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Bringing hazing into the open

UI participates for first time in National Hazing Prevention Week

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

When he first came to the University of Idaho as a freshman, hazing in the Greek community was "blatant."

Now a senior and president of the Interfraternity Council, Neil Clark says the problem has definitely improved, in part because of the university's strict enforcement of its no-tolerance hazing policy.

"If it's a problem, it's a hidden problem," Clark said. "We definitely don't support it."

This week marks the first time UI has participated in National Hazing Prevention Week. The highlight of the event, sponsored by the Office of the

Dean of Students, IFC, the Multicultural Greek Council and the Panhellenic Council, is guest speaker Erle Moring's presentation "Hazed and Confused," in which he describes his experience with hazing as a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity at Auburn University.

The program begins at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SUB Ballroom. The event is open to the public, but special invitations were issued to the ROTC programs, athletics and the music department, said senior Janelle Rogers, vice president of programming for Panhellenic.

These groups were invited because hazing and initiation rituals are not limited to the Greek community, Rogers said. Any group that spends a lot of time together can be in danger of hazing.

"There's always little things you hear about," Rogers said.

Hazing can be defined as any activity a person is made to do against their will, said Panhellenic public relations officer Becki Graff. It is seen less and less at UI, she said, in part because of the serious consequences houses face if they're caught.

"Fraternities and sororities understand the consequences," Graff said. "(It is also) detrimental to recruitment."

UI first discussed sponsoring the week last year, Rogers said.

"Hazing is a problem no matter what campus you're on," Rogers said. "I think it is something that needs to be addressed here."

As part of the week, the Greek community has an information booth

about hazing outside the Commons today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will also host a panel discussion Thursday to talk about hazing issues. The panel discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. in JEB 104.

UI seems to have less of a problem with hazing than other schools, Rogers said, but it does exist.

"I think we do a better job of hiding it," she said. "You hear stories. You don't know how much is true. ... Groups that do haze, they do a better job of keeping it hidden."

Any activities that do take place, she said, tend to be more toward the prank side, however, the psychological impact of being forced to participate in a prank can still be severe.

"Most of it's just fun-natured pranks," Rogers said. "Most people don't realize what it's doing to someone."

"Pushing a prank too far, some can consider it (hazing)," Clark said.

Hazing is illegal in Idaho and also goes against the student code of conduct. Usually, when hazing is suspected, the Greek community tries to handle the situation internally, Rogers said. However, if it is severe enough it will go straight to the dean of students, Clark said. Houses can be at risk for losing their school charters or being kicked off campus for hazing, he said.

It is easy to tell when hazing is going on, Rogers said, because students often will boast about activities on their Facebook or MySpace pages.

"It's pretty obvious," she said.

An activity that can be considered hazing is events held for pin retrieval, Rogers said. If a freshman loses his house pin, they usually have to do something to get it back. Sororities are often asked to come up with the activity the member has to do, she said. It

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Erle Moring

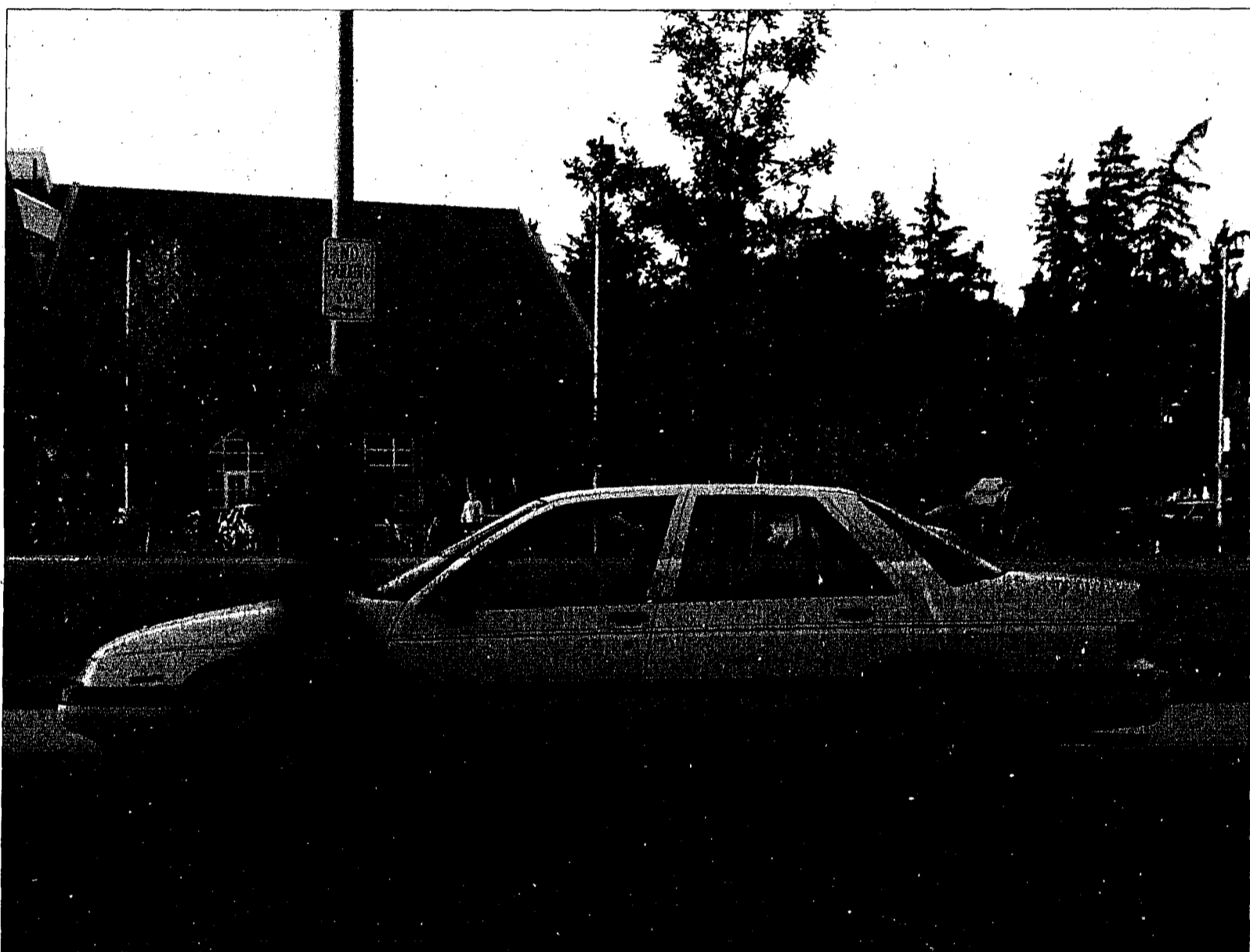


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Rushing in and out of no parking zones could cost students, as the definition of parking is expanded to include temporarily stopping and unloading.

Parking services defines 'parking'

Christina Lords
Argonaut

On Oct. 6, 2006, University of Idaho senior Mary Sterling unloaded her groceries from her car to her dorm room in the Living Learning Community.

Five minutes later, she had a \$100 parking ticket on her windshield for parking in a no parking-fire lane zone.

Sterling filed a lawsuit stating that because the University of Idaho did not have a clear definition of what "park" or "parking" was, she could not be fined for temporarily stopping her car to unload her belongings.

UI's Parking and Transportation Services are still dealing with the fall-out of the ticket issued almost one year ago.

The judge overseeing the case ruled that Sterling would be reimbursed for the \$100 ticket and suggested the university create a definition of parking.

The new definition states that parking is "the placement or standing of a vehicle, with or without a driver in attendance, and with or without the engine running."

While Idaho State Code allows for temporary stops for the purpose of loading or unloading personal property or passengers, UI's definition does not, Sterling said.

Students, faculty and staff had until Sept. 14 to make public comment on the new definition.

"I think students should have a voice in the definition since students are the majority of who it (will) affect," Sterling said.

Sterling said she didn't think many students knew about the change or how it would affect them.

Parking services put two ads in The Argonaut and made no other noticeable efforts to inform the students of the change, she said.

"I don't think half of the people (on campus) even know about it," she said.

Carl Root, the director of UI's Parking and Transportation Services, said they looked to Washington State University's definition of parking when they decided what UI's definition would be. He said it was important to keep the definitions of parking for the two universities similar because many students use both parking services.

His main concern was making sure emergency response vehicles always had access to the buildings on campus, he said.

"We take enforcement of fire lanes very seriously," Root said. "The most important thing for us ... is to ensure effective emergency access to buildings. If there is a debate about convenience versus safety, there's not much of a debate."

The ASUI Senate passed a resolution Sept. 12 opposing the new definition of parking and sent it as public comment to parking services.

"We wish that parking had involved students in the process," said Garrett Holbrook,

pro-tempore of the Senate and author of the resolution. "From the Senate's point of view, we didn't see them reaching out to the student body."

Holbrook said the Senate took action by passing the resolution because they wanted to make the Senate's and the student body's comments known, and not to comment "behind closed doors."

