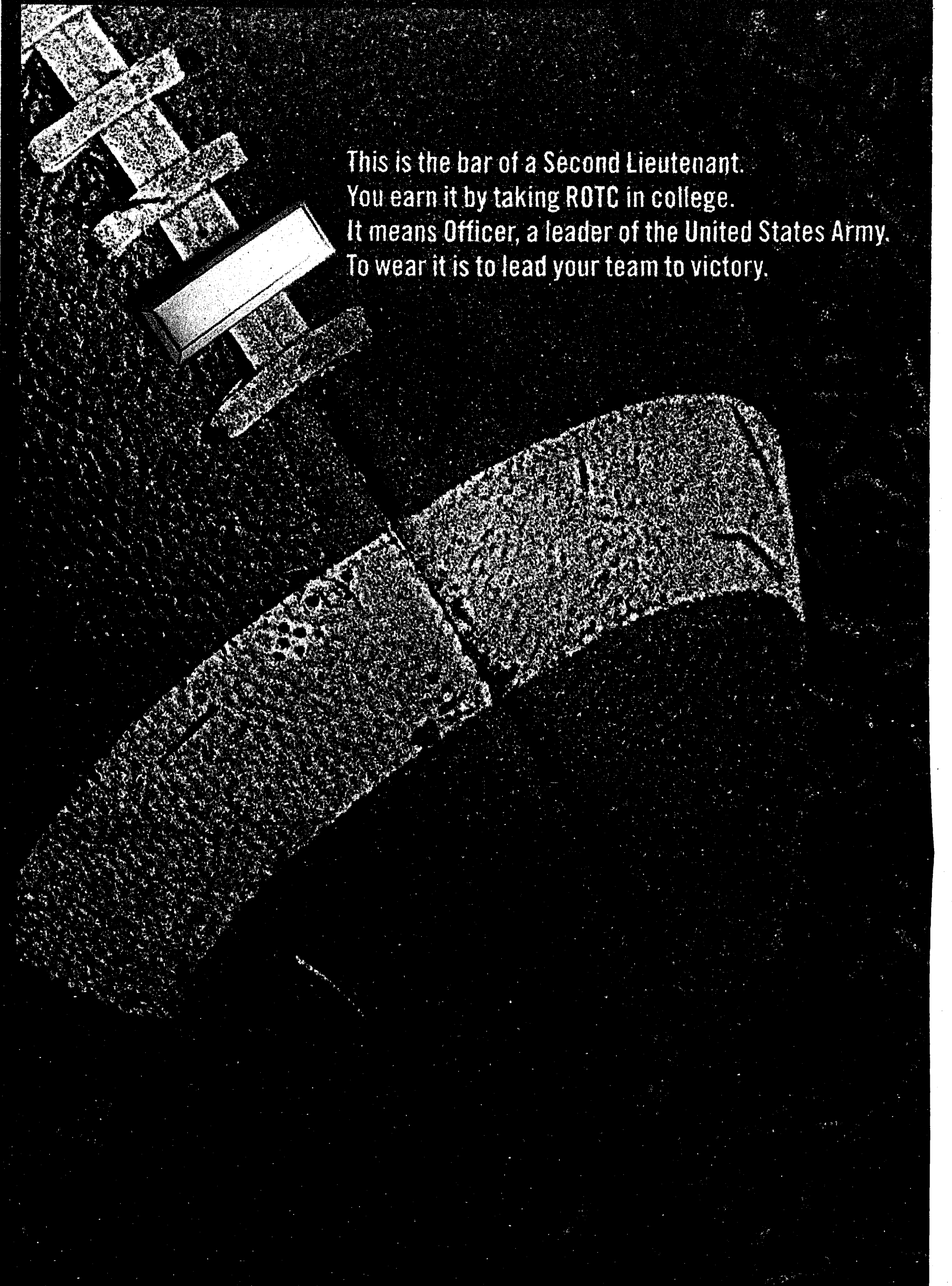
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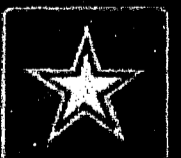


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Why don't you get a job?

From lifeguards to office assistants, the University of Idaho has plenty of openings for any students looking for work

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The dorm room has been organized. Books bought. Schedules tweaked. Now the big question: Should new students get a job?

Absolutely, said Dixie Kearney, employment services specialist in human resources at the University of Idaho. While some parents may be concerned that their child is taking on too much by working and going to school, Kearney says that studies have shown students who work while in college show better time-management and organization and get better grades. For a job that is flexible, willing to work around class and finals schedule, there is no better place to look than the student employment office, Kearney said.

"I believe student employment is something that is very important to the college experience," she said.

Student employment made up 2,799 positions at UI last year. This includes everything from baristas, cooks, clerks and office help to laboratory and computer technicians. Nearly every department at the university hires students.

With the influx of students in August comes the need for more student employees. Kearney said the university begins a hiring push for student and temporary employment from about the last weekend in July through early October. Departments are eager to fill positions once students return to campus, she said.

It's easy to apply for jobs at the university. The employment Web site — www.hr.uidaho.edu — has about 20 positions listed this week. Students can apply for positions online. The system saves records of all positions a student has applied for and also saves biographical information to make it easier for students to apply for multiple positions.

One of the most popular positions the university offers, Kearney said, is library assistant. In years past, the position has had more than 64 applications in under 24 hours. Clerical and office positions are also popular, she said, as are lab jobs, which require more experience. Jobs are only required to be posted for three days, Kearney said, so it is important that students apply right away when they see a position they want.

While Idaho's minimum wage went up this summer to \$5.85 per hour, Kearney said the average pay at UI is \$7-\$10 an hour. Higher paying positions usually require more experience, such as computer or lab techs.

Aside from earning extra cash, working on-campus offers many benefits, Kearney said. Among them is the willingness of employers to work with student schedules.

"The university really values its students,"

get the JOB

Student employment specialist Dixie Kearney and job counselor Bob Kesler offer these tips for students looking to work either off- or on-campus:

- Always fill out your application completely. Do not leave any blanks.
- Dress appropriately when you pick up and turn in your application in case the manager wants to interview you on the spot.
- Have a well prepared resume. Make sure your resume and application is free of errors. Spell check. If you have questions about how to write a resume, contact the Career and Professional Planning office at 885-6121.
- If you have questions about student employment, contact Dixie Kearney at 885-3737 or Bob Kesler for off-campus employment questions, 885-2778.

Kearney said. "They really like to see university students working with them and they're willing to work with schedules."

Another major benefit is the chance to win the student employee of the year award, which has a top prize of \$500. Students are evaluated for their quality of work, unique contributions to their job and other criteria, Kearney said. Students are nominated for employee of the year by their supervisor or co-workers.

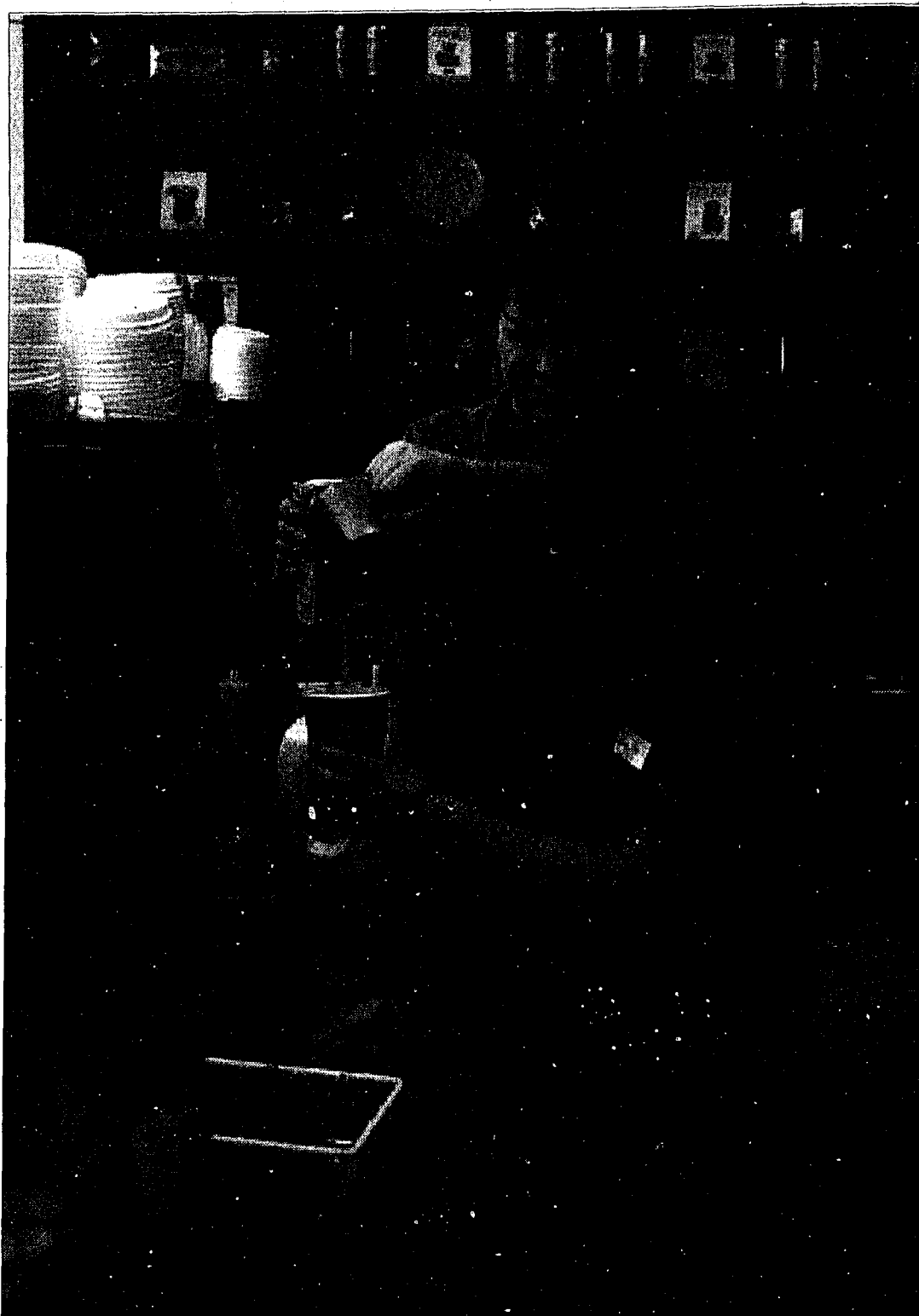
"We do have a really great student employee of the year program," she said. "We're really looking for students to succeed through employment."

If on-campus employment isn't desirable, students can also find job opportunities off-campus through the Job Location and Development office, located on the first floor of the SUB. Last year, the JLD posted 760 jobs and placed more than 300 students, said Bob Kesler, job locator and counselor. There were more than 41,000 hits last year on the off-campus job site.

"We have jobs across the whole gamut of industry," Kesler said. "You name it, we've got the jobs."

Students can check out off-campus jobs online at www.uidaho.edu/sfas/jld. They are also posted on a bulletin board across the hall from the JLD office. New jobs are posted daily.

For easier job searching, students can sign up for the list serve, which sends new postings for both on- and off-campus positions to their e-mail. Students can sign up at www.hr.uidaho.edu.



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Common Grounds employee sophomore Tori Bielenberg (front) operates a coffee machine while assisted by Julie Rogalsky. Barista is just one of the many positions that need filled by student employees.

South swelters in heat

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The South sizzled beneath a relentless sun Wednesday, with temperatures hitting the triple digits here for a sixth straight day. Officials in Memphis said two more people had died of the heat, raising the city's death toll to seven in a little more than a week.

Much of the Southeast was under a heat advisory as temperatures topped the century mark for the 10th consecutive day in places, fueling brush fires and increasing the number of people seeking medical help. The high of 105 in St. Louis broke a 71-year-old record.

It was just as hot in Memphis. Hospital workers passed out free bottles of water to thousands of Elvis Presley fans who filled Graceland's tourism complex Wednesday to mark the 30th anniversary of his death.

One fan, a 67-year-old woman, was found dead inside a tent at a campground near Graceland. She had chronic health problems, but the Shelby County medical examiner's office said heat was an element in her death.

Temperatures in Memphis were forecast to reach 100 at least through Friday, according to the National Weather Service. A 32-year-old man was found dead outside his apartment, which had no air conditioning, officials said.

"Unfortunately, many of these deaths have been in areas that are considered unsafe, poorer areas of town where people don't have air conditioning, but they're too afraid to open their windows," Shelby County Medical Examiner Karen E. Chancellor said.

In St. Louis, the high of 105 degrees broke the record of 104 set in 1936. Thursday's temperatures were expected to push 100 degrees.

Two more heat-related deaths brought the city's heat wave toll to five, and Mayor Francis Slay urged citizens to check on relatives, friends and neighbors to ensure their safety.

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Colleges rant, rave against rankings

Some universities signing petition protesting World Report's annual school evaluations

Associated Press

World Report releases its annual college rankings Friday in the face of the loudest and best-organized criticism from educators the magazine has ever encountered.

For all the complaints that the rankings warp college admissions and distract colleges from educating students, U.S. News still has the upper hand. Colleges are having a hard time quitting the magazine's annual beauty contest.

Sixty-two colleges have enlisted in an anti-rankings campaign led by education activist Lloyd Thacker. But a quick Web search shows even some of those schools haven't fulfilled a pledge to stop using their rankings to advertise themselves. And none of the highest-ranked schools have formally signed on.

Interviews by The Associated Press with top officials at about a dozen elite colleges confirm a fault line in the rankings debate that's more than coincidence: It irks educators everywhere to see colleges ranked like basketball teams. But it irks educators at the top-ranked colleges a lot less.

"The list isn't perfect but it isn't totally evil either," said David Oxtoby, the president of Pomona College in California, the No. 7 liberal arts college on last year's list. The popular rankings are a way for students and parents to get information, he said, and most know better than to take a

college's specific placement too seriously.

