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White welcomes 66 new faculty

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The University of Idaho welcomed 66 new permanent faculty members during the first faculty meeting of the school year Monday afternoon, almost 10 percent of the workforce on the academic side.

"It is really an enormous group of individuals," President Tim White said.

Among new administrators are Bruce Barnes, assistant vice president for enrollment management; Mark Edwards, director of diversity and community; Steve Martin, director of the Native American Student Center and Arthur Taylor, Native American tribal liaison. Departments in every college introduced new professors and faculty members for both UI's Moscow and extension campuses.

"When you think about this uni-

versity, you can think of years where the introduction of faculty was pretty short," White said. "But what we have now is an opportunity to renew ... the academic fabric of this institution. Everybody is bringing skill, care and experience to this university."

In addition to welcoming new faculty, White announced plans to begin a bonding initiative in order to chip away at UI's deferred maintenance bill totaling more than \$200 million.

"We feel a responsibility for the next century," White said. "One of the ways we're going to fulfill that obligation is considering bonding."

The plan, White said, would increase UI's debt from its level at about \$12 million over the next several years. This debt will be paid off, White said, by fees and the money saved by improving energy efficiency on campus. In 8 or 9 years, the debt will be lower than what it is now, White said.

He hopes to take on several projects.

"While our needs are enormous, we're going to take off the very most important, strategic ones and start chipping away at them," he said.

Last week, various bonding agencies were on campus evaluating the projects the university plans to address. Among them are plans to improve light and safety in the Kibbie Dome, renovating academic and faculty space in Brink and Phinney halls and renovating the Wallace complex, which is the hub of all university catering in addition to a major living facility, White said, quipping that UI is one bad stove or broken water heater away from having to eat nothing but cold bologna sandwiches.

"The food service for our students is absolutely vital," he said. "We're taking on Wallace because of its importance to us."

White also hopes to use funding from a bond to improve the research infrastructure, including lab facilities and utilities. UI has been searching for a vice president of research since last spring. John Tracy is serving as the interim vice president. White also announced a change in UI's marketing campaign. The campaign will begin focusing advertising around variations of the word "lead," White said.

"This is purposeful," White said. "Leadership is what we do. We're going to use that word in a factual way about the role of the institution."

So far, all indicators show that UI's marketing campaign, "Open Spaces. Open Minds." is working, White said.

While official enrollment numbers will not be available until the 10th day of class, White said freshmen enrollment appears to be up, as does the number of first generation families. The enrollment management office is

working hard on the issue, White said. "The work is by no means done," he said.

White also addressed issues of campus security at the faculty meeting. Last year there were incidents of compromised employee and alumni data and those issues have been fixed, White said. There have been no reports of identity theft or misuse from the compromised information.

On a more serious note, White reassured the faculty that the university will continue its policy of not allowing loaded weapons on campus. Noting the sometimes contentious relationships between students and faculty, White said the policy is best to reduce risks.

"The risks are too great to allow armed weapons," he said. "Our current policy is the right general course forward. The university needs to be responsible for managing risk."

Pita Pit returns to Moscow

Store plans to re-open at old Moxie Java location

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

Students eager for a late night snack can look forward to the re-opening of Pita Pit in a new location in September.

The popular sandwich shop closed its Main Street store after an April 19 fire started by a Sobe cooler destroyed the building. Fire inspectors told owner Rod Johnson that if the fire hadn't started early that morning, the entire block might have burned down.

"It wasn't like it was a frayed cable, it just went bad," Johnson said. "We're lucky it happened at nine in the morning."

Johnson decided to move the fast-growing franchise store into the old Moxie Java location on Sixth Street. The new Pita Pit will open near the end of September and will offer a drive-thru.

Johnson's insurance covered the cost of Pita Pit's new equipment, but it was up to him to cover the cost of his new location. He bought the Pita Pit in Moscow and then started another in Pullman in 2001.

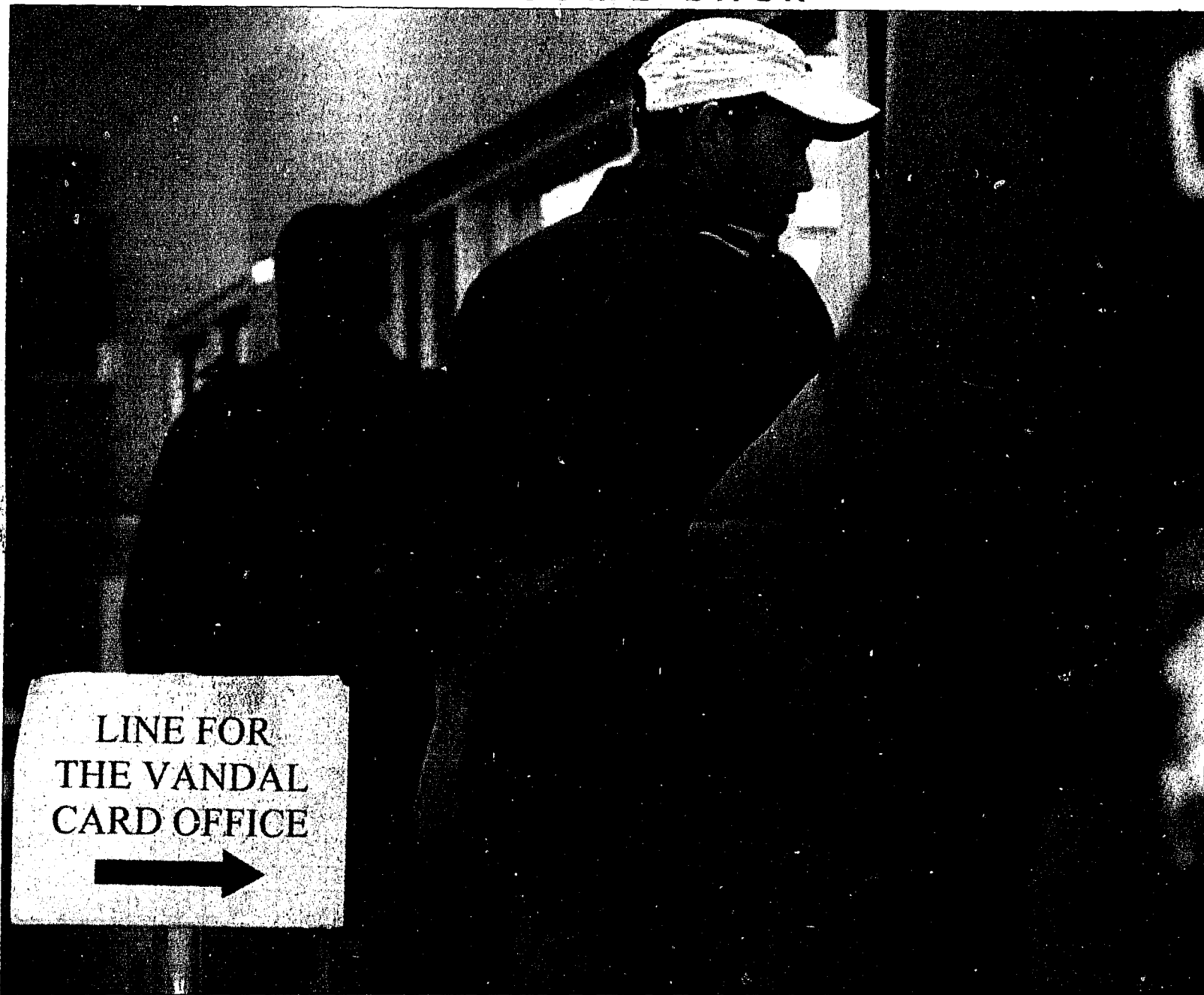
"I did hear a lot of people say they're glad we're back," he said.

Hillary Baxter works at the Pullman location and said she believes the location will work out better for the student population and that it doesn't hurt to be closer to Greek Row.

Several former employees will be returning to their positions at Pita Pit once it is open. These employees made contact with Johnson.

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WELCOME BACK



Long lines at the Vandal Card Office, such as those seen Monday, are a common occurrence during the first few days of school.

Roger Rowles/Argonaut

New ITS location in TLC more convenient for students

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Students confused by e-mail or trying to figure out how to put their laptop online have a more convenient place to go.

Information Technology Service and the help desk has been relocated from the administration building to the Teaching and Learning Center. The move to TLC Room 128 was made before the beginning of this semester so students would have better access to the student-staffed help desk in a more central location on campus.

"The real reason we moved was to provide a central location," said Joyce Davidson, customer service manager. "Our faculty, students and staff have always wanted us to be in the center of campus."

The proposal to move ITS from its original location in the basement of the administration building has been in the works for 10 years and the new area was designed in 2005.

"The help desk is the primary point of contact for our customers and it didn't make sense for our first point of contact to be in the basement," said Chuck Lanham, director of Enterprise Computing. "(The help desk) has been hard to find and not in a very customer friendly location."

Moving ITS to the TLC made sense because of the volume of students that move through there every day, Lanham said.

The new help desk also offers two new computer stations overlooking the food court in the Idaho Commons where students can print or check their e-mails between classes, Lanham said. The new stations are a way to help replace the loss of the 10 station computer lab that used to be in Commons in room 322. Lanham said the room has been stripped of the stations to make room for another project.

ITS oversees the technological support for the university's e-mail, passwords for VandalWeb accounts

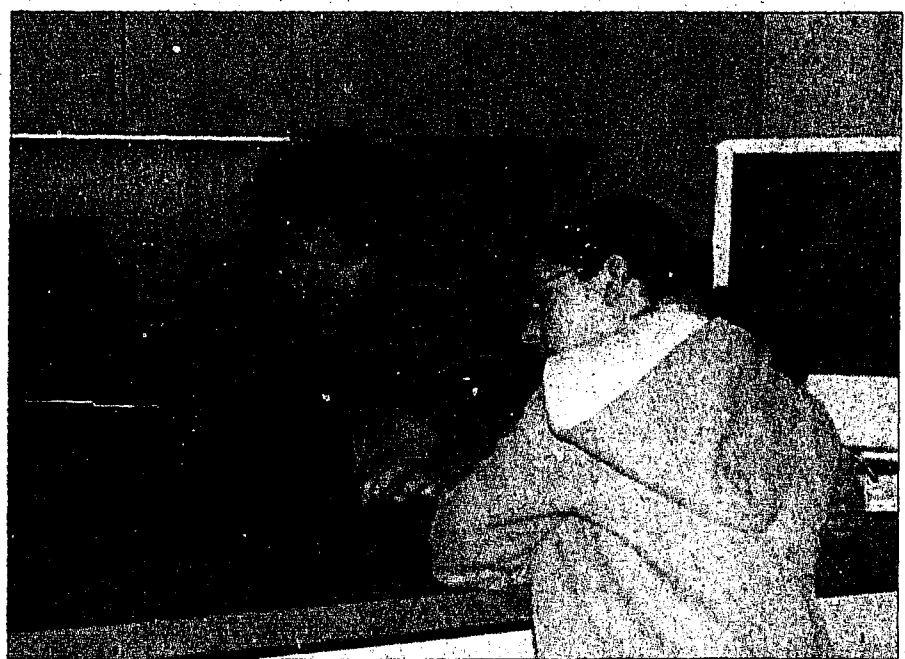
and other account management services. It also provides tech support for the wireless Internet available on campus and for all of the software that is available to students on the computer lab menu.

ITS implemented a new wireless plan over the summer to provide wireless Internet to all students living in the Tower, Wallace and McConnell Hall. It is working on a budget to try to provide wireless access in the Living Learning Community as well, Lanham said.

The ITS Help Desk is staffed by approximately 20-25 students year round and is trained to use technical services as well as customer service, Davidson said.

ITS also manages all of the computer labs found on the university's campus. The computer labs in the Library and the Student Union Building are also staffed with ITS tech support representatives.

The ITS Help Desk hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.



ITS Help Desk employee Gabriel Givens, left, assists student Katie Sackett at the new Help Desk location in TLC 128.

Jake Barber/Argonaut

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Opinion
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Arts&Culture
Check out "The Evening News" at the Prichard, and see Natalie Rose perform at the Co-op.

Sports&Rec
Check out the new cross-country, volleyball and soccer teams, and help name the Kibbie Dome student section.

ON the WEB

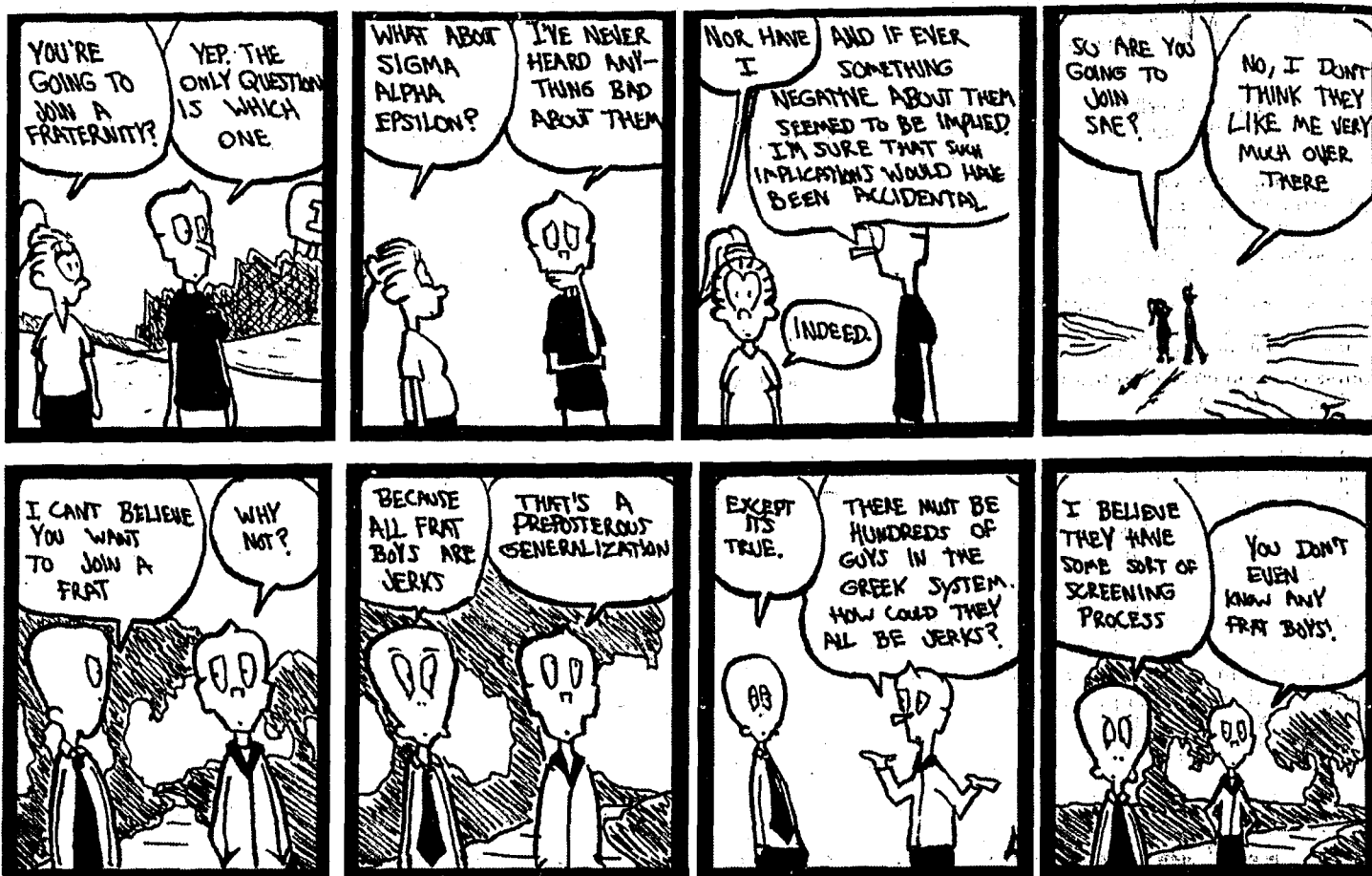
Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. Read the Argonaut Archives.

WeatherFORECAST

Today Partly cloudy Hi: 73 Lo: 46
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Thursday Sunny Hi: 82 Lo: 48

UniversityAVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



Discover Life
Campus and community members are invited to the Welcome Potluck for new and returning international and Study Abroad students
Friday, August 24 4-9pm
Shattuck Arboretum
Bring a dish to share, with a serving of international Friendship Association will provide tableware and beverages
Questions? 885-7841

CampusCALENDAR

Human Rights office has new digs

The Human Rights Compliance office has a new home in the College of Education, Suite 201. The office was previously in the Administration Building...

Field day shows off growing techniques

The University of Idaho is hosting its annual field day Sept. 6 at its Parma Research and Extension Center in southern Idaho. Participants will be able to taste dozens of grape varieties, nectarines, peaches, plums, pluots, apples and Asian pears.

saving drip irrigation research.

Registration for the field day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For information contact Maurine Baucom at (208) 772-6701, extension 228.

Mentoring at the Women's Center

The University of Idaho Women's Center will hold an informational meeting for those interested in mentoring or being mentored. Join the Women's Center for an informational start-up session and opportunity to meet new mentoring program coordinator Bethany Anderson Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.

Children's classes at Dahmen Barn

Beginning in September and running through May, two resident artisans at the Dahmen Barn will be offering classes for children. Carmelita Nedrow and Terri Walters will collaborate on instruction for the Kinder Barn Pre-School scheduled for every Thursday morning, except major holidays, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 3 to 5 will learn art and

music, and will enjoy storytelling.

The cost is \$60 per month per child, pre-paid. The fee includes all materials. Registration information may be found at www.ArtisanBarn.org or by calling (509) 229-3414.

Caine celebrates 30th anniversary

The University of Idaho's Caine Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell is celebrating its 30th anniversary from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Caldwell Memorial Park bandshell. A picnic lunch will be served from 1-3 p.m. Reservations are required.

The center opened in September 1977 and trains fourth-year students in the Washington-Oregon-Idaho Regional Veterinary, Medical Education program, conducts food-animal research and disease investigations, and provides diagnostic services and continuing education to veterinarians.

More than 1,500 students have come through the center since it opened. For information or to make reservations for the picnic, call (208) 454-8657. Directions are located at www.cainecenter.uidaho.edu.

LocalCALENDAR

Today

Graduate student reception 4-6 p.m.
President's home

Wednesday

Blood drive 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Palouse Mall

"Overdrawn" 7:30 p.m.
Kenworthy

Thursday

Exchange e-mail upgrade information session 9 a.m.
Idaho Commons Aurora Room

Friday

Opening reception for Scott Fife's "Big Trouble: The Idaho Project" 5 p.m.
Prichard Art Gallery

Welcome potluck for international students 6 to 8 p.m.
Shattuck Arboretum

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Student Union Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-4pm, Sunday 12pm-5pm
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CrosswordPUZZLE

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5 Slovenly one
9 Gate closer
14 Comply with a command
15 Signal for a cab
16 Potato variety
17 Beloved
18 Jamaican citrus fruit
19 May and Cod
20 TV alien
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24 Sitcom from a sitcom
28 Pub missile
29 Spanish scarf
31 Ferocious
35 Circle segments
36 Western lawman Wyatt
38 Yellowish white
39 Carnival city
40 Annoying
42 Vent opening?
43 Domesticated
45 Eld
46 Wolf in France
47 Couch coverings
49 Tied up
51 City in Spain
53 Trick pitches
54 Jogged one's memory
58 Senator Kennedy
59 Run away to marry
60 Dry ravine in Africa
62 Heron's cousin
66 Accumulate
67 Mild Dutch cheese
68 Asia's mistress
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SudokuPUZZLE

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SUDOKU
To play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. There is no guessing or math involved, just use logic to solve.

UI offers new fire ecology, management degree

Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

Beginning this year, the University of Idaho will offer a new degree in fire ecology and management — the first of its kind in the United States.

The new bachelor's of science program is a product a few years in the making.