"We responded in the same way we felt they informed the student body," Holbrook said. "We wanted to send a strong enough message to get their attention."

Holbrook and Root said that they were willing to work together on the issue.

"We're absolutely here to work with students and ASUI," Root said. "We do take the student comments and their resolution seriously."

Sterling said she is still waiting for a final solution to the problem. She hopes that Parking Services will take students' needs into account and re-evaluate the option of adding more drop-off zones.

"I hope they can make a drop-off zone where there's a five minute limit so there's something there for students," Sterling said.

The Senate and Parking Services are working together to increase communication between the student body, the Senate and parking, Holbrook said.

"There are bigger issues than this, and we'd like to see parking involve students in those processes," Holbrook said.

Tri-Delts teeter, totter for charity

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Members of the University of Idaho's Delta Delta Delta teeter-tottered for 48 hours this weekend, but these sorority women weren't just playing around. The group raised \$2,731 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event, held in Friendship Square downtown, had the tri-Delts and other participating groups collecting money from people walking and driving by as they teeter-tottered throughout the days and nights Friday, Saturday and part of Sunday, totaling 48 hours of non-stop movement on the teeter-totter.

All 80 members of the tri-Delts put in at least two hours on the teeter-totter and a large majority put in more than four hours.

Members from supporting fraternities Sigma Nu, Theta Chi and Farm House covered more than 12 hours.

Even though they have been raising money for years for St. Jude's, UI chapter Theta Tau recently signed a commitment to raise \$62,500 within the next nine years.

In 2005, Delta Delta Delta's national organization committed themselves to raising \$10 million for St. Jude in 10 years. So far, all chapters of tri-Delta have raised more than \$2.8 million.

Located in Memphis, St. Jude's takes pride in treating all children regardless of race, religion or a family's ability to pay, said philanthropy chair Sarah Weinstein.

"Teeter-Totter-a-Thon is a great philanthropy because it gets the community involved and shows that we're really trying to make a difference," Weinstein said.

"I love it, it's so much fun. We just chill out," said Kerry Maino, a sophomore. "I love how

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A DAY TO RIDE



Jake Barber/Argonaut
A student bikes down a trail by Memorial Gym on his way through campus Monday afternoon.

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Opinion

Welcome to the Teejocracy. Follow these instructions for better living. Organic food may be provided.

Arts&Culture

Check out 'The God of Hell' at the Kenworthy, Polish Boys' Choir and eBay oddities inside.

Sports&Rec

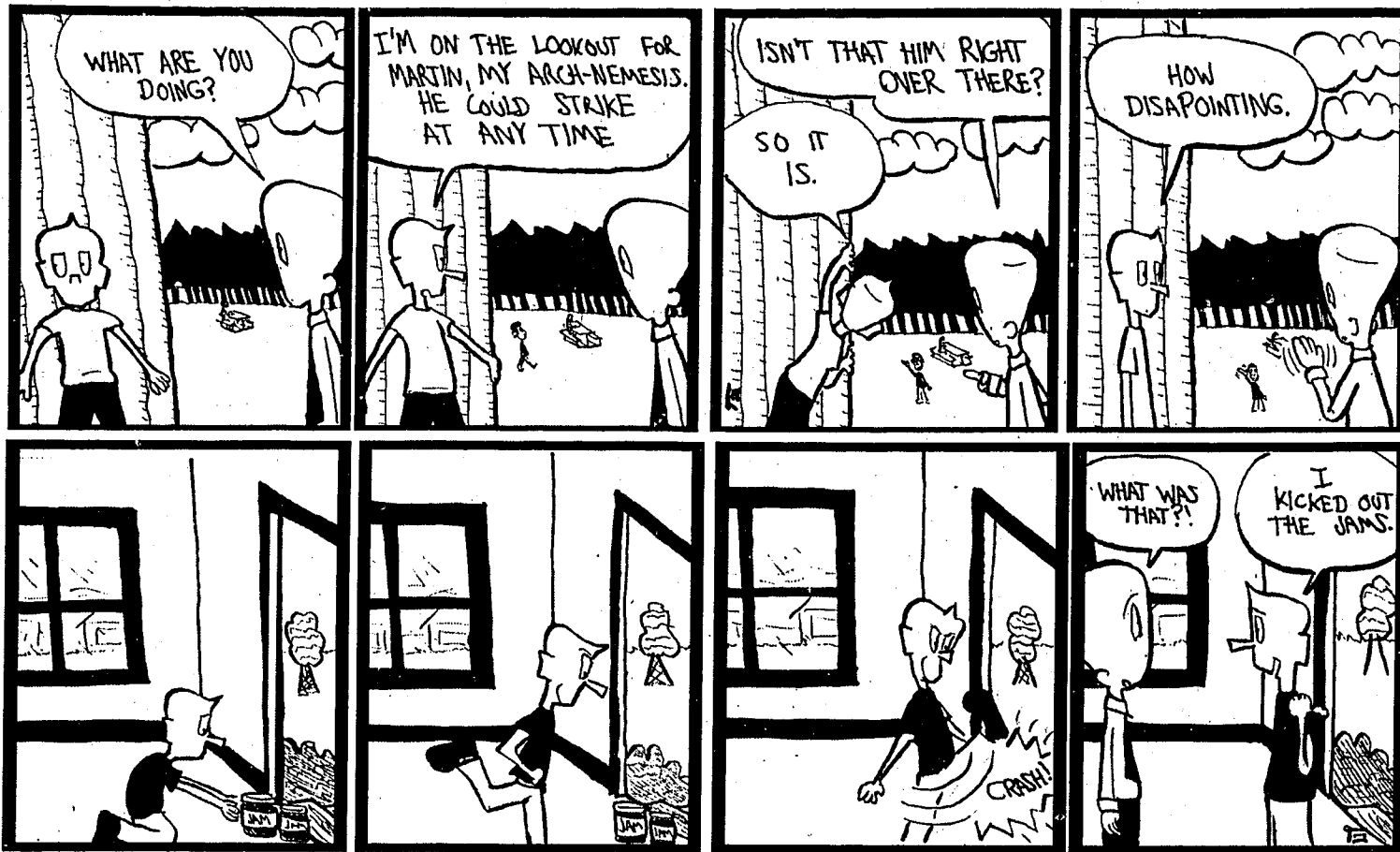
Volleyball starts conference play 2-1, football can't overcome mistakes and Johnny Ballgame takes on the NFL.

of the WEB

Our office monkey finds YouTube videos featuring Milton Bradley and a guy breaking his face on a teeter-totter. No UI sorority members were harmed in the making of these videos.

UniversityAVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



WTF?NEWS

Court lacks jurisdiction, 'God' says

LINCOLN, Neb. — A legislator who filed a lawsuit against God has gotten something he might not have expected: a response. One of two court filings from "God" came Wednesday under otherworldly circumstances...

Girl must get rid of pet rooster

IRWIN, Pa. — Melissa Hensler got a "Most Unusual Pet" prize from her township two years ago for her pet rooster — but now the same township says the bird is a farm animal in a residential area and it's got to go.

Bull attacks house in Connecticut

KILLINGLY, Conn. — An escaped and raging bull attacked a neighbor's home, tearing off siding, ripping down part of a fence and damaging a car.

City hopping over rabbit ordinance

POWELL, Wyo. — A proposed city ordinance limiting the number of rabbits per household has some City Council members in this northern Wyoming community hopping.

Corrections

The solutions to the crossword puzzle have not appeared in The Argonaut up to this point. We apologize.

Taylor Rust's name was misspelled in the Sept. 21 issue.

WeatherFORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, Hi: 67, Lo: 41. Wednesday: Sunny, Hi: 69, Lo: 42. Thursday: Partly cloudy, Hi: 64, Lo: 45.

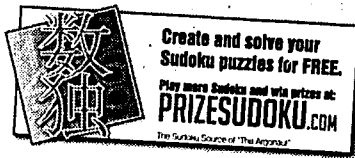
SudokuPUZZLE

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. The grid is: Row 1: 3, 6, 7, 5, 8, blank, blank, blank, 4. Row 2: 2, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 3: 9, 1, blank, blank, blank, 5, blank, blank, blank. Row 4: 1, 5, blank, blank, blank, blank, 7, blank, blank. Row 5: blank, 9, 3, 4, 7, blank, blank, blank, 2. Row 6: 4, 7, 6, blank, 2, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 7: blank, blank, blank, 7, blank, blank, blank, blank, 1. Row 8: blank, blank, blank, blank, blank, 8, blank, 3, 9. Row 9: 6, 3, blank, blank, blank, 1, blank, 4, blank.

Solution

9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle. The grid is: Row 1: 6, 8, 3, 2, 9, 1, 7, 4, 5. Row 2: 7, 4, 1, 6, 5, 8, 3, 9, 2. Row 3: 8, 9, 6, 8, 4, 7, 6, 2, 1. Row 4: 4, 7, 2, 1, 6, 7, 5, 8, 3. Row 5: 8, 9, 6, 8, 3, 4, 7, 4, 1. Row 6: 1, 5, 2, 8, 2, 8, 3, 6, 7. Row 7: 2, 8, 5, 1, 4, 3, 9, 6, 7. Row 8: 9, 6, 7, 5, 8, 2, 9, 1, 4. Row 9: 3, 6, 7, 5, 8, 2, 9, 1, 4.