The debate has been raging since the magazine began ranking colleges in the 1980s. But the focus this year is on Thacker, a longtime admissions counselor who has made it his mission to restore educational values to what he calls an over-commercialized college selection process. Thacker has been circulating a letter calling on colleges to boycott a portion of the rankings, to swear off using them for self-promotion, and to develop an alternative — something he also is pursuing.

He's received lots of attention and encouragement from the top schools. But so far no liberal arts colleges ranked higher than No. 30 on last year's list has signed the letter, nor have any of the top 100 universities.

Thacker and other rankings opponents acknowledge he'll eventually need to enlist the big names.

The fight against rankings "must be led by the beneficiaries," Leon Botstein, the president of Bard College in upstate New York, wrote in a recent letter to U.S. News and to fellow college presidents, saying he would sign on to the protest if schools like Harvard, Princeton and Williams do so first. "To end a corrupt and misleading game, the winners, not the losers, have to call it quits."

At some of the highest-ranked colleges, officials declined to comment. Some that did said they are sympa-

thetic to Thacker's case (many already refrain from advertising their rankings, at least in their own publications). And some are cooperating, at least partially. Yale will host a major gathering next month for Thacker's effort to develop a rankings alternative. Lee Stetson, dean of admissions at the University of Pennsylvania, said he expects his university and its Ivy League peers will eventually work with Thacker in some form.

They also say the rankings are a fact of life.

"In some respects, colleges and universities may have been too immune in the past to any kind of accountability for our practices, and students and families deserve to know as much as possible about the educational investment that they are about to make," said Robert Clagett, dean of admission at Middlebury College in Vermont, wrote in an e-mail.

Some schools say boycotting would cost them leverage over the magazine to improve the system. Others say the rankings and general admissions anxiety, while a concern, just aren't at the top of their agenda.

"I'm more concerned about students who aren't paying any attention to their college search than I am about students who are paying too much," said Stephen Farmer, director of admissions at the University of North Carolina.

Thacker calls his campaign "a test of character" for college presidents. He insists many are eager to sign on, but face pressure from their boards of trustees, whose members often come from the business world.

The ranking system is "numerical, it's a balance-sheet kind of bottom-line analysis that they're really familiar with," he said. Some universities, such as Baylor, have made rising in the U.S. News rankings an explicit goal; Arizona State has even made it a financial incentive in the president's contract.

Privately, some admissions deans who dislike the magazine's influence say the rankings have powerful supporters on campus. One dean of a prominent college said it's considered gauche to brag about the school's ranking, but nobody wants to tell parents and alumni they can't do so. Said another: "The biggest issue in the rankings isn't admissions, it's probably fundraising."

And it's the lower-ranked colleges that feel they have the most to lose.

"The schools pay a lot more attention to the rankings than most of them claim," said John Maguire, founder of a Massachusetts-based consulting firm that advises colleges. His research has found that rankings — while not the top reason — do play a significant role in determining which colleges students pick.

At trustee meetings, "when you jump up a couple points, everybody says 'Alleluia,'" he said. But at one client school that slipped from the second to the third quartile, "there was mass depression."

That pressure may explain why even some of the colleges listed as signers of Thacker's letter promising to quit using rankings to advertise themselves haven't done so.

Wesleyan College in Georgia still

bragged this week on its Web site that Wesleyan "is consistently ranked as one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report," and still had posted a 600-word release from last August touting its scores. Birmingham-Southern was still boasting that for 13 straight years it "has been ranked among the top National Liberal Arts Colleges in the country by U.S. News & World Report," among other accolades.

Other signees to Thacker's letter don't mention the magazine but still brag about rankings. "Top-ranked nationally by all widely regarded sources," says the Web site of Holy Cross in Massachusetts. "Ranked consistently in the top tier of the nation's liberal arts colleges," gushes the admissions Web site at Gettysburg College, whose president, Katherine Will, has been one of the more outspoken rankings critics.

Brian Kelly, editor of U.S. News, says the protesters have it all wrong — the publicity from appearing in the rankings at all is good for their colleges. And he says the efforts by Thacker's group to develop an alternative system to get students information about colleges miss the point. There is already ample college data available. People come to U.S. News to make sense of it all.

"If you look at the way people buy cars, refrigerators, the health care plans we rank, or hospitals, consumers are hungry for hard data they can use," Kelly said. "But you can't just give people just lumps of data. You have to help them sort their way through it."

Idaho fails to improve scores

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — School districts across Idaho are getting poor grades when it comes to helping students improve test scores, according to a report from the state Board of Education.

Out of 626 public schools in the state, just 167 made "adequate yearly progress," during the 2006-2007 school year, according to the report.

The AYP scores are based on the results of the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests taken earlier this year.

"It is a barometer to show how our students are doing and whether we're meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act," state board spokesman Mark Browning said. "Most of our schools in Idaho are tremendous. Parents should look at whether the area where a school is not meeting AYP impacts their child."

For instance, a school may only be failing in one or two areas, he said. If a school had failing scores among its students who speak English as a second language, students who learned English as their primary language may not be affected.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires states to implement their own standards for schools and issue yearly progress reports. Statistics are broken down by students' race and income level, and disabled students make up their own group, as do students learning English. If one group fails to meet standards, the whole

school fails to make adequate yearly progress.

Falling short for one year puts a school on so-called "alert" status. Failure a second time means the school gets a "needs improvement label." Parents at failing schools can have their kids sent to other schools instead, and funding for the schools can be limited.

But even if they fail to clear the minimum statewide scores, schools and districts will be listed as having made adequate yearly progress if the number of failing students decreases by at least 10 percent compared to the previous year.

Post Falls showed the biggest decline among northern Idaho's largest districts. Each of its seven schools met standards previously, but none did this year.

"Certainly, we're not very pleased with that result," said Superintendent Jerry Keane.

State officials attributed the poor scores to tougher stan-

dards and a new version of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

"It was a tougher test," Browning said. "In years past, we had a test that was not completely aligned to our standards, but we do this year."

Schools will have a chance to catch up: The standards won't increase again until the 2008-09 school year.

"Many districts had not adjusted their curriculum to the standards yet," Browning said. "It's key to watch next year to see how many districts really are able to react and change their approaches."

State Schools Superintendent Tom Luna said that while the scores have caused "some alarm, I am confident that we as a state can rise to meet the challenges before us just like we have done in the past."

The state Education Department budget includes \$5 million to help districts tutor students struggling with the ISAT.

Surplus shouldn't go to roads, lawmakers say

Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's \$247 million budget surplus should not be used to repair roads, two southern Idaho lawmakers who co-chair the state's budgeting committee say.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who lead the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, agree with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter not to put the money in road repairs.

Idaho Controller Donna Jones, also a Republican, has called for spending the extra cash on roads.

However, Cameron and Bell earlier this week said the money should be spent on one-time projects such as prisons or health care,

rather than projects that need to be paid for over longer periods.

"One-time money should be used for one-time purposes," Bell said. "You need a reliable and steady source of income when you start repairing roads."

The state had a bigger-than-expected \$247 million budget surplus at the end of fiscal year 2007 in June.

Otter said he would rather raise fuel taxes and increase some transportation-related fees to make up for a \$200 million annual shortfall that Idaho Transportation Department officials expect over the next 30 years.

"We've got to address those efforts and we'll be meeting between now and January to address our road problems," Cameron said.

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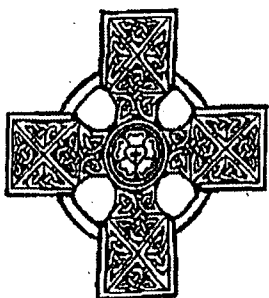
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OurVIEW

Start fall semester off right

Some of you remember last school year. If you do, you know some of what went down: shootings, accidents, athletic woes, porn in the commons. We like fun just as much as the next student, freshmen and seniors alike. Some of us like fun more than the average student. But there is such a thing as too much fun.

Here's how to start the school year right and set the tone for the rest of the year:

First, don't get so wasted at or around Palousafest that you can't find your classes on Monday. For some of you, this might be your first exposure to alcohol. While we don't condone underage drinking, we do understand that you want to fit in with the big kids. We were all freshmen once. The real flavor of adulthood is responsibility. Get used to it.

Second, don't blow your student aid check on things you don't need. That cute top at the new Old Navy might look really good on you the first day of class, but the things you wore last year are just fine for every other day. Keep a level head. You don't want to have to return items to the mall — or sell plasma — in a couple weeks just to buy food.

Third, have some respect for authority. Yes, it's college. You are supposed to question authority and the establishment. By all means, go for it. Make a sign about something you don't like. Write a song about it, if that's your thing. Just remember, the police are not here to be your babysitter and they don't have to like you. You are an adult whether you like you like or not, so act accordingly. If you decide law enforcement isn't there for your protection, don't forget that they are there for everyone else's. They will protect those in harm's way. Do not be the one causing the problem.

Whether you are new to UI or you've been here for a few years, you are going to meet new people and not all of them will be your friends. You might not be able to tell right off, either. We aren't telling you whom to befriend. We're just saying choose wisely.

We've gone through a lot in the last year as a university community. The only way to make this year better is to watch yourself and watch out for each other.

You have to make it happen. The school administration, local law enforcement, your miles away parents and your instructors can't make you behave.

They can find ways to punish you, if necessary.

— TJT

RECENT STUDIES CONFIRM EARLIER FINDINGS THAT COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO RETAIN INFORMATION IF IT IS PRESENTED TO THEM BY A GIANT, TOP HAT-WEARING, WINGED PANDA. IT'S TRUE, WE SWEAR.



Paul Tong/Argonaut

Beyond the space shuttle

Last week the space shuttle Endeavour was launched on a mission to add additional elements to the still under construction International Space Station (ISS). The mission thus far has completed all of its objectives, but a scar in the shuttle's ceramic heat shield caused during launch has cast a gloomy shadow over the mission. No decision or announcement regarding the severity of the damage will be made until NASA has completed tests to determine if the craft can safely reenter Earth's atmosphere.

If the craft is deemed too dangerous for its occupants to return home, Endeavour will be remotely piloted back to Earth. The shuttle crew would remain on the ISS until a rescue mission is launched. These rescue missions are planned for each shuttle launch, and the ISS holds enough food to keep both the shuttle and station crew fed for several months. In the event the crew cannot return on Endeavour, the earliest a rescue launch could take place is Sept. 22.

It basically adds up to a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation. In the event that the damage proves catastrophic for the spacecraft, no lives will be lost. However if it returns safely, NASA is likely to incur the wrath of an angry public and Congress for "wasting" tax dollars.

Although no decision has been made yet, this latest chapter in the space shuttle saga reveals the fragility of America's aging launch vehicles. The shuttle fleet is currently set for retirement in 2010 after serving as the United States' sole launch vehicle for manned spaceflight since 1981. To date, five spaceflight worthy shuttles have been built (in chronological order: Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis, and Endeavour). Challenger was destroyed during launch in 1986; Endeavour was built as its replacement. After the breakup of the Columbia during atmospheric reentry in 2003, NASA promptly decided it was finally time to replace the shuttle and

Congress agreed. Statistically, the space shuttle is the most dangerous launch vehicle in use, and has claimed the lives of more people than all other manned spacecraft used by all nations combined (three nations are capable of human spaceflight: Russia, the United States and China).

Despite failures of the past, the future of the US space program is quite promising. In 2004, the Bush administration proposed the Vision for Space Exploration, a roadmap for the future of the space program. The roadmap is simple: replace the shuttle with a simpler and more efficient vehicle for ferrying human occupants between Earth and the ISS. The new spacecraft is called Orion. By 2020, NASA is required to return Americans to the surface of the moon and establish a permanent presence there.

The new moon endeavor is called Project Constellation. It will resemble Apollo in many ways but will be three times larger and carry four people to the moon's surface instead of two. Currently, NASA is on track to do so in 2018. Following the establishment of a lunar outpost America will begin human spaceflight beyond the Earth-moon system, likely starting with Mars. Congress established funding for the project in late 2004 and fully endorsed the program in 2005.

Some wonder the point of a space program. In the beginning it was just a way of proving we were better than the Soviets. In 1969 when we won the moon race (which the Soviets were never actually really part of), American enthusiasm for the program began to waver. At the time the Apollo program was the single most expensive project other than a war in history. The last resources of the Apollo program were squandered on Skylab, America's first space station. It was visited three times and then abandoned; it burned up upon reentry several years ago (missing the Taco Bell float in the

Pacific, which if it had hit, Taco Bell would have given away free tacos for several days at all of its US locations). The space shuttle was a grand experiment in building a cost effective, reusable launch vehicle. As history would have it, the shuttle never met expectations and cost far more per launch than originally intended.

For the past decade NASA and the world's space agencies have been devoted to the construction of the International Space Station. With a cost in excess of \$150 billion, \$100 billion of which is being shouldered by the United States, with the rest being drawn from the space agencies of Russia, European Space Agency participants, Japan and Canada. It is the most expensive scientific experiment and engineering project in history (unless you consider the US interstate system one project). The ISS is currently used as an orbital space laboratory which holds a crew of three, and when completed a crew of five to seven. After its construction and the majority of its intended experiments, the fate of the station is uncertain. It is currently thought that it will serve as an orbital shipyard for the construction of spacecraft to carry humans to Mars and beyond.

The ultimate focus of current space-related endeavors is the exploitation of energy resources on the moon. Lunar regolith (moon soil or moon dust) contains vast amounts of Helium-3, the most valuable substance known to man. It will be used to create viable nuclear fusion reactors, to provide enormous amounts of energy with negligible radioactive byproducts. In this way you can think of the moon as the Persian Gulf of the future, except with millennia instead of decades worth of energy.

Once the exploitation of the moon begins (and eventually pays for itself) our attention will turn outward toward the rest of the solar system. It's too early to tell where we'll go or what we'll do after the moon, but you can plan on watching Americans walk on Mars before 2030. For now, let's just hope we don't lose another shuttle.



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Tenure has served academic community well

On July 24 the Regents of the University of Colorado voted 8-1 to fire Ward Churchill, a controversial professor of ethnic studies.