Fire ecology and management courses have been offered through the College of Natural Resources for more than 30 years.

Students could get a certificate in it or add it as a minor. But this year is the first all those classes, along with several new courses created for the upcoming semester, will be combined into a major.

"The Forest Resources and Rangeland Ecology and Management Departments have a long-held reputation in wildland fire," said Karen Launchbaugh, head of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Department. "This new B.S. degree is built on this

heritage and represents our efforts to meet the demand for well-trained fire professionals."

Matt Williams, a transfer student from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, is a student in the new program. His love for the field sparked during a break from college.

"After my freshman year, I took a semester off and did firefighting for an entire season," he said. "And I really liked the job. It was something I could see myself spending my life volunteering for, but I was making good money doing it."

One of his bosses pointed him in UI's direction and after talking to Dr. Alton Campbell, a former CNR dean, and checking out the major, Williams was sold.

"The thing that attracted me to begin this program is it's the first in the nation for an undergrad degree," he said.

"I know there won't be too many people out there with just a B.A. (in fire ecology and management)."

The CNR didn't respond to requests for official enrollment numbers in the program.

However, Chad Hoffman, a wildland fire instructor, thinks the major's creation reflects a difference in people's mindsets about fire.

"We're starting to embrace that fire is part of the natural ecosystem of this country," he said. "There's been a change in societal thinking so we just decided to take the next step."

Hoffman said the program will have around 19 instructors and faculty members, several of whom are experienced at teaching classes in wildlife resources or related subjects at UI.

He also said there will be "in the neighborhood" of 25 graduate students conducting research in the subject.

Classes in the program's curriculum run the gamut from hands-on work in the UI Experimental Forest near Moscow Mountain where the burning laboratory classes are held, to scientific classes such as chemistry and physics and communication courses such as business writing.

"A lot of jobs (in natural resources fields) require you to write a lot," Hoffman said. "Planning is big in natural resources as a whole. It's part of the legal process to write a plan and have a public comment. So there are some English requirements in there and students do a lot of writing in our classes to prepare. It's one of the things employers say students could do better."

Of course, the heart of the program is learning how to manage fire.

Hoffman said students will learn how deal with blazes in several environments from flat shrubland to forest ecosystems.

The only area not covered in the program is structural firefighting, as wildfires are more prevalent to the CNR and, perhaps, the state of Idaho.

"This year is shaping up to be a bad fire year with ecological impacts and losses of homes and lives," Launchbaugh said.

"Wildland fire is an inevitable consequence of living in the West. I look forward to working with the students who will be attracted to this degree and I hope graduates from this degree will be able to help Idahoans and Westerners live with fire."

"No doubt, fire is a major natural force that shapes the sagebrush-steppe, juniper woodlands and pine and fir forests that our graduates will manage. Making sure our students understand wildland fire and know how to manage it will give them many career opportunities."

"We're starting to embrace that fire is part of the natural ecosystem of this country."

Chad
HOFFMAN
Wildland fire instructor

If it's not toys, it's something else for parents to fear

Howie Rumberg
Associated Press

Alicia Barlow remembers a childhood of playing in her friend's tree fort that was full of rotting wood and rusty nails. No one ever gave the septic setting a second thought when it came to playtime.

Now a mother of two, she half-jokingly talks about inspecting her children's pristine swing set before play dates to ensure that she won't get sued.

"My childhood was very different, much more easy-going," said Barlow, of Ridgefield, Conn., who has a 7-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son.

The recent recall of nearly 19 million toys made by Mattel offers a stark reminder that we no longer live in those carefree days of unlocked doors and children romping through neighborhoods unwatched for hours on end.

These days the thought of letting one's child spontaneously hop on a bicycle and race off is frightening. Riding one requires donning what amounts to body armor — helmet, elbow pads, knee pads. And you don't just belt a kid into the car anymore — an advanced degree is needed to navigate the car-seat rules for weight and age.

The pitfalls of parenting are ever increasing, and so is frustration. The toy recall, serious though it may be, adds just another thread to a growing tapestry of anxiety, some parents say. And it's yet another sign of how different their kids' lives are from their own.

"Whether it would be sexual predators or abductions or lead-based paint in toy cars, it

just seems like there is always one other mounding thing," said Greg Swanson, 41, of Davenport, Iowa, and father of four boys ages 2 to 8. "You would think that we would evolve as a society where things would become less of a problem, but they become more of a problem with each passing day with kids."

Watching your child closely on the playground, buying organic foods, over-scheduling structured activities: These are the things that have supplanted the last generation's laissez-faire approach to child rearing. Parents today find themselves spending almost double for a gallon of organic milk and sacrificing precious free time to be diligent protectors.

Much of the added parenting pressure comes from greater awareness. The Internet has given everyone an outlet for expressing opinions and sharing information. With all the alerts, scientific studies and know-it-all bloggers are we becoming victims of our own connectedness?

For Parker Sessions, a 45-year-old mother of twin girls who will be 4 in November, the toy recall doesn't rate as a major concern (not that she didn't check her toy box, mind you). She already tests her children for lead yearly because she lives in an older house. She says you have to draw the line somewhere.

"I'm going to worry about the bigger things — are my children eating a balanced diet?" Sessions said. "I try to feed them organic. I live in Atlanta and the air quality is horrible. I'm more worried about that frankly. ... They both have asthma and allergies and when the air quality is bad I don't let

them go out midday because we get smog alerts and ozone alerts."

But many parents see toys as a safe haven, spending extra to buy from trusted companies. Still, the boxes are covered with warning labels and age recommendations. Message boards are inundated with reviews.

"What's very unfortunate about this is this is one place you don't think you need to worry," said Sheri Gurock, the mother of two girls, 3 and 5, and the owner of Magic Beans, a kids gear and toy store in Brookline, Mass.

"I think you feel like you go into any reputable store in the United States and you should feel like if you're purchasing something that's for your child that it has already passed all the necessary safety tests."

"To some degree this is a real violation of trust for parents," she added.

On the day the second Mattel recall made news, Barlow and several friends gathered for a preplanned "ladies night out" in New York City. Free of parental responsibility for a few hours and the campy new Broadway show "Xanadu" on the agenda, the pretheater dinner conversation still turned to toys. The consensus: throw all the toys out.

James Swartz, a director of World Against Toys Causing Harm (W.A.T.C.H.), the organization that puts out the annual "10 Worst Toys" list said Barlow and her friends might not

be too far off base.

Swartz said this recall is getting heavy play because it's so large, but what's more alarming is millions of units of toys have been recalled for the same reasons over the past few years to little fanfare. A search of the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission's Web site lists 39 recall-related press releases so far this year.

"What you do become as educated as you can about the types of hazards out there," Swartz said.

Of course, there seems to be more hazards about which to be educated: Worries over tainted seafood from China, and salmonella-contaminated Veggie Booty snacks.

Jenny Lauck, 34-year-old mother of three and author of the blog threekidcircus.com, called the recent recalls an especially "big blow." And it's only partly because of trust. She sees it as the severing of yet another link between the childhood she had and the one her children have now.

As a child she played with the same toys from Fisher-Price, a unit of Mattel that pulled several toys from its shelves two weeks ago, that her kids enjoyed now. She bought them in part because of the fond memories of her own days of pulling them from the toy box. Now, they're garbage.

It's just one more step, one more layer that separates us from our own childhoods.

"To some degree this is a real violation of trust for parents."

Sheri
GUROCK
Mother of two

Pet sitting a growing job, but be ready to work

Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Walking a dog on a beautiful day, playing with kittens — for money. Sound better than the job you have now?

Whether you're interested in working for an established company or starting out on your own, pet sitting is a growing business. Combined membership in two major professional pet sitters associations doubled between 1999 and 2005, according to David Lummis, a senior pet market analyst with market-research firm Packaged Facts. Part of a much bigger picture, consumers spent \$4.73 billion on non-veterinary pet care services, including pet sitting, last year, or 32 percent more than they did in 2001, he said.

Those in the industry say people see their pets more as family members these days. They need extra care while their humans lead busier lives, and they need more than just a kennel when the people go on vacation. Jaime Deason started a Fetch! pet sitting franchise in Silver Spring franchise partly because she had trouble getting quality care for her own dog and cat.

"We struggled to find people who were reliable enough," she says, and it was difficult to accommodate last-minute changes in their complicated schedule. Deason meets the needs of families like her own with more than just dogwalking. Fetch! offers services like overnight visits where a sitter will stay at your home from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. the next morning, as well as boarding in sitter's own homes.

When hiring, "our main requirement is that people love animals," Deason says.

But spend a day with a pet sitter and you'll see it's more than cuddling puppies.

Gabe Schneider of Silver

Spring, Md., works for Deason's pet sitting service.

"It's always different, not the set nine to five," says Schneider, 21. "It's always something new."

On a recent Thursday, Schneider's first two assignments went from one extreme to the other. The day started with Jake, a yellow Labrador retriever who's just a year old and full of energy. Schneider's job is to take him out for an hour "and tire him out."

Jake runs out of the house with Schneider with great enthusiasm. But his attitude changes when he sees the open back of the car: He doesn't want to jump in. He sits, lies down, hangs out, and does everything but get into the car despite Schneider's repeated coaxing. After a while Jake wins the battle — as you he knew he would — and Schneider gives up and lifts the nearly full grown retriever into the back of the van.

They drive to Rock Creek Park, where they walk, play fetch, and greet some other dogs who stroll by. Then, best of all for a retriever, Jake goes for a swim in the creek.

Now the job is done, and Jake is tired out, making the idea of jumping into a car especially unappealing for him. Jake's wet and muddy now. But after watching the dog put on a great show of exhaustion, Schneider has no choice but to pick him up again. As Deason says, in this job "you're going to do a lot of laundry."

Schneider's next visit is to Pepper, a 17 year old cockapoo. Pepper also needs to be carried, but he's got a better excuse. He's blind and deaf, and with his stiff legs, he can't walk down stairs anymore.

Schneider carries the dog out of the house, puts him down on the ground gently, and guides him down the block and back again.

PITA PIT

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who was unable to call employees after the fire.

"Our phone list burned down, so we don't have that," he said.

Because the Sixth Street location constitutes a new Pita Pit restaurant, the franchise requires that Johnson have breakfast on the menu all day and store hours will be from 10:30

a.m. to 2:30 a.m. weekdays and stay open until 3:30 a.m. on weekends.

"I think it will be a good thing for the bar rush," Johnson said.

Pita Pit will be opening in the same neighborhood as Taco Time, Quizno's, the Alehouse and Patty's. Johnson said he hopes this arrangement of restaurants will prove beneficial to everyone.

"I think certain restaurants will help each other out. It'll be a nice little hub for people to eat there," he said.

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IRAQ

Military focuses on reducing combat role

Plan for withdrawal of American troops in 2008 not yet developed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. military officials are narrowing the range of Iraq strategy options and appear to be focusing on reducing the U.S. combat role in 2008 while increasing training of Iraqi forces, a senior military official told the Associated Press on Monday.

The military has not yet developed a plan for a substantial withdrawal of forces next year. But officials are laying the groundwork for possible overtures to Turkey and Jordan on using their territory to move some troops and equipment out of Iraq, the official said. The main exit would remain Kuwait, but additional routes would make it easier and more secure for U.S. troops leaving western and northern Iraq.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because internal deliberations are ongoing, emphasized that the discussions do not prejudice decisions yet to be made by President Bush. Those decisions include how long to maintain the current U.S. troop buildup and when to make the transition to a larger Iraqi combat role.

It is widely anticipated that the five extra Army brigades that were sent to

the Baghdad area this year will be withdrawn by late next summer. But it is far less clear whether the Bush administration will follow that immediately with additional drawdowns, as many Democrats in Congress are advocating.

Bush has mentioned publicly that he likes the idea, first proposed late last year by the Iraq Study Group, of switching the emphasis of U.S. military efforts from mainly combat to mainly support roles. But he also has said that this should not happen until Baghdad in particular is stable enough to enable Iraqi political leaders to make hard choices about reconciling rival interests among Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

There are now 162,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, of which 30,000 have arrived since February as part of Bush's revised strategy to stabilize Baghdad and to push Iraqi leaders to build a government of national unity.

Military efforts to stabilize the country effort have made strides in recent months, but political progress has lagged.

In a joint statement Monday, Sens. John Warner, R-Va., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., said that while the military buildup has "produced some credible and positive results," the political out-

look is darker. The senators said that during their visit to Iraq last week they told Iraqi leaders of American impatience with the lack of political progress, and "impressed upon them that time has run out in that regard."

In a separate telephone interview with reporters, Levin urged the Iraqi assembly to oust Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and replace his government with one that is less sectarian and more unifying.

Speaking to reporters in Washington by phone from Tel Aviv, Levin acknowledged that while there is broad frustration with the lack of action by the al-Maliki government, U.S. officials cannot dictate a change in leadership there. He said he and Warner did not meet with al-Maliki when they were in Iraq this time.

In response to Levin's remarks about dumping al-Maliki, Gordon Johndroe, spokesman for the National Security Council, noted that Iraqi leaders have been holding talks in recent days on ways to move toward a unified government.

"We urge them to come together, reach agreements and show the Iraqi people and the rest of the world their determination to create a stable and

prosperous Iraq," Johndroe told reporters, adding that the administration believes al-Maliki is capable of moving the talks to a successful conclusion.

Under pressure even from members of his own party to change direction in Iraq, Bush is expected to decide his next steps after hearing in September from Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander in Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker, on what the U.S. troop buildup has accomplished.

Petraeus and Crocker are likely to present their views to Congress on Sept. 11 or 12, said Johndroe, the National Security Council spokesman. Johndroe said White House officials are consulting with congressional leaders this week on setting a date for the testimony.

Bush also will receive advice and recommendations from Defense Secretary Robert Gates as well as the Joint Chiefs and Adm. William Fallon, the top commander for American forces in the Middle East.

Bush's options are limited, politically and practically. The Army and Marine Corps do not have the capacity to increase troop levels, or even to maintain the current number beyond next spring. With the 2008 presidential election approaching, it's not so much a question of whether troop levels will

be cut but when and how much.

U.S. commanders in Iraq believe they are making substantial progress toward stabilizing Baghdad and other contested parts of the country — including in Anbar province in western Iraq where the insurgency has weakened noticeably this year. But they are dubious about the ability of Iraq's political leaders to take advantage of the improved security in ways that promote political reconciliation.

Petraeus and other senior commanders have said in recent weeks that the U.S. troop buildup will end in 2008, but Petraeus has not yet recommended a follow-on strategy to Bush. Much depends on judgments about how soon Iraqi security forces will be ready to assume a bigger role, as well as the likelihood of political progress.

Speaking on Monday to a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Kansas City, Mo., Petraeus said Americans should not underestimate the efforts of the Iraqi army and police.

In some areas, partnerships between U.S. forces and Iraqi soldiers are "quite robust," Petraeus said. He noted that Iraqi losses have been three times as high as those suffered by the U.S.-led coalition.

"There should be no question that Iraqi soldiers and police are dying for their country," Petraeus said.

2 more arrested in college slaying

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Authorities arrested two more suspects Saturday in the slayings of three college students who were shot execution-style in a schoolyard, bringing the total number of arrests in the case to five.

The two additional suspects were found in suburban Washington, authorities said.

Rodolfo Godinez, a 24-year-old Nicaraguan immigrant, was arrested in an Oxon Hill, Md., rooming house just north of the I-495 Beltway at about 1 a.m., said John Cuff, an investigator with the U.S. Marshals Service.

An unidentified 16-year-old, believed to be Godinez's half brother, was arrested in Woodbridge, Va., about 45 minutes later. Both were awaiting extradition to New Jersey, Deputy U.S. Marshal Bill Sorukas said.

Authorities were still searching for an additional suspect.

The suspects were wanted in connection with the Aug. 4 slayings in which the victims were forced to kneel in front of a wall behind an ele-

mentary school and shot in the back of the head. Authorities have said robbery appeared to be the motive.

Killed in the attack were Terrance Aerial, 18; Dashon Harvey, 20, and Iofemi Hightower, 20. Aerial's sister, Natasha, was shot in the head but survived and has helped police in the investigation.

Shalga Hightower, Iofemi Hightower's mother, said Saturday's arrests gave her peace. "My child can rest now," she said.

The search team, which included the FBI's Fugitive Task Force, staked out the address in Maryland where Godinez was staying after receiving a tip that he was planning to flee to Texas and then to Mexico, according to James Plousis, a U.S. marshal who is responsible for New Jersey.

Nearly 10 other people, Sorukas said, were arrested for immigration violations in the operation.

In Virginia, Prince William County Police said three others were arrested at the Woodbridge address where the 16-year-old was found.

NASA orders shuttle home early

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA on Saturday ordered space shuttle Endeavour back to Earth a day early out of fear that Hurricane Dean might disrupt flight operations.

The shuttle is now scheduled to depart from the international space station on Sunday, and landing is set for Tuesday.

The astronauts had hurriedly completed a shortened spacewalk Saturday and were still cleaning up from it when the decision came down from mission managers. The two crews shook hands and said goodbye, then closed the hatches between their docked spacecraft.

NASA worried the hurricane might veer toward Houston, the home of Mission Control, forcing an emergency relocation of flight controllers to Cape Canaveral. The makeshift control center there would not be nearly as good or big as the Houston operation, and that's why managers wanted to bring Endeavour back to Earth early.

Hurricane Dean, a fierce Category 4 storm, was headed toward Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and the Gulf of Mexico. It was uncertain whether the storm might strike the Texas coastline late in the week; that uncertainty made NASA's decision — so many days in ad-

vance — all the harder.

During a spacewalk that was shortened to save time, Dave Williams and Clay Anderson could see the eye of the giant hurricane as the shuttle-station complex orbited 214 miles above the Caribbean, exclaiming "oh wow" and "holy smokes." "Hooo, man, yeah, can't miss that," one of them said.

Williams and Anderson tackled only the most important space station maintenance chores that had been planned for the fourth and final spacewalk of Endeavour's mission. Mission Control cut two hours from the spacewalkers' to-do list so the hatches between the linked spacecraft could be closed late Saturday afternoon.

The two men attached a stand to the station's exterior for a shuttle inspection boom. The stand won't be used until next year. They also retrieved two experiments from the outside of the station for return to Earth, and hooked up antenna equipment.

Three hours into the five-hour spacewalk, a fire alarm sounded inside the station, its shrill beeps loud enough to be heard over the radio loops. The station crew rushed to check, but could find no evidence of smoke and Mission Control quickly confirmed it was a false alarm. The same alarm acted up a few weeks ago.

The brief interruption did not affect the spacewalk.

The spacewalkers' gloves, meanwhile, held up just fine. The previous spacewalk was cut short after one astronaut ripped his glove. As a precaution, Williams and Anderson frequently checked their gloves and stayed clear of sharp edges.

"My gloves look like they just came off the showroom floor," Anderson said as the spacewalk ended.

NASA's hurricane deliberations followed a decision to forgo shuttle repairs.

Late Thursday, mission managers concluded that a deep gouge on Endeavour's belly posed no Columbia-like threat to the seven crew members during re-entry and also would not lead to lengthy postflight shuttle repairs. For a week, managers had considered sending two astronauts out with black protective paint and untested goo to patch the 3-inch-long, 2-inch-wide gouge that dug all the way through the thermal tiles.

The gouge was caused by debris that broke off a bracket on Endeavour's external fuel tank during liftoff Aug. 8. Engineers still do not know whether it was foam insulation, ice or a combination of both. In any case, NASA said it will not launch another shuttle until the longtime troublesome brackets are fixed.

Endeavour's crew includes teacher-astronaut Barbara Morgan, who was Christa McAuliffe's backup for Challenger's tragic 1986 flight.

"My gloves look like they just came off the showroom floor!"

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Southern Idaho town auctions off firetruck

Associated Press

BOISE — A 50-year-old retired fire truck sold on eBay for the Nampa Fire Department apparently hasn't made its last run in the area.