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



CrosswordPUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Across clues: 1 Molecules, 6 Humorist, 9 Thin Man character, 13 Perspicacity, 14 Geological period, 15 Tablet, 16 Zoos, 18 Foodfish, 19 Ireland, 20 Nimbus, 21 Brand, 22 TV station, 23 Augmented, 24 Sepulcher, 25 Playing cards, 26 Metallic element, 27 More than one 14 Across, 30 Mortgage holder, for one, 33 Egget, 35 Shallot, 36 Body of water, 37 Ranks, 38 Kitchen appliance, 40 Diacritical marks, 41 Pindaric, 42 Bon, 43 Some actors, 44 Card game word, 46 Colliery, 47 Sports group (Abbr.), 50 Loft, 52 Chromatic color, 53 Soft drink, 54 Conceited, 55 Mediterranean nut trees, 57 Sea eagles, 58 Shoshonean, 59 Macaque, 60 Storm, 61 Needlefish, 62 Acecede. Down clues: 1 Astringent, 2 Surcoat, 3 Asian country, 4 Actress Ryan, 5 Gym shoe, 6 Uncanny, 7 Domain, 8 Fuel, 9 State in N. India, 10 Droleed, 11 Sob story, 12 Eve's son, 13 Prayer ending, 17 Regrets, 21 See 27 Across, 23 Concerned with worldly necessities of life, 24 Poetic contraction, 25 At the apex, 26 Sp. aunt, 28 Fiend, 29 Cape, 30 Extinct bird, 31 National Velvet author Bagnold, 32 Cutting, 33 E. state (Abbr.), 34 Lipids, 36 Day (Abbr.), 39 Weep, 40 Drinking vessel, 43 Clue, 45 Wash cycle, 46 Tightwad, 47 Racket, 48 Staff of life, 49 Young lady, 50 Verify, 51 E. Ireland village, 52 Pocket bread, 53 Cordon bleu, 55 Small dog, 56 Guevara.

Solution

9x13 crossword puzzle solution grid. Row 1: 6, 8, 3, 2, 9, 1, 7, 4, 5, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 2: 7, 4, 1, 6, 5, 8, 3, 9, 2, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 3: 8, 9, 6, 8, 4, 7, 6, 2, 1, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 4: 4, 7, 2, 1, 6, 7, 5, 8, 3, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 5: 8, 9, 6, 8, 3, 4, 7, 4, 1, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 6: 1, 5, 2, 8, 2, 8, 3, 6, 7, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 7: 2, 8, 5, 1, 4, 3, 9, 6, 7, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 8: 9, 6, 7, 5, 8, 2, 9, 1, 4, blank, blank, blank, blank. Row 9: 3, 6, 7, 5, 8, 2, 9, 1, 4, blank, blank, blank, blank.

For hints on solving The Argonaut crosswords, see the Crossword Dictionary at www.crossword-dictionary.com or One Across at www.oneacross.com.

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Conference emphasizes women in leadership

Carl Ennen
Argonaut

A leadership conference for those wanting a hands-on, real world experience is coming to the University of Idaho in about three weeks.

On Oct. 19 UI will make room for the day-long Women's Leadership Conference with workshops emphasizing topics such as leadership skills, networking, managing and organizing personal life and balancing family.

The Women's Leadership Conference has been absent from UI for about 20 years, but extra funding has made the event possible again this year.

"We're really thrilled," said Jeannie Harvey, director of the Women's Center. "We thought this would be a good opportunity to provide leadership training for all women on campus."

There are a range of topics to be covered in the workshops, including chart-

ing your career, leadership styles, women in activism and networking your way to success.

Students are being encouraged to register for the workshops and are required to pre-register for the luncheon, according to Jan Carlson of the Women's Center.

Carlson said that this year's turnout is expected to be high. Carlson said the future of the conference is promising and she'd like to have it be an annual event.

"Next year's is looking really good," but its fate will depend on future funding, Carlson said.

This is the first Women's Leadership Conference since the 1980s, Harvey said.

"We never had money to do it in the past," Harvey said.

"We're only doing it yearly if we can get the funding."

President Tim White pledged financial support for this year's conference, Harvey said.

The Women's Center has wanted something like this for a long time and really wants to continue it in the future, Harvey said.

"We would like to find a way to continue every year because we think it's a cool idea," Harvey said.

Carlson said student's taking part in the conference should bring a pen and notebook.

Food will be available throughout, starting with a continental breakfast around 8 a.m. and then snacks at the reception, where the president of Lewis-Clark State College will be speaking.

There will also be food at the luncheon at noon as well as appetizers available at the closing reception at 5 p.m.

Some of the regional leaders speaking at the conference include: Pamela Bettis, a professor at College of Education from Washington State University; Rebecca Miles, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee; and Dene Thomas, president of LCSC.

For information or to register for the conference, visit www.womensleadership.uidaho.edu.

Treasure Valley commuting time almost that of Las Vegas, Seattle

Associated Press

BOISE — Every morning and evening, thousands of drivers cruise along Interstate 84, headed from job to home and back again.

For some, the trip is a short one. But for many Canyon County residents, the journey involves crossing county lines and spending 24.8 minutes in the car each way, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. That's more time spent driving than the average commuter spends in Portland (23.7 minutes); Colorado Springs (22.1); Tucson (23.7); Salt Lake City (21.3) and Spokane (20.3), the Idaho Statesman reported.

The Canyon County commute is closer to that enjoyed — or suffered — by residents of Las Vegas (25.2) and Seattle (26.7).

Of the 50 states, New York has the longest average commute with 30.9 minutes. North Dakota has the shortest with 15.5 minutes.

About 37 percent of Canyon County residents work outside the county, according to the Census Bureau, compared with just 6 percent of Ada County residents who work elsewhere.

The ever-growing commute in Idaho has gained the attention of state leaders, including Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who earlier this year asked the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to create a plan to reduce traffic congestion by having more state employees work from home a few days a week.

Still, the state faces some public transportation hurdles: Idaho has no state funding mechanism for mass transportation, and it is one of the few states that does not allow cities or counties to pass local sales taxes to cover transit or other

local needs.

The Treasure Valley region is losing its federal funding for transit operating costs because Boise has grown large enough to support its own transit system. Under current federal funding rules, Valley Regional Transit can use federal dollars to pay for one-quarter of its operating costs; a local match is needed for the rest. Federal funding for operating costs will drop to zero on Oct. 1.

Financial help from the Idaho Transportation Department may be hard to come by, since the department faces a \$200 million annual shortfall. Likewise, the Ada County Highway District must trim \$16 million in road projects next year to balance its budget.

But some city, county and state leaders are working on solutions. The Senate Treasure Valley Transportation Issues Task Force — comprised of Sens. John McGee, R-Caldwell; Brad Little, R-Emmett; Stan Bastian, R-Eagle; and David Langhorst, D-Boise — met for the first time this month to talk about transportation issues and options. The group plans to meet several more times over the winter.

The Coalition for Regional Transportation, a 40-member group of Treasure Valley government and business leaders, plans to ask lawmakers again next year to let voters consider a 20-year, half-cent sales tax increase to pay for public transportation. The coalition was rebuffed by lawmakers during the 2007 legislative session, but this time members say if lawmakers fail to support the idea they'll seek to bring an initiative themselves before voters.

If the effort is successful, the tax would bring in an estimated \$1 billion for mass transit in Ada and Canyon counties.

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we're getting everyone involved."

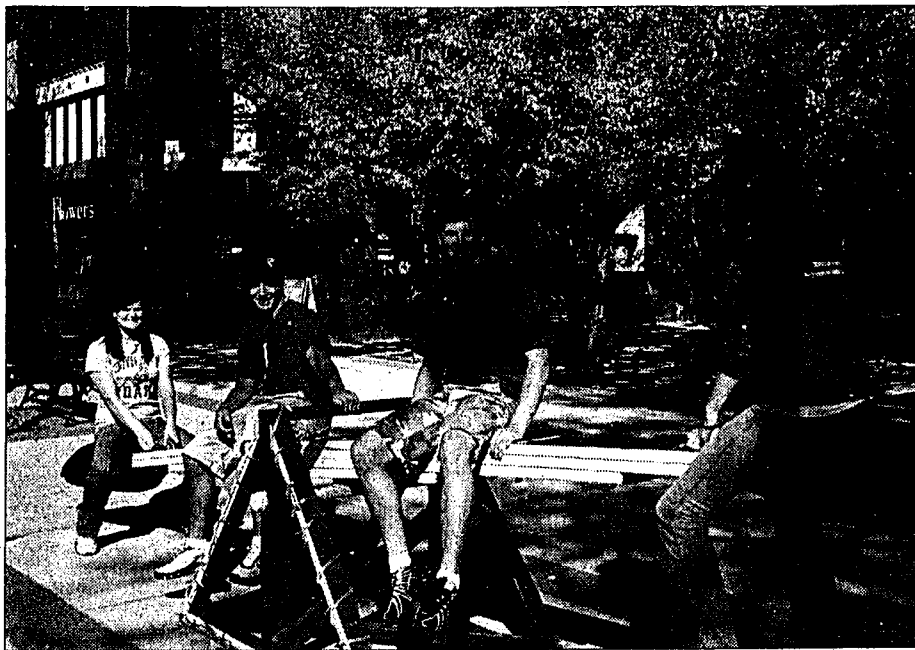
The \$10 million will go towards building an entire new building at St. Jude for patient care. Each new patient room will have a adjoining room for a parent, so that they are closer to their child, Weinstein said.