Over twenty faculty on three different committees deliberated for two years and concluded that Churchill, a tenured professor, was guilty of "four counts of falsifying information, two counts of fabricating information, two counts of plagiarizing the works of others, (and) improperly reporting the results of studies."

Some groups, including the ACLU, are crying foul because they believe that Churchill is being punished for calling some Sept. 11 victims "little Eichmanns" and stating that imperialist America got what it deserved on that fateful day.

While admitting that Churchill's comments "outraged and appalled us and the general public," university officials have defended his right to speak freely. In addition to their basic constitutional rights, professors, after 5-7-year probationary period, are also protected by academic tenure.

Even though there are some cases of abuse,

the principle of tenure has served the academic community very well for nearly a century. It was designed to preserve academic freedom and to protect professors from political pressure for teaching controversial issues or pursuing research projects on, for example, embryonic stem cells and homosexual life styles.

During the late 1970s the University of Idaho Board of Regents instituted a policy of automatic five-year tenure reviews. The faculty union argued that this procedure was not only a waste of faculty time, but it also undermined tenure as the presumption of continued competence. The new policy amounted to issuing five-year renewable contracts.

Tenure can be removed only when it has been determined that, after full due process, a faculty member has become professionally incompetent, has committed a felony conviction or has fallen into moral turpitude.

Working both in the courts and with faculty committees, the faculty union persuaded the Regents to abolish automatic tenure review and replace it with procedures that administrators

can initiate if sufficient concerns have been raised about a faculty member or researcher.

For a number of years, the UI Center for Advanced Microelectronics and Biomolecular Research (CAMBR) in Post Falls has been under scrutiny because of charges of nepotism, financial mismanagement and retaliation against employees. CAMBR has received an average of \$3 million in research funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Air Force, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control.

The charges focus on Gary Maki, who was fired as CAMBR director, but still is a tenured professor in electrical engineering earning \$183,000 per year, more than twice what UI full professors earn. In an e-mail to NASA in July 2006, Maki prompted a NASA official to make allegations against Kenneth Hass, a former CAMBR employee and the one who informed authorities about the management problems.

Hass obtained Maki's e-mail through Idaho's open records law, has vehemently denied the

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

A welcome back haiku

Long lines everywhere.
Greek students in matching shirts.
Moscow missed you too.

— Bruce

What's reply for?

I hate to even bring this up, but I have to. I don't really mind the new e-mail system. I mean, it's not VandalMail, but it's OK. Except for one thing. Whenever I reply to an e-mail it doesn't put the person's address in the "To" box. So then I go to send the e-mail and gives me a nice message about how "You must type in a recipient." Isn't that what reply is for? Why won't it just automatically put their e-mail in there? Please tell me someone else is having this problem.

— Savannah

Rejected musicians

It's not Mat Kearney's fault that Kelly Clarkson cancelled her summer tour. It isn't his fault that he'll be spending his weekend in Moscow, playing for a crowd of college kids who are only there because it's free. The good news is that people will show up for Palousafest and be happy to have a show to see. It's a lot better than trying to play a set in front of a crowd screaming, "Kelly! Kelly! Kelly!"

— T.J.

New arrival

With any luck at all, I'll know by today whether I get to bring home a squirming little bundle of joy. That's right, I'm getting a puppy. A 10-week-old purebred Pembroke Welsh Corgi, to be precise.

Some people have asked me why I'd be willing to spend so much money on a dog, or why I'd want a dog now while I'm still in school. Well, have you ever seen a corgi before? They're possibly the cutest puppies ever.

Corgis are a fairly small dog, which is important when you're living in a duplex in the middle of Moscow. And even though I've had a prejudice toward little dogs all my life, thinking that they're yappy, annoying and neurotic, I know that corgis were bred to herd sheep and cattle, and act like they have no idea they're less than two feet tall.

So I'll wait with crossed fingers that I'll get to bring home a new puppy next week, and in the meantime, I'll enjoy sleeping through the night.

— Carissa

Insult to injury

You've got to feel bad for the local farmers who had all their work disappear in the grain-elevator fire last week. Not only did they lose their crop, but the fire did not result in a mountain of popcorn and liquid butter was not used to put out the blaze. Pretty much a no-win situation.

— Alec

Restless Leg Syndrome

Of all the prescriptions for new diseases and disorders advertised on TV this summer, the best one to date is for Restless Leg Syndrome. FINALLY, someone has come up with a cure for my sudden urge to get up and walk around, when all I want to do is chill out. Could I get a letter from my doctor for this? I don't feel like going to school yet.

— Christina

A new semester

I was a little anxious about the start of school a few weeks ago. I just didn't want to do it, but once I got here it all seemed to melt away. Every time I leave I forget about how great UI is. I love coming back to school and seeing all of my friends. I get so excited to start my classes and learn something new. I know the excitement will fade in a few weeks but for now I'm really looking forward to the new school year.

— Ryli

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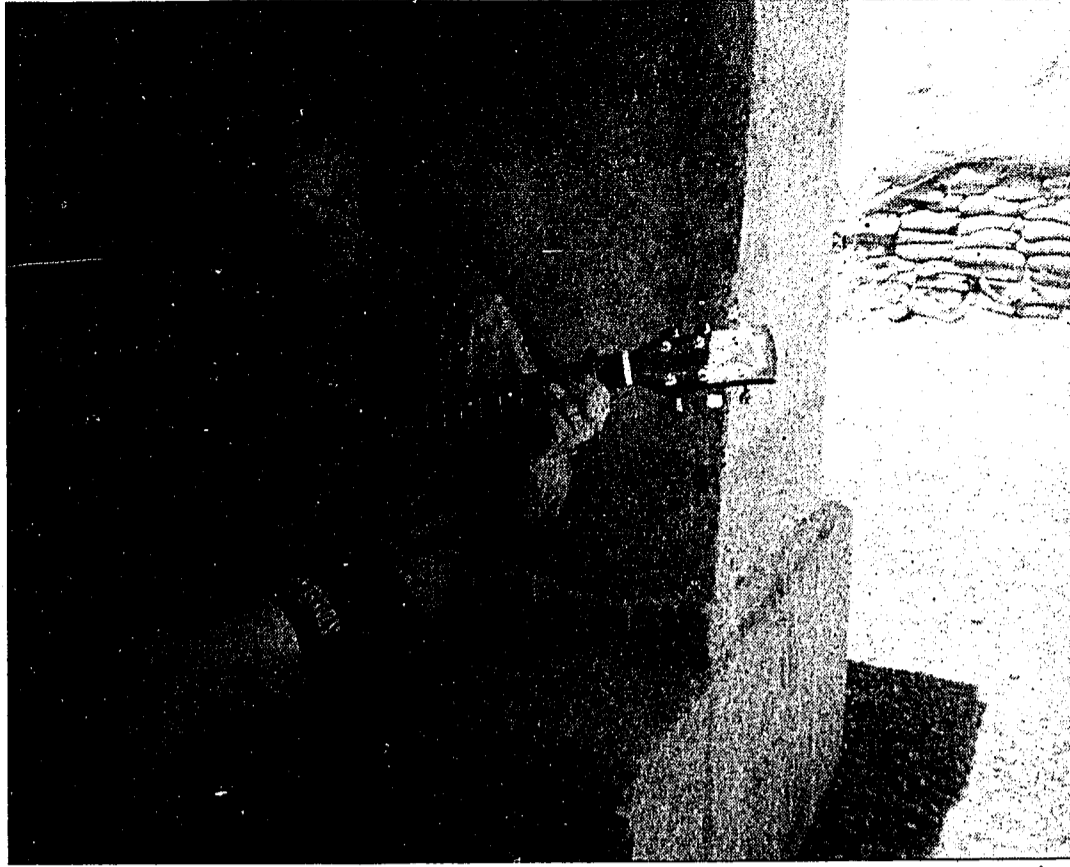
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Americans the fairest of them all?

J.M. McKeel
Guest columnist

Illusion — Americans crave it. Our thirst for illusion is as potent as our ability to promote it around the globe. Like the wicked queen in Walt Disney's "Snow White," we convince ourselves of one reflected reality and proclaim it through the land — even if it means acting in opposition to that goal. We want to be "the fairest of them all," regardless of the maidens we have to poison to get there. Despite the overwhelming target for dissection that our current conflicts abroad have become, more damning is the distorted reality that took the American people there. Nor is it the first time that politicians have shown one reality to us and lived another apart from the public. However, America's fascination with alternate views of reality is not limited to nefarious political maneuvers like the Global War on Terrorism. From the plays of Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams to the writings of Herman Melville and F. Scott Fitzgerald, our heritage paints Americans as a varied and deep people. A people surrounded by our own separate, intersecting realities—or neuroses in some cases. We surround ourselves in illusion, whether it is the proposed basis for our actions as a nation, or in the entertainment we seek, but is it a handicap or is it what makes us great?

In public opinion, the 1940's and 50's were when we were in our prime as a nation, the *Greatest Generation*, "America's Golden Years." Often they have been criticized by the following generations as being a period of mass delusion and conformity, which ran against the grain of American tradition of iconoclastic individuals — like cowboys, Davy Crockett, pirates and James Dean. Political figures like Franklin Delano Roosevelt — who fought debilitating polio when out of public sight — are memorialized as altruistic, honest leaders. Men like Joseph McCarthy, John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and J. Edgar Hoover are now infamous for their alternate personalities when out of the limelight. At their time, they were seen as infallible leaders who fought for the common good of our nation. Comparing the "American Golden Age" to the current two-faced predicaments like the Haliburton scandal, WMDs in pre-war Iraq, and the "liberation" of oil-rich countries in spite of unchecked genocide in their less-endowed neighbors, there



Sgt. J.M. McKeel rehearses "American Pie" in a bunker outside the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq.

is nothing new about Americans' view of reality being biased. If a multiplicity of reality existed before our current state, then we simply add to the fire with our mass-market media covering every conceivable view of reality. In historic perspective, Billy Joel commented that, "(Our reality) was always burning, since the world's been turning." Every year we add to the list of alternate realities through the exposés of Morgan Spurlock, Richard Linklater, and the infamous Michael Moore to the conspiracy theories fueling J. J. Abrams, Chris Carter and Oliver Stone, until reality is now nothing more than what you make of it.

The dissection of our nation's artistic creations

yields a clearer mirror into the soul of America. Even their association to events speaks volumes about the fractured realities endowed to our country. Apart from the ethereal nature of poetic definitions in Walt Whitman's classic work, "Leaves of Grass," President Clinton used our nation's poet laureate to woo both Hillary and Monica, adding depth to those nebulous sexual inferences in a way that only an American President could. We are a many-faceted people with more angles than fractals in a gypsum mine. Our literary tradition exemplifies our own national spirit through classic American authors as far back as Herman Melville and F. Scott Fitzgerald, to say nothing of the writers who followed. Of

course our performing arts are no exception either, with playwrights' social commentary on our national delusions like Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* exemplifying the effects of an individual's reality on the lives around them. Something as old and celebrated as *Moby Dick* has more to do with Herman Melville than it does to do with an obsessed sea captain and a giant white whale. In a literary critique by Arizona State University's Dan Matlaga, Melville actually filled the story with details from his own life, but in such a way that they only made sense in his reality — attaching them, literally, to the stars. Though the American grip on reality is varied, it is not necessarily slack. A particular perspective is needed to feel how solid our reality is. Through *The Great Gatsby*, Fitzgerald already demonstrated in 1925 the American propensity to see life through our own personal perspective — bathing every good thing in a limelight, if that is what we need.

Some critics argue that America has lost its grip on reality. Americans have never had a collective grip on reality! We are obsessed with illusions of differing sorts and by different degrees on a national scale. It does not mean that we are losing our grip on reality; those illusions are our reality. Like our national identity as a "melting pot of cultures," so our native reality is a conglomeration. The nature of reality is subjective, not objective — as any good politician or writer will tell you. Our country was founded on that fact. Our politicians remind us every day through their exploits in the news. Our arts are only great because of those differences. The Bill of Rights, the idea that all men were created equal — the founding fathers already knew that everyone had their own views, and entitled to them, in 1776. To defend those differences, Americans overthrew the most powerful country in the world, against overwhelming odds. History supports that we are truly at our best together, when we are free to be ourselves. The idea that there is only one reality for Americans today is consummately more un-American than saying that we should tear down the Statue of Liberty because it beckons to the "tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

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Quarter lacks distinction

One day while in Seattle, I needed change for the bus and only had a five-dollar bill. \$5 in quarters is never fun unless you are at a casino or an arcade, but that's the only change I could get. The change machine spat out 20 shiny new quarters, all of which turned out to be the new Idaho state quarter. The release date was June 5. This was June 6 or 7.

I looked at the quarter, like everyone else does when a new one comes out, and thought to myself, "What kind of bird is that?"

Turns out it's a peregrine falcon, a small predatory bird native to every continent except Antarctica. While the population of this raptor has steadily declined in North America, there is nothing particular to uniquely tie it to Idaho.

There used to be bison (aka the American Buffalo), in North Dakota and Kansas and the beast is intricately tied to the histories of those states. There are, for the time being, wild horses roaming the desert wastelands of Nevada and the horses are a hot topic in that state.

Admitting to a bit of bias, I do think the Nevada quarter is the best so far. It is an active image and a reminder of Ne-

vada's wild reputation.

Maybe we should have expected this of Idaho's two bits. Idaho isn't even a real word.

Perhaps you heard the rumor that "Idaho" is a Native American word for "mountain." If it is, it's so obscure that no one else knew it.

At least they have the shape of the state correct and the motto right. *Esto Perpetua* was a popular motto for the Venetian republic in 17th century Italy.

While I understand it is beyond too late to change the design, I do have an option ready if they ever want to do a second edition.

Think of the coolest thing ever to happen to Idaho. If the first thing you thought of was Boise State winning the Fiesta Bowl, your memory is too short.



Think more dangerous.

More daring.

More dare deviling, if you will.

That's right. I propose that the best thing they could have put on the Idaho quarter is a picture of Evel Knievel jumping the Snake River.

But Knievel wasn't from Idaho, you say? George Washington wasn't "from" New Jersey but it's him and his buddies in the boat that are on that quarter.