Tom Scott, owner of Tom Scott Toyota, bought the American-LaFrance truck on the online auction house, last week

with a winning bid of \$3,300 and plans to restore it for runs in local parades and events.

"I haven't picked it up yet, but I sprayed some yellow jackets that had taken up residence in it," Scott told the Idaho Statesman.

Fire Chief Jim Woydziak said he's happy that the truck is staying in town. Some people said

they were irked that the thought of losing part of this southwest Idaho town's history.

The fire department already has a retired fire truck for special occasions. The restored truck, built in 1924, represents the fire department in parades.

"We're not selling that one," said Woydziak. "They'd lynch me if I tried."

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Trapped miners may not be found; families accuse officials of leaving men for dead

Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, Utah — A mine company attorney said Monday that safety experts believe drilling a bigger hole and sending a rescue capsule into the coal mine where six men have been trapped for two weeks is impossible because the mountain is too unstable.

"It's an unsafe activity," Murray Energy Corp. lawyer Chris Van Bever said, commenting a day after relatives of the six miners pleaded for rescue efforts to continue.

An outside safety expert and a miners' union official also spoke out Monday against reopening the mine to production.

Van Bever said there had been no decision yet to call off the rescue effort. Decisions about drilling a rescue hole and continuing with other rescue activities were being made jointly by federal and company officials in consultation with mining experts, he said.

The capsule had been considered a last option since three rescue workers were killed and six others injured Thursday as they tried to tunnel through rubble-filled mine passageways.

Family were outraged Sunday after grim officials said the missing miners may never be found.

Mine officials had sustained hope for two weeks that the miners would be brought out alive. However, repeated efforts to signal the men have been met with silence and air readings from a fourth narrow hole drilled more than 1,500 feet into the mountainside detected insufficient oxygen to support life in that part of the mine. Other bore holes indicated better air in other cavities but no signs of the miners.

Rob Moore, vice president of Murray Energy Corp., co-owner of the Crandall Canyon Mine, expressed doubt that the tunneling operation, halted since Thursday's deaths, would resume.

"It's likely these miners may not

be found," Moore said.

Moore said there is recoverable coal in other parts of the 5,000-acre mine, and the company expected to resume operations at some point. He said he hadn't discussed that prospect with family members.

However, one mine safety expert said Monday he was skeptical whether any plan can be developed to ensure that mining could resume safely at the Crandall Canyon Mine.

"I can say unequivocally that's inadvisable because of the pressures that have been exerted in that mine and the tragedy we've seen in the past two weeks. It would be inadvisable to go back in that mine and begin mining again," said Jack Spadaro. He is a former director of the federal National Mine Health and Safety Academy and has advised the miners' union and attorneys representing injured miners.

The head of the national coal miners' union, which does not represent Crandall Canyon miners, said it would be "madness" to continue mining there.

"In an industry long known for having quite a few greedy and uncaring mine operators, this statement is perhaps the most callous I have ever heard," said Cecil E. Roberts, president of United Mine Workers of America International. "To do any further mining in an already unstable mine like Crandall Canyon is madness."

The missing miners' families have demanded that rescuers immediately begin drilling a wider hole into which a rescue capsule could be lowered. Olsen said the families believe it is "the safest and most effective method to rescue their loved ones."

A rescue capsule was used in 2002 to lift nine trapped miners from the flooded Quecreek mine in western Pennsylvania. But those miners were only about 230 feet below the surface, and the drill rig was set up on a gently rolling dairy farm. The Utah miners are about 1,500 feet underground.

Illegal immigrant mother of U.S.-born boy deported

Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — An illegal immigrant who took refuge in a Chicago church for a year to avoid being separated from her American-born son was deported from the United States to Mexico, where she vowed Monday to continue her campaign to change U.S. immigration laws.

Elvira Arellano, 32, became an activist and a national symbol for illegal immigrant parents as she defied her deportation order and spoke out from her sanctuary. She announced last week that she was leaving the Adalberto United Methodist Church to try to lobby U.S. lawmakers.

She had just spoken at a Los Angeles rally when she was arrested Sunday outside Our Lady Queen of Angels church and deported, said the Rev. Walter Coleman, pastor of Adalberto United Methodist.

"They were in a hurry to deport me because they saw that I was threatening to mobilize and organize the people to fight for legalization," Arellano said in Spanish outside a Tijuana apartment building where she was staying with a friend. "I have a fighting spirit and I'm going to continue fighting."

Arellano, who said she is a single mother, left her 8-year-old son, Saul, in the care of Coleman's family. She said he might be brought to her in Tijuana sometime Monday.

"He is a little bit sick because of the situation we find ourselves in," she said. "I'm going to ask if he wants to stay with me or if he wants to return to his school" in the United States.

The boy hid behind the pastor's

wife and wiped away tears during a news conference in Los Angeles. Mexican authorities did not know the identity or whereabouts of the boy's father, said Luis Cabrera, Mexico's general consul in San Diego.

Opponents of illegal immigration said Arellano's arrest was overdue, and a U.S. immigration official said she had been a criminal fugitive.

Mexican authorities said the deportation highlighted a need to overhaul U.S. immigration laws.

"It's tragic when a mother is separated from her son," Cabrera said.

Arellano asked to speak with Mexican officials in Los Angeles but was denied, Cabrera said. She was not given access until hours later, at San Diego's Otay Mesa immigration detention center.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was unaware of any request that Arellano made to speak with Mexican officials in Los Angeles, and Arellano was given extensive access in San Diego Sunday night, agency spokeswoman Lauren Mack said.

Arellano was deported at San Diego's San Ysidro border crossing around 10 p.m. PDT after U.S. authorities determined that she had exhausted her legal recourse.

"This was a very, very sensitive removal for us as well as Mexico," Mack said.

Arellano said the deportation process was "very quick."

She said she may return to her home in the Mexican state of Michoacan and then return to Tijuana in September for a demonstration coinciding with planned immigration protests in the United States.

Jim Hayes, director of ICE in Los Angeles, said "proper perspective" should be placed on the woman's case. Using a false identity, as in the case of Arellano, who was convicted of using someone else's Social Security number, can be a threat to national security, he said.

"We don't think she's a martyr," Hayes said. "She was a criminal fugitive who is in violation of the law."

Anti-illegal immigrant groups applauded the arrest.

"Just because the woman has gone public and made an issue of the fact that she is defying law doesn't mean the government doesn't have to do its job," said Ira Mehlman of the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Arellano arrived in Washington state illegally in 1997. She was soon deported to Mexico, but returned and moved to Illinois in 2000, taking a job cleaning planes at O'Hare International Airport.

She was arrested in 2002 at O'Hare and convicted of working under a false Social Security number. She was to surrender to authorities a year ago but instead sought refuge at the church on Aug. 15, 2006.

Immigration activists said they will continue Arellano's plan to go to Washington, D.C., and take part in a prayer meeting and rally for immigration reform on Sept. 12. They also called for a national boycott on that date.

The sentiment was echoed outside an ICE office in Chicago on Monday.

"Her voice will not be silenced," activist Jacobita Alonzo told a crowd of about 50 supporters.

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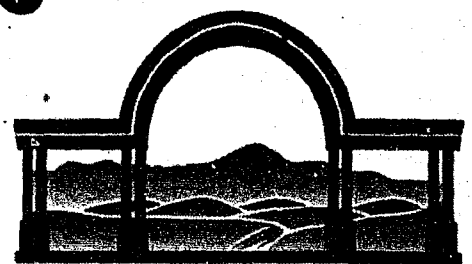
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Final victim of Minn. bridge collapse identified

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Lisa Jolstad's worst fear since the interstate bridge collapse was that her husband would still be missing in the Mississippi River after all the other victims of the disaster had been found.

That's exactly what happened. But searchers who returned to the water Monday plan to keep looking for construction worker Greg Jolstad, even though he could have been swept away forever down the river.

"They promised me they won't give up, and I believe them," Lisa Jolstad said.

Greg Jolstad, 45, was part of a crew resurfacing the bridge when it fell. He was driving a piece of construction equipment called a skid loader, which is most commonly known by the brand name Bobcat.

Kathryn Janicek, spokeswoman for Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek said finding Jolstad's body remained

the top priority of the recovery operation.

"You need to know that those guys are back in the water this morning, and we're not giving up," Janicek said Monday.

"They're continuing 24-7 to find him, period. Hopefully we'll have very good news soon."

Janicek said the county would not reveal if searchers have located Jolstad's skid loader. Recently they found several sets of human remains in cars, but the type of machinery Jolstad was operating typically is only partially enclosed.

Stanek has said that areas downstream from the bridge are also subject to search in case any victims were swept from the collapse site by the river current.

Also Monday, Gov. Tim Pawlenty asked President Bush to declare the collapse a major disaster, which would make the state eligible for more federal money.

The governor said the emergency response costs alone would be more than \$8 million.

Bush was scheduled to be in Minneapolis on Tuesday and to get a briefing on the bridge.

Greg Jolstad was one of 18 construction workers on the bridge working for Progressive Contractors Inc. The other 17 survived the collapse. Seven of them suffered injuries, but none critical.

Jolstad had worked for PCI for 10 years, often commuting 90 miles one way to road jobs in the Twin Cities from his home in the central Minnesota town of Mora.

Lisa and Greg Jolstad were married in 1995 and lived with Lisa's three teenage children from a previous marriage in a 97-year-old farmhouse north of town where Greg Jolstad grew up.

"Greg never wanted to venture far from home," Lisa Jolstad said.

Lisa Jolstad has been speaking several times a day with a Minneapolis

police officer who gives her updates on the search.

She said she's been notified immediately every time a body is found, and when it's identified.

She found out early Sunday that divers had found the body of the 12th victim, Scott Sathers, 29. That made Greg Jolstad the only person still known to be missing after the Aug. 1 collapse.

Jolstad said families of other victims have sent word through police contacts that they are concerned for Jolstad.

In the days after the collapse while staying at a Red Cross victim center, Jolstad said she bonded with relatives of Christine Sacorafas, whose body was found last week.

"I was going to go to Christina's funeral today, but I couldn't find anybody to drive with me, and I didn't want to be down there alone if there's news about Greg," she said on Monday.

Jolstad said her main source of support has been Greg's mother, Dorothy Svendsen.

"We're leaning on each other," Lisa said.

A tax assessor currently between jobs, Lisa Jolstad is living for now on her husband's paycheck, which PCI has continued to issue, as well as paying for grief counselors for family members.

"Everyone at the company is just heartsick for Greg's family," said David Lillehaug, PCI's attorney.

Lisa Jolstad said she's trying to keep occupied by getting the farmhouse ready for winter.

"I sit home every night, and I just can't believe he's not coming home," she said.

"I look out the back door window and it's weird not to see his truck out there. I look out the bathroom window at the sky and know he's up there, and I say, you know, why did you have to leave, Greg?"

Common virus may be contributing to obesity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the buffet of reasons for why Americans are getting fatter, researchers are piling more evidence on the plate for one still-controversial cause: a virus.

New research announced Monday found that when human stem cells, (the blank slate of the cell world), were exposed to a common virus they turned into fat cells.

They didn't just change, they stored fat, too.

While this may be a guilt-free explanation for putting on pounds, it doesn't explain all or even most of America's growing obesity problem.

But it adds to other recent evidence that blames expanding waistlines on more than just super-sized appetites and underused muscles.

For several years, researchers have looked at a possible link between obesity and this common virus, called adenovirus-36, from a family of viruses that cause colds and pinkeye in people.

They had already found that a higher percentage of fat people had been infected with the virus than nonfat people.

They had exposed animals to the virus and got them to fatten up and even found a gene in the virus that causes animals to get obese.

But ethical restraints kept researchers from exposing

people to the virus to see what happens.

So they did what would be considered the next best thing, said Nikhil Dhurandhar, who headed the research at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in the Louisiana State University system.

They took fat tissue from people who had liposuction, removed adult stem cells from the tissue and exposed the cells to the virus in the lab.

Adult stem cells can regenerate and turn into different types of specialized cells to help the body heal itself.

More than half the stem cells exposed to the virus turned into fat cells and accumulated fats, while only a small percentage of the non-exposed stem cells did the same, said researcher Dr. Magdalena Pasarica, who presented the results Monday at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting in Boston.

"It's the first time we see an effect in human cells," Pasarica said in a phone interview.

If a viral cause of obesity can be confirmed, a vaccine could be developed, maybe within five to 10 years, to prevent the virus from making some people fat, Dhurandhar said. However, it wouldn't help people already obese, he said.

Outside experts are intrigued but worry about people blaming all obesity on viruses, when this may be just one of

many causes. It doesn't mean it's OK to overeat, blame a bug or wait for some kind of antiviral medicine, they said.

"The cause for obesity in everyone is the same," said Dr. Samuel Klein, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

"You eat more calories than you burn up; you can't get away from that basic law of physics."

But there are many causes that trigger overeating and extra storage of fat in the body, including the virus, Klein said.

However, he said he considers the virus only a small factor, easily outweighed by genetics and even childhood eating habits.

Dhurandhar said some of his earlier research found that 30 percent of obese Americans had developed antibodies to the virus, showing they had been exposed to it at some point.

But for non-obese people, only 11 percent had antibodies, he said.

That means for some people it is not their fault they are fat, Dhurandhar said.

But Klein said that's not completely right.

"We don't want obese people to feel that it's all their fault because it is not all their fault ... but clearly the buck finally lies with the person," Klein said.

UI Parking and Transportation Services Public 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," as it relates to campus regulations 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 parking 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 rouch@uidaho.edu. Comments will be accepted until September 14th.

Parking and Transportation Services would like to update the campus community on the status of some of the policy changes that have been approved:

Disability Parking

The University of Idaho's Parking and Transportation Services is in the process of developing a disability parking permit system for implementation during next year's (2008-09) academic year. There have been questions regarding our authority to charge for disability parking and whether this is allowed under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The new system will be fully compliant with state and federal laws, including the ADA, Idaho State Statutes and it will be respectful of the needs of our disabled patrons. Accommodating disabled members of the University community will remain as a top priority of the University of Idaho's Parking and Transportation Services.

Visitor Permits

The number of free visitor permits issued has been reduced to 12 permits/person/year. Visitor permits can be obtained at Parking and Transportation Services in the North Campus Center and at the SUB. Plans are being developed to move the distribution of visitor permits to one central Visitor Information Center located in the SUB. More information on that transition will be forthcoming.

It is anticipated that departmentally issued visitor permits will still be requested through Parking and Transportation Services. Departments can assist in ensuring a positive experience for University visitors and guests by planning ahead, notifying Parking and Transportation Services early and providing accurate information to their guests. Guests/visitors should always be clearly notified of the details of the campus parking regulations in order to avoid receiving a parking citation.

Permit Violations Policy

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Scientists around world race to create artificial life

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Around the world, a handful of scientists are trying to create life from scratch and they're getting closer.

Experts expect an announcement within three to 10 years from someone in the now little-known field of "wet artificial life."

"It's going to be a big deal and everybody's going to know about it," said Mark Bedau, chief operating officer of ProtoLife of Venice, Italy, one of those in the race. "We're talking about a technology that could change our world in pretty fundamental ways — in fact, in ways that are impossible to predict."

That first cell of synthetic life — made from the basic chemicals in DNA — may not seem like much to non-scientists. For one thing, you'll have to look in

a microscope to see it.

"Creating protocells has the potential to shed new life on our place in the universe," Bedau said. "This will remove one of the few fundamental mysteries about creation in the universe and our role."

And several scientists believe man-made life forms will one day offer the potential for solving a variety of problems, from fighting diseases to locking up greenhouse gases to eating toxic waste.

Bedau figures there are three major hurdles to creating synthetic life:

- A container, or membrane, for the cell to keep bad molecules out, allow good ones, and the ability to multiply.
- A genetic system that controls the functions of the cell, enabling it to reproduce and mutate in response to environmental changes.
- A metabolism that extracts

raw materials from the environment as food and then changes it into energy.

One of the leaders in the field, Jack Szostak at Harvard Medical School, predicts that within the next six months, scientists will report evidence that the first step — creating a cell membrane — is "not a big problem." Scientists are using fatty acids in that effort.

Szostak is also optimistic about the next step — getting nucleotides, the building blocks of DNA, to form a working genetic system.

His idea is that once the container is made, if scientists add nucleotides in the right proportions, then Darwinian evolution could simply take over.

"We aren't smart enough to design things, we just let evolution do the hard work and then we figure out what happened," Szostak said.

In Gainesville, Fla., Steve

Benner, a biological chemist at the Foundation for Applied Molecular Evolution is attacking that problem by going outside of natural genetics.

Normal DNA consists of four bases — adenine, cytosine, guanine and thymine (known as A,C,G,T) — molecules that spell out the genetic code in pairs.

Benner is trying to add eight new bases to the genetic alphabet.

Bedau said there are legitimate worries about creating life that could "run amok," but there are ways of addressing it, and it will be a very long time before that is a problem.

"When these things are created, they're going to be so weak, it'll be a huge achievement if you can keep them alive for an hour in the lab," he said. "But them getting out and taking over, never in our imagination could this happen."

Odd coalition looks to protect Idaho's open spaces

Associated Press

BOISE — A coalition of ranchers, environmental groups, timber growers and farmers — allied by the rapid growth that's eating up Idaho's wild and agricultural lands — say they will try again to enact tax breaks for conservation easements in the 2008 Legislature.

The Idaho Working Lands Initiative wants ranchers, timberland owners and farmers to be able to claim a state income tax credit for lands protected from development with conservation easements. Those easements could be with government or private land trusts.

"This is the way you build consensus in Idaho."

John FREEMUTH
Boise State faculty

"It is a remarkable coalition," said Boise State's John Freemuth, an expert on western land use. "This is the way you build consensus in Idaho."

What has helped bridge the gap between people who work the land and people who want wild places protected is that both are disappearing in Idaho.

"A lot of people in our industry have been critical of The Nature Conservancy," said Jim Little of Emmett, a descendant of ranchers who helped convince cattlemen that the Working Lands Initiative was in their best interest. "But we woke up to the fact that what

Last year, a measure failed that would have set the tax credit at 50 percent of the appraised value of the lands.

Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, a rancher who chairs the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, said the chances are good that some type of tax-credit bill will be passed by lawmakers in 2008.

"I was amazed," he told the Idaho Statesman. "Everybody was reasonable. I'm impressed so many people with that many different interests would come together."

In 2005, the Nature Conservancy began the push to protect open space in Idaho. That organization as well as the Idaho Farm Bureau, Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Wool Growers, Intermountain Forest Association, Idaho Conservation League, Trust for Public Land, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Idaho Wildlife Federation are also part of the Working Lands Initiative.

they're trying to do really gets in line with what of a lot of us ranchers want. We want open space. We like to see wildlife. And when our neighbors sell out, we're losers also."

The measure that sponsors want to pitch to the 2008 Legislature would make a good fit with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposal to establish a \$50 million trust to preserve private lands that are deemed to have significant value for wildlife.

Idaho trails the pack when it comes to land-protection incentives. Wyoming and Nevada have \$200 million land trusts. New Mexico, Colorado and California offer tax credits.

"You lose a little tax revenue, but what have you gained?" asked Kirk David, who owns timberland in rapidly growing Kootenai County in northern Idaho. "You've kept the quality of life, you've kept the things everybody likes about Idaho."

Teachers orgs saying 'yes' to merit pay tied to students' test scores

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While the words "merit pay" drew hisses and boos at a recent teachers' union convention, educators are endorsing contracts that pay bonuses for boosting students' test scores.

The National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers oppose linking a teacher's paycheck to how well their students do on tests. But that is not stopping Rob Weil, the AFT's deputy director of educational issues, from helping local unions hammer out contracts that include new merit-pay plans.

"We don't have a message on a board that says, 'Hey, thinking about this?'" he said. But he said the AFT feels obliged to assist chapters that have decided to go this route. Teachers usually are paid according to a century-old career ladder that rewards seniority and levels of education. The system was designed to ensure fair compensation for women and minorities. The average starting salary today is about \$31,000.