"Though it may not always be seen, the Greek community is always trying to better our community and our world," Weinstein said.

Fraternalities that helped tri-Delta run the event were Farm House, Theta Chi, Sigma Nu and Alpha Kappa Lambda.

Another event the tri-Deltas put on to help raise money for St. Jude is Sincerely Yours, in which each sorority member writes 50 letters to family and friends asking for donations.

Anyone interested to contributing to the St. Jude campaign can send donations to Delta Delta Delta, P.O. Box 3068, Moscow, Idaho 83843.



Joshua Schott/Argonaut

Becki Graff, Daniel Hanson, Kyle Meschko and Olivia Momosor teeter-totter to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital last weekend.

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is usually just a simple activity such as singing to the sorority or jumping into a pool of Jello, she said.

"It's not a physical harm, but it can be psychological," she said.

Part of what has improved the situation at UI is a change in the culture.

"It was more of the 'Animal House' atmosphere," Clark said of hazing in the Greek

community in the past. It was more common and accepted. These days, that isn't the case.

"You shouldn't go to a Greek house expecting to be hazed. That's not right," Clark said.

Even though hazing isn't a large problem at UI now, this week's event will serve as a good reminder of the seriousness of the activities, he said,

and why some groups decide to haze.

"I think it goes back to respect," Rogers said. "Older members can feel threatened (by new members). They want new people to abide by the rules. It's kind of a power struggle."

For more information about National Hazing Prevention Week, go to www.nhwp.com.

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Neil CLARK
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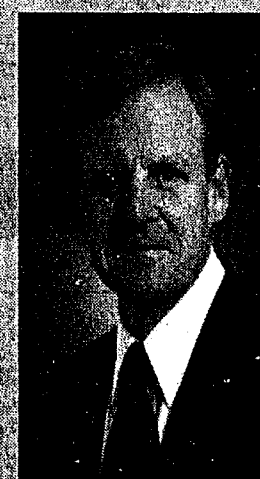
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Reception to follow

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OPINION

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OurVIEW

Going too far

It's easy to cross a line. Pushing the limits is easy to do, and often rewarded, but going just a little too far with some things — sarcastic humor, paraphrasing a source, hazing, for example — can hurt yourself and others.

There's a difference — sometimes minute, but a difference nonetheless — between a rite of passage within a group and hazing the newbies because it might be funny or through some need to mold them into acceptable members.

Sure, "everybody had to do it when they were new," is a timeworn excuse. And yeah, that totally makes up for the pattern of physical and psychological abuse masquerading as "tradition."

The fact remains that unless the action itself has a purpose, forcing new members to do anything they don't want to do is considered hazing.

The National Hazing Prevention Week Web site outlines six questions that should be asked before subjecting new members to any sort of education process.

- What is the value or purpose of this activity? If there's no reason for the freshmen to clean the toilets seven times a day, you probably shouldn't make them do it.

- How does this match our organization's values and mission? Hazing isn't limited to the Greek system. If the mission of your group is to promote service learning, taking the new recruits into the woods and making them find their way back isn't going to teach them anything.

- Would you want to do this activity yourself? And no, just because you might have done it in the past (and hated every second of it) isn't enough of an answer here.

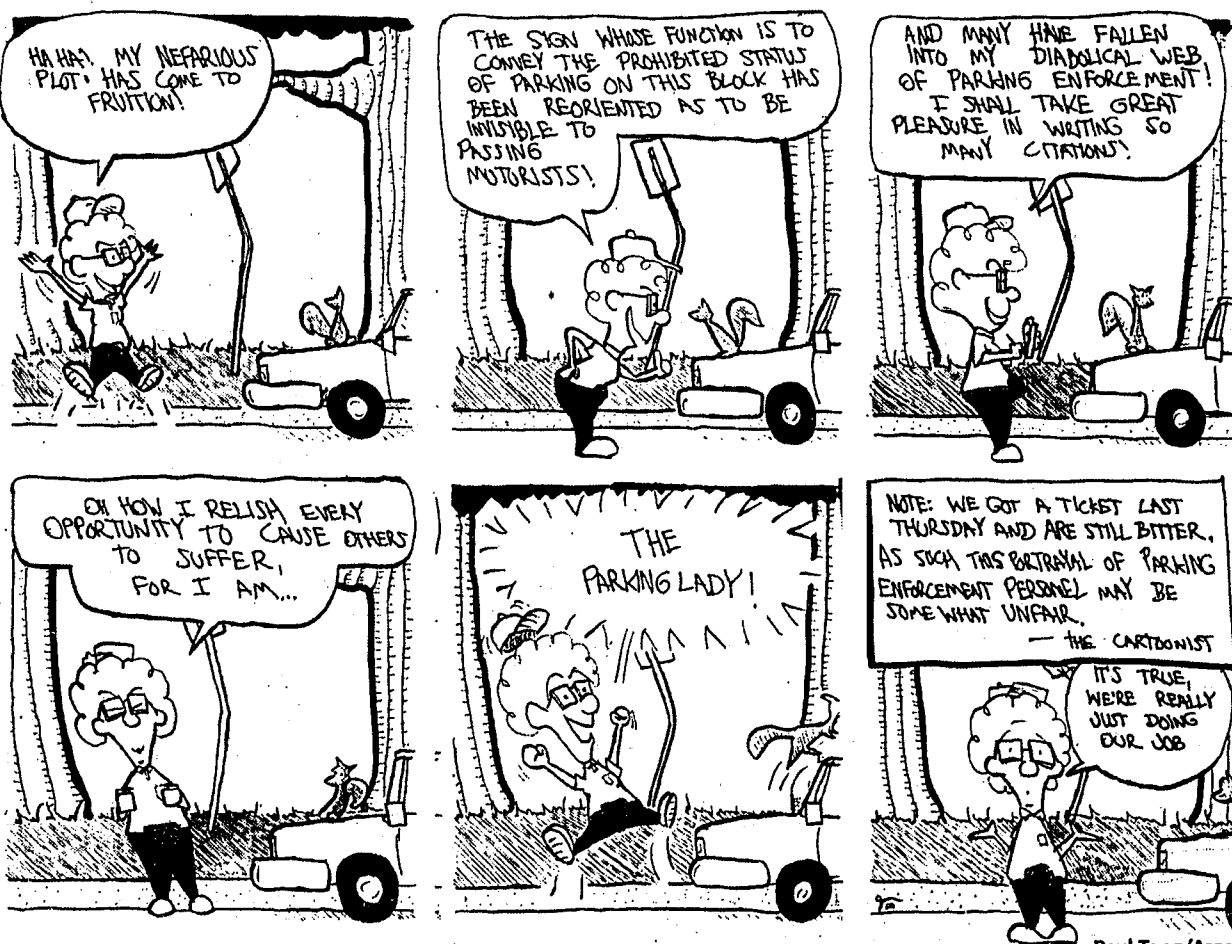
- Does the activity elicit positive or negative reactions from the group? If even the older members of the group are against it, perhaps it's time to listen to them.

- Is the activity degrading? Mean spirited? Excessive? Pointless? In short, could it be considered hazing? This should be obvious. If what you're planning to do would get you in trouble for doing it to non-members, rethink it.

- Could the activity be re-structured to place it in a more positive light? If the tradition is that important, maybe the idea behind it could be maintained while losing some of the more destructive aspects of the activity.

Spokespeople for the Greek system on campus say that hazing is not especially prevalent here, but that if it is, people aren't talking. And hazing isn't exclusive to the Greek system: the ROTC, athletic and music programs all received special invitations to this week's events.

UI's participation in National Hazing Prevention Week for the first time may be a way to get the conversation started. —CW



Paul Tong/Argonaut

TEEJOCRACY

Family values shot to hell

My brain hurts. It isn't because of classes or because the baseball season is winding down. It isn't even from watching Vandal football drop another game.

My brain hurts because I don't understand why I can't live with people I like but am not related to, yet I can walk around outside with a gun strapped to my hip.

Please help me. The good news is that I don't have to move. I live in a duplexed house with three people in each section. That and I should be graduated and out of here before the new ordinance takes effect next year.