Why didn't they put potatoes on the quarter? That's what we're famous for. Can you imagine a misshapen lump representing the entire state just because that's what everyone expects? That's like Utah putting a beehive and a bunch of Mormons on their quarter.

Just in case you wondered, Utah's quarter has a reproduction of the Transcontinental Railroad site on its quarter.

You know, something historically significant to the entire country, not just that state.

Knievel jumping the canyon may not be the most significant event to occur in this state, but it's better than what we ended up with.

And it could be worse.

Have you seen the Wisconsin quarter? The have a cow and cheese, but no beer. So much for Old Milwaukee.

Opinions from around the U.S.

Associated Press

Excerpts from recent editorials in newspapers in the United States:

The Tennessean, on maintenance of infrastructure:

One of the greatest tragedies about the catastrophic bridge collapse in Minneapolis Aug. 1 is that it took a major calamity to jolt the nation's attention to the importance of maintaining its infrastructure.

Rather than find people to blame, the collapse should spur a renewed commitment to a steady, mindful maintenance of infrastructure, such as highways and bridges, with sufficient funding and oversight at both the federal and state levels. ...

... More than any other strategy for maintaining infrastructure, the nation needs the old-fashioned strategy of common sense on this issue means a solid system for inspections, well-trained personnel to handle such oversight and all the resources those officials need to do their jobs properly. It also means recognition that normal wear and tear over time takes a toll on a bridge. Once a bridge is built, its story has just begun.

Fortunately, some reasoned, constructive responses to the issue of the nation's infrastructure are percolating in Washington, where some healthy debate ought to lead to good legislation. ...

... The Minneapolis tragedy never should have happened. But the focus at this point shouldn't be so much on what was done wrong but on what can be done right.

On the Net: www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200708120357

The Palm Beach Post, on immigration legislation:

... The Bush administration has announced a crackdown on illegals in the workplace, a coalition of Senate Republicans wants more border control money, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wants to hand out 12 million green cards and dozens of states and municipalities are writing their own immigration laws. The failure of Congress to enact reform has touched off a free-for-all of partial remedies, or, worse, bad ideas. ...

The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that states passed 171 immigration bills during the first six months of 2007, on pace to double last year's total. Immigration law, which was supposed to be the exclusive province of the federal government, has become a patchwork of disparate local rules and uneven enforcement.

Congress will try again to pass reforms when it returns next month. If it fails again, the states will continue to fill the void, and not fill it very well.

On the Net: <http://tinyurl.com/yr94ev>

Vindicator, Youngstown, Ohio, on the home run record:

Major League Baseball is paying the price for decades of lax or nonexistent enforcement of a reasonable rule against steroid use by its players.

The sport's premier record — lifetime home runs — was held by Hank Aaron for 33 years, and has been broken by a player who by any reasonable reading of his career statistics and his physical development, used some form of steroids to enhance his performance.

And as a result, when San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 off Washington Nationals left-hander Mike Bacsik Tuesday, more fans yawned or booted than cheered. ...

Much of America is simply turned off by what they view as cheating, especially a kind of cheating that sets a dangerous example for young athletes.

While Bonds consistently denies having ever taken steroids, there is apparently some grand jury testimony and a small stack of books that say otherwise. ...

The message of Barry Bonds' success is that baseball — and every other sport — must do more to police and stamp out the use of dangerous performance-enhancing drugs.

On the Net: www.vindy.com/content/opinion/editorial/34585382615086.php

The Buffalo News, on the federal wiretapping program:

Six years after the trauma of Sept. 11, ... it's fair to expect that our federal representatives would have figured out how to balance their legitimate fears with some passing concern for the Constitution, in particular the standards of privacy, due process and oversight. Evidently not.

Acting with efficiency rarely seen in Washington, D.C., Democrats and Republicans colluded on a bill that allows the administration, on its own authority, to monitor e-mails and telephone calls between Americans and foreign addresses, as long as the "target" of the surveillance is the party outside the country. It's a cavalier use of legislative power, especially given the record of this administration. ...

So why would a Congress under Democratic control trust a president whose assurances about the prudent use of power have never proven reliable? Here's why: They were afraid. Enough Democrats were worried about being labeled soft on terrorism that, in the hours before the August recess, they allowed the administration to bully them into granting excessive and unnecessary power. ...

The only saving grace is that the law, meant as a stopgap, will expire in six months. That gives Congress and the president more than enough time to negotiate a better law — one that meets the country's legitimate needs for protection while providing adequate supervision and restricting the obvious potential for abuse. If they're interested in doing that.

On the Net: www.buffalonews.com

Giambi no-punishment decision fine — if it loosens more lips

Jim Litke
Associated Press

We could have done without commissioner Bud Selig's self-serving plug on behalf of Jason Giambi and his charitable work.

Considering that George Steinbrenner is paying the Yankee slugger \$23 million this season for what amounts to a part-time job — injuries have limited Giambi to less than half of New York's games — giving something back is not just the right thing to do, it's practically an obligation.

That said, Selig made the right call Thursday letting Giambi off with time served and the sting of public scorn for what was, after all, a nearly four-year-old admission that he used performance-enhancing drugs. Giambi owned up to that during a federal grand jury appearance in the BALCO investigation in the winter of 2003, then apologized publicly — sort of, anyway — at the start of spring training a little over a year later.

We don't know how much more he said to Selig's handpicked steroids investigator, former Sen. George Mitchell, during their recent meeting. But with the commissioner's threat of further discipline hanging over Giambi's head, his cooperation apparently was enough, once Selig factored in the big lug's charitable instincts.

"He's doing a lot of public-service work, and I think that's terribly important," Selig said from an owners' meeting in Toronto. "I think it's more important for us to keep getting the message out. He was, I thought, very frank and candid with Sen. Mitchell, at least that was the senator's conclusion. Given everything, this is an appropriate decision."

Whether it's a smart one as well won't be known unless or until more of Giambi's fellow users agree to come forward and share what they know about the game's supersized era. The message has been getting out for nearly a half-dozen years now, and the best guess on the number of juicers might still be the 50 percent figure Jose Canseco parlayed into a best-seller.

Punishment isn't the goal of Mitchell's open-ended investigation, nor should it be. Otherwise, Mitchell would be going after the cheaters who were already caught, like Rafael Palmeiro, or Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, who raised more questions than answers during an appearance before a senate committee.

Besides, the feds are still sifting through the evidence collected after busting former Diamondback pitcher Jason Grimsley and Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski. For the moment, let's leave the question of determining appropriate penalties to them.

The rest of us are already resigned to the fact that the last 15 years of baseball have been juiced. What we want to know, more than how many ballplayers should be punished, is how many were juiced.

Baseball is always touting its tradition and ties to the past, how the chance to compare the pitchers and hitters from different eras links one generation of fans to the next. But as the ambivalence over Barry Bonds' home-run trots make increasingly clear, most of us regard that century-old tie to the past as hanging now by a few slender threads. If the Mitchell commission collects enough evidence to provide some context, we can make our own decisions on whether it's worth mending.

The problem right now is that Giambi is the only ballplayer who's been compelled to unburden himself. By taking any further punishment off the table, Selig might be able to coax other players to do the same. It's the only reason to give Mitchell more time to complete a thankless job.

Skeptics never expected that the former senator's investigation would amount to much. Selig has ordered club executives and general managers and perhaps even a few owners to talk to Mitchell, but the guess here is that most of them said they had plenty of suspicions, but no proof. If that's all that Mitchell concludes, then Selig, too, can plausibly deny that he knew there was a problem, let alone a supersized one.

What we do know is that during this era, everybody in the game was focused on squeezing every last dollar out of the game. The long ball was like a gift from heaven after the disenchantment sown by the strike and canceled 1994 season. Ballplayers, front-office people and owners did everything within the rules to keep them flying into the seats.

Most of the new ballparks that were built since then had short home-run porches and several owners sought, and received, exemptions from Selig to make them shorter still. The salary scale for middle-infielders who hit home runs was as bulked-up as the players themselves.

Here's hoping that Giambi wasn't the only one who took something out of those oversized pay envelopes and gave it to a charity or two. Or that he's the only one willing to sit down with Mitchell and spill the beans about some of what he knows.

It hardly seems like too much to ask, especially now that the commissioner is in such a charitable mood.

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charges, and perceives it as retaliation. In February 2007, Hass and his wife filed a whistleblower suit against the university.

Further retaliation came when Hass, an electrical engineer with a distinguished career at Los Alamos, applied for a position on the UI campus. In an e-mail to the search committee, the dean of engineering objected very strongly to the fact that Hass had been selected as a finalist. The chair of the search committee resigned because of the incident.

For over a year, a faculty member in Maki's department has requested that Maki undergo tenure review. UI President Tim White admitted that he has known about Maki's e-mail to

NASA for a year, but he declined to comment because of pending legal action. White has also refused to answer the professor's request.

Professor Maki is entitled to the presumption of innocence and also full due process within university procedures. But if the charges are true, then there very well may be such a strong case of moral failure that it would justify the removal of tenure.

Perhaps the University is worried about the millions of dollars in research funds that Maki brings to Idaho, but the credibility of tenure is much more important than that.

The University of Colorado investigated Ward Churchill, and now the University of Idaho has an obligation to take a very close look at Gary Maki's actions.

Nick Gier taught philosophy at the University of Idaho for 31 years.

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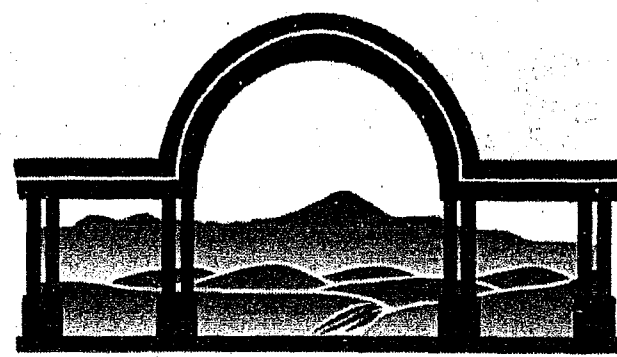
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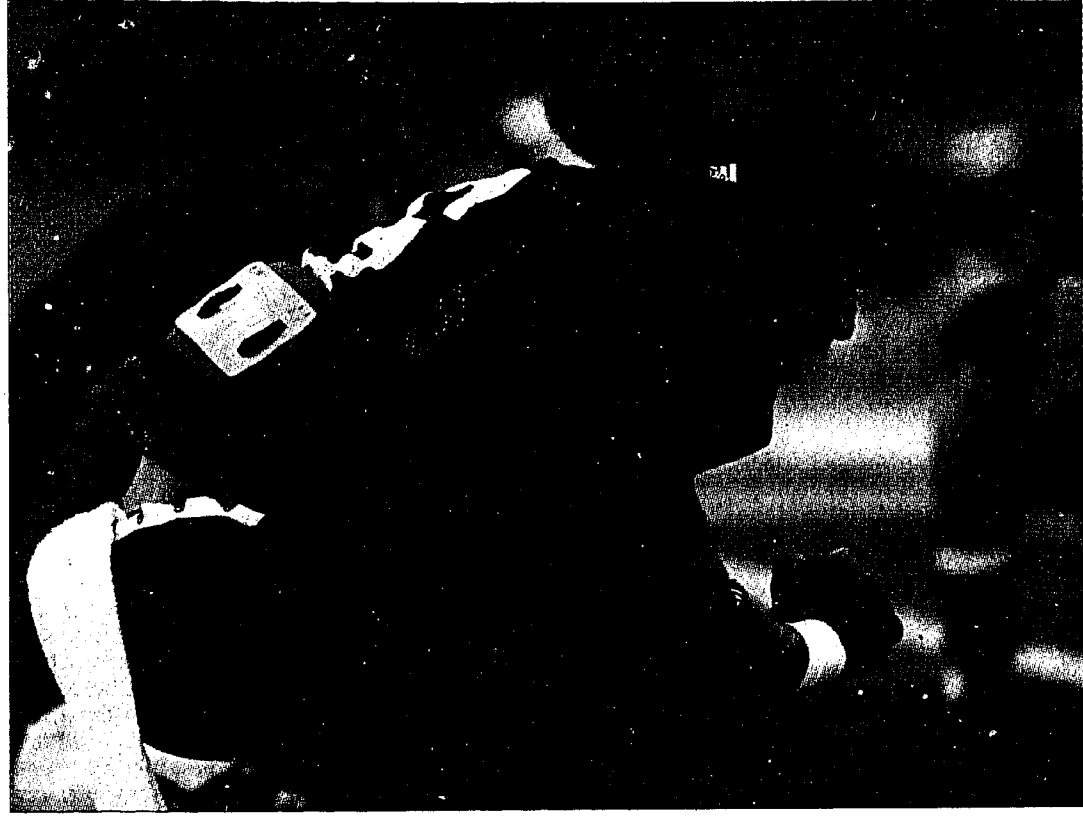
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Vandal fans banking on Franks



Bruce Mann/Argonaut
Senior defensive back Stanley Franks stretches before practice on Thursday evening.

John Mallory
Special to The Argonaut

If the Kibbie Dome were a courthouse on Vandal game days, Stanley Franks would wear a black robe and hold a wooden gavel.

Franks, nicknamed "the Judge," sentences opposing quarterbacks and receivers back to the bench wondering what happened.

Franks led the nation last year with nine interceptions and his 24.4 interception return yards average was the third highest in the history of college football.

Franks' game-changing abilities help decide football games. Deion Sanders, Champ Bailey, Rod Woodson and Lester Hayes never had nine interceptions during any season of their prestigious college careers. The Judge did so during his first season of Division 1A football and is a main reason Vandal fans have hope for a quality season.

Franks was recruited to Idaho as a wide receiver after

earning Junior College All-American honors at Long Beach City College.

His success there landed him a scholarship to Idaho where he may end his collegiate career as the best defensive back to ever

wear the Vandal black and gold after switching to the other side of the football during spring practice last year.