"They don't make enough money, especially the good ones — especially the great ones," said Louis Malfaro, the teachers' union president in Austin, Texas, where nine schools are part of a pilot program to overhaul how teachers are paid.

Malfaro said Austin's approach is modeled partly on Denver's, which links salaries to students' test scores and other measures. Malfaro says the Austin effort will expand slowly and be evaluated methodically to avoid the kinds of mistakes made elsewhere.

"Our approach has been a slow, deliberate and steady one," Malfaro said. "This is a highway with wrecked cars all over it."

Florida recently had to retool a merit-pay plan after a large number of districts opted out, citing teacher concerns. A plan in Houston came under criticism because it was put in place over teachers' objections.

Vanderbilt University education professor Jim Guthrie said the involvement of teachers is essential.

"I just put myself in their shoes. All of a sudden you are going to change all the rules and you're not going to talk to me?" said Guthrie, who is assisting districts that got federal grants to implement merit pay.

Weil, the AFT official, said teacher compensation has to be bargained locally. He also said the new plans should make good professional development available to increase the chances that teachers will raise students' achievement.

Union opposition to merit pay stems partly from failed efforts of the 1980s. In those cases, principals generally were given the power to decide who would get the additional dollars.

"They often had no basis of any objective measure of performance," said Susan Moore Johnson, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. "So what sometimes happened is there would be different awards made to different individuals and they would become public, and people would be appalled at the individuals who were given the awards or not given the awards."

The 2002 No Child Left Behind law has placed a greater emphasis on using objective data in schools. The law requires annual math and reading tests. The scores of students in certain grades are compared year to year.

Lawmakers want to change the law, which is up for renewal, to encourage schools to measure individual student progress over time instead of using snapshot comparisons of certain grade levels.

Once schools track that, they could look at which teachers consistently are moving students along, say children's advocates. Some places, including Tennessee, already are doing this. But teachers say many factors affect test scores, including some that are beyond their control; for example, family income and level of parental involvement.

While individual student scores already are tied to teachers' pay in Denver and elsewhere, Austin's program relies on test scores to reward all teachers for school-wide gains.

Johnson, the Harvard professor, said that is fair. "It's becoming clear to do math well, you have to read well. So if students do well in math, do you give that math teacher the bonus? Or do you give that bonus to the reading teacher two years before?"

Malfaro said Austin's approach will encourage teachers to collaborate instead of competing. To further encourage that, some teachers will serve as mentors. As in Denver, principals and teachers will work together to set goals at the start of the year.

"If this is just about making money a different way and isn't about forcing systemwide change, then I think it fails to live up to its potential," Malfaro said. "Then I think it's just going to be one more education fad that kind of came up, got kicked around for a few years, and then faded out. And that would be a shame."

The Austin school board approved more than \$4 million annually to fund the pilot

program. A districtwide plan would cost at least \$30 million annually, which voters would have to approve, Malfaro says.

A study of the pilot program in Denver, before it was expanded, showed that the changes improved student achievement. That probably helped persuade voters to support a \$25 million-a-year tax increase to pay for expanding it to the entire school system.

"The federal government, foundations and states also are helping finance new teacher-pay programs. The chairman of the House education committee, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., says he wants the revised No Child Left Behind law to include money for a new merit-pay effort.

Among states, Minnesota is out front on the issue. The Minnesota Legislature passed a law two years ago encouraging districts and teachers to develop

new pay plans, partly linked to student test scores. There is excitement about the change in the three dozen or so districts that have undertaken it, says Randi Kirchner, professional pay systems coordinator for Education Minnesota, a union that operates at the state level.

Kirchner acknowledges some national union leaders do not support pay plans linked to student scores. But she says the Minnesota system is more acceptable than some others because student scores are just one of many measures used and teachers have a strong say in whether the new plans are put in place and what they look like.

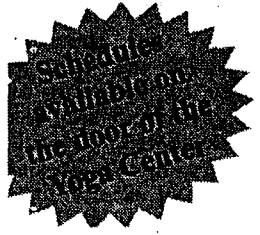
"We didn't just sit on the sidelines," she said. "We chose to be actively involved, so Minnesota would have a workable system that focuses on the best ways to improve teaching and learning."

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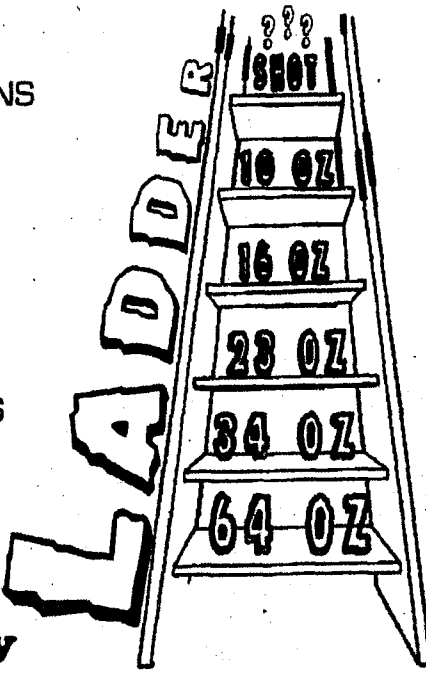
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Idaho oxycodone use climbs dramatically

Rebecca Boone
Associated Press

BOISE — Prescriptions for oxycodone-based drugs — the highly effective pain relievers often called "hillbilly heroin" because of their potential for abuse — have increased 575 percent in Idaho between 1997 and 2005, according to numbers from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

Some doctors say the increase simply represents a medical trend toward better pain management in seriously injured or ill patients. Some pharmacists say oxycodone abusers are shopping around until they find a doctor who will prescribe them the powerful drug.

And some addiction specialists say Idaho's demographic profile is partly to blame — that in a state where many of the residents are members of the alcohol, caffeine and nicotine-shunning Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, doctor-prescribed pain reliev-

ers offer a chance at a "legitimized" high.

Gay Yow, an alcohol and drug abuse counselor at The Walker Center, an inpatient facility in Gooding, Idaho, said the number of painkiller-addicted patients being treated by the center has nearly doubled in recent years, nearly eclipsing the number of methamphetamine addicts at the center.

"For the last few years we've had a lot of LDS people coming in for treatment of prescription pills," she said. "It's not considered taboo to take medications from a doctor. They don't drink, they take prescription pills."

The numbers from the Drug Enforcement Agency show the biggest jump in oxycodone sales occurred in eastern Idaho, a heavily Mormon region of the state. Between 1997 and 2005, prescription sales of oxycodone in the region including Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg and Salmon jumped more than 1,200 percent. An aging population in that region does not ap-

pear to be to blame — the median age of those purchasing the medications hovered in the late 20s and early 30s, according to the agency. Though the prescriptions are often legally legitimate, Yow said, addicts may resort to trickery to get the drugs.

One man came to The Walker Center with only a few teeth, Yow said.

Addicted to prescription painkillers, the man kept going to dentists, complaining of severe tooth pain. Each time, the dentist would pull the offending tooth and give him a prescription for a heavy-duty painkiller to take as he recovered. For the addict, losing a perfectly healthy tooth seemed like a small price to pay to get the drug he so desperately needed, Yow said.

"You get people who will actually harm themselves, break bones on purpose and stuff like that," she said. "One kid kept complaining that his side was aching so he could get the meds. He ended up getting an appen-

dectomy, and he didn't have anything wrong with his appendix."

Mike Merrill, the vice chairman of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy and a pharmacist at Mike's Pharmacy in Idaho Falls, believes that oxycodone may be the most often abused drug in his region. Like other pharmacies in Idaho, Merrill's business often reports painkiller prescriptions to a statewide database in an effort to catch abusers who may be getting similar prescriptions from more than one doctor and filling them at more than one pharmacy.

"We're checking people all the time to make sure they're not doctor shopping. We can request a print out of where you've purchased medications in Idaho," he said.

The system has a few problems, however — it can take up to six weeks to access the data, and not all of Idaho's neighboring states participate in the tracking system. That allows a prescription drug abuser to fill some

prescriptions in Idaho, and some in Washington to avoid being flagged by Idaho's tracking system, he said.

But Bob Seehusen, the chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association, said there's a legitimate reason for the increase in Idaho's painkiller prescriptions.

"There's been more and more education given to physicians on the appropriate use of pain management substances," Seehusen said.

In the past, doctors would often leave pain untreated or under-treated, he said. But several years ago medical studies began showing that patients needed more treatment to deal with pain, and the profession responded by prescribing more painkillers, he said.

"That's not necessarily a bad thing," Seehusen said. "We're doing a better job and managing pain and extending people's lives. But there's a very fine line — when is someone that's in extended, severe pain starting to get addicted to the medication?"

Kootenai county mulls recycling options

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Some residents in northern Idaho say local governments need to do a better job of making it possible for garbage to be recycled rather than going to landfills.

"Our government needs to be more proactive to help the environment," said Clarice May, who was shocked to get garbage cans larger than recycle bins when she moved to Post Falls from Seattle. "There's a potential to create jobs. The recycling is very limited."

Alexander Ikefuna, community development director for Post Falls, said residents need more information on the benefits of recycling.

"Reporting of the tonnage recycled every year and how much landfill space was saved as a result of the recycling tends to stimulate participation," he told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "A lot of materials generated by commercial and office establishments can be recycled."

May said some people on

the street she lives on have stopped recycling because of what she said are strict instructions on sorting items and a limit on what can be recycled locally. "On my street, I'm the only one who recycles," she said. "It's just not easy and there's too many rules. It's not consumer-oriented."

But recyclers exist in the area, though they too said the mind-set of residents isn't geared toward recycling.

"In Portland, it's bred and pushed," said Jared Ellison, general manager of IMCO Recycling in Post Falls. "The culture just hasn't been here to do that. It seems if you don't do it just right, you're hassled."

But the company only accepts material from scrap dealers and quantities in truckloads. Ellison said he's backing Kootenai County's idea for a transfer station at another site that could gather material to be recycled.

"We receive a half-dozen calls a day from private parties or restaurants and beer halls (to bring in aluminum), so we have to turn them down and give them contact infor-

mation," Ellison said.

May said it wouldn't take much effort to make residents more likely to recycle.

"If it was easy, they'd do it because they enjoy the area so much," she said.

Roger Saterfiel, director of solid waste for Kootenai County, said recycling could be better in Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene, where curbside recycling is available.

"How successful is it? Not very," he said. "It's good because we have something and something is better than nothing. It's not as user-friendly as it should be."

He said Kootenai County residents produce about 700 tons of garbage every day, twice the national average for areas that are similar.

Saterfiel said part of the reason for Kootenai County residents not recycling as much as they could is that they can dump most items for free at their landfill.

"What we've done is made it so affordable and created this perception that it's free. It's not free, but that's the perception," Saterfiel said.

Mexico abandons Gulf oil rigs ahead of Hurricane Dean arrival

Associated Press

TULUM, Mexico — Tens of thousands of tourists fled the beaches of the Mayan Riviera on Monday as monstrous Hurricane Dean roared toward the ancient ruins and modern oil installations of the Yucatan Peninsula.

Mexico's state oil company, Petroleos de Mexico, said it was evacuating all of its more than 14,000 offshore workers in the southern Gulf of Mexico, which includes the giant Cantarell oil field.

Cancun seemed likely to be spared a direct hit, but visitors abandoned its swank hotels to swarm outbound flights. Officials evacuated more rustic lodgings farther south, where Dean 6 which has killed at least 12 people across the Caribbean 6 was expected to smash ashore early Tuesday.

Eric Morovich of Orange County, Calif., waited outside Cancun's airport after trying unsuccessfully to book a ferry, rent a boat and charter an airplane.

"The next option is swimming, I guess," he joked.

Dean already had winds of 150 mph as it brushed past the Cayman Islands on Monday, but the U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm could grow even stronger into a giant Category 5 hurricane before striking Mexico. At 5 p.m. EDT, Dean was centered 230 miles east-southeast of Mexico's stunning seaside ruins of Tulum.

A hurricane warning was in effect from Cancun all the way south through Belize. All hospitals were closed in Belize City, the country's biggest, and authorities urged residents to leave, saying Dean is too strong for their shelters. Meteorologists said a storm surge of 12 to 18 feet was possible at the storm's center.

The storm was expected to slash across the Yucatan and emerge in the Gulf of Campeche, where Petroleos de Mexico decided Monday to shut down production on the offshore rigs that extract most of the nation's oil.

Shutting the 407 oil wells in the Campeche Sound will result in a production loss of 2.7 million barrels of oil and 2.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas

a day, Pemex said.

Of that, about 1.7 million barrels of oil a day is exported from three Gulf ports, where Pemex was loading the final tankers before shutting them as well.

Central Mexico was next on the storm's path, though the outer bands were likely to bring rain, flooding and gusty winds to south Texas, already saturated after an unusually rainy summer.

At the southern tip of Texas, officials urged residents to evacuate ahead of the storm. "Our mission is very simple. It's to get people out of the kill zone, to get people out of the danger area, which is the coasting of Texas," said Johnny Cavazos, Cameron County's chief emergency director.

Officials in the resort town of South Padre Island distributed sandbags after a state of emergency was declared.

In Mexico, the Quintana Roo state government said about two-thirds of the 60,000 tourists in the Cancun area had left. Some camped overnight at the city's airport to ensure a flight out. Many others were turned away.

"I'm just hoping that we get out in time. We've got two little kids back in the States," Morovich said. But the heavyset man wasn't too worried about survival, saying: "It would take at least a Category 5 to blow me away."

Workers hammered plywood over the windows of hotels along the tourist strip, where the skyline is still marked with cranes used to repair the damage of Hurricane Wilma. That storm caused \$3 billion in losses in 2005.

Dean could be even stronger than Wilma, which stalled over Cancun and pummeled it for a day.

The fast-moving Dean was passing farther south, and was likely to deliver a brief but powerful punch to Mexico's Maya heartland.

That area stretches from Tulum south to the growing beach resort at Mahahual, where authorities evacuated hundreds of tourists on Monday. Between the two lies the 2.5 million-acre Sian Kaan nature reserve, with a 1,200-year-old network of Mayan canals.

Government anthropologists said they were preparing 13 archaeological sites for the storm, pruning trees and removing signs and vegetation that strong winds could turn into damaging projectiles.

Cancun still could face tropical-storm-force winds forecast to extend over an area of about 75,000 square miles, about the size of Nebraska or South Dakota.

"We're leaving. You don't play around with nature," fisherman Maclovio Manuel Kanul said, pulling equipment from his beachfront fishing shack near Cancun.

"We still haven't been able to recover from Wilma, and now this is coming."

Belize, just south of Mexico, evacuated 6,000 people from the country's main tourist resort, San Pedro on Ambergris Caye, and 500 or so from nearby Caye Caulker, said national emergency coordinator James Jan Mohammed.

People were urged to leave low-lying areas.

Authorities evacuated Belize City's three hospitals and were moving high-risk patients to the inland capital, Belmopan, founded after 1961's Hurricane Hattie devastated Belize City. Belize City Mayor Zenaída Moya urged people to leave, saying shelters aren't strong enough to withstand a storm of Dean's size.

Dean, the first hurricane of the Atlantic season, raked Jamaica and the Cayman Islands on Sunday, but both escaped the full brunt of the storm.

In Jamaica, the storm uprooted trees, flooded roads and collapsed some buildings. Downed utility poles left thousands without electricity or telephone service.

Police said two men were killed: one when his house collapsed and another struck by flying debris.

Haitian officials on Monday reported two more deaths from the storm, raising the storm's death toll in the Caribbean to at least 12.

The worst storm to hit Latin America in modern times was 1998's Hurricane Mitch, which killed nearly 11,000 people and left more than 8,000 missing, most in Honduras and Nicaragua.

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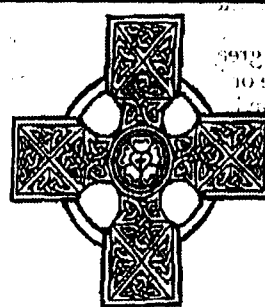
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OurVIEW

Doing good feels good

During the first days of the school year students are given many opportunities to get involved in campus activities. Students can join a club, help with an event or get an on-campus job, any of which can be an important part of the college experience.

Students, being the idealists they are, are also looking for ways to do good for others. This is great because there are plenty of opportunities to get involved by volunteering, or, if you don't have much time, just giving food, material goods or even money.

We are all pretty privileged to be here. Most of us have a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs and even a little extra time and money for ourselves. Though it may seem tough to be a student sometimes, we have it pretty good.

That extra time spent watching TV could do a world of good for someone else. In the past, students have given their Spring Breaks to help with Hurricane Katrina relief, given spare time to get playgrounds built and organized campus wide awareness campaigns for important causes.

Even if there is no time to volunteer, there is always an opportunity to give. Give up a few cans of soup to the food bank or collect blankets and clothing for the homeless.

For those not looking to spend time or money, or give up any of their possessions, there is always giving blood. Young, healthy bodies have plenty of blood, so why not give up a few pints?

Last year, Sodexo provided students with an opportunity to give back in the form of online surveys. Every time a student took the time to fill out a survey Sodexo gave \$1 to the Moscow Food Bank, resulting in a \$1,639 donation. Filling out a survey may not seem like much, but 1,639 surveys add up.

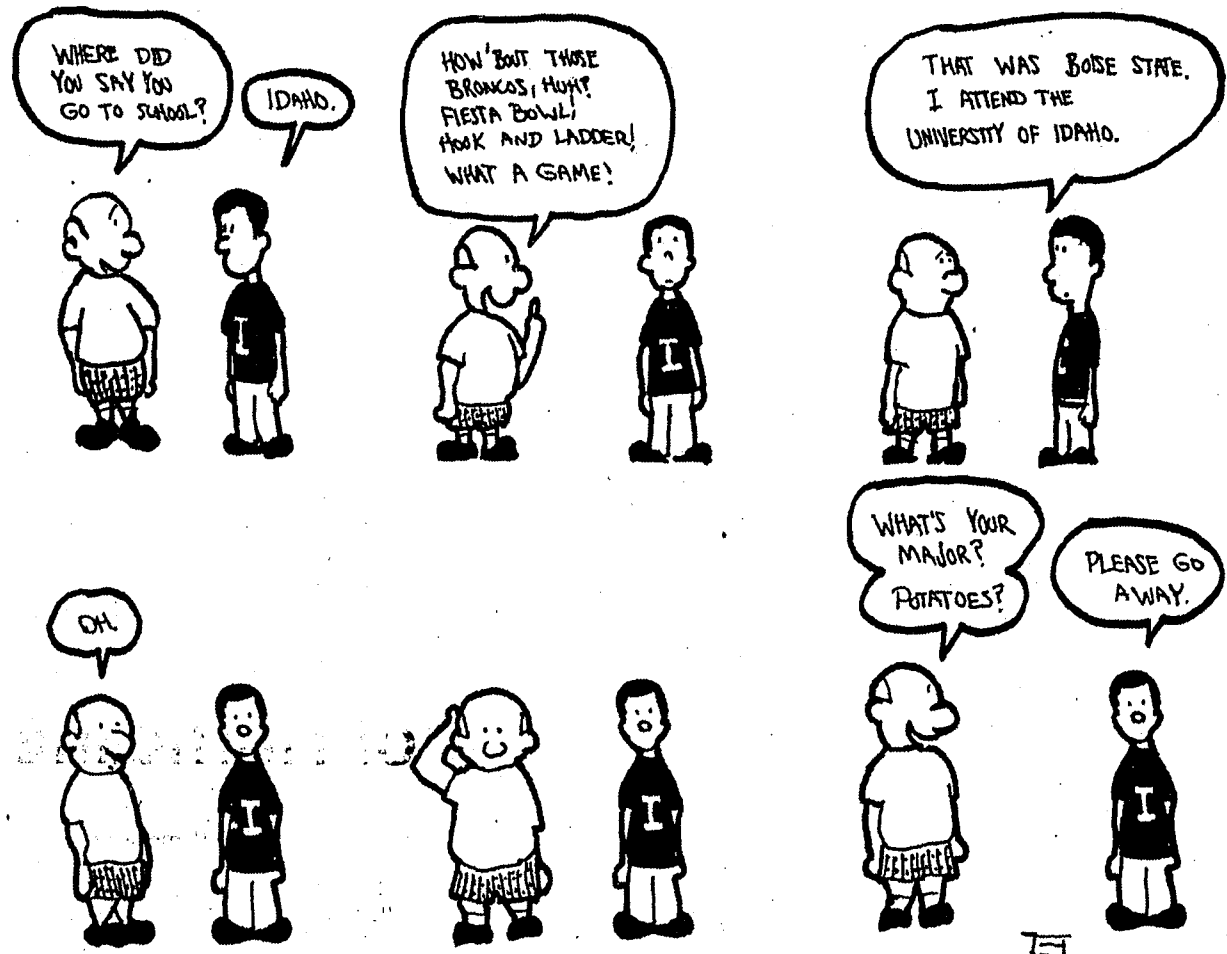
The ASUI Center for Volunteerism & Social Action is a great place to start when looking for ways to get involved and do something good for the community, or the world. Visit www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer for more information on Alternative Service Breaks, KaBoom!, days of service, blood drives and other ways to volunteer.