The bad news is that a lot of people I know are going to have to change their living arrangements.

Perhaps my house is an exception, but I don't think it is. Some of us are students, some aren't. Some of us like to get a bit tipsy on the weekends and some don't drink at all. We keep things quiet after 10 o'clock during the week and two on Friday and Saturday nights.

We are a normal bunch of twenty-somethings (yes, everyone in my house is over 21 and, for the most part, responsible drinkers) and any one of us could be bagging your groceries or serving you food at one of Moscow's many eateries.

None of us, though, would consider holstering up a

six-shooter and walking downtown. Not even those of us who own guns.

Moscow isn't the Wild West anymore. At times it may seem like packing heat is the best way to keep you safe. It isn't.

Pardon me for being Captain Obvious for a moment, but statistics show that those who carry a gun are far more likely to be involved in a gun-related crime than those who do not carry a gun.

People have done studies to come to this conclusion.

If you carry a gun, you are more likely to get shot or shoot someone else than if you don't. Makes perfect sense to me.

What doesn't make sense is that these two issues are being discussed near-simultaneously and no one is seeing how they might relate. Let me explain my reasoning by way of hypothetical situation.

Let's say I live next to a rowdy house of mostly college students. In this case, it doesn't particularly matter if I'm an upstanding 9-to-5 resident or a student with a busy schedule. I'm just an average guy and so are my roommates.

One weekend, a party at the house next door gets out of hand. A fight broke out — it was a mutual combat case,



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ROTFLMAO ... in the classroom

Put the laptop down. That is what I always say... or might start saying.

It's getting pretty ridiculous when you think about it, and I know I am not the only one who notices how annoying it can really be. What I don't understand is why people would choose to come to class and decided to surf the net.

I know I get bored in class and don't always listen as effectively as I should in lectures but I don't understand why you would come to a lecture to sit and check your Facebook the entire length of class, especially in classes where teachers don't take roll.

As I sat in class today, I saw five of the nine laptops in my vision with Facebook open, and I'm sure at least two of the other four were on some other site that had nothing to do with the class. It is very

annoying. Especially you, guy on eBay. eBay? Are you kidding me?

I know some classes have participation grades that hinge on class attendance and some professors can ramble about things that don't really have anything to do with the subject, but even as you choose to not listen to the lecture, can you at least choose to do something more productive than Facebook?

Maybe my hatred here isn't toward the distraction of somebody in front of you looking at a photo album of people you don't know or updating their status to something clever like "In class."

That's a wink, for anyone who might have a life beyond cyberspace. I think my hatred is more centered on Facebook in general because it has stolen hours of my life that I will

never get back. My opinions on this cheap drug aside, it is very distracting to see somebody clicking all over, moving between 10 different tabs of e-mail, stocks and playing online poker during class.

I don't know if it was for money or not, but the reality is, it's really hard not to watch you play that 2-7 off suite. That's a terrible hand.

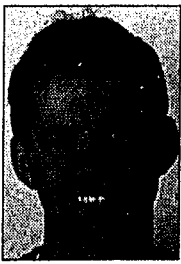
More importantly it's hard not to watch somebody in front of you do anything on their computer besides taking notes.

I was raised on flashy lights from my Sega Genesis and dish TV. I have varying degrees of ADHD, just like so many kids from my generation.

Not all laptop users are annoying. I don't like the ticking sounds of everyone tapping in perfect unison like some sort of futuristic college orchestra, but I have made peace with that.

The future is here, but there are computers available to every student

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Because they ignored Greenspan

At last, good news for everyone. The infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" has been canceled. It was to be a bridge connecting two islands with meager populations in the great State of Alaska. A result of an enormous highway appropriations bill passed by the Republican-controlled Congress last year, the bridge instantly became the model project of pork barrel spending.

It's no secret to the citizens of the United States that their government enjoys finding uses for their tax dollars. And, according to the size of the national debt, our government loves spending money that it doesn't have, either.

To critics of federal spending habits, the "Bridge to Nowhere" embodied everything that is wrong with how the government has behaved since deficit spending without war or economic disturbance became acceptable during the Reagan administration.

Granted, Reagan insisted upon

deficit spending to drive the Soviet economy into oblivion, but Congress got a little carried away.

Recently, the release of Alan Greenspan's book, regarding his time as the chairman of the Federal Reserve, has shed light on the politics that have shaped the government's spending habits and economic policies since the Nixon administration.

The position of Federal Reserve Chairman is perhaps the most important and ultimately powerful position in the Federal hierarchy. The Fed Chairman is charged with ensuring the stability and progress of the U.S. economy. This is accomplished through several means, an example that's currently relevant is the power to set interest rates.

Greenspan's book raises quite a bit of controversy, as well. He openly

criticizes the Republican Party for their mishandling of the economy in the first six years of the Bush administration.

In a manner of speaking, Greenspan the Great scolds President Bush for failing to use his veto power to mitigate the irrational spending the Republican Party embarked upon following 9/11. He claims that the Republicans neglected their principals of limited government and fiscal conservatism.

In the final years of the Clinton administration, the Republican controlled Congress actually managed to balance the budget. There was even a budget surplus, which was used to pay

down the national debt. It should be noted, though, that debt repayment results in recession.

Greenspan's latest revelations coupled with the fact that the "Bridge

to Nowhere" was even authorized in the first place, have brought to life once again the great spending debate. Although it's a debate that's regularly held, it's something we should probably spend more time talking about.

The public debt at the end of 2006 stood at \$8.5 trillion dollars. The GDP (nominal) of the United States in 2006 was \$13.2 trillion dollars, which in turn means that public debt as a percentage of GDP was (depending on the estimate of GDP) roughly 64.4 percent. Although it sounds like a large number, it's actually not that bad.

As a percentage of GDP, the national debt is smaller today than it was in the mid 90s. Due to economic growth, especially economic growth of a nation with a GDP of \$13.2 trillion, the debt as percentage of GDP decreases over time without repayment. The jury is still out among economists as to the real long term effects of large national debts. However, there is general agreement that a reasonable national debt is a good thing, as it sort

of artificially inflates the economy in the short run, and actually causes growth in the long run.

Federal spending is another beast entirely. The national debt has increased very quickly in the past six years because the federal budget has increased by a full \$1 trillion.

It goes without saying, our economy has increased as much as it should have to support a \$1 trillion increase in spending without a sharp increase in taxes. This is where Greenspan criticizes his fellow Republicans.

Rather than maintain rational and balanced levels of spending to allow the debt to fall, allowing for growth without impediment, Republicans lost their minds and spent ungodly sums to protect the nation from terrorists and build bridges that literally go nowhere.

As history may soon prove, the economic damage done to the United States over time will amount to what terrorists wanted in the first place, a weaker America.



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so both pugilists were fined \$144 — and one of my roommates went out to assess the situation. In the process, he gets a bloody nose from a wayward elbow. He's also told to keep out of other people's business.

The next weekend he leaves for a walk but doesn't want to see another situation like the previous weekend. He puts on a Sam Browne belt and his .22 pistol. Out he goes for his walk. Nothing happens except that residents of the "party house" notice the gun and take it as a veiled threat. Instead of calming down, they react, as human nature does, by upping the ante.

At the following weekend's party, my roommate sees three young men, each with hand-

guns on their hips, as he goes out for a walk.