Students may not notice the Judge and his low-key demeanor while walking through the Idaho Commons; however his presence on the field wearing his No. 6 jersey cannot be ignored.

"The player I look up to most right now is Champ Bailey. He's able to defend any receiver in the league but also come up and stop the running game. I try to do those things, too," said Franks.

Franks is doing those things as a shut-down cornerback who plays the run as well as any defensive back in the country whose 48 tackles ranked third on the team last

season.

Franks is a rare talent that can excel at multiple positions on the field. He is the most versatile player on the roster as a cornerback, kick returner and possibly even wide receiver.

The cornerback position is one of style and flare. The Judge has both of those attributes but does not attempt to draw attention to himself.

"I'm a team player, that's always been my approach to this game," Franks said.

"It's a team game and I'm never going to make it about me. I just try to help us win games."

"I don't have a lot of personal goals. I have team goals, like helping us get to a bowl game this season, that's really all we're thinking about," Franks said during an interview on KUOI's The Johnny Ballgame Show.

That type of humility can go a long way in helping the Vandal program turn around. "The Judge" was named by

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Dworshak a sunny retreat in the middle of nowhere

Carissa Wright
Argonaut

After a summer spent in Moscow, the last few weekends before school starts become precious and short. Watching "The Simpsons" on DVD and staying inside where air conditioning reigns just won't cut it when there are only a few Saturdays and Sundays before classes begin again. The easiest solution is to get out of town — and the easiest way to get out of town (and beat the heat) is to find a lake and go camping.

Last weekend, I chose Dworshak State Park as my destination. We packed up the car with tent and sleeping bag, and drove east. Though Dworshak is less than 50 miles away, the drive takes almost two hours — the road climbs up mountains and down into canyons, winding around and back on itself the whole way. On the upside, it's a beautiful drive.

Things to remember to bring with you, before you leave your driveway: Everything you need. If you forget something even so simple as sunscreen, you'll have to drive to Orofino or Kendrick, both of which are a good hour away. Although, there is a store in Orofino that sells growlers of microbrews for \$10 in addition to the basic essentials, so that's pretty rad.

A water source isn't exactly necessary to have a good time camping, but in the middle of

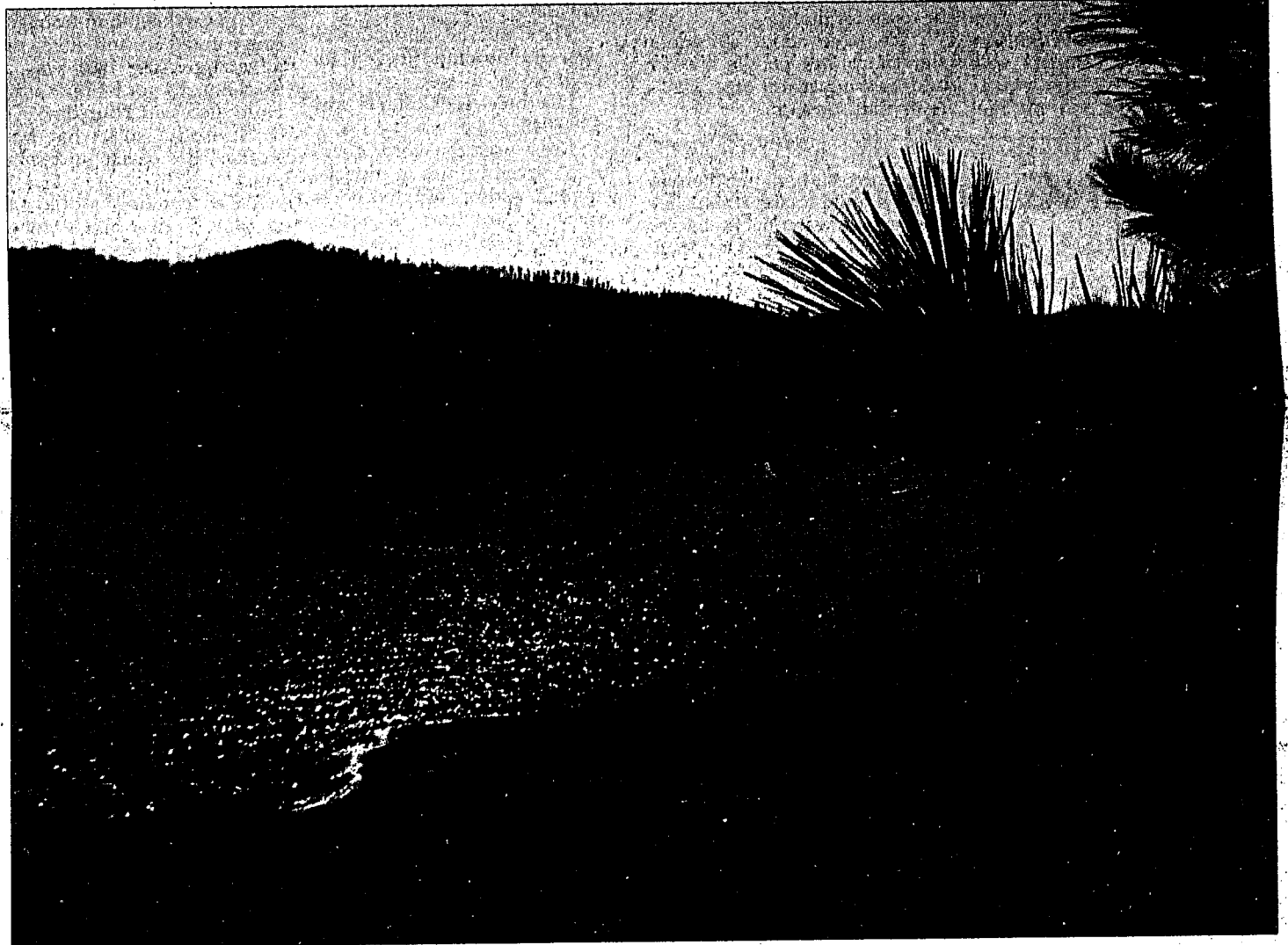
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the dry Idaho summer, jumping into a lake or floating on an innertube can shake off the dust from the campsite, the gravel roads, the trail — everything at Dworshak is dusty.

Dworshak includes the main Freeman Creek campground, the Three Meadows group camp, and the Big Eddy Marina, five miles by water and 25 by land from the Freeman Creek campground. The largest camping area is at Freeman Creek.

When you check in at the gate, the rangers give you several options. You can have a campsite with or without hook-ups (for water and electricity), and you have the choice between getting a site with a



Carissa Wright/Argonaut
The Freeman Creek camping area of Dworshak State Park includes a one-mile trail loop that features views of the reservoir.

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Oregon attempts to avoid blue turf by taking the fight to China

Boise State is ranked No. 23 in the preseason poll and Hawai'i starts the season one below them. Both teams should be undefeated when they meet in Hawaii the final game of the season in a game that should determine the WAC champion and probably a spot in a BCS bowl.

I'll only make one prediction regarding the two teams: we will probably hear at least 462 times during the season that each team would be ranked higher if they played higher quality opponents, especially Hawai'i. Both teams have been gaining momentum on the national stage the last few years (even without the Fiesta Bowl win) and are having a hard time scheduling quality non-conference opponents, particularly home games where both teams seldom lose.

You can't blame opponents not wanting to voluntarily play these teams at home. BCS teams have a lot to lose when they step foot on the same field as one of these mid-major programs. BCS conference schedules are difficult enough and one loss can mean the difference between playing for the national title and playing in the Chick-Fill-A Bowl. An additional

loss to a non-conference mid-major program might mean a trip the Papa-Johns.com Bowl over the Sugar Bowl. Teams have nothing to gain by playing BSU or Hawai'i on their home turfs and a lot to lose.

So you can't really blame schools for turning down more money than it takes to buy a win from the University of Idaho to play at Hawai'i or schools "innovating" ways to avoid playing on the Smurf Turf.

Boise State and the University of Oregon recently signed a "one and one" contract where the teams play each other, once at each other's stadium. In 2008 Boise will play in Oregon and Oregon will play in Boise in 2009.

However, University of Oregon is already working on a plan to avoid playing on the Bronco's home turf: take the game to China.

Oregon is attempting to bring the first United States college or pro football game to China and have identified Boise State a possible opponent for the game the NCAA will allow Oregon to play from Aug. 27-29 in 2009.

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Appaloosa Museum event offers a trail ride, Dutch oven cooking class

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Today horseback riders of the Palouse will step off for the Appaloosa Museum's 10th Annual Appalousey all-breed trail ride and Dutch oven dinner.

Hosted by the museum's board of directors, the event includes two days of trail riding, Dutch oven cooking, an Idaho Old Time Fiddlers concert and live and silent auctions at the Pony Club Grounds near Deary.

Just as it began in 1997, the event continues to take place on board member George Hatley and his wife's Pony Club Grounds and ranch.

Nestled on about 1,000 acres of land, museum director, Sherry Caisley-Wilkinson said the location and trail ride is the part most people enjoy.

"It's some of the prettiest timberland and open prairie that you'll see in this area," she said. "(The Hatleys) are quite generous with the use of that land."

Trail riders who come for the event are mostly adults.

"It's one of the hardest but also one of the beautiful," Caisley-Wilkinson said. "We request that riders are 8 years and older, and can handle their own horse. It makes it much safer for everybody."

Juli Thorson is the event's ride

coordinator, as well as board member and editor for Horse and Rider Magazine.

Every year, Thorson uses her vacation from work to put the event on.

She said what strikes her the most about this event is the continual spirit of volunteerism and the beauty of the ranch.

"(Riders enjoy) a part of Idaho that most people don't get to see," Thorson said. "Let the outside world just disappear, and enjoy the friends and fellowship with people that love and enjoy horses."

Those who choose to ride will need to bring their own horse, but anyone who wants to camp or come for dinner may join at any time.

"Some people come to just camp and some people come out just for the dinner," Caisley-Wilkinson said.

Made tradition over the years, the Dutch oven dinner has been a success and an event favorite.

"Other than thanksgiving dinner I can't think of any meal that I look forward to," Thorson said.

Like a potluck, board members and riders contribute with food and Dutch ovens.

"Last year there were 28 Dutch ovens, and in the 5 years that I've been participating, every year there's more..." Caisley-Wilkinson said. "It's a community event, everyone contributes."

for more INFO

The price for weekend riders is \$75. Saturday dinner only is \$12, and weekend activities without riding is \$30. For information, call 882-5578 x 279.

The Dutch oven dinners will be specially prepared on about three or four 10-foot-long metal tables, where everything from rock salt to braised roast beef, beans, corn bread and peach cobbler is made.

George Hatley's biscuits are also an event treat, and go quickly.

"They are everybody's favorite," Caisley-Wilkinson said.

Despite the event's continuous run of success, one thing will change this year.

"We've decided this year that we need bigger plates," Caisley-Wilkinson said.

This weekend also marks the event's first silent auction.

A children's saddle, saddle racks, chaps, saddlebags, horseshoe art and print art are all donated items that will be auctioned off.

"We get donations from all kinds

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FRANKS

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Sports Illustrated as an honorable mention All-American last season and was a first team all-conference selection as well.

Despite these accomplishments, Franks was not elected to the 2007 pre-season Thorpe Award watch list, given to the top defensive back in the nation every season. The Judge will use the snub as motivation this season.

Franks aspires to play in the National Football League when he is done playing at Idaho. But for now, his focus is solely on helping his team win this season.

"I want to play pro ball someday, but I'm not thinking about that right now," he said. "That wouldn't be fair to my

teammates and this program and what coach Akey and his staff are trying to build here. We want to win games this year and give the fans in the Kibbie Dome something to cheer about. I feel I can help this team win games and my versatility can help that happen."

The Vandals open their season Sept. 1 against number one ranked USC in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The game will be a homecoming for Franks and teammate Joe Artis Ratti, both from the area.

"I'm excited to play against USC because my family and friends will all be there. I'm not making any guarantees as to what might happen except the fact that I know our team will play hard."

Humble superstars are rare in the world of sports today, Vandalville is lucky to have one in Stanley Franks, the Judge.

SportsBRIEFS

Men's basketball signs Arizona point guard

Barrett Brown, a point guard from Phoenix will join the University of Idaho men's basketball team for the 2007-08 season. Brown comes to Idaho from Mountain Pointe High School where he averaged 8.8 points, 3.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game as a senior and earned team MVP honors. He ranked in the top three in the 5A Central region for assists and steals and in the top 10 for scoring.

"We are excited to have Barrett in our program," Idaho coach George Pfeifer said. "He plays hard, has tremendous upside and is a person of very high character."

Around theWAC

Football teams ranked in poll

In the USA Today pre-season coaches' poll, Boise State is ranked 23rd after finishing sixth last season. Hawai'i is ranked 24th, where the team finished last season in the poll.

Idaho faces top ranked USC the first week of the season. If all three teams are able to remain in the top 25 though Nov. 17, Idaho will face 3 top ranked teams this season.

Washington State, scheduled to play Idaho Sept. 15,

received one vote.

Hawai'i enters the season at No. 10

The University of Hawai'i is ranked 10th in the 2007 CSTV/AVCA volleyball pre-season coaches' poll.

Ranked above the Rainbow Wahine are: defending national champion Nebraska (1); last season's runner-up; Stanford (2), Penn State (3); Texas (4); UCLA (5); Southern California (6); Florida (7); Washington (8); and Minnesota (9).

Hawai'i brings back five starters from last year's squad including WAC Preseason Player of the Year, Jamie

Houston, and first-team all-WAC selections, Kari Gregory and Juliana Sanders.

Nevada picked for women's soccer

Defending Western Athletic Conference women's soccer champion Nevada has been chosen in a poll by the league's coaches to defend their 2007 WAC crown as it looks win their first back-to-back champions in school history. The Wolf Pack received four of the eight first-place votes with Fresno State and Utah State each earning the other two. Idaho is ranked seventh in the poll.

3 weeks into holdout, nothing new on Michael Strahan

Associated Press

New York Giants general manager Jerry Reese hasn't talked to holdout defensive end Michael Strahan in a while and has no clue when the seven-time Pro Bowl player will make a decision on whether to retire.