Volunteering and giving is not only good for those you help, but it just makes you feel good. And the good karma points might just help you out in your classes too.

— RH

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Paul Tong/Argonaut

Hip-hop Barack, you don't stop

Raise your hand if you are surprised that Barack Obama has made it into hip-hop songs. You aren't, are you? Me neither.

Before you start calling me a racist, I wasn't the first person to notice this. I read it on CNN.com.

But here's the thing. As young and fresh as B-Rock is, his musical tastes are old school. And I don't mean Grand Master Flash. "I'm more of a jazz guy, a Miles Davis, a John Coltrane guy, more of a Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder kind of guy," Obama said in a June interview with a New York radio station. "But having said that, I'm current enough that on my iPod I've got a little bit of Jay-Z. I've got a little Beyonce."

That puts him one step ahead of me. I don't have an iPod.

Jay-Z, however, is not one of the namedroppers. The most famous are Common and Talib Kweli.

"He's fresh, you know, he's got good style," Common told CNN.

"As far as people in my age group and people that love hip-hop, there's a love for Obama. He represents progress. He represents what

hip-hop is about. Hip-hop is about progress, the struggle."

Some of rap and hip-hop's "progress" has come under fire recently and top names like Russell Simmons are calling for a change in lyrical content. Obama has voiced similar concerns. It might seem like Obama and the hip-hop community should clash.

"He might say something I don't agree with; that definitely might happen," Kweli told CNN.

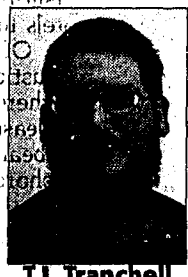
"But whatever. It just depends on what it is. ... I think Hillary Clinton voting to go to war is a bigger mistake than Bill Clinton saying something bad about Sister Souljah."

Ah, Sister Souljah.

Where are you when your country needs you? That was 1992, before Clinton became a hero to millions by playing his sax on Arsenio Hall.

For those who don't remember that election cycle, Clinton had blasted Sister Souljah (Souljah=soldier, get it?), for "controversial comments on racial violence."

That's how it goes. I can't remember Tipper Gore ending up



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Condoms, casual sex go hand in hand

Sex is fun and exciting and, in many opinions, should be reserved for that one special person.

However, not everyone does, or wants to, adhere to that concept. For those individuals, there are some simple rules and etiquette for having non-committal sex, or hooking up.

I always suggest that, when going out, one should decide between getting drunk or having sex. It is never a good idea to decide to do both. If that decision can't be made, before going out put a few condoms down the front your pants. That way when drinking is done and sex is imminent, when pants come off, condoms go flying and are more likely to be used.

Always establish a safety system with friends before disappearing into a bedroom. It doesn't need to require a friend wait until the act is finished, but can be something as simple as, "I will call you by 11 tomorrow morning, when I get home." Also, make sure that this friend has an address, name and number, just in case you oversleep.

Remember that no matter how great of an idea hooking up seems at the time or how amazing the other person looks, saying "no" is always an option and needs to be respected by both individuals. No does mean no!

After everything is over and fun was had by all, remember that hooking up works on the premise of non-committal sex. Just because sex happened does not constitute a relationship. It does not require awkwardness toward each other or ignoring each other. If both people desire to spend more time with each other or completely distance themselves it is completely acceptable and should be respected by both parties.

Have fun, be safe and happy hooking!

Not all condoms are equal

There are so many choices when buying condoms anymore that it is difficult to figure out which ones are the best. Does one go with the standard lubricated box, or the box full of tingling/studded condoms? Which brand is the best? Is latex or non-latex better? Why use condoms when it feels better without? The list of questions continues even further but I'll start here.

Standard lubricated condoms are found pretty much everywhere. They're basic, tested and proven to be ef-

fective in stopping pregnancy and STDs. While not 100 percent effective, condoms are still considerably more effective than other methods, such as "pulling out." As for condom additives, these are based on personal preference, for while one person may love the sensations studded condoms yield, another person may hate them.

When it comes to brands, my suggestion is to not be persuaded by advertisement alone. Trojan, for example, spends more money on advertisement than on product development whereas Durex does the opposite, thereby producing a superior brand.

Both latex and non-latex are wonderful choices. Be careful when purchasing non-latex, because a lambskin condom is not effective against STDs. Polyurethane is the leading choice for non-latex material. However, it is recommended to verify a latex allergy before switching to non-latex, since these condoms are considerably more expensive. Try non-lubricated condoms, add a more hypo-allergenic lube and if the allergic reaction ceases, continue with the latex. If the allergic reaction continues, switch condoms.

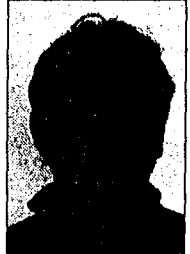
As far as condoms eliminating stimulation, it tends to be a fallacy, more than fact, for most men. One thing condoms do eliminate is a more immediate orgasm. Men tend to last longer when wearing a condom, so unless sex is only wanted for 5 minutes, a condom is a great idea.

If he absolutely refuses to wear a condom there are two options. One, don't have sex with him. It is more important to be protected than to keep him happy. Two, there are recipient condoms. They are more expensive and a little more difficult to apply, but an acceptable and effective alternative to male condoms.

Finally, condoms are not to be kept in wallets and they do have an expiration date.

Remember that condoms are everybody's best friends.

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Ugg to the rain

I don't know if I have psychic powers or if I've just lived in Moscow for way too long, but I knew it would rain on the first day of school. My shoes got wet, my hair got frizzy and I was just plain cold all day. I was upset, but I think some people used the rain as an excuse to start wearing sweats and Uggs already. Ridiculous.

— Ryli

The last first day

Barring any major mishaps, this week marks what could be my last first days ever. Sure, there is still spring semester and maybe a summer course, but I should be done with "back to school." Seeing as how I'm much closer to 30 than 20, it is about damn time.

— T.J.

12 steps?

So I have this addiction. It's a little more interesting than your run-of-the-mill alcohol or cocaine addiction, but it has the tendency to be just as expensive.

I'm addicted to school supplies. This time of year is pretty hard, since cleverly designed notebooks and brightly colored pens and pencils are about everywhere I go, even when I just need milk at Rosauers. It's damn near impossible to resist.

Maybe I'll just give in. I don't need to buy any books this year, right?

— Carissa

Death to useless words

I am campaigning against useless words. Don't be surprised if you see me running around campus with a black marker crossing off extra "thats" and "alsos." These words are not necessary. You may have noticed the Argonaut is supporting my campaign by removing "by" from our bylines. I just like things to be concise without all that extra wordiness. Here are a few words you can work on eliminating from every day usage: currently, recently, also, that, always and both. Please join me in eradicating these words.

— Savannah

Do I hear Nature Oscar?

The best movie I've seen this year is grizzly bear vs. caribou on youtube.com. Whoever directed this really captures the multiplicity of the characters — is this bear a savage predator, or simply a concerned mother? And the caribou ... brainless, hoofed quadruped, or Jason Bourne-esque radical bent on destroying a ruthless power system?

A well-orchestrated emotional thriller, GB v. C really leaves the viewer wondering who these animals are as people. The cubs provide a much needed (and adorable) subplot, but seem poorly developed and ultimately irrelevant. The stream, however, makes up for any weakness in this area by acting as an intriguing free-agent in the films fast-paced action sequence as well as a stark backdrop for the thought-provoking conclusion. Two thumbs up.

— Alec

Does size matter? With the semester just beginning, buying books is on my to-do list. Yet when it comes to buying dictionaries, does size really matter? Sure there are those huge unabridged sizes down to the pocket-sized dictionaries, but does one get short changed with the smaller dictionaries? I guess my wallet and bag size will have to decide for me.

— Christina

Life doesn't get better On Friday I locked myself in the Argonaut office to knock out some work. After a while, I decided I needed a break so I walked outside and immediately saw the Gamma Phi Beta girls sunbathing in bikinis. Ten seconds later, two guys passed me riding a wagon down a hill. Man, I love college.

— Robert

Does size matter?

Life doesn't get better

The stairwell blues

It seems that no matter where your apartment is, how much you might pay for rent or whether your welcome mat is new or left behind by others, every stairwell reeks of urine. Except mine. The smell of my new stairwell reminds me of a fish market in a third world country. But internet is included in the rent, so that's cool.

— Roger

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Clinton, Obama stake out 'experience', 'change' camps

Ron Fournier
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is too experienced, Sen. Barack Obama too raw. Listening to Democrats give their Goldilocks view of the 2008 presidential campaign must make voters wonder: Will any candidate be just right for the White House?

"Senator Obama does represent change. Senator Clinton has experience. Change and experience," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said Sunday, making a balancing gesture with his hands. "With me, you get both."

Richardson may be a long shot for the nomination, but his crack underscored a question that dominated the latest presidential debate: A change versus experience dynamic that almost surely will determine who represents the Democratic Party next year.

Obama, a first-term senator only three years out of the Illinois Legislature, casts himself as a change agent who would fix the nation's broken political system. He hopes to make Clinton's three decades in politics a detriment.

Clinton, a former first lady who entered the Senate as her husband left the White House, says she is the lone candidate with enough experience to enact change.

With Clinton and Obama defining the terms, the remaining Democratic candidates are trying to elbow their way into the "change" and "experience" camps.

"You're not going to have time in January of '09 to get ready for this job," said Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut when asked whether Obama had the background to be president. Dodd was first elected to Congress in 1976.

Put him in the experience camp with Delaware's Joe Biden, elected to the Senate in 1972. Biden said Obama was a "wonderful guy," but he stood by past statements questioning Obama's readiness.

Clinton portrayed Obama as naive and challenged his willingness to meet with leaders of renegade nations such as Cuba, North Korea and Iran.

"I do not think that a presi-

dent should give away the bargaining chip of a personal meeting with any leader unless you know what you are going to get out of that," the New York senator said.

Obama felt the elbows. "To prepare for this debate I rode in the bumper cars at the state fair," he said with a laugh before turning the issue of experience against his Senate colleagues — all of whom voted to give President Bush authority to go to war against Iraq, and now question Bush's policies.

"The thing that I wished had happened was that all the people on this stage had asked these questions before they authorized us getting in," Obama said.

"I make that point because earlier we were talking about the issue of experience," he added. "Nobody had more experience than Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney."

By putting his rivals in league with Bush's vice president and former defense secretary, Obama was telling voters that experience does not guarantee sound judgment.

Clinton, Obama and former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina share the lead in polls of Iowa Democrats.

Edwards clearly wants to be the Goldilocks candidate, offering bold proposals on health care and poverty while pledging to clean up Washington. The 2004 vice presidential nominee has challenged Democratic candidates to stop taking money from lobbyists paid to influence Washington politics.

"And at least, until now, Senator Clinton has not done it," Edwards said, citing Clinton's refusal to take the pledge. Clinton fired back, knowing that both Obama and Edwards accept tens of thousands of dollars from special interests — including health insurance companies — that lobby Washington.

"There is this artificial distinction that people are trying to make: Don't take money from lobbyists, but take money from the people who employ and hire lobbyists and give them their marching orders," she said.

The truth of this matter is

that none of the three leading candidates is pure on this issue. As Obama said in an interview with The Associated Press last week, he and his rivals swim in the same "muddy waters."

Values such as change and experience come into play when candidates have little else to debate.

"It's not unusual that this campaign comes down to qualities of a candidate because, when you get down to it, their policy differences aren't all that great," said Arthur Sanders, professor and chairman of the department of politics and international relations at Drake University.

Their change and experience narratives could backfire on Obama and Clinton.

For example, the audience of highly partisan Iowa Democrats sat stony faced when their arms crossed when Obama pledged to tackle the nation's big problems in a bipartisan way.

And the former first lady frustrates her more senior rivals, such as Dodd, who cannot understand why she is carrying the experience banner.

After all, Clinton has never run a company or a government, and her signature public policy — health care reform — failed in 1993.

"The question is not just what is your experience," Dodd told the AP, "but what have you succeeded in doing with your experience?"

He said voters who care about health care should ask Clinton, "Why did you not succeed?"

Experience will not change that question.

Ron Fournier has covered politics for the Associated Press for nearly 20 years.

Going nuclear around the Gulf

Iran is becoming quite the problem. Not only does it continue to meddle in the already unpleasant situation in Iraq, but its nuclear program makes its neighboring Persian Gulf states rather uncomfortable as well. In the middle of all this sits the American military, poised to do whatever necessary to maintain the flow of the region's essential energy supplies to the rest of the world.

The Persian Gulf is an extremely complicated area of the world. Iran on the northern side of the Gulf is home to a revolutionary Shiite theocratic government. To the south lies the Arabian Peninsula, home to wealthy and economically robust Arab Sunni states. There is a long and involved history of the relationship between Persians and Arabs, Sunnis and Shiites, but all you need to know is that they don't get along well.

Iran's nuclear program is poised to threaten more than just American, Chinese and European interests in the Gulf's energy supply. It ultimately threatens the balance of power between Iran and its Arab neighbors. What the West ultimately fears from a nuclear-armed Iran is the inevitable arms race that will ensue around the Gulf.

The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, also known as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), is an economic and political alliance of the Arab Gulf states. Under the auspices of the GCC, the Arab Gulf states have begun the development of nuclear energy as a joint multinational program. As history has shown, nations often develop nuclear energy under the guise of peaceful intent, only to later produce weapons.

Europe and China are heavily reliant on oil from the Gulf. In the early 20th century, forms of refined oil were beginning widespread use in a variety of applications. The British Empire, having discovered the economic potential of the Persian Gulf's oil supply, quickly asserted itself in the regions affairs. At that point in history Britain maintained the largest

navy of any nation, and was the undisputed master of the world's oceans. This was not so much a military advantage, but an economic one, as it allowed Britain to control and maintain the stability of international shipping and flow of commerce.

As the empire's thirst for oil grew, Britain formed several companies in conjunction with the rulers of several Persian Gulf states, the most notorious of which was the Anglo-Persian Oil Company (APOC). However, during Britain's post-war decline of the 1950s, Iran nationalized its oil supply and severed ties with what was left of the British Empire. The fate of APOC turned out not to be so bad, the company moved

into other Gulf states and the United States, where it even operates the Valdez oil terminal in Alaska. Today you know it as BP (British Petroleum). Iran's erratic behavior over the past few decades had left it with few customers in wealthy Western nations. Developing nations have sought Iran in order to meet their growing energy needs. The current principle buyer of Iranian oil is a little nation called China. Much of the rest of Europe is entirely dependent on the Gulf for adequate supplies of oil. France is so worried by Iran's current behavior that it has kept its only aircraft carrier, the FS Charles De Gaulle, in the Arabian Sea for the past several months.

After the Second World War, the United States emerged as the guardian of world commerce. Today, the United States maintains the largest, and overwhelmingly, most powerful navy in the world. Although the United States itself, at present, is not heavily reliant on Gulf oil, American companies have a vested interest in the sale of such oil in Europe and elsewhere. America also views the Gulf as part of its long-term energy supply. Regardless of energy needs, America asserts itself in foreign affairs as a means to retain its dominance. There is a reason that most

nations no longer have large navies, they don't need them. The only nations that still keep large navies are former European empires which regularly meddle in the affairs of the their former colonies, and potential enemies of the United States. For the most part, the world depends upon the United States to ensure peace and order on the high seas. This reason above all is why China has not built a navy capable of projecting power beyond Chinese waters; they have no use for such a navy as long as the current rapprochement between itself and the United States lasts.

So, the three most powerful economic regions of the world — America, China and Europe — are finding themselves in a tight predicament. All nations agree that a nuclear capable Iran is unacceptable. Iran's links with Hezbollah are much too transparent to put any doubt into anyone's mind that Iran would readily hand nuclear weapons to terrorists. However, military action against Iran would disrupt the flow of its oil, something China's rapidly growing economy cannot afford. After lessons learned from intervention in Iraqi affairs, the American people have little interest in playing nation rebuilder anytime soon. Europe has no real ability to project enough military power beyond continental Europe to successfully subdue Iran on its own. For the time being diplomacy is the avenue of choice. If the West is to intervene militarily, it will have to occur with the consent and possible participation of China.

The Arabs, on the other hand, aren't going to wait for, or rely on, the West, let alone China, to ensure their continued security. The GCC nuclear program will likely enable the Arab Gulf States to develop nuclear weapons around the same time or shortly after Iran could possibly do so. Just as the world fears Iran handling nuclear weapons to terrorists, it should fear a nuclear standoff in the Persian Gulf even more. Although nuclear weapons are safer in the hands of peaceful Arab Gulf states, continued nuclear proliferation is a danger for all humanity.



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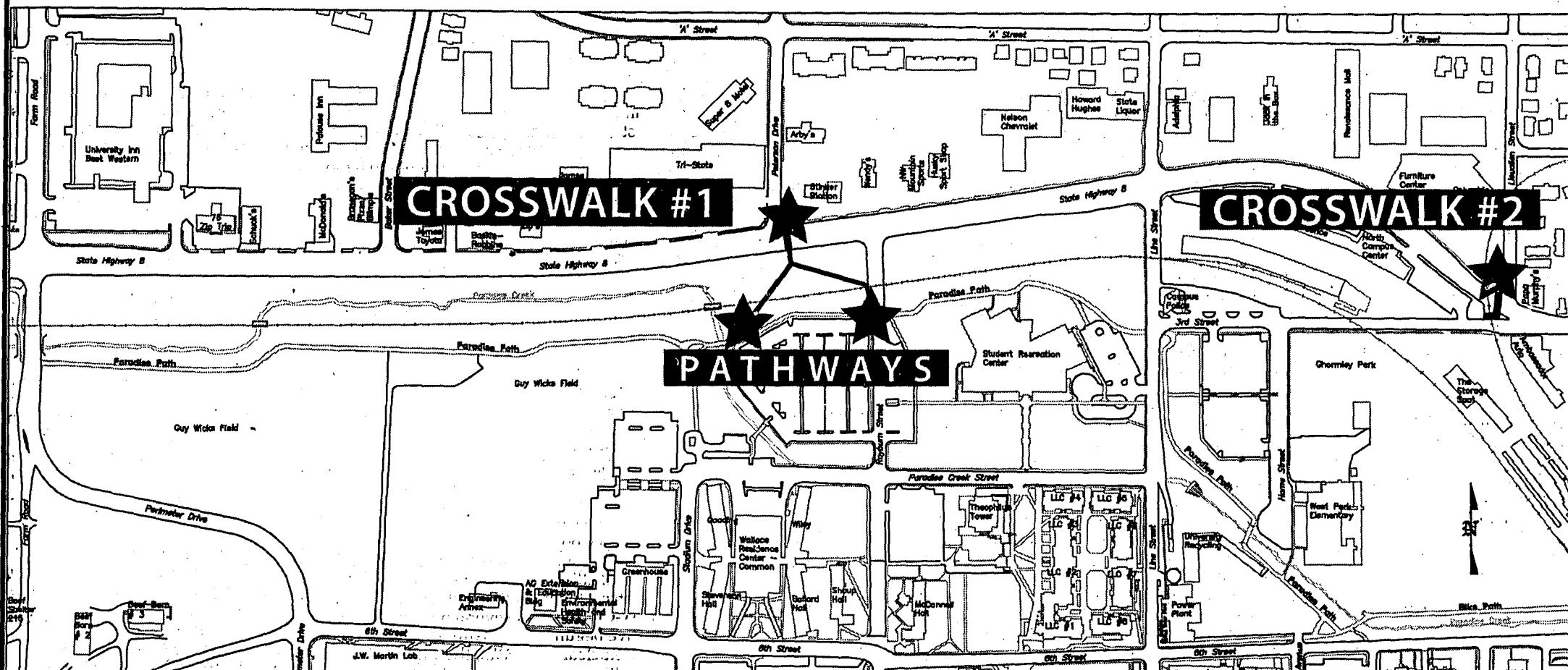
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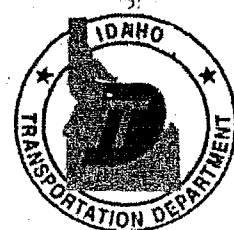
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Latest 'Evening News' reaches new heights

Christina Navarro
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Moscow's latest evening news won't be found on CNN, but at the Prichard Art Gallery.