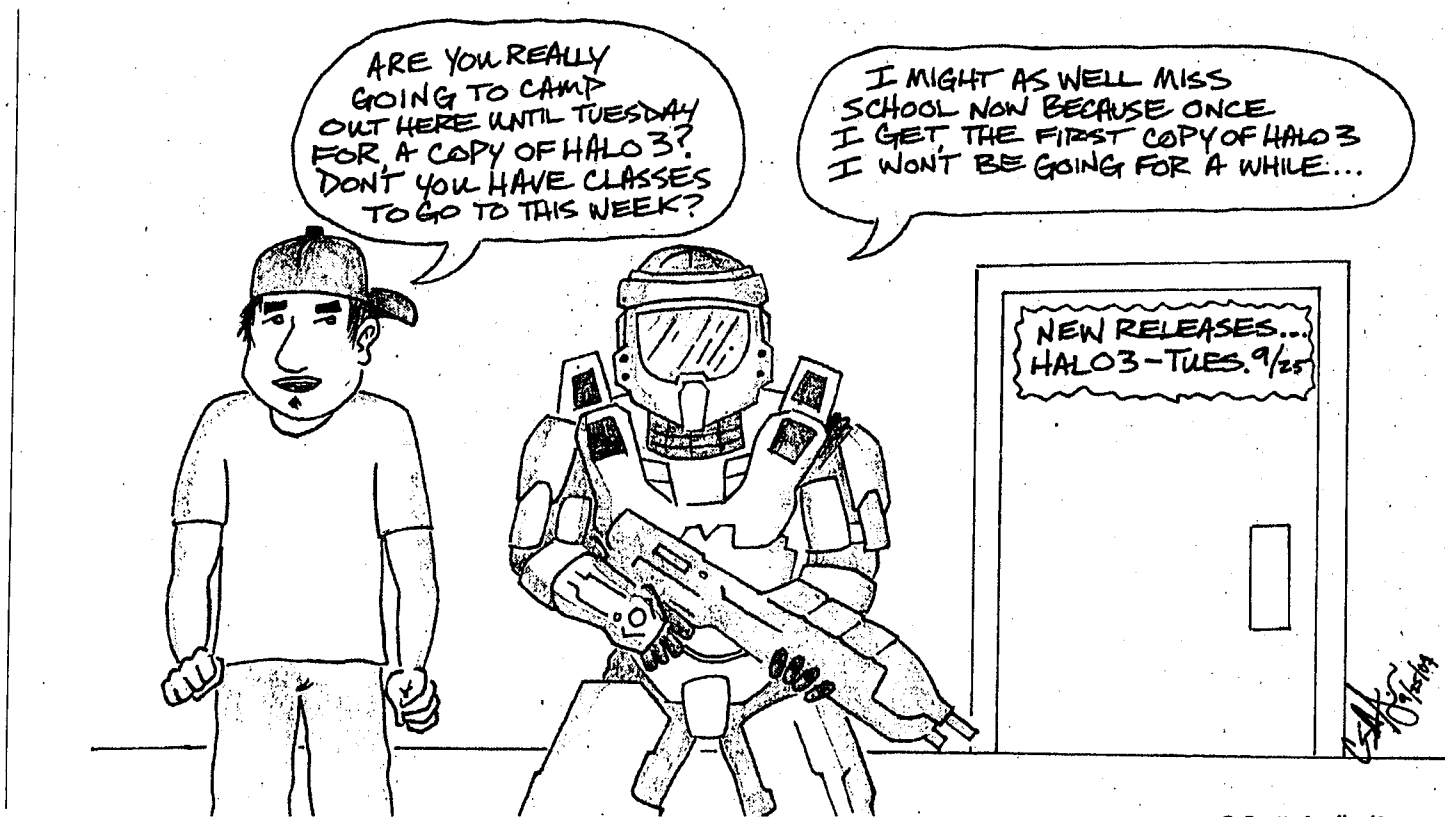
No one lives comfortably in this situation.

If members of both hypothetical houses were all related within the walls of the home, perhaps only one member would have a gun. If diverse people weren't allowed to try and live together, perhaps the entire situation would be avoided.

On the other hand, if no one, including my imaginary roommate could carry an exposed gun in public, the situation would not escalate beyond neighborly disagreements and occasional fisticuffs.

This is the point when I say that I'm not against anyone's right to own a gun; I just don't want to see it poking off your hip when I'm trying to eat a cheeseburger at Wendy's.

You know, because I live with other college-age men and none of us cook.



C. Scott Aguilar/Argonaut

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in nearly every building on campus.

If you're not taking notes,

then you really don't need that computer in class at all. I promise, it only takes about one minute from most classes to get back on the internet and for you to feel comfortable again.

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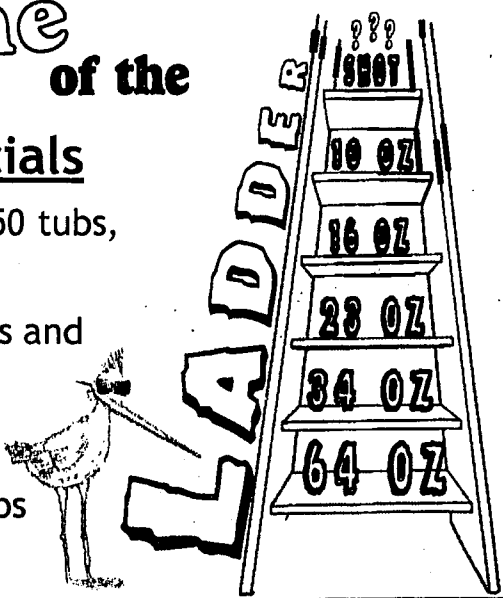
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'God of Hell' strikes Kenworthy

Jason Hess
Argonaut

In an empty retail space at the Eastside Marketplace, a small group of University of Idaho theatre students have been rehearsing for just over a month.

Scenes from playwright Sam Shepard's 2005 play "The God of Hell" have been practiced in the unusual location under the watchful eye of director Luis Guerrero. Described by Guerrero as "a political farce," the play centers around Wisconsin dairy farmers Frank and Emma, played by UI students Daniel Bell and Audrey Benschel.

The couple's peaceful farming life is disrupted by flag salesman and government employee Welch, played by John Bagaglio.

Student Richard Wallace plays the part of Frank's visiting friend Haynes, who mysteriously shocks others with jolts of electricity.

Robert Valliere is the production's stage manager.

"The God of Hell" was written as a satire on the post Sept. 11 political landscape of homeland security and increased privacy concerns.

The play has been controversial since its release and most productions have received mixed reviews from theatrical critics.

"This play is about essentially our own sensibilities, our sense of 'Americanness,'" Guerrero said.

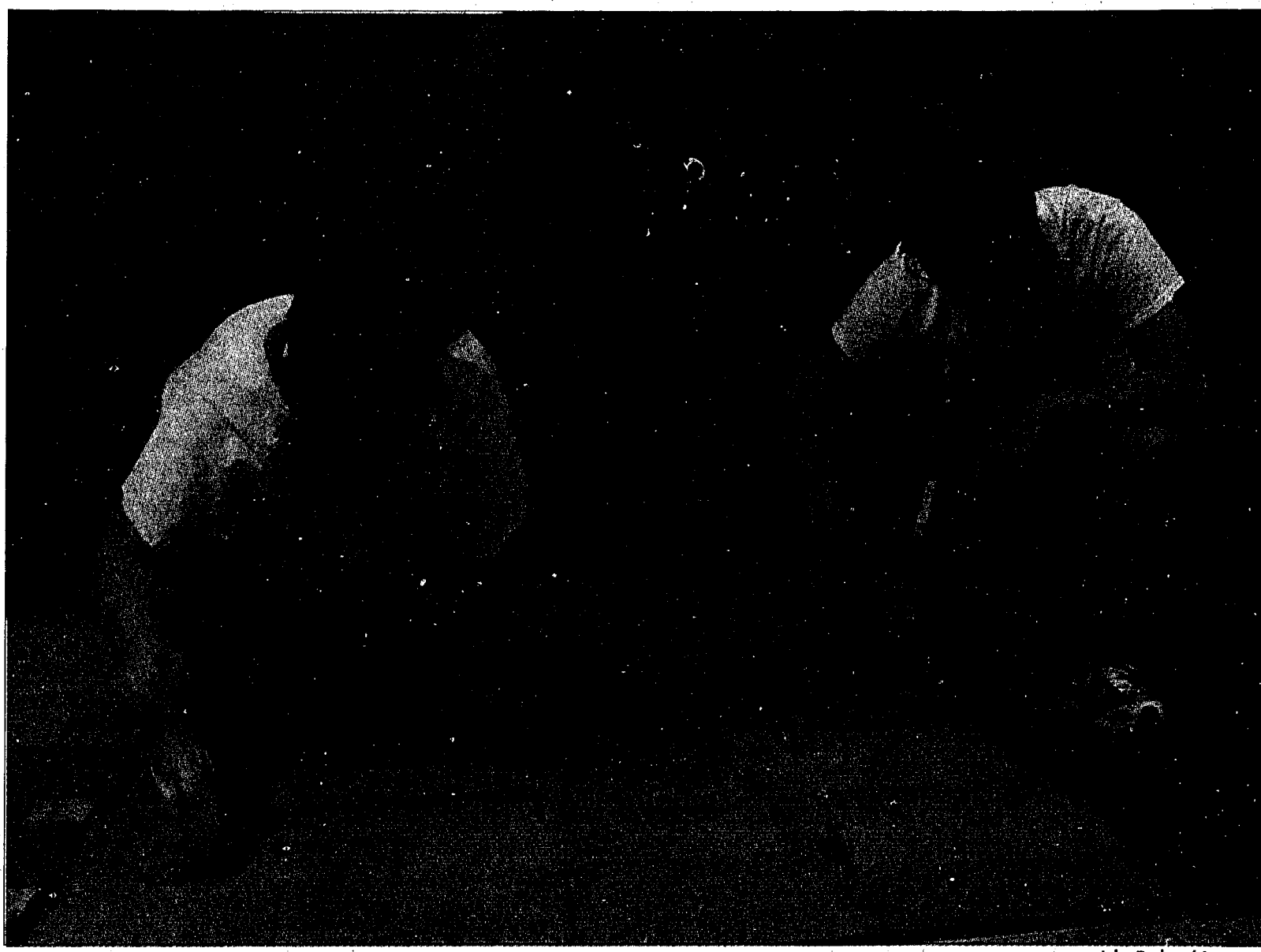
The dark comedy might not appeal to everyone, but "if you're going to a university you should be engaged by ideas not only that you agree with but also by those you have a disagreement with," Guerrero said.