"We would like for him to be here if he's going to be here, just for him to get some work," Reese said Thursday at training camp at the University at Albany. "Michael knows that if he's going to come back, he has to get some work in. You just can't show up and play in the National Football League."

"If he decides to come, I think he will be here soon, but it's still his decision and we'll see what happens in the next few days."

The Giants are fining the 35-year-old Strahan \$14,288 for each day he misses.

His three-week total is now \$300,048.

Reese used the word "deadline" several times in discussing the holdout, but the Giants can't do anything to hasten Strahan's decision. They can either fine him or release him, and they are not going to do the latter.

Reese believes Strahan is working out, but said that won't replace training camp in getting a player ready for the season.

"We just worry about the guys who are here day by day,"

Reese said. "It's Michael's decision whether or not to be here. He's still pondering, and he deserves the right to do that, so that's what he's doing."

Giants co-owner John Mara said Thursday that he still believes Strahan will play this season.

Seahawks

Matt Hasselbeck wants to play.

Mike Holmgren wants to talk.

The Seattle quarterback and coach were to have what Holmgren called a "heart-to-heart" discussion about Hasselbeck avoiding contact on his surgically repaired non-throwing shoulder throughout the final three exhibition games, beginning Saturday at Green Bay.

"If I can keep him from getting banged around, it's to our advantage. The best way to do that is to not let him play," Holmgren said Thursday.

"It really isn't what Matt wants," the coach said, smiling.

"Matt certainly would like to play. I give him a lot of leeway on decision making around here — but that's one I have to make the call on."

Holmgren added that Shaun Alexander, Marcus Pollard, Deion Branch and many other starters on offense may play through the first quarter, but no more.

That is per the coach's usual preseason plan for veteran

starters.

Holmgren surprised Hasselbeck by starting him in the exhibition opener Sunday at San Diego, after doctors had Hasselbeck bracing for four consecutive weeks of watching from the sideline.

Hasselbeck played one series, completing four of five passes for 65 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown pass to Branch.

Holmgren said he called plays that minimized the quarterback's chances to get hit. And that might be the most Seattle sees of Hasselbeck until the real games start Sept. 9 against Tampa Bay.

Packers

Wide receiver Robert Ferguson's injury-marred career with Green Bay is over, coach Mike McCarthy said after practice Thursday night.

McCarthy said the team has decided to cut ties with the seven-year veteran, although he didn't say how that would be accomplished.

Ferguson, a second-round selection of the Packers in the 2001 draft, wasn't on the practice field for the second of Thursday's two practices.

"Robert will no longer be a Packer. We're going to go another direction," McCarthy said.

Asked if Ferguson would be traded, McCarthy responded, "Possible."

The team also could release

Ferguson, who is under contract through 2008.

Patriots

New England released 11-year veteran punter Josh Miller on Thursday, leaving the team with two punters in camp, neither of whom has appeared in a regular-season game.

The 37-year-old Miller played his first eight seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers before signing a free agent contract with the Patriots in March 2004.

The two remaining punters in Patriots camp are Danny Baugher and Tom Malone. Both were on the practice squad last season and both played in NFL Europa last spring.

The Patriots also released offensive lineman Brian Barthelmes and claimed rookie offensive lineman Chris Patrick off waivers from the New York Giants.

Bills

Buffalo starting center, Melvin Fowler is expected to miss the Bills' preseason game against Atlanta on Friday night because of a sore left ankle.

Fowler missed his second straight practice Thursday and coach Dick Jauron said the team will be cautious on whether to allow him to play. If Fowler can't play, the Bills will go with reserve lineman Duke Preston in their preseason home opener.

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The idea of playing in China is little more than anything than just an idea right now and not a single detail of the game has been worked out yet. The game may or may not happen. Even if Oregon does make it to China,

they may or may not face Boise State there.

However, you have to give Oregon credit for looking for new ways to get out of playing in Bronco Stadium. Somebody on their athletic department's staff had to look at a calendar and know the BSU game was coming up and thought, "I'd really rather not play in Boise. Let's see how they feel about China."

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of community members, and also donations from places like Tri State," Caisley-Wilkinson said. "People are really generous when they know it's for the Appaloosa Museum."

Auction proceeds go toward funding museum maintenance.

"It's good affordable family fun for a good cause," Thorson said. "There's nothing like going camping and getting to go shopping."

Caisley-Wilkinson said riders and campers will check-in today at the ranch, and step off at 9 a.m. on Saturday for the first ride of the weekend. After 3 p.m., riders can take a lunch break or go back to camp and take a nap.

"It's really relaxed," Caisley-Wilkinson said.

Saturday will be a big night with wagon rides, a silent auction and entertainment provided by a cowboy singer by the campfire and a concert by the Old Time Fiddlers group.

Sunday's ride will be shorter, lasting from about 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Although the ride is limited to 50 riders, there may still be room for more.

"We have about 40 riders signed up, but people always add at the last minute," Caisley-Wilkinson said.

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parking space or packing your gear in. Unless you're terminally lazy, pack your gear in. The farthest sites from the parking lot are still only 30 yards away, and you'll be in the trees, close to the water and decently separated from other campers.

The water level in the reservoir changes often, but there is enough room on the water that the various waterskiers, inner-tubers and fishers get along just fine. The Freeman Creek campground has a boat launch and fish cleaning table, and the Big Eddy Marina has a fueling station and more than 100 boat slips. The only thing that could have made my weekend out of town better is access to a boat to park there and a pair of waterskis.



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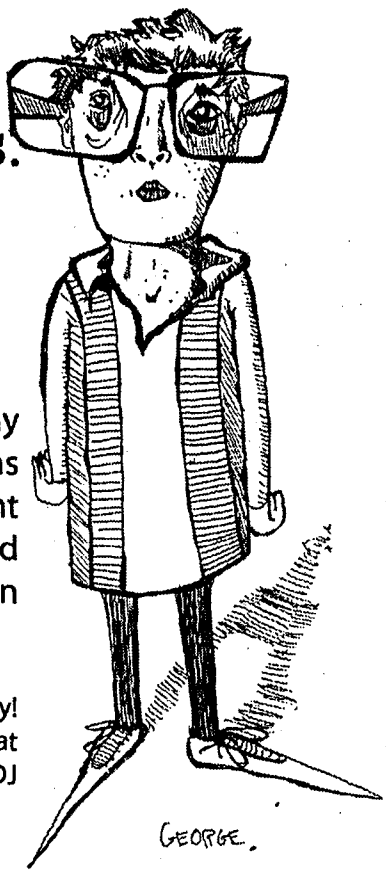
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Cox gets tossed again, but Hudson leads Braves to win

Braves' manager tossed from game for 133rd time, almost followed by pitcher Tim Hudson

Associated Press

At the rate he's going, nobody will catch Bobby Cox on the career ejections list.

After setting the record Tuesday night, the Braves manager was tossed for the 133rd time by first base umpire Angel Hernandez for disputing a balk call in the third inning of Atlanta's 6-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night.

Tim Hudson nearly joined Cox in the clubhouse at Turner Field a couple innings later, when he was called for another balk by Hernandez — the first two balks charged against Hudson since 2004 when he pitched for Oakland.

After the second call, Hudson began toward Hernandez and had to be restrained by teammate Mark Teixeira. But after simmering down, Hudson cruised through the eighth inning to win for the eighth time in a row, despite giving up career homer No. 759 to Barry Bonds in the sixth.

"I'm not sure what I did. I think he said I flinched my leg," said Hudson, who had only three balks in his eight-year career before Wednesday. "It's hard to swallow. What I did tonight is what I've done all year. I don't know. I guess his eyes are better than all the other ump's in baseball."

Cox wasn't the only one who got tossed.

The Giants' Ryan Klesko was ejected in the fourth by plate umpire Mark Carlson after getting called out on strikes. Klesko had reached the dugout when Carlson gave him the heave-ho, prompting the Giants' burly first baseman to charge back on the field.

Two coaches restrained him, and Klesko was finally dragged into the dugout by Bonds.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy was thrown out the next inning, also for complaining about the strike zone.

"Enough is enough," Bochy said. "We're all frustrated."

In other NL games, it was the New York Mets 10, Pittsburgh 8; St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 3; Cincinnati 11, the Chicago Cubs 9; Arizona 9, Florida 6; Washing-

ton 4, Philadelphia 2; Colorado 3, San Diego 0; and the Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Houston 3.

San Francisco starter Russ Ortiz (2-3) hit a grounder off Hudson's right calf in the third.

But Hudson shook it off, just as he shook off a mediocre 2006 season and the two balk calls that nearly got him tossed.

"I lost it a little bit," said Hudson, who also went 2-for-3 at the plate. "But I realized the game was more important than trying to prove a point. I put it behind me."

Bob Wickman worked the ninth for his 20th save in 26 chances, though it wasn't easy.

He gave up a walk and a hit before pinch hitter Benjie Molina hit one toward the seats in center. Andruw Jones hauled it in against the wall.

Bonds went deep on the first pitch of the sixth, driving it over the center-field wall to snap Hudson's streak of 66 innings without giving up a homer. A week after breaking Hank Aaron's record, the new home run king extended it just across the street from where the Hammer hit No. 715 in 1974 to pass Babe Ruth.

A parking lot now occupies the spot of Aaron's landmark homer. Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium was torn down after the '96 season, and the Braves moved next door to Turner Field.

Bonds was 1-for-4, stymied in his other three at-bats by the Braves' shift. He hit grounders toward what is normally the hole between first and second, but the Braves had second baseman Kelly Johnson playing in short right.

He fielded all three and threw out Bonds.

"If they hadn't had the shift on, I'd be 4-for-4," Bonds said. "I hit balls good. Nothing you can do about it."

Mets 10, Pirates 8

At Pittsburgh, Moises Alou hit a two-run homer in New York's five-run first inning, and the Mets did all of their scoring in the first and ninth to back John Maine (13-7).

David Wright hit a two-run double ahead of Alou's third homer in three games as the Mets roughed up Matt Morris (7-8) for five hits while taking a 5-0 lead in the first.

Cardinals 8, Brewers 3

At Milwaukee, Scott Rolen had the eighth four-hit game of his career and Albert Pujols hit his 275th home run to back Joel Pineiro (2-1).

Rookie Yovani Gallardo (4-3) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Reds 11, Cubs 9

At Chicago, pinch-hitter Josh Hamilton hit a two-run, tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning off Bob Howry (5-7) as the Reds won for the sixth time in nine games.

Bill Bray (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory. David Weathers pitched a scoreless ninth for his 24th save.

Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 6

At Miami, the NL West-leading Diamondbacks had 15 hits, including a two-run homer by Chris Snyder, to win for the 18th time in 23 games.

Doug Davis (10-10) allowed seven hits and four runs over 5 1-3 innings to win his fifth straight decision. Jose Valverde pitched a hitless ninth for his 36th save.

Sergio Mitre (5-6) allowed 10 hits and five runs in six innings.

Nationals 4, Phillies 2

At Washington, Tim Redding (2-3) drove in a pair of runs and limited Philadelphia to two runs and three hits in six-plus innings. Chad Cordero worked a perfect ninth for his 27th save.

Ryan Church's home run in the sixth knocked out Kyle Kendrick (5-3).

Rockies 3, Padres 0

At San Diego, Ubaldo Jimenez (2-2) allowed one hit and struck out a career-high nine over six innings and fellow rookie Ian Stewart had a pinch-hit, two-run single in the seventh.

Manny Corpas earned his 10th save to complete the three-hitter.

Reid and McNulty share 1-stroke lead at The Tradition

Anne Peterson
Associated Press

SUNRIVER, Ore. — Mike Reid and Mark McNulty shot 6-under-66s on Thursday to share the first-round lead in The Tradition, the Champion Tour's fourth major of the year.

David Edwards was a stroke back, and Tom Watson, Ben Crenshaw and Bruce Summerhays shot 68s at the Crosswater Golf Club in the high desert of central Oregon. Reid's 66 was his lowest score since March.

"It's just been a flat period in my game. I don't have an explanation for it. I've been feeling good," Reid said.

Under sunny conditions, a few spectators watched by boat on the Little Deschutes River that winds through the 7,436-yard course — the new tournament site.

Reid made a 14-foot-birdie putt on the par-4 18th, one of four birdies he made on the last six holes.

McNulty, who has had lower back problems and also has had a down year on the tour for players 50 and older, birdied his last four holes.

"Obviously it hasn't been that great. A lot of injuries," he said. "I guess it's my birth certificate catching up."

McNulty, who joined the Champions Tour in 2004 and has five victories, had nine birdies and three bogeys in his round.

Watson had eight birdies and four bogeys. His strategy for the rest of the tournament? "Try to keep the eight birdies every day and get rid of the bogeys," he said.

Last year, Argentina's Eduardo Romero came from five shots back on the final day to beat Lonnie Nielsen with a birdie on the first playoff hole at the Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club in Aloha, west of Portland.

The Tradition started at Desert Mountain in Scottsdale, Ariz., before it was moved to Superstition Mountain. With the help of Oregon native Peter Jacobsen, the event moved again in 2003 to the Reserve. Jacobsen shot a 72 on Thursday.

Money leader Jay Haas, who had a first-round 70, has finished in the top 10 in the season's first three majors.

Tom Watson won the British Open, Brad Bryant took the U.S. Senior Open and Denis Watson won the Senior PGA Championship.

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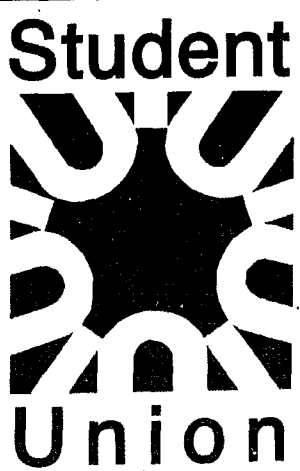
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Goodell insists Vick case is not overshadowing season

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Roger Goodell wants to talk football. Michael Vick keeps getting in the way.