With Seattle artist Gerrit Van Ness's exhibit "The Evening News" making its way to a gallery in New York in March, his work is definitely something to keep an eye on.

"It's nice to be represented by a New York gallery," Van Ness said. "(It's) pretty exciting."

Van Ness's inspiration stems from a deep-rooted interest for politics and pop culture, and hopes to spread his ideas to others through his work.

"This is only a part of a collection of things that express a deep range of emotions," he said.

Life-sized, colorful items come alive like characters in a Wonderland-like theme park.

While they seem humorous, they also hold a deeper meaning.

"The humor opens the door," Van Ness said. "I have fun even though the subject matter is serious."

Van Ness's use of colorful elements, concepts and hawk-like attention to detail make each piece an entertaining visual magnet.

"I just call it wonderful craftsmanship," said fellow friend and Moscow artist, Jim Christiansen.

Although his pieces may seem obvious in suggesting political themes, many go far deeper than that.

Van Ness clearly demonstrates his intellect and deep understanding of events and issues unfolding in today's society.

Each piece makes its own statement, yet the exhibit as a whole speaks one language.

"Most of the work can fit into different themes," Van Ness said. "(Yet) it's all inter-related."

Some artists lightly skim the surface of political and cultural controversies, but Van Ness dives straight into the deep end with confidence.

With the 2008 elections on

their way, the exhibit may emphasize certain political commentary.

When it comes to sharing his political or cultural commentary, Van Ness does it in a new and interesting way.

"The Evening News" hits its targets right on the dot without being overbearing.

"So much that is on TV has an agenda," Van Ness said. "I want to open people's eyes a little bit. If they question why I have done a certain piece that way, it's reached its value."

One thing is for sure, when it comes to political and social commentary no one is left out.

"I'm sort of an equal opportunity basher," Van Ness said. "I think everyone needs to get their act together and stop finger-pointing."

One thing about this exhibit is the harmony between the concepts and their physical or visual representations.

It's not common for artists to convey a concept in such a way that would instantly relate to audiences, and "The Evening News" hits close to home.

Without a history of formal art education, the talent and passion that drives this artist is uncanny.

Van Ness's art covers a myriad of elements through unconventional and intriguing concepts demonstrated in such a colorful way that makes viewers think, "of course — why didn't I think of that?"

For Van Ness, concepts are born molded into shape like a creative assembly line.

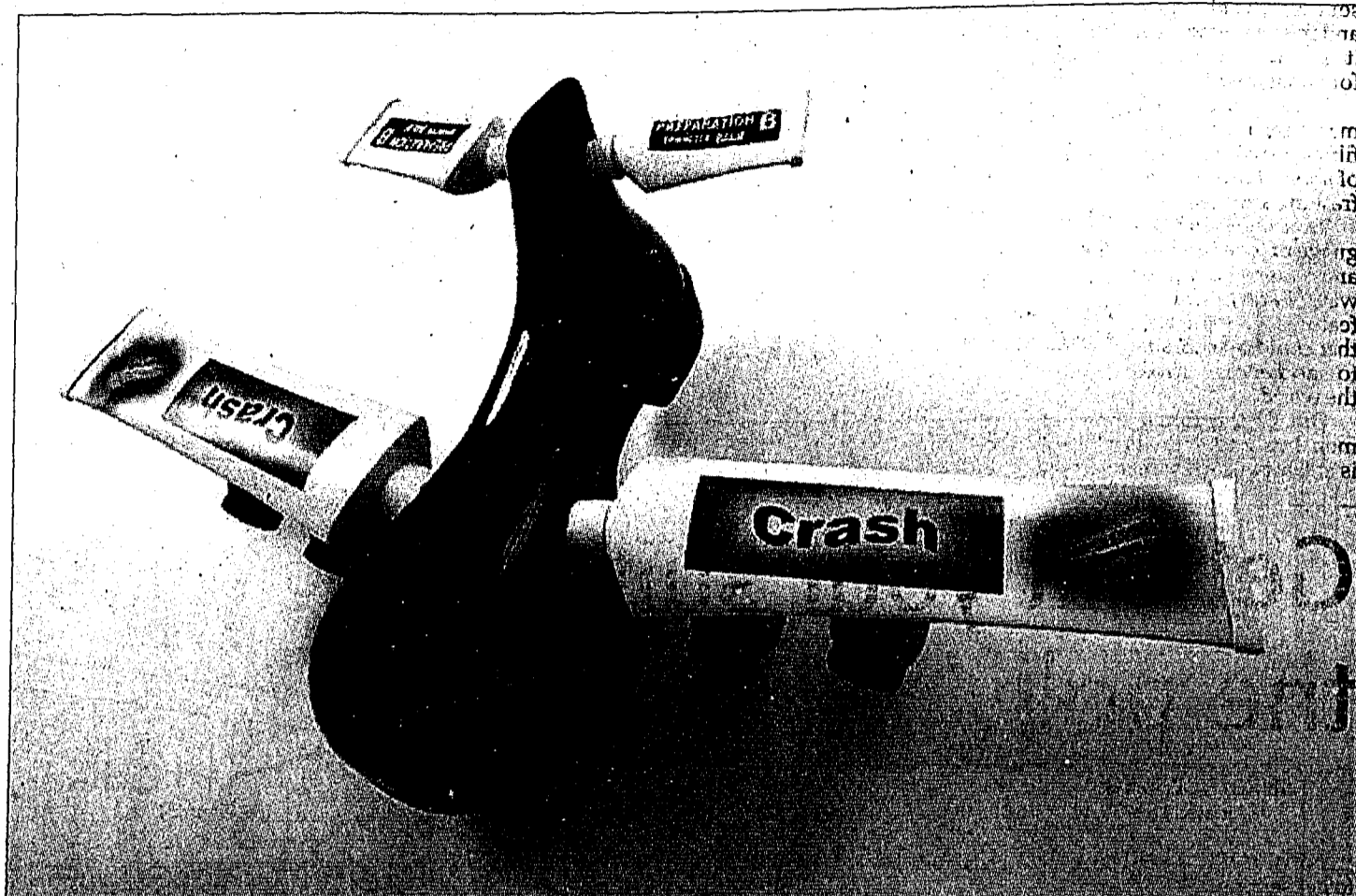
"A lot of it pops in my head," Van Ness said. "It doesn't take a lot for me to start working on another piece."

Although just finishing this project, Van Ness has another one in the works.

Van Ness said his next work will be inspired by today's "Barbies" of Los Angeles.

After experiencing several fields throughout his life, Van Ness has found his passion for art.

Van Ness has mastered working with his hands and applied his craft toward everything from building houses and furniture to creating jew-



"You Da Bomb" (above) and "Cradle of Civilization" (below) are part of the Gerrit Van Ness "Evening News" exhibit at the Prichard Gallery through Oct. 6.

elry and working for a boat manufacturing company.

"I just started doing it," he said. "This is my passion and will be for the rest of my life."

As a part of his exhibit, Van Ness's "Tin Man" series has travelled around and made its way to several art juries in the past.

Another exhibit at the Prichard, Scott Fife's "Big Trouble: The Idaho Project" resurrects a period of Idaho history through the faces of 16 sculptures.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum, Fife highlights the 1905 assassination of former Idaho governor Frank Steunenberg, along with the trial of prominent Boise labor leaders.

Both exhibits will run until Oct. 6, with a reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Prichard.



Rose to bloom in B.C., perform original songs

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

This Rose by any other name would still sound as sweet.

After performing in Moscow for several years, jazz artist Natalie Rose is thinking big and making plans for the future.

Beside getting married and moving to Vancouver, Rose's plans include starting a new album and organizing a tour.

Rose said she doesn't have anything set in stone yet, but would like to start out along the west coast, and eventually tour in countries overseas including Korea.

"We'll see what works out in the next year," she said.

A singer and songwriter since age 11, Rose said she has always been a

creative person.

"I started really enjoying composing my own stuff," she said. "What inspired me was a recording by Eva Cassidy. As soon as I heard her ... I knew I wanted to be a singer."

Since her first performance at Bucer's at age 14, Rose's growth in confidence is apparent.

"It definitely took a few performances before I knew I wanted to be a performer," she said.

Along with artists like Eva Cassidy, India Arie and Ella Fitzgerald, Rose draws inspiration from personal influences such as her mother and her voice teacher, world-renowned jazz vocalist Dee Daniels.

She began studying vocal performance as a way to express herself.

"It's my drug," Rose said. "It relaxes me. Making any music just

soothes me."

Rose graduated high school when she was 15 years old after being homeschooled and privately tutored.

After graduation, Rose's talent continued to blossom on not only the Palouse, but Vancouver, British Columbia as well.

She started studying with Daniels after graduation, and still studies with her to this day.

"She calls herself my surrogate mother," Rose said. "We talk about everything, not just music."

Rose also recorded her first self-titled debut album in Vancouver.

After Rose and her fiancé are married in October, the artist plans to return to the city to further her career. During her time in Moscow, Rose said she has worked up to four jobs at a time including music just so she

could make it.

While she said she loves Moscow, she hopes Daniels will help her establish her career in British Columbia.

"(Vancouver) is culturally rich — a music Mecca," she said. "As soon as I get a little more established as a newly-wed, I'm going to start working on a new album."

Aside from singing, Rose also plays the piano.

The artist performs in two other groups, Rosencats and as Natalie Rose Jazz. Rose will be performing solo today at the Co-op.

"A lot of the vocal effects that I do will vary," she said. "With Rosencats, I'm doing a lot of belting, mostly upbeat stuff."

She said her solo work is mellower, while Natalie Rose Jazz is more sultry.

for more INFO

Singer-songwriter Natalie Rose will perform her material solo from 6-8 p.m. today at the Moscow Food Co-op as a part of their Tuesday music series.

Can't make the Co-op performance? Catch her funk/blues/soul performance with Rosencats between 8:30-11:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Bucer's.

"It reminds me of stuff you'd hear in old jazz clubs," Rose said. "The most versatile performance is sold. From pop, blues, jazz and originals, it's very varied."

UI grad's 'Overdrawn!' is just right, uses critical thinking

Zac Campbell
Special to the Argonaut

Much like other recent documentaries, Lewiston native and University of Idaho graduate Karney Hatch's "Overdrawn!" takes the traditional feel of a documentary and gives it a personal quality by putting the filmmaker as narrator into the spotlight as he embarks on a campaign.

"This Film Is Not Yet Rated" does the same, pitting writer/narrator Kirby Dick against the M.P.A.A. counsel's use of censorship by finding out just who is on the panel — one of the best-kept secrets in the industry.

"Overdrawn!" takes a similar stance, as first time director and writer Hatch begins his documentary with a personal beef, in this case against several major banking institutions' practice of extremely

high overdraft charges.

The story begins in Moscow.

Hatch finds out that he has overdrafted on his bankcard while buying groceries for his grandparents.

As he realizes that the overdraft charges from the bank are more than the purchases, he begins researching the ever growing business of bank charges.

He begins to identify the problems inherent within the banking structure, namely the practice of applying late charges and overdraft charges in a manner that directly and disproportionately affects low-income people.

As he says: these charges are designed to kick you while you're already down.

After he is unable to make the bank reduce the charges, he embarks on a trip across the

country to speak with several major advocates for change.

Ralph Nader is the most recognizable of Hatch's interviewees and one of the most interesting. Nader shows himself to be a genuine advocate for change and a well-spoken individual.

Hatch then goes on to interview Rep. Carolyn Maloney and Sarah Ludwig of the Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project.

Both of these women add knowledgeable credence to the film and emphasize not only the malpractice of overdraft fees but also easily attainable, high interest loans that major banks give out to individuals with little or no credit.

Ludwig feels that these loans are given to people in the hopes that they will default and then the banks are free to tack on more charges.

Hatch then goes on to interview an illegal loan shark and bank officials, which add color and diversity to the film.

He comes to several conclusions throughout his journey, and certainly the most important has to be that all overdraft charges are loans and should be protected under the Truth and Lending Act, which puts a cap on the interest rates of loans.

As it stands today, all banks get around this bill by stipulating the overdraft charges are not loans but penalties for overdrawing an account.

The low budget video work and quirky story in "Overdrawn!" lends to its genuine feeling, but the film certainly has its drawbacks.

The biggest has to be the biased selection of sources. The film only glances at the other side of the issue, as it never

portrays current banking officials or others in the industry who truly disagree with Hatch's assessment of the current banking system.

Many of the interviewees seem to be personal friends of Hatch or just random people on the street, all of whom have had problems with any number of banking institutions.

Their stories are interesting, but they provide little in the way of merit or substance, and Hatch relies more on the emotional response they generate than facts or professional opinion.

Hatch himself does a great job as narrator throughout, provided the viewer keeps in mind the very low budget.

He seems genuine and his questions are those we should all be asking ourselves.

"Overdrawn!", along with its documentary brethren,

for more INFO

See "Overdrawn!" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets cost \$5 for children / students and \$7 for adults.

The film was written and directed by Lewiston native and UI graduate Karney Hatch.

Hatch will be answering questions after the screening.

Visit www.overdrawn-movie.net or call the Kenworthy at (208) 882-4127 for more information.

raises those questions and forces us to think critically about the world around us.

Fall in love with 'Paris'

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

Stories of the heart are captured beat per beat in "Paris Je T'aime."

Throughout history, love has been the heart and soul of storytelling — and this film embraces it in a way never before imagined.

Love can take many forms, and the film's visual collection of short stories is a refreshing surprise.

Translating the language of love in a new and unconventional way, "Paris Je T'aime" features perspectives that could be relatable to audiences across the world.

Out of the film's series of moments and vignettes, there is at least one story that will se-

duce audiences.

Set at a steady pace and with so much variety, this film covers a collection of love stories old and new, in a city celebrated for its lovers.



"Paris Je T'aime" ★★★★★ (of 5) Now playing at the Kenworthy

Viewers experience love through the perspectives of a working mother away from her baby, an elderly couple who is separated yet still in love with one another, an American tourist who has discovered her love for a city and in moments when love sneaks up on its unsuspecting victims when they least suspect it.

The film sets a new standard with not only creativity, but also capturing such a complex range of emotions and addressing all or most of them in fun-

ny, heart-rending, unusual and beautiful ways.

Challenged with avoiding cookie-cutter love stories and breaking the mold of romantic clichés, recognition is due to any filmmaker — or in this case, 18.

Viewers experience love through the eyes of a catalog of internationally acclaimed directors, including Isabel Coixet, the Coen Brothers, Olivier Assayas, Walter Salles, Frédéric Auburtin, Gérard Depardieu, Wes Craven, Alfonso Cuarón, Christopher Doyle, Alexander Payne, Tom Tykwer and Gus Van Sant.

Each director offers his or her unique vision, making each vignette individual while fitting beautifully into a 90-minute film.

It also features a myriad of acting talent from Natalie Portman, Juliette Binoche,

for more INFO

Check it out:
Paris Je T'aime starts at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4:15 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kenworthy.
Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 or younger.

Steve Buscemi, Willem Dafoe, Miranda Richardson, Gena Rowlands, Marianne Faithfull, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Bob Hoskins, Nick Nolte, Margo Martindale, Emily Mortimer and Elijah Wood.

Each actor embodies personas that are honest, real and as personable as fictional characters can get and will be sure to leave an impression on doe-eyed viewers.

ArtsBRIEFS

Free wellness and yoga classes

The Moscow Yoga Center, Spectrum II Art & Dance School, Golden Blue Lotus Meditation Center and West of the Moon, llc. will host a Well-Being Open House from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday.

There will be free yoga, art, dance and Nia fitness classes for all ages and abilities.

Free refreshments will be offered at the Meet and Greet Social from noon-1 p.m., catered by West of the Moon, llc.

Name a chair at the Kenworthy

The Kenworthy Theatre is accepting donations to keep ticket prices low and to help with maintenance for the theatre. Donations of any amount will be welcome.

Individuals who donate \$500 or more may name a chair in the auditorium. For more information on the Kenworthy and its giving programs, contact executive director Julie Ketchum at 882-4127.

The Idaho Project at the Prichard

Artist Scott Fife's exhibit, "Big Trouble: The Idaho Project" is on display at the Prichard Art Gallery until October 6.

Organized by the Boise Art Museum, the exhibit addresses a time of labor unrest in Idaho's mining history.

There will be a reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the gallery.

New exhibit at Above the Rim

There will be a reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Above the Rim Gallery.

The exhibit will feature paintings by artists Kathleen Benton and Laurel Macdonald, watercolors by Carol Smith and a mixed media sculpture by Scott Plummer of Moscow. The exhibit will run through October 13.

Short film festival at Grange building

From over 60 entries, a selection of films will be featured for the Palouse Arts Council's International Short Film Festival.

The door opens at 7:30 p.m. with a screening at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Grange building. Audiences will vote for the Peoples Choice Award.

Tickets are \$5. For more information call Vicki Bradley at (509) 878-1327 or go to www.palouseartscouncil.org.

'The Wizard of Oz' at WSU's Beasley

As the new theatre company's first show, "The Wizard of Oz" will run at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at WSU's Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum.

Directed by John Rich, the performance will feature professional backdrops, special effects, a live orchestra and real flying action from Flying by Foy.

Kenworthy hosts book signing

Author Anthony Doer will be signing his works at 7:30 p.m. August 30 at the Kenworthy. Doer's works include "About Grace," "The Shell Collector" and "Four Seasons in Rome." The event is free and open to the public.

Get out your suits and gloves, the polished look is back

Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — OK, it's time to get serious.

Fall fashion this year is about a proper suit, long leather gloves, an oxford shoe or a power pump, and a structured handbag. It completes the 180-degree revolution away from the loose and carefree bohemian styles that were all the rage mere seasons ago. The word that best defines the new look is polished — which is, of course, an old look.

"It really is a head-to-toe look with matching handbags and shoes. When was the last time we saw that?" says Sandra Wilson, accessories fashion director at Neiman Marcus. "We feel good about ourselves when we dress like this. It just looks right. There's no more messiness — I feel that's the period we're in right now."

It's a reaction we've seen before: In the 1990s, for example, grunge in the early part of the decade was replaced by super-

sleek styles as we headed toward the new millennium.