The play communicates a somewhat dire state of America but Guerrero believes his cast has found middle ground between absurdity and reality, comedy and irony and that the play will be entertaining.

Guerrero purchased the play as an early manuscript nearly three years ago and has been waiting for an opportunity to produce it.

He never expected to be directing it during such an interesting time in his life.

"I just became an American citizen last week," he said Thursday. "On September 15th around



Jake Barber / Argonaut

John Bagaglio and Ashley Gray paint the sets for Sam Sheperd's "God of Hell," a Sirius Idaho Theatre production which will run at the Kenworthy Theatre Sept. 28-29 and Oct. 5-7.

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"The Legend of Zelda"



"Donkey Kong Barrel Blast"



"Beautiful Katamari"



"America's Army"



"Guitar Hero 3"

Warm up your thumbs

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

For anyone bored with the current selection of video games, there are plenty of new games coming out within the next few months to provide hours of entertainment.

Here are just some of this season's lineup for Xbox, PlayStation and Nintendo games.

Start saving money now or get started on an early Christmas gift list.

'The Legend Of Zelda: The Phantom Hourglass'

Platform: Nintendo DS
Release Date: Oct. 1
The long-awaited sequel to "The Legend Of Zelda: The Wind Waker" finally brings Link to the Nintendo DS.

When Link and his friend Tetra are sailing the seas and find a mysterious ghost ship in some dense fog, our hero finds himself stranded on an island with Tetra nowhere to be found.

The game will focus mainly on Link's heroic quest to find Tetra while finding various new items, including the "Phantom Hourglass" and characters that will help him escape evil along the way.

'Donkey Kong Barrel Blast'

Platform: Nintendo Wii

Release Date: Oct. 8
Nintendo's favorite primate is back and this time he's bringing his crew with him.

The fast-paced racing game will feature barrel rockets, which the characters will use to race to the finish line while attacking their fellow competitors with various items, including a pineapple cannon.

It will also take the competitions out of the jungle, bringing the races into new environments, including under the sea.

'Beautiful Katamari'

Platform: Xbox 360
Release Date: Oct. 15
The next generation release of the popular game series brings the King Of All Cosmos and the Prince back to roll through all new environments. With all-new cousins and your old favorites, there will be over 50 playable characters available to help roll your katamari up to gigantic proportions, whether playing at home by yourself, with friends, or online with the world.

The Xbox release will also feature downloadable content via Xbox Live, adding new elements to your game play.

This game is rumored for release on the Nintendo Wii by the end of the year.

'America's Army: True Soldiers'

Platform: Xbox 360
Release Date: Oct. 23
In this Xbox release you are U.S. soldier thrown right into the battlefield.

The game, which can be played single player, multiplayer and online multiplayer, is an accurate portrayal of what a real soldier would go through and gives the player a realistic infantry experience.

Players must earn their ranks, along with respect from their fellow soldiers, the same as what a real soldier would go through. You can choose to play as a Rifleman, Grenadier, Automatic Rifleman, or a Sniper.

'Guitar Hero 3'

Platform: Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2, Nintendo Wii
Release Date: Oct. 27

Guitar Hero returns to rock with new songs, an all-new guitar and availability on all of the major consoles...what could be better?

Some of the new songs are slated to be from Kiss, Alice Cooper, Weezer and Heart, among others, and you can play your heart out in new arenas and venues ready for you to rock.

The game will also have a multiple platform online multiplayer mode, where you can challenge others to prove your rock star status.

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Singing across the Atlantic

Polish boy's choir to perform at UI

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

The Cantate Deo boy's choir from Koszalin, Poland, will perform at the University of Idaho Friday, marking the group's first time visiting the Western United States.

"The choir is a very energetic, polished, fine group of men," said Anna Zawicki, director of the Polish choir in Seattle, Wash., which played a large role in bringing Cantate Deo to the university. "It's very exciting to bring these young people here to meet the people of Idaho."

Earlier in the tour, Cantate Deo performed at Pacific Lutheran University, in the Seattle area.

"Their performance at Pacific Lutheran last week was a huge success. They received a standing ovation," Zawicki said. "I was very moved by their performance."

Cantate Deo was formed in Koszalin, Poland, in 1991 for the arrival of Pope John Paul II, with a troupe of 7 and 8-year-old boys. Since that initial performance, the choir has consistently held mandatory bi-weekly rehearsals and voice lessons, as well as a rigorous audition process each year to find new young voices in Koszalin's grade schools.

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The concert will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday in the University of Idaho Administration Building Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and \$20 for families.

To accommodate traveling costs, the group will only be bringing its members who have remained since the early '90s. All of the singers performing on Friday will be at least 16 years old.

During Cantate Deo's 16 year existence, the group has traveled extensively through the major cities of Europe, including Barcelona, Paris and Rome. They also received a silver diploma at the International Choral Olympics and were nicknamed the "Koszalin Nightingales" after their performance at the Pueri Cantores XXX International World Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

Due to a lack of a major sponsorship, the boys themselves were directly involved in saving money to make the trip.

Zawicki said it was a notable effort in a country where the average monthly income is

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Bizarre auctions reel in shoppers to the Internet

Like Narnia, much of the Internet's most fascinating treasures lie beyond the wardrobe doors of eBay.

When weary eyes call for a break from reading and typing endless layers of text late at night, there is no better gateway to endless curiosity and bliss than eBay's library of notoriously random things:

eBay is the online marketplace with gadgets and gizmos a-plenty, who's-its and what's-its galore — want thing-a-mabobs? eBay's got 20 — and just about everything else from A-Z.

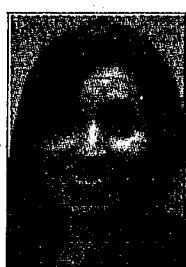
From expensive auctions for houses and cars down to trading cards and Micro Machines, eBay is the epitome of the old adage, "One

man's trash is another man's treasure."

With so much to see and bid on, eBay can be addicting.

There's just something about it that makes my curious side croon Amy Winehouse's "Rehab" every time the colorful Web site reels me in.

If it's not the abundance of instant consumer satisfaction and buying that one special item that catches the twinkle in one's eye, it's the feeling one gets after defeating someone in an auction duel to the death — or



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bankruptcy.

For being the first bidder, eBay rewards online shoppers with encouraging words such as "Congratulations, you're in the lead!"

Even after the bait has been cast and tasted, eBayers can still go along with their daily lives, even if they're still hooked to the line.

With text message notifications and auto-bidding, anyone can be a winner.

With so much to browse through, the best items can make their way into late night TV skit headlines — even Jav Leno finds the

weirdest things on eBay.

So within a window of free time open for perusing page after page on eBay, I began my late night inquiries.

Under "Weird Stuff" are sub-categories ranging from "Slightly Unusual," "Really Weird" to "Totally Bizarre."

Among the 50 or so pages of "get rich quick" electronic books, penis pumps and more intimidating bondage accessories are a few hidden treasures — or trash.

For only one cent plus \$3.50 in shipping and handling, a lucky eBay'er could win the auction for "Geoff Almond: a friend for life?"

He could be that friend. He may not be a very good friend, but apparently he'll listen to your problems, possibly eight or nine.

Looking for a framed collection of U.S. bills made of real gold?

eBay's got it.

With 70 bids, three hours and nine minutes left to go, the bidder of a \$30,500 auction for a part as an extra in a Will Ferrell movie would have also helped out Cancer for College, a San Diego-based charity.

Do charity eBay auctions count toward tax write-offs?

For \$9.50 a bidder could be the proud owner of a 60-year-old skeletal

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Everybody joins Reba on new CD

Robert J. Taylor
Argonaut

Reba McEntire's not some cross-over artist seeing mild success in another genre of music. She's a cross-over entertainer seeing success with radio, music videos, Broadway plays, movies, TV and a clothing line. She truly has done it all and all quite well with 33 No. 1 hits, 15 American Music Awards, 12 ACM's, seven CMA's, two Grammys, the Drama Desk and other critics awards and a network's top-rated show for six years.



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So it should come as no surprise that when Reba announced plans to work on a strictly duet album, the list of artists she works with reads like a who's-who of music stars from various genres and periods of music.

The biggest names in country music join her on the album, including Kenny Chesney, Ronnie Dunn (Brooks and Dunn), Vince Gill, Faith Hill, Rascal Flatts, LeAnn Rimes and Trisha Yearwood.

Pop star Justin Timberlake wrote a song for the project and original Idol Kelly Clarkson re-recorded her song "Because of You" with Reba. Carole King, who had success writing hit songs in the '60s — including for the Beatles — and former Eagle front man Don Henley also join her.

At this point in her career, Reba's not worried about making money, winning awards or producing hit singles.

As a bona-fide superstar, she can call her own shots and work on projects she enjoys just for the sake of making great music and having fun. The concept for this CD was simple:

start with Reba's amazing voice and add another great voice. It's as if they've found the only way to make some of the best voices sound even better: just add Reba.

The result is 11 songs with a different sound and feel to each one.