The NFL commissioner, making a tour of training camps, raved about Detroit Lions coach Rod Marinelli and his players after visiting them Thursday. He spoke to them mostly about their responsibilities as players.

As soon as Goodell started taking questions during a news conference, however, he was asked about Vick. And the questions kept coming.

There has been an unrelenting drumbeat of news concerning Vick, who is charged with running a dogfighting ring on his Virginia property. Goodell insists this is not eclipsing enthusiasm about the game itself.

"I don't think it's overshadowing the season," he said. "I think our fans are excited about football, but I understand the

interest in the story."

Vick is facing increased pressure to strike a deal with prosecutors in his federal dogfighting conspiracy case. He conferred with his lawyers for hours Wednesday.

"We're going to do what we always said we were going to do, which is rely on the facts," Goodell said. "If there is some type of a plea agreement, then we will obviously take the time to understand what that plea is and we'll see how it fits into our personal conduct (policy)."

Goodell barred Vick from taking part in training camp while the league investigates. The commissioner said the league is monitoring talks between Vick's lawyers and prosecutors. He wants the legal process to run its course before he rules on Vick's future in the league.

Under NFL policy, a player can be banned for life for illegal gambling or associating with gamblers, and Vick might

face that penalty.

"(The gambling) is certainly an issue," Goodell said after meeting with the Cleveland Browns at their year-round training facility. "Law enforcement may be concerned about certain things about this. We may be concerned about other aspects of this. That's why we want to evaluate what the government has. We don't know all of the facts on that. Michael's team may not know all the facts at this point in time."

The quarterback was linked to betting by a statement signed by former co-defendant Tony Taylor, who pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government, and the July 17 indictment.

Two other co-defendants — Purnell Peace and Quanis Phillips — are to enter plea agreements Friday. Prosecutors have said they will seek a superseding indictment later this month that could mean additional charges against Vick.

Vick has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiring to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

According to the statement signed by Taylor as part of his plea agreement, Vick financed virtually all of the "Bad Newz Kennels" dogfighting enterprise on Vick's property.

A search of his property in April turned up dozens of pit bulls, some of them injured, as well as equipment commonly used in dogfighting. The indictment said dogs that lost fights or fared poorly in test fights were sometimes executed by hanging, electrocution or other brutal means.

The grisly details have fueled public protests against Vick and have cost him some lucrative endorsement deals.

Vick's charges have also hurt the NFL's image in an

offseason also marked by suspensions of Adam "Pacman" Jones, Tank Johnson and Chris Henry for off-field conduct. Goodell contends just four players out of about 2,000 in the league are generating most of the scrutiny.

"I've said to Pacman and any player, 'You have to earn your way back into the National Football League and you have to do it through your conduct,'" Goodell said. "It's not about what you tell the commissioner, or what you tell anyone. It's your conduct and your activities. I was disappointed with some of the activities that Pacman got involved in this spring, after we had met and had a lot of discussions."

"Michael knows exactly how I feel."

Goodell's visit was well received by the Browns. Several of the players asked questions following the commissioner's 15-minute talk that touched upon subjects ranging from concussions to conduct.

"It was a treat. It broke camp up for 15 or 20 minutes," wide receiver Joe Jurevicius said. "Obviously, he's a man with a lot of power and he'll be the face of the NFL for a while. He's going to do a lot of great things and he came to say that he's not doing this to hurt anybody. He's doing this to help us."

During the Browns' two-hour practice during a humid afternoon, Goodell and former Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar mingled with fans, who had their own questions and comments.

Goodell has sensed nothing but positive feedback and support during his tour of the camps.

"I'm proud of our players. I'm proud of what they do in the communities and on the field," he said. "I think more has to be discussed on that. We have always talked about the game — having the focus stay on football. We're here now and it's football time."

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Former snowboarder MacKenzie leads Wyndham

Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Will MacKenzie would be a natural for the X Games. Now he's out to prove there's room for a kayaking, snowboarding surfer in the sometimes stuffy world of golf.

MacKenzie shot an 8-under 64 on Thursday to take a one-shot lead over Lucas Glover, Steve Marino, Brian Davis and Jeff Overton after the first round of the Wyndham Championship.

MacKenzie, who spent a more than a decade away from the sport, nearly made a hole-in-one and had nine birdies to offset one bogey in taking an encouraging first step toward the second victory of his career.

"People might think that since I quit golf for a while and lived the life of an outdoor enthusiast that, you know, I

break the mold, and I'm sure I do," MacKenzie said. "I want my peers to respect me as a golfer, and I think most of them do, but (I) also like to cheer them up a little bit and do silly things like stand on my head from time to time because that's what I like to do."

Seven players — Carl Pettersson, John Merrick, Todd Hamilton, Todd Fischer, Greg Kraft, John Huston and 2003 winner Shigeaki Maruyama — were two strokes back on a steamy day at the 7,333-yard Forest Oaks Country Club course where temperatures were high and scores were consistently low. After the opening round, 79 players — or, more than half of the field of 156 — were 3 under or better.

"You've just got to do the same things we did today — put the ball in the fairway and take advantage when you get

the short clubs," Glover said.

Both Pettersson and Glover started quickly and threatened MacKenzie's early lead by moving to 7 under early in their back nines, and had their sights on the course record of 62 before fading.

Pettersson bogeyed No. 16 after missing a 6-foot par putt, and had pars on four of his last five holes. Glover, starting on the back nine, birdied seven of his first 11 holes but closed his bogey-free round with seven consecutive pars.

"I don't think (Bill) Parcels coaches in the fourth without knowing what the score is," Glover said. "I knew what was going on. I just kept trying to make birdies. (Watching the leaderboard) didn't change anything."

Overton hit 17 greens, had three straight birdies on Nos. 14-16 and seemed poised to tie MacKenzie, but he lipped out a 4-foot birdie putt on No.

18 when he said his shot was knocked offline by a divot.

"You're going to miss some. Whenever the greens are getting beat up late in the day, you're going to do that occasionally," Overton said.

But the story of the day clearly was MacKenzie's. The one-time golf prodigy from Greenville, N.C., became burned out at the age of 14 and walked away from the sport for 11 years.

For a while he lived in a van in Montana, spending his summers kayaking and his winters snowboarding, and once in the mid-1990s even considered kicking field goals for coach Steve Logan at his hometown school, East

Carolina.

At 25, he was lured back to the links after watching his hero's final professional victory: Payne Stewart's fist-pumping triumph at the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, one of MacKenzie's favorite courses, and the accomplishment prompted him to pick up the clubs again and work his way up the sport's ladder. He joined the PGA Tour in 2005.

"I saw the competitive ... flare involved," MacKenzie said. "Tired of beating myself up. I was in a little mini mid-life crisis. I didn't know if I wanted to go back to Montana or Alaska or go to France ... I hit some balls and I was like, 'Wow, this is fantastic. Maybe

I want to play again."

Among the highlights of MacKenzie's round Thursday were a near-miss on the 226-yard, par-3 eighth. He used a 4-iron to drill the flagstick, then tapped in a 3-inch putt for birdie. MacKenzie then opened the back nine with birdies on five of seven holes, rolling in a 21-foot birdie putt on No. 16 during his march up the leaderboard.

MacKenzie also led after the first round of his only PGA Tour victory, a one-stroke win last August in the Reno-Tahoe Open.

"I love sleeping on a lead," he said. "It's not going to bother me. Well, maybe on Saturday night."

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Authorities: Former ref bet on NBA games since '03, took payoffs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — How much Tim Donaghy worked for his betting scheme, and how far he went to do so, still isn't known.

This much is certain: Donaghy wagered on games he officiated, and he did it longer than previously thought.

The disgraced former referee started betting on NBA games in 2003, long before he began tipping off high-stakes gamblers with inside information and recommending which teams to bet on — with a reward of \$5,000 if his picks hit.

The stunning allegations emerged Wednesday as Donaghy pleaded guilty to two felony charges in a scandal that rocked the league and tarnished the integrity of the sport.

"By having this nonpublic information, I was in a unique position to predict the outcome of NBA games," Donaghy, standing ramrod-straight with his hands clasped in front of him, told the judge in a Brooklyn courtroom.

Donaghy, who was released on \$250,000 bond, faces a maximum of 25 years in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 9 for conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce. He also must pay a \$500,000 fine and at least \$30,000 in restitution

to the government.

Still, many questions remain. Authorities did not spell out specific games that Donaghy officiated and placed bets on, nor would they say if he made calls during the game to help a team cover the spread.

Commissioner David Stern said the NBA would "continue with our ongoing and thorough review of the league's officiating program to ensure that the best possible policies and procedures are in place to protect the integrity of our game."

Defense attorney John Laura told The Associated Press that Donaghy was "relieved this part of the proceeding is over and we look forward to completely resolving this matter in the coming months."

"Tim deeply regrets his involvement in this matter and especially the pain it has caused his family, friends and co-workers," Laura said.

The plea had been widely expected in recent weeks, but court documents released Wednesday revealed new details about the depth of the scandal.

Court papers say the 40-year-old Donaghy began placing bets on NBA games in 2003. Starting last December, he began giving gambling associates sensitive information, including which crews would officiate games and how the various officials and players interacted.

His actions "compromised his objectivity as a referee because of his personal financial interest in the outcome of NBA games," the government said.

It was highly lucrative for Donaghy. While in Toronto, Phoenix and Washington, D.C., to referee games earlier this year, Donaghy received thousands of dollars in cash payoffs from the gamblers, authorities said.

In one exchange, according to court papers, Donaghy provided a tip about an NBA game on Dec. 13, 2006. That same day, he worked a 76ers game in Philadelphia against the Boston Celtics.

The next day, Donaghy met with the gamblers in Pennsylvania and received a cash payment, authorities say. A person close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity because the case is ongoing, said the payment was for a successful tip on the 76ers-Celtics game.

The point spread moved two points before the game went off the board — a fairly significant swing — with Boston going for a 1-point favorite to a 3-point choice. Boston won by 20.

Two alleged co-conspirators, identified by prosecutors as James Battista, a professional gambler with the nicknames "Baba" and "Sheep," and Thomas Martino, also appeared in court Wednesday. They were ordered

released on \$250,000 bond after their arraignment on charges of conspiracy to defraud the NBA.

Battista's lawyer, Jack McMahon, said a grand jury is expected to hear the case and, if indicted, his client intends to plead innocent.

"Mr. Donaghy walked away with a nice situation for himself. He is the linchpin and he seems to have worked his way into a nice situation," McMahon said. "I don't know if that is fair."

The betting scheme was uncovered during an investigation into the Gambino crime family in Brooklyn. None of the defendants in this case was charged with organized crime affiliation.

"He has no more association with an organized crime family than me, and I'm not associated with any organized crime," said McMahon, Battista's lawyer.

Stern said last month that the FBI first contacted the NBA on June 20 to talk about a referee alleged to be gambling on games, and Donaghy resigned July 9 after 13 years as an official. Stern said he would have fired him sooner but was told it might affect the investigation.

Stern blamed a "rogue, isolated criminal" for a scandal that threatened the credibility of every referee. But players are trying not to get too caught up in it.

"Honestly, I don't think anybody's thinking about it. Us players, we haven't discussed it," superstar Kobe Bryant said. "It's not something that's on the radar for us. We know that the commissioner and the league and whoever else is handling the situation, they're going to take care of it, so we don't have much to worry about."

Donaghy, who earned \$260,000 last year, was rated in the top tier of officials, and there was nothing suspicious about the frequency of his foul calls, Stern said. He was assigned to work in the second round of the playoffs, with his last NBA game coming during the Phoenix-San Antonio Western Conference semifinal.

The NBA places huge restrictions on NBA referees when it comes to gambling. They are not allowed to enter a casino, for example.

"An unfortunate situation has taken place," New Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd said. "But I think the NBA will definitely learn from this but move forward. Win or lose, the players control that."

Donaghy turned over his passport and must seek permission to travel anywhere other than Pennsylvania, Florida or New York.

In court, Donaghy said he is receiving psychiatric treatment for his gambling problem and is taking antidepressant and anxiety medication.

Beckham starts game, scores goal in SuperLiga victory over D.C. United

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — It was a night of firsts for David Beckham.

The English superstar started his first game for the Galaxy, scored his first goal on a free kick in the 27th minute and Los Angeles beat D.C. United 2-0 in the SuperLiga semifinals.

Beckham also notched his first assist on the Galaxy's second goal. He sent a long pass to a striking London Donovan, who scored on a breakaway in the 47th minute for a 2-0 lead.

The Galaxy advanced to the Aug. 29 tournament final in Carson against Mexican club team Pachuca, which tied Houston 2-2, but won 4-3 on penalty kicks.

The winning team earns \$1 million, which the Galaxy could put toward paying Beckham's \$6.5 million yearly salary.

Beckham also earned his first yellow card after fouling United's Jaime Moreno in the 18th minute. Beckham got fouled once in the first half, when he also took two corner kicks.

Fans cheered and women screamed as Beckham prepared to take a 26-yard free kick. After he connected inside the left post, he was mobbed by teammates. Goalkeeper Joe Momben even scampered across more than half the field to join the celebration.

Beckham waved to the crowd a couple times while blue, gold and white confetti fluttered through the air, reminiscent of the scene when he was introduced amid much fanfare July 13.

He was stopped on a 28-yard free kick

in the 58th minute, when United goalkeeper Troy Perkins leaped to the left and caught the ball.

In all, Beckham played 63 minutes. He clapped his hands above his head while turning in a circle to acknowledge the cheers before putting the captain's armband on Donovan and heading to the bench.

Beckham had played just 37 minutes in two previous games because of a nagging left ankle injury that didn't allow him to practice with the Galaxy for the first time until Tuesday.

The victory avenged the Galaxy's 1-0 loss to United last week in Major League Soccer action, when Beckham made his league debut on the road.

He was named captain for Wednesday's match, a title previously held by Donovan. Beckham actively urged on his teammates, talking to them and waving his arms during play.

As the halftime whistle blew, Beckham bent over and adjusted his socks, then stood up, a broad smile on his face as he waved and walked off the field.