"We're coming off several seasons inspired by the '60s and the youthful mod look was in — babydoll and trapeze dresses all summer long. It's fun, but designers are always looking for something new and so are shoppers. The answer is a crisp, polished look," says Nicole Phelps, executive editor at Style.com. "It's a little bit 1940s with a sharply cut, nipped-waist suit. It's a little '80s with the strong shoulder."

Designer Elie Tahari thinks it's style with staying power. "Fashion always has a cyclical nature with past trends inspiring new collections. It is hard to gauge how long a cycle will last in the fashion world but the more polished, clean look is a classic one that never seems to go away."

It is, however, a dressier look than many women who've been wearing denim, loose layers and funky, chunky jewelry are used to. But it shouldn't be hard to acclimate to: This is

practically a ready made uniform to put on in the morning. The only thing missing are the personal touches.

With a suit as the centerpiece — Phelps chooses a pantsuit while Lucky fashion director Hope Greenberg suggests a men's style blazer that can be worn with wide-leg cuffed trousers, a shorter skirt or a gray daytime dress — you wake up with a ready-made uniform. Just add your accessories.

"If you're afraid of the pant being too mannish, add a feminine bow-tie blouse, which are again pretty popular or something with a ruffle. Or, maybe a subtle metallic — that's a little less classic and a little edgier," says Greenberg.

Designer Tahari even thinks there is something sexy about this put-together look because it makes women feel confident. "My wife Rory is my inspiration," he says. "When she is dressing for an event, for instance, she usually bares a bit of her shoulders, décolletage or legs, never all at the same time.

The best bet is to stay clean and tailored — slim fit trousers, a pencil skirt, etc. — and add sex appeal by wearing a blouse with an interesting neckline or even a sleeveless piece."

Greenberg envisions a style similar to Katharine Hepburn in "The Philadelphia Story."

"I think there's always an element every fall of classic, but I think that this fall, what makes it look modern, is it's a little less preppy and a little more sophisticated," she adds. "The twist to the blazer is that it's boxy, not fitted, and the shoe has a good substantial high heel."

Another wise purchase, she says, would be a gray dress. Women certainly showed their affinity with dresses this past spring when most retailers credited them for a boost in sales. It's the color that's key this time around, not the shape or fabric. "It could be a heavier wool, wool jersey, even silk, just some type of sophisticated gray dress depending on what shape you are."

'Harry Potter' author working on crime novel

David Stringer
Associated Press

LONDON — J.K. Rowling has been spotted at cafes in Scotland working on a detective novel, a British newspaper reported Saturday.

The Sunday Times newspaper quoted Ian Rankin, a fellow author and neighbor of Rowling's, as saying the creator of the "Harry Potter" books is turning to crime fiction.

"My wife spotted her writing her Edinburgh criminal detective novel," the newspaper,

which was available late Saturday, quoted Rankin as telling a reporter at an Edinburgh literary festival.

"It is great that she has not abandoned writing or Edinburgh cafes," said Rankin, who is known for his own police novels set in the historic Scottish city.

Rowling famously wrote initial drafts of the Potter story in the Scottish city's cafes. Back then, she was a struggling single mother who wrote in cafes to save on the heating bill at home.

Now she's Britain's richest woman — worth \$1 billion, according to Forbes magazine — and her seven Potter books have sold more than 335 million copies worldwide.

In an interview with The Associated Press last month, Rowling said she believed she was unlikely to repeat the success of the Potter series, but confirmed she had plans to work on new books.

"I'll do exactly what I did with Harry — I'll write what I really want to write," Rowling said.

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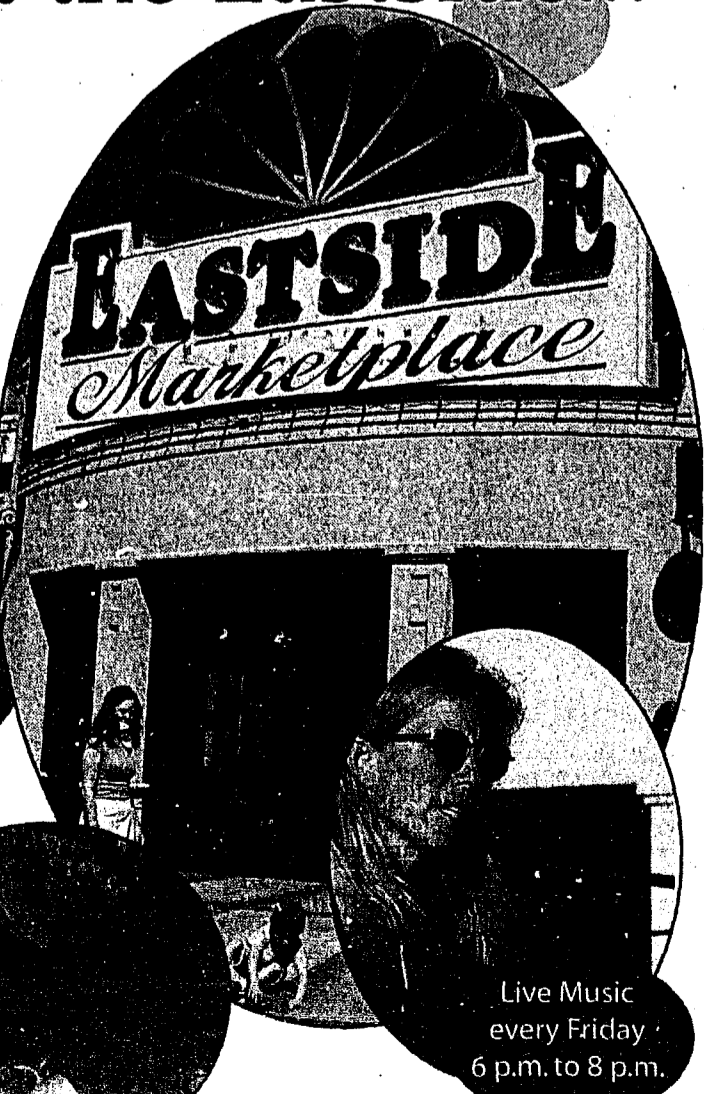
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GEORGE

CROSS-COUNTRY

Olsen returns to the team

Robert J. Taylor
Argonaut

2005 WAC champion Dee Olsen will return to the Vandal's women's cross-country team after redshirting all of last season.

Her return to the team gives Idaho the last two individual WAC champions and athletes of the year as Rhea Richter claimed both honors last season.

Mandy Macalister is also returning to compete. Macalister redshirted last season after placing fifth in 2005's WAC Championship race.

"I'm really excited to be back," Macalister said. "It's been pretty tough not being able to compete. There's nothing like being with the team. Dee and I finally get to compete for Idaho."

Olsen and Macalister aren't the only ones excited for their return.

"These two returning mean everything, they are our bread and butter," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "We're going to rely heavily on them at conference."

As an unattached competitor, Olsen won the Gold Division race at the Charles Bowles Invitational by more than 30 seconds. At the Sundodger Invitational, she beat four of the top five runners from the University of Michigan — the NCAA championship's third-place team in 2006.

"Dee ran unattached during last year's cross country season and she was running about 30 seconds faster than the year before when she won conference," Phipps said.

"We're looking for her to be running in mid to late November at NCAA's, so all the training is going to be geared around there."

Macalister placed fifth at the Charles Bowles and 10th at the Sundodger as an unattached competitor.

During the track and field season she beat her personal best 5,000m time by nine seconds and took off almost a minute from her 10,000m time.

Her time of 35:30.40 puts her into Idaho's all-time top five in the 10,000m.

"I really expect Mandy to be a top-three type of competitor for us at the conference meet," Phipps said.

"She had a great summer of training,



File photo
Dee Olsen concentrates while practicing at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

two years ago she was only a few seconds off of nationals. With the training she's put in, she's going to have a great season."

Olsen and Macalister will join Richter, sophomore Melissa McFadden, senior Breanna Chipney and junior Allix Lee-Painter — all top 25 finishers at the WAC Championship — to give the Vandal's a stacked team.

Lee-Painter placed third at the 2007 WAC Track and Field Championship meet in the 3,000m steeplechase and qualified for the NCAA West Regional.

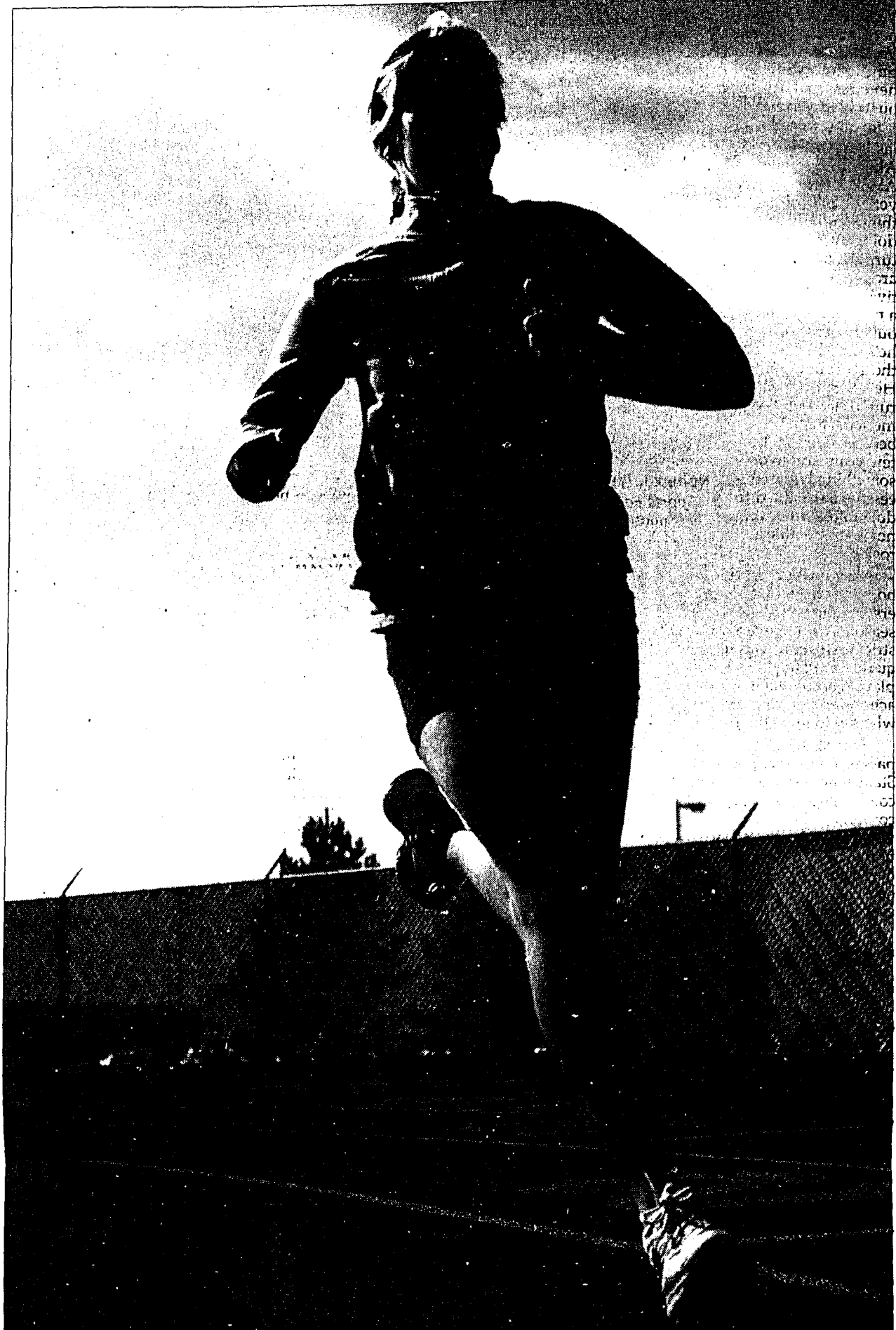
McFadden and Chipney were all-WAC competitors during the indoor season as McFadden took fifth in the 5,000m and Chipney placed fourth in the mile.

Phipps fully expects his team to win the WAC Championship title.

"We've already talked about it, that's the goal," he said.

Macalister hopes the season doesn't stop there. She's hoping the team can qualify for nationals.

Sophomores Shawna Carlson, Maria Foreman and Rachael Toldness complete the women's cross-country team roster.



File photo
Distance runner Dee Olsen practices at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

New players feeling at home on Vandal volleyball court

Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

After weeks and many hours practicing and scrimmaging together, new and returning players on the Vandal Volleyball team are forming into a cohesive unit.

"I really like Idaho. It feels like home to me."

Jamie RICHARDS
Junior

"We have a lot of new people who are going to make the team better," said junior middle blocker Sara Loney.

"They add to the core of the team and a great core increases the standards in teamwork."

One of those additions includes outside hitter/middle blocker Jamie Richards, a junior transfer from Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore.

During her time at MHCC, Richards was the volleyball team captain, played in two Northwest Athletic Association of Community College tournaments and led the team to a NWAACC championship in 2006.

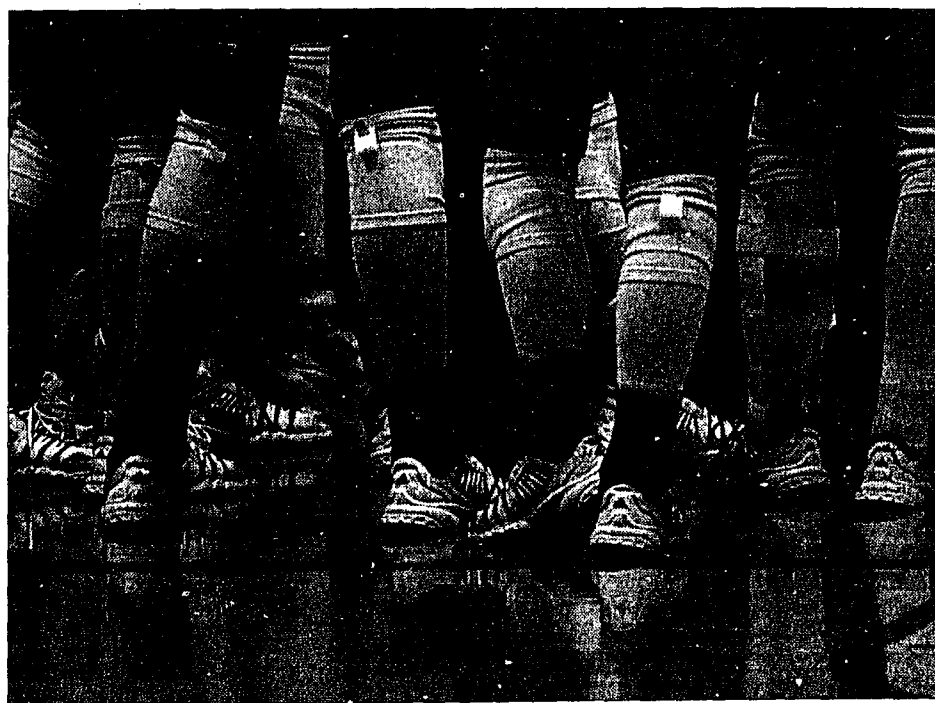
The change in scenery may be a world of difference, but Richards is adjusting and thanks her teammates for easing the transition.

"I really like Idaho, it feels like home to me," Richards said. "It feels easy to get used to a new team because the girls are so welcoming."

Other newcomers to the Vandal volleyball team include freshmen setter Kate Tribble, outside hitter/middle blocker Susan Jacobson and walk-on junior defensive specialist Kerry Yamamoto.

Seasonal play begins in Berkeley, Calif. at the Cal Molten Classic.

The first match is at 7 p.m. Friday against the University of California. The



File photo
The Vandal volleyball team practices at Memorial Gym.

Vandals will have two teams waiting in the wings Saturday.

They play Florida International at noon followed by a match against Northeastern at 4:30 p.m.

"It'd be nice to open with a team that's not in the top 10," coach Debbie Buchanan said, adding that she is optimistic the Vandals can make the necessary improvements to beat tough competition.

Richards has a positive outlook similar to her coach's. She said playing top-ranked teams on the road will improve and psych the team up for the Idaho Classic later this month, where the team will go against Oklahoma University, Oregon State University and Middle Tennessee State University.

"Starting the season with four away games will help us get the kinks out before we come home and show Idaho what we're all about."

go to a HOME GAME

*All home games start at 7 p.m., with the exception of the Idaho Classic

- Aug. 31-Sep 1, Idaho Classic
- Sept. 18, Gonzaga
- Sept. 20, Nevada
- Sept. 22, Fresno State
- Oct. 2, Eastern Washington
- Oct. 11, San Jose State
- Oct 13, Hawai'i
- Nov 01, Louisiana Tech
- Nov 05, Utah State

WAC coaches picked Idaho to finish the season third in their preseason poll. Hawai'i and New Mexico State were the top two picks and San Jose tied with Idaho for the third spot.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Vandal freshmen push veterans

John Mallory
Argonaut

After losing every game last season and being outscored 7-60, coach Peter Showler wiped the team's depth chart clean, making every starting position up for grabs.

"There are no preconceived notions of who the starting 11 are," Showler said. "At goalkeeper there are three of them competing for one spot and there are two players fighting for every other spot in the field, if not more in some areas."

Sixteen returners and eight freshmen are competing for a starting position on the team. The incoming freshmen haven't been afraid to compete with the veterans and the competition has provided a spark to the team.

"The returning players are stepping up because of the frosh class. They are receiving an extra push because no starting spots are guaranteed anymore. I'm impressed with everyone so far," team captain Kelsey Manning said.

"Everyone really wants to be here, we're not just going through the motions this year."

"Overall, the newcomers have helped add a confidence to this team in terms of work ethic and camaraderie," said Showler. "There's a real buzz with this team right now. It's my job to help maintain that buzz throughout the course of the season, and that's hard to do."

Showler will look to the freshman class to provide a spark to more than just practice. He will look to them to

provide a spark to the Vandal's offensive game that plagued the team last year.

"With the new players, there's just a bit more of an offensive edge to the team right now than there has been in the last year or two," Showler said.

"We've got to look at where our weaknesses are and we've got to try to build on those and maintain our strengths. Maintaining your strengths is a little easier, but improving on your weaknesses is never easy, so with this recruiting group coming in, that's been our focus. I think that we've improved with the athleticism we've brought in and the speed we've brought in, too."

Leadership shouldn't be a problem for the team during the next two seasons. Manning, a junior, has provided the Vandals with a bruising style of play since arriving on campus from Snohomish, Wash. Manning will continue to anchor the defense this season along with providing a bewitching style of leadership.

"We have a lot to prove and it's my responsibility to push everyone day in and day out to get this program where we think it should be."

"Kelsey is doing what she's done from day one," Showler said. "She's a natural leader who does so by example on and off the field. She is part of the reason the team chemistry here is so tremendous."

To help improve the players' overall knowledge of the game, coach Showler recommended his players watch soccer on television, mainly the English

Good time to be a Vandal

Welcome back to Moscow, Vandal fans. Freshman and new students, welcome to Vandalville. It's an exciting time to be a Vandal, things are definitely looking up for all of our athletic teams.

Once what's-his-name left last season, they bought in Rob Akey from across the Palouse. Akey hasn't won any games yet but he's saying all the right things and, more importantly, doing all the right things to turn the football program around. He's signed a five-year contract with a million dollar-buyout clause, showing he's not just here for the here and now. He's here for the long run to clean up the mess the team has become over the last few years and to do something his predecessors have failed to do: build a program, not just assemble a roster.

Akey has provided both the warm hug his players and fans needed after last season's turn of events and the strict discipline needed to play quality football. He's holding players accountable for their actions and cutting players who fail to meet the standards.

He's not handing out free passes to anyone: The Idaho Statesman reported the first conversation Akey had with cornerback Stanley Franks — who led the nation in interceptions last year — wasn't about how many interceptions he had but about working hard every play.

It takes time to turn things around and while the changes Akey makes to the program may not result in more wins this season, the results will pay off in future seasons.

Football isn't the only sport here at the University of Idaho. You're not aware, we also have volleyball, soccer, cross-country, swimming, tennis and

golf teams competing this fall. Basketball starts in November. All home games are free for students and lots of free stuff gets handed out at them.

Our volleyball team is ranked third in the WAC. Third in the WAC may not sound like a big deal, but both teams ranked above them spent time in the top 25 last year and made it to the NCAA tournament last year, including national powerhouse Hawai'i. The best thing about the volleyball team is they haven't lost to Boise State in years.



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If you're a soccer fan, I've got good news, our women's team is going to be a lot better than it was last year. I realize that they didn't win a single game last year and picking them to do better this year is a safe bet, but I watched them play every home game last year and they made huge improvements over the season and I expect them to carry that into this season.

If the thought of Idaho winning anything makes you excited, be sure to follow our cross-country team. We have the last two individual WAC champions on the women's team and a slew of other great runners. Don't be surprised if they win their second WAC title in three seasons this year. Our guys' team has their top three distance runners from last year and will look to improve off of their third place WAC finish.

I don't know a lot about our golf, tennis or swimming teams other than our women's golf team won the WAC title last spring, I've been told the tennis coach is doing good things and the swimming program is being built by an Olympic champion.

Vandal fans, it's going to be an exciting year.

Men's XC team has strong nucleus

Robert J. Taylor
Argonaut

The top two runners from last year's third place WAC team returned this season in addition to a track distance specialist.

Returning runners Kevin Friesen, Matt Racine and Diego Moreno-Guzman — who ran track last year but not cross-country — will make up the core of this year's team.

"We have returned what I would envision as our top three from last year," coach Wayne Phillips said. "We have our two top guys, then Diego Moreno-Guzman, who is arguably our best distance guy. Having Kevin Friesen, Diego Moreno-Guzman and Matt Racine, three of the best distance runners in the conference, as our top three bodes well for us."

Phillips has high expectations for Friesen, a five-time all-WAC runner, including a sixth place finish at last year's WAC championship.

"This year, I think Kevin has a really good shot to win the individual conference title," Phipps said of the team's leader the last two years. "In the years past, he's competed in Canada up until August and then taken a break at that point, so when he came to school we'd just cram two months of training in. Obviously, he still ran very well, but probably not as good as he could have with a more formal

summer training program behind him. "This year is a little bit different. We've spent a good period of time building up slowly, so I think this year is going to be a significant improvement over the last couple of years."

Moreno-Guzman's lone track and field season at Idaho was highlighted by earning all-WAC honors in the 3k run at the WAC Indoor Championship, the 3k steeplechase and 1500m at the WAC Outdoor Championship and all-WAC second team honors in the 5k run at the WAC Indoor Championships.

Moreno-Guzman finished 14th in the steeplechase at the NCAA West Regional meet.

After spending the summer training for the Pan American games in his native Peru he says is looking forward to running his first full season of cross-country season.

"I've been working out this whole summer, I only took 15 days off between seasons," Monero-Guzman said. "The Pan American games was good competition, but now I'm ready for cross-country."

"In Peru, I only complete in one or two races a year, this will be my first time running a whole season. I'm going to run six or seven times and see how it goes."

Racine has earned second team all-WAC honors four times in multiple events over the last two years and has finished

understanding cross COUNTRY

Runners compete in races on various long-distance courses. Scoring is done on a team bases. Runners are awarded points equal to the position they finish (first place equals one point, 23rd place equals 23 points). The top five runners score for their team and the team with the lowest score wins.

in the top 20 at the WAC Cross Country Championship twice during this time.

The team also returns Kevin Merkling, Bastien Tardy and Steve Potratz. Phipps expects to have walk-ons contribute and add additional depth.

Phillips said the team is going to need the additional depth in order to dethrone two-time defending WAC Champion Utah State on their home course.

"Our top two are better than everyone else's, we're going to need the rest of the runners to beat Utah State," Phillips.

"We've got a couple new guys coming in who can contribute right away and we have a handful of returners who had a great summer of training and look to be in really good shape for the start of the year," Phipps said.

National/BRIEFS

Golf

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tied with two holes to play and seemingly headed for a playoff, Brandt Sneaker needed to make something bold happen. He made the best shot of his short career.

Sneaker's 3-iron to within 32 feet on the par-3 17th set up a birdie putt that moved him ahead of Tim Petrovic for good, and the rookie finished with a 9-under 63 on Sunday for his first career PGA Tour win, a two-stroke victory at the low-scoring Wyndham Championship.

"I knew I was going to have to birdie one of the last two to give myself a chance," Sneaker said. "The way the scores were going, everybody was getting birdies everywhere."

Sneaker, a 26-year-old Tennessee native and former Vanderbilt player, had the best round of the tournament. He finished at 22-under 266, earned \$900,000 — and, perhaps most importantly, jumped 17 spots to No. 9 on the FedEx Cup points list.

EDMONTON, Alberta — Lorena Ochoa won the Canadian Women's Open for her second straight victory and fifth of the season, closing with a 2-under 69 on Sunday for a three-stroke victory over Paula Creamer.

The top-ranked Mexican star, coming off her first major victory two weeks ago in the Women's British Open at St. Andrews, had a 16-under 268 total on the Royal Mayfair course. She earned \$337,500 to raise her tour-leading total to \$2,636,590.

Creamer finished with a 68. Shi Hyun Ahn (66) was third at 10 under, and Brittany Lang (67) and Laura Diaz (72) fol-

lowed at 9 under.

SUNRIVER, Ore. — Mark McNulty coolly shot a 68 to win The Tradition by five strokes, his first victory in a major.

McNulty didn't falter until the end, when he double-bogeyed the 18th hole at Crosswater Golf Club. When he missed a nearly 4-foot putt, he joked with the crowd: "Fortunately, I've got a lock."

McNulty finished the Champions Tour event with a 16-under 272.

His co-leader going into the final round, David Edwards, shot a 73 to finish at 11 under. D.A. Weibring finished at 10 under with a 72.

Tennis

MASON, Ohio — Fifty for Federer.

Top-ranked Roger Federer reached another measure of tennis greatness on Sunday, winning his 50th tournament title by beating James Blake 6-1, 6-4 in the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters.

The 26-year-old Swiss star became the fifth-youngest player in history to reach 50, and only the ninth overall in the Open Era — since 1968 — to win so many tournaments.

Given the way he's playing, he's eyeing the U.S. Open as No. 51.

Federer almost got the noteworthy win a week earlier in Montreal, where he lost the title match to Novak Djokovic in a third-set tiebreaker. This time, he set the tone right away against the eighth-ranked Blake, who was playing in only his second Masters championship match.

Auto racing

BROOKLYN, Mich. — A steady rain forced NASCAR to postpone the 3M Performance 400 Nextel Cup race until Monday.

With more rain in the forecast, though, there was the possibility that the drivers would not get on track again until Tuesday morning—or even later.

"It's a situation that we sometimes have to deal with," NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston said.

"It's not fun for anybody but, first, we'll do everything we can to get the race in tomorrow. If we can't get it in Monday, we'll do everything we can to get it in Tuesday."

The race is scheduled to start Monday at 9 a.m.

The National Weather Service was calling for an 80 percent chance of rain on Monday, but dropping to 40 percent on Tuesday and to 30 percent on Wednesday, with scattered thunderstorms possible each day.

The Cup transporters are due in Bristol, Tenn., Thursday afternoon to set up for Saturday night's Sharpie 500.

Baseball

MINNEAPOLIS — Raul Ibanez homered twice and drove in three runs to lead Seattle to its fourth straight win.

Richie Sexson and Kenji Johjima also went deep for the Mariners, who also have won seven of nine to improve to a season-high 18 games over .500.

Seattle's Horacio Ramirez (8-4) allowed nine hits and four earned runs in 7 1-3 innings, his longest outing of the season.

The Mariners chased Minnesota starter Matt Garza (2-4) in the third inning. He was charged with seven runs and nine hits, recording just seven outs.

Ibanez is hitting .431 (28-for-65) in August. He leads the league with nine home runs this month, all in his last 13 games. He hit six in his first 97 games.

SportsBRIEFS

Soccer team win's game

Ali Buswell scored two goals Saturday to help lead Idaho to a 2-1 victory over Central Washington University.

Sophomore goalie Anna Sandman, who entered the game to start the second half, made six saves in a shut out second half of play.

Buswell's goals came from assist from newcomers to the team. In the first half, Buswell used freshman Jennifer Eugenio's free kick to put the ball in the goal with her head and scored off a pass from freshman Erika Teixeira in the second half.

The win is an encouraging sign for the Vandals after going winless last season.

Name the student section

The student section at the Kibby Dome does not have a name and we at the Argonaut would like to change that.

For the next two weeks, we will take suggestions from students, faculty, staff and alumni.

E-mail us your suggestions at arg_sports@sub. uidaho.edu by Aug. 30.

Voting will occur from Aug. 31-Sept. 7 and the new name will be announced Sept. 8, at the first home football game against Cal-Poly.

Keep an eye on the Argonaut Web site, www.uiargonaut.com, for updates and more information.

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Premier League. He feels his players will benefit by watching the sport on its highest professional level.

"I'm passionate about what I do," Showler said. "I try to rub that off on the players and get them to learn more about the game as much as possible. Watching the sport on television can show them more as to how this game is played."

Learning more about the sport can help the team grow. This season the team has two aspiring goals: To continue to build the program and to qualify for the WAC tournament. Manning feels both are attainable.

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team this year. We can only build for the better. I think the entire team feels we can make it to conference. That's the goal," Manning said.

The Vandals begin their season Aug. 31 against Gonzaga.



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Vick to plead guilty to dogfighting

Atlanta Falcons quarterback faces 18 months in prison, loss of career

Larry O'Dell
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick agreed Monday to plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, a deal that leaves the Atlanta Falcons quarterback facing up to 18 months in prison and puts his NFL career in jeopardy.

Under the plea agreement, prosecutors will recommend Vick be sentenced to between a year and 18 months in prison, according to a government official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the terms have not yet been made final.

That would be a higher penalty than is usually recommended for first-time convicts, and reflects an attempt by the government to show that animal abusers will receive more than a slap on the wrist for their crimes, the official said.

The offense is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson will have the final say on how much time Vick will ultimately spend in jail.

Vick's plea hearing is Aug. 27.

Defense attorney Billy Martin said Vick reached an agreement with federal prosecutors after consulting with his family during the weekend.

"Mr. Vick has agreed to enter a plea of guilty to those charges and to accept full responsibility for his actions and the mistakes he has made," Martin said in a statement. "Michael wishes to apologize again to everyone who has been hurt by this matter."

The NFL noted in a statement that Vick's admission wasn't in line with what he told commissioner Roger Goodell shortly after he was initially charged.

"We totally condemn the conduct outlined in the charges, which is inconsistent with what Michael Vick previously told both our office and the Falcons," the NFL said.

The league, which barred Vick from training camp, said it has asked the Falcons to withhold further action while the NFL's own investigation wraps up.

The Falcons said they were "certainly troubled" by news of the plea

but would withhold further comment in compliance with Goodell's request.

In a telephone interview with the AP, Martin said Vick is paying a high price for allowing old friends to influence his behavior, but he emphasized that his client takes full responsibility.

"There were some judgment issues in terms of people he was associating with," Martin said. "He realized this is very serious, and he decided to plead so he can begin the healing process."

The lawyer said salvaging Vick's NFL career was never part of the discussions.

"Football is not the most important thing in Michael Vick's life," he said. "He wants to get his life back on track."

Vick is charged with conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiracy to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture. He had pleaded not guilty last month and vowed to clear his name at a November trial.

The plea deal was announced just a new grand jury began meeting. Prosecutors had said that a superseding in-

dictment was in the works, but Vick's plea most likely means he will not face additional charges.

Three of Vick's original co-defendants already have pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against him if the case went to trial. Quanis Phillips of Atlanta and Purnell Peace of Virginia Beach signed statements saying the 27-year-old quarterback participated in executing at least eight underperforming dogs by various means, including drowning and hanging.

Phillips, Peace and Tony Taylor, who pleaded guilty last month, also said Vick provided virtually all of the gambling and operating funds for his "Bad Newz Kennels" operation in rural Virginia, not far from Vick's hometown of Newport News.

The gambling allegations alone could trigger a lifetime ban under the NFL's personal conduct policy.

Vick's Atlanta attorney, Daniel Meachum, told the AP that Vick is taking a chance with his guilty plea as far as his career is concerned because there have been no discussions with the league in recent days.

"There's no promise or even a request of the league to make a promise," Meachum said.

Meachum said the plea deal involves only the federal case. He said he doesn't know if there have been any discussions about resolving Virginia state charges that may be brought against Vick.

The case began April 25 when investigators conducting a drug search at a massive home Vick built in Surry County found 66 dogs, some of them injured, and items typically used in dogfighting. They included a "rape stand" that holds aggressive dogs in place for mating and a "breakstick" used to pry open a dog's mouth.

Vick contended he knew nothing about a dogfighting operation at the home, where one of his cousins lived, and said he rarely visited. The former Virginia Tech star also blamed friends and family members for taking advantage of his generosity and pledged to be more scrupulous.

The July 17 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 fueled public protests against Vick and cost him some of his lucrative endorsement deals.

Beckham revives fading mania

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — A month into his hugely hyped arrival with the Los Angeles Galaxy, David Beckham has finally made a splash on the field.

His timing was impeccable. Just when Beckham mania appeared to be fading, the English superstar revived it by scoring his first goal and notching three assists while playing major minutes in two games last week.

Beckham's first goal for the Galaxy came in a 2-0 SuperLiga victory over D.C. United last Wednesday, his first start for his new team.

That famous bending free kick led to a fresh round of next-day Becks' highlights on everything from ESPN's "SportsCenter" to the tabloid show "Inside Edition."

"I've scored a lot of important goals in my career, big goals in my career, and this ranks among them," he said. "I wanted to get off to a good start with the team and with the fans."

Then he drew 66,237 to Giants Stadium for his first Major League Soccer start. Beckham set up two goals, but the Galaxy lost 5-4 to the New York Red Bulls on Saturday.

"Oh, yeah, there's tremendous pressure," Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas said. "We're not naive to the fact that a lot of people want to see him and that there's a lot of people buying tickets specifically to see him."

The initial Beckham buzz had quickly died down because of a left ankle injury that relegated the former England captain to the bench for much of his first month.

Instead of "Bend It Like Beckham," it was more "Bench It Like Beckham."

He played a total of 37 minutes in two token appearances in his first eight games, disappointing fans in sellout crowds who were forced to buy tickets for multiple games just to see Beckham.

His first extended road trip drew an average of 42,211 fans to Toronto, Washington, New England and New York, although he sat out in Toronto and New England.

Lalas made no apologies for aggressively marketing Beckham despite his injury that occurred a month before he joined the team.

"When you buy a ticket to see the Galaxy, it says L.A. Galaxy on that ticket. It doesn't say any of our players' names and we can't guarantee that any of them will be out there," he said.

"We were upfront and said he could miss games because of injury, he could miss games because of England call-ups, all of these things that occur in every other sport."

Indeed, Beckham hopes his ankle is well enough for him to make his 97th appearance for England against Germany in London on Wednesday night. Then he'll fly across eight time zones to try to make Thursday's night MLS game against Chivas USA in Carson.

Not only are fans buying tickets — although just 17,223 saw his first goal in Carson — they're snapping up No. 23 jerseys.

Even with his injury, mer-

chandise sales are up 700 percent for the Galaxy this season and 300 percent leaguewide because of Beckham, according to MLS.

However, until the most scrutinized left ankle in sports is fully healed, Beckham may continue to play in fits and starts, prompting more of the criticism that's been directed at him and the team.

"It's unfair," Galaxy midfielder Peter Vagenas said. "If it were truly up to him, and if it were medically the right thing to do, he would have been out there a long time ago."

Beckham didn't practice with the team for the first time until last week. Before then, the Galaxy had limited media access to Beckham to news conferences. The team had been vague about his ankle and his playing status.

"It's so hard to come into a new situation where everything is so hyped and not be able to do anything about it," Galaxy goalkeeper Joe Cannon said. "It's been a trying time for all of us."

Beckham recently admitted that his ankle wasn't ready when he made his July 21 debut in an exhibition against Chelsea attended by a star-studded sell-out crowd of 27,000 and shown live on ESPN.

"It definitely aggravated it and put me back at least a week," he said.

But Lalas said Beckham himself decided to play that night.

"There was certainly a tremendous amount of pressure and in a perfect world, we would just say no and we would have set him down for a month," the general manager said. "But this is not a perfect world. This is a sport that is growing, and David has a tremendous responsibility that he accepts and recognizes."

When Beckham finally did start for the first time last Wednesday, what the public likely didn't notice was that by simply playing extended minutes for the first time, Becks became one of the guys.

"When he's on the field with you and he's helping you and contributing, then you look at him in a different way and he looks at us in a different way," Landon Donovan said. "Not that we didn't respect him before, but now there's so much more respect."

The air of mystery about Beckham's ankle and the amount of time he spent rehabbing it during his first month had created an unintentional distance between him and his new teammates. He was reluctant to take a leadership role and tell others what to do when he had yet to play much.

That changed last week when Donovan and Beckham chatted while walking to their cars after practice. Donovan, the Galaxy's biggest star until Beckham arrived, offered his captain's armband to Beckham.

"It made him immediately part of the team in a real sense," Donovan said. "Guys looked at him differently and he could say things to guys differently."

Beckham's new influence apparently extends to his teammates' fashion choices. Like him, several of them have dressed in black suits, white shirts and red ties after recent games.

Bears overcome Grossman miscues to beat Colts

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This time, Rex Grossman's teammates bailed him out against the Indianapolis Colts.

Chicago overcame another mistake-prone outing by its starting quarterback, scoring 17 straight points in the first half and 10 more after the break as the Bears beat the Colts 27-24 Monday night, Indy's first home game since winning the Super Bowl.

But this wasn't merely about a win or a loss.

For Grossman, it was another opportunity to prove critics wrong, but all his frustrating adventure did was provide more fuel for his doubters.

In 26 plays, he fumbled three times, double-clutched another snap, threw an interception deep in Chicago territory and

was sacked once. Even his one good moment, a 1-yard touchdown run, came with an unusual twist: He carried two times for minus-1 yard and a TD on the drive.

During a sideline interview, Grossman blamed the fumbled snaps on a miscommunication and said the ball hit a sweaty spot. He didn't even try to explain away the other fumble, which came when Robert Mathis swatted the ball away as he sacked Grossman.

Grossman finished 9-of-11 for 59 yards and had a sub-par passer rating of 51.1.

In contrast, Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning looked like his usually efficient self — albeit briefly. He finished 5-of-8 for 97 yards and led the Colts to one touchdown in 16 plays, numbers that would have been better if not for a couple of drops.

Colts running back Joseph Addai carried seven times for 24 yards and scored

on a 4-yard touchdown run to open the second quarter, a play that looked like his winning score against New England in last season's AFC championship game.

Cedric Benson, Chicago's new starter, ran 10 times for 24 yards.

Billed as a Super Bowl rematch, the game provided a few similarities to February's title game.

Danae Manning set up Chicago's first score, a 32-yard field goal, with a 72-yard kickoff return that rekindled images of Devin Hester's kickoff return for a TD on the opening play of the Super Bowl.

Hester struck on the next kick, returning Hunter Smith's punt 50 yards before getting tripped up at the Colts 24. Two plays after Grossman fumbled the snap on the 1, he hung on long enough on the quarterback keeper to score to make it 10-7.

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\$250.01 - \$500.00	\$75.00
\$500.01 - \$1,500.00	\$150.00
\$1,500.01 - \$2,500.00	\$200.00
OVER \$2,500.00	1% OF BALANCE

LES SCHWAB REVOLVING CREDIT PLAN

OR CHOOSE 90 DAYS SAME AS CASH O.A.C.