The game, which wasn't part of the Galaxy season ticket package, attracted an announced crowd of 17,223 in the 27,000-capacity stadium.

Galaxy midfielder Cobi Jones, who is returning from a hip injury, entered in the 71st minute. The team was without defender Ante Jazic, midfielder Kelly Gray and forward Alan Gordon, who were all suspended after receiving yellow cards in each of their two previous SuperLiga games.

Diaz leads Canadian Women's Open

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Lorena Diaz shot a bogey-free 6-under 65 on Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Canadian Women's Open, while 17-year-old Michelle Wie opened with a 75 to drop 10 strokes back.

Diaz, coming off a second-place tie Sunday in Sweden in the European tour's Scandinavian TPC, made a long birdie putt on the par-4 first hole — her 10th hole of the day on the Royal Mayfair course.

"It was just really fun for me to make the 33-footer," Diaz said. "It's been what I've struggled with, so it was nice to see that go in. It puts me in a good frame of mind going into tomorrow."

Wie, making her first appearance in the event, closed her late afternoon round with a double bogey on the par-4 ninth. She also had a double-bogey 6 on No. 12, a bogey on the par-5 third and a birdie on the par-4 first.

"Who wouldn't be frustrated today, right?" Wie said. "It's a very frustrating round because I felt like I was driving good and I had two bad holes. I mean, I played very consistently aside from that, made a lot of good par saves. I've just got to break through and shoot a really low score."

Kellie Kuehne and Kyeong Bae opened with 66s, 2005 winner Meena Lee topped a group at 67, and Paula Creamer and Juli Inkster shot 68s.

Kuehne has missed the

cut in eight of her last nine tournaments.

"Have you seen my year?" Kuehne asked. "Just one day at a time. I've got some things I've got to go work on practice-wise. I'll go out tomorrow, add them up when we're done, and keep going."

Defending champion Cristie Kerr had a 69.

"I didn't putt as well as I would like to," said Kerr, the U.S. Open champion. "I had a lot of chances out there for birdie and I missed a couple of short putts."

"I have a lot to work on, but with all that being said I shot two under and I'm only four back at this point and it's only Thursday, so there's a lot to be positive about at this point."

Top-ranked Lorena Ochoa opened with a 70 in her first round since winning the Women's British Open at St. Andrews.

"I hit the ball really good, especially with the irons. Not so good with my driver," Ochoa said. "It was kind of like an up and down round, but I'm pleased I finished in the red numbers and all that matters is to be in a good position for the rest of the tournament."

Alena Sharp shot a 70 to top the 15 Canadians in the field.

"I putted really well today on the front," said Sharp, from Hamilton, Ontario. "When I wasn't playing so well, I was making great up and downs and great long putts, so I'm very happy with the way I started. It's nerve-racking the first day at the Canadian Open being a Canadian, so I'm really happy."

Canadian star Lorie Kane matched Wie with a 75.

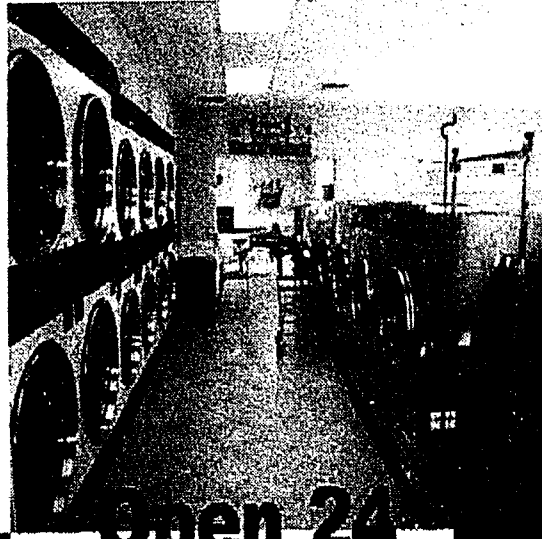
"I don't think I'm out of it," Kane said.

UI Parking and Transportation Services Who Wouldn't Notice

Parking and Transportation Services would like to notify the campus community of an addition to the campus parking regulations that consists of a definition of "park/parking." The proposed definition of "park/parking" is: "The placement or standing of a vehicle, with or without a driver in attendance, and with or without the engine running." This definition is used to clarify enforcement of this regulation on campus. Prior to officially implementing this definition into the campus parking regulations, a comment period has been established for University of Idaho students, faculty and staff. To submit comments about this new definition please contact Parking and Transportation Services via email at rcouch@uidaho.edu. Comments will be accepted until September 14th.

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Mat Kearney kicks off Palousafest

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

There is no doubt that Mat Kearney is a rising star. His music videos are on VH1, his songs are all over TV shows like "Grey's Anatomy," he has over 87,564 friends (on MySpace) and now will be at the University of Idaho.

To kick-off the semester, Kearney will perform a free outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the UI Tower lawn.

His name and the buzz about his music is increasing day-by-day, yet ASUI and Vandal Entertainment board were able to snag him.

Bruce Mann, Palousafest coordinator and former Argonaut photo editor helped organize the event.

Mann said the decision to invite Kearney was agreed early in the planning of Palousafest after meeting with ASUI President Jonathan Gaffney and Christina Kerns, coordinator of student activities.

"It's going to be a nice way to kick off the school year," Mann said. "He's somebody that



Courtesy Photo

Mat Kearney will kick-off his fall tour with a free concert at the University of Idaho. The concert is a part of Palousafest, organized by ASUI, Vandal Entertainment, Idaho Commons and the Student Union.

we're pretty excited about."

Gaffney agreed.

"He's somebody that's up and coming in the

check it OUT

Palousafest starts at 5 p.m. on the Tower lawn and features booths with local businesses, clubs and organizations for students to inquire about. There will also be a poker tournament put on by Campus REC, races on motorized toilets and a large selection of door prizes.

music world, and his availability worked out," Gaffney said. "This will definitely be (Palousafest's) highlight."

Kearney's tunes are making their way through the airwaves, and listeners may recognize his songs once they hear them.

"It's good music and I think it's been pretty positive so far," Mann said. "It's the kind of music that when you listen to it, you know there's something special there. You just get a sense of how good he is, and how big he will be. I think there is a reason why a lot of his stuff has appeared in TV shows — it's authentic, which is important."

Mann said ASUI keeps an eye on artists who are really "starting to make a big name for themselves and really starting to hit it big."

When looking at past shows at the UI, the evidence is clear — this isn't the first time ASUI has invited rising stars to perform affordable or free concerts.

Last spring, ASUI brought the Roots concert at the Kibbie Dome for free. It has also brought bands like Built To Spill, Death Cab For Cutie and artist Taylor Swift.

Mann said in the case of Taylor Swift's concert, students could go see an affordable concert and then later see Swift's music rising in the Top 10 charts.

Mann believes the concert will be a chance to show incoming freshmen what ASUI and Vandal Entertainment can do.

"This is a chance for ASUI and Vandal Entertainment to show what we have to offer for the students," Mann said. "Especially for freshmen, it's a first impression for them."

Opening for Kearney will be the band, Barcelona, who has previously performed at the UI.

Get 'A Taste of America:'

The Travel Channel will visit Lentil Fest Saturday

Matt Doyle
Argonaut

This year's Lentil Festival will receive its 15 minutes of fame and more.

Lentil Festival Director, Nicole Flansburg said the Travel Channel will film Saturday morning and part of the afternoon for their popular series "Taste of America."

However, this weekend's coverage is just one sign of the festival's increasing national attention.

The National Lentil Festival has been featured on numerous national websites such as the Peace Corps and the official site of the Democratic Party.

Fritz Hughes, Executive director of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, has noticed that the festival has been steadily gaining popularity.

"The festival has had lots of exposure," Hughes said. "It has been featured in Sunset Magazine, health food magazines, Rand McNally, and now it is going to be featured on the Travel Channel."

According to Hughes the Pullman Chamber of Commerce has worked hard to spread the word about the festival.

"We've sent out a lot of press releases," Hughes said.

One of the events that demonstrate the national diversity of the festival is the Lentil Cook-Off.

The Lentil Cook-Off will showcase the top six finalists of a lentil recipe competition. The first 400 people in line will taste and judge the dishes, resulting in a \$1000 first prize winner.

This year's top six finalists of the Lentil Cook-Off features contestants from California to Florida and only one finalist is from the Northwest — Linnda Sagen of Pullman, Wash.

If the variety of contestants is any indication, the Lentil Festival is gaining national popularity, and fast.

"There is now a lot of participation from all over the US (and from) almost every region," Hughes said.

The festival has increased in attendance each year, reaching over 24,000 visitors in 2006.

However, as the festival's reputation spreads, new problems arise.

According to Hughes, the festival attracted more sponsors than they had space available. Due to the limited size of the

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Courtesy Photo

A revolutionary in the world of fretless guitars and musicians, the Ned Evett Band will perform at 10 p.m. tonight at John's Alley.

No frets: Evett plays the Alley

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

Today might be the first time a mirrored glass fretless guitar is played in Moscow.

Named the world's first fretless guitar rockstar by Guitar Player Magazine, Ned Evett and his band will play at 10 p.m. today at John's Alley.

Internationally known for his modification of the fretless guitar, Evett has toured and recorded with Joe Satriani, Built To Spill and Eric Johnson, and played in famed music halls such as England's Manchester Apollo, and Birmingham Academy.

The revolutionary sound of his mirrored fretless guitar made Evett winner of the 2003 North American Rock Guitar Competition.

An experienced guitarist of 25 years and a fretless guitarist for 17, Evett modified the fretless guitar by adding a mirrored glass fingerboard to the neck.

Evett came up with the idea out of necessity while he was living in San Francisco.

"I thought of it in a pinch," he said. "I had a wood fingerboard, but the strings were eating into the board, making it unplayable. I had a friend that was a glass worker who was able to do it."

Throughout his career, Evett has played 18 solo tours and staged over 700 shows.

Although this will be his first time in Moscow, Evett has traveled to countries all over the world from Canada, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Australia and then some.

Evett is in Boise for about

half the year, but spends most of his time in Europe. "I'm trying to reduce my carbon footprint going over," Evett said.

His favorite country to play in is the United Kingdom.

Throughout his travels, Evett has noticed differences through cultures with people's familiarity with the art of playing fretless guitar.

"In France, there are a few musicians that play fretless guitars, and European audiences in general are more open to new instruments," Evett said. "In Europe a lot of audience members are very organized, but in England, they're more like soccer hooligans."

With so much time spent traveling, Evett said he enjoys his time in Boise.

"It's always bizarre to go from Idaho which is so laid-back, and

then go to New York and do all these things," he said. "It's fun but it's quite a contrast."

Born in Nashville, music has inspired Evett his whole life.

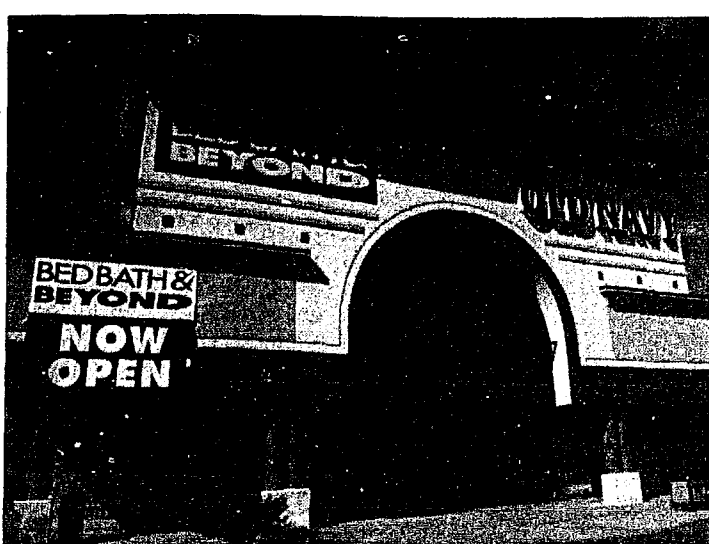
Evett has definitely been paying attention to the music coming out of Tennessee, and Nashville has been on his mind for awhile.

"I want to play in Nashville at the peak of my career," he said. "It would be great to go back under those circumstances."

Aside from his tours, Evett also co-runs a business.

After founding www.fretlessguitar.com with Fernandes guitars in 2000, Evett started custom making and modifying fretless guitars for customers, producing 20-25 guitars a year.

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Customers head inside the new addition to the Palouse Mall that includes a Bed Bath and Beyond as well as an Old Navy.

New stores open for a new semester

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

Watch out shoppers, the Palouse Mall family just got bigger.

The "Opening Soon" signs that once stood in the mall parking lot are gone and cars now cover the space from end-to-end like a thick metal blanket.

The most popular shopping mall accessory is still a bag filled with instant shopping glee — yet it's the beeline from these bags to their stores that is creating such a buzz around the Palouse Mall.

The newly opened Bed Bath

and Beyond and Old Navy stores are ready for back-to-school shoppers, and may serve as more than just one-stop shopping for the community.

Not only will the stores offer a large selection of affordable items, but also job opportunities for students.

Stacey Holbrook, Palouse Mall Marketing Director said although the plans for Bed Bath and Beyond had been in the works through the mall's property manager, Jameson Commercial Property Management, LLC for five years and two for Old Navy, she became aware of the final plans about a year ago.

Holbrook hopes the new stores will benefit everybody, and bring shoppers from other areas to the community.

"I think it will bring something that we haven't had out here for a little bit — something new," she said. "I think that the mixture (at the mall now) and stores (JCPM) will bring in the future will make it easier for people to come here and bring people from other areas," she said.

Holbrook added the mall may be home to new stores in the future.

"There are stores that (JCPM is looking at adding) that are not finalized, but will be a very

exciting thing for the mall, like Old Navy and Bed Bath and Beyond."

Bed Bath and Beyond offers a wide selection of items for college students and other shoppers, and Old Navy offers the latest styles for students and families at an affordable price.

Holbrook said she thinks both stores will be very successful, and customers will be happy.

"I believe it is going to benefit the students very well, especially with the affordable clothing Old Navy has and Bed Bath and Beyond's dorm line,"

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