This isn't always a good thing as it seems at times more songs are only carried by Reba and her collaborator's voices with no thought given to the actual writing of the song.

However, the chance to hear Reba's voice intermixed with other talented artist is worth it and most songs are done really well.

Rimes' voice is the first to appear on the disk and it sounds just like a typical Rimes' song but Reba's able to tone the song down

and make it more soothing. Reba can make anyone's voice sound better — imagine what she can do with a voice that's already sold 37 million records.

Hill joins Reba in a tribute to military spouses in "Sleeping with the telephone." The song is simple yet heartfelt. It's a subtle patriotic song that doesn't shove the American flag down people's throats like some country artists are known to do (think Darrell Worley).

In a song about two ex-spouses who miss each other but won't tell each other, Chesney and Reba tell the tail of parents who only see each other every other weekend when they do the kid-exchange. Both love the other but neither will admit it.

Like most Chesney songs, it's a laid back tune about real life and like every song on the album, is only enhanced by Reba's vocals.

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equivalent to \$500 per family.

The group has been managed by the president of their Board of Directors, Mirella Telinska, since 1993.

"It is the greatest passion of my life to work with these young singing voices," Telinska said.

Since 2003, the group has been conducted by the director of Choral Studies at the Academy of Music in Posen, Poland, Przemyslaw Palka. Palka will be teaming up with the UI's choir director, Michele Paynter Paise for Friday's event. Their two ensembles will be sharing the stage.

"This will be a wonderful experience for the men of the Vandaleers

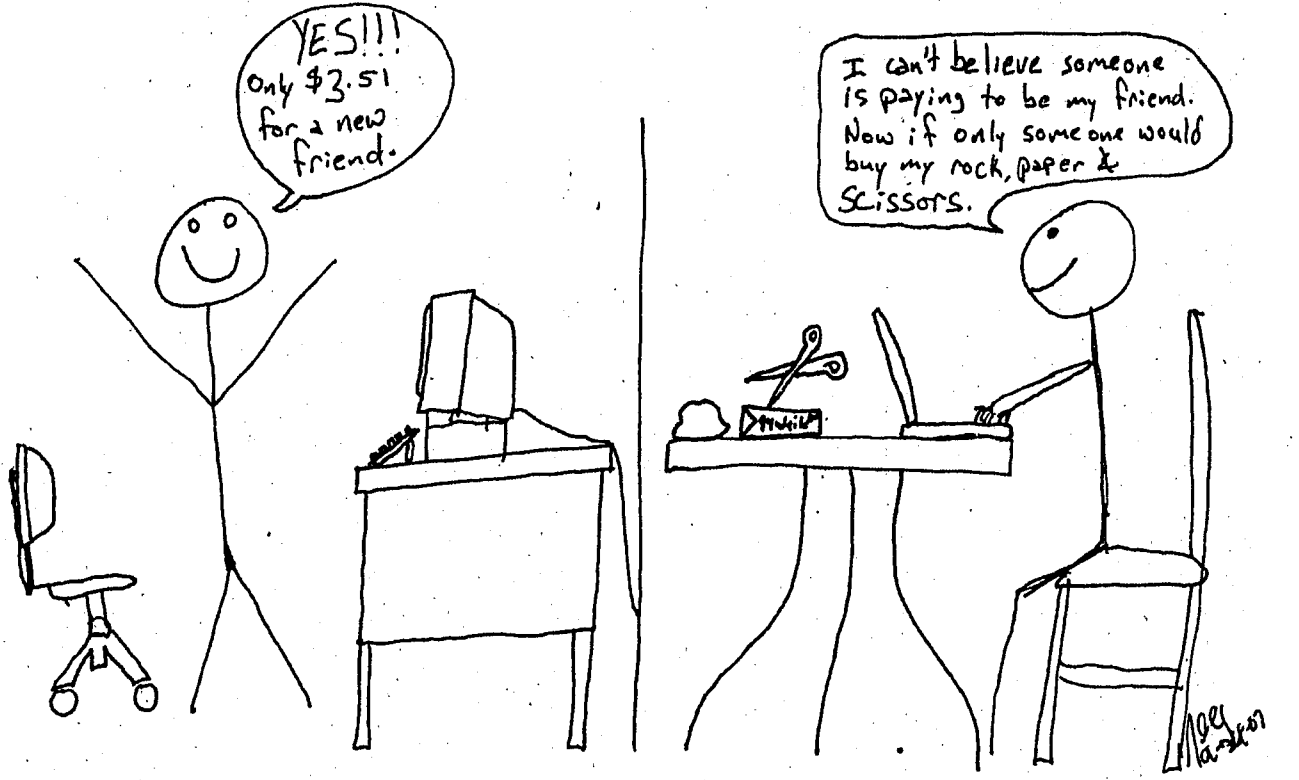
Concert Choir," Paise said. "They will have the opportunity to bond with others who share their love of choral music, promoting the idea that music is a universal experience."

The event will give both ensembles the chance to sing in each others' languages.

"It's a nice cultural exchange," said Zawicki.

After Cantate Deo's performance at UI, the group will be performing again in the Seattle area and will finish their U.S. tour in New York.

"It's not something you can hear everyday," Zawicki said. "This will be exciting for people who love the sound of the human voice, which is a unique instrument, if well produced."



T.J. Tranchell/Argonaut

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rabbit's foot, or for \$10, one lucky winner could own an unknown insect head found in a Campbell's soup can.

The auction includes the unidentified soup-bug head, the original soup

can and a \$10 check from Campbell's soup as reimbursement for the unexpected find.

As if things couldn't get any weirder, they turned totally bizarre.

Fourteen dollars and five bids later, an auction for the strangest item was coming to an end.

In an attempt to make money to pay for a hefty veterinary bill, the owners of a basset hound placed two

chunks of wood that were surgically removed from its stomach and small intestine up for auction.

The winner for most creative auctions, however, goes to rock, paper, scissors.

Sixteen bids and \$30 for one rock, 13 bids and \$31 for paper and 10 bids and \$26.77 for scissors — dooping mindless eBay addicts for a whopping \$87.77: priceless.

ArtsBRIEFS

Halliday to read at UI

Sponsored by the UI department of English and the MFA creative writing program, award winning poet Mark Halliday will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the UI Administration Building auditorium.

Halliday will be on campus all week teaching a graduate workshop as part of the English Department's Distinguished Visiting Writers Program.

The event is free and open to the public.

Graphic novels discussion

UI's Library's free reading and discussion series, "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature — Identity and Imagination" continues at 7 p.m. Thursday with a focus on Art Spiegelman's "The Complete Maus."

Walter Hesford, professor of English, will lead the discussions of graphic novels that explore Jewish literature and culture.

The library is one of 95 nationwide to receive grants for the literature series from the American Library Association; the series was developed by Nextbook.

The discussions at the University of Idaho will explore the theme of "Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel."

Creative writing workshop

The Moscow Community Creative Writing Workshop

will be held Monday nights from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at the 1912 Center.

The 10-week workshop is open to all levels and will feature different local writers every week.

Local writers include Mary Clearman Blew, Peter Chilson, Annie Lampman, Ron McFarland, Gail Miller, Joy Passanante, Brandon Schrand, Judy Sobeloff and Georgia Tiffany.

The workshop will also include in-class writing as well as discussions on fiction, nonfiction or poetry works.

Workshop participants will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their writing and read their writing on local radio station KRFP, then again with workshop instructors at BookPeople Nov. 12.

This main workshop will be limited to 16 participants, but there will also be two six-week workshops, a Monday night poetry/nonfiction workshop and a Tuesday night fiction workshop.

Harvest fest at Dahmen Barn

The Artisans at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown are celebrating their first annual Harvest Festival from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily until Saturday.

Visitors can view demonstrations by artisans with a harvest or agricultural theme.

Fiddlers from Thorncreek Express will play in the afternoon and guests can purchase fresh canning produce from Wilson Banner Ranch.

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me and 4,500 other people became American citizens." The federal judge who swore him in spoke about freedom of speech and the right to engage in political discourse.

"In other countries, like Mexico, you do not have free speech" he said.

His second production with Sirius Idaho Theatre, Guerrero feels that he is emphasizing the importance of free speech.

The cast has been working hard to surprise the audience by how the characters develop. "It's like a living sculpture," Guerrero said.

This sculpture should be ready for audiences by the premier Thursday night at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, immediately followed by a reception.

The actors are confident that they are ready for the premier and have enjoyed the long re- "I've had a lot of fun rehearsing" said Daniel Bell. Audrey Bense, Bell's spouse in the play, Guerrero said. "We are totally ready."

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Growing pains

Vandals can't overcome first half struggles, lose 42-35

John Mallory
Argonaut

Legendary Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry once said, "When you want to win a game, you have to teach. When you lose a game, you have to learn."

Hopefully for the University of Idaho Vandals, learning is what took place Saturday during a 42-35 loss against Northern Illinois.

Despite the domination of statistical categories, the Vandals were unable to come out victorious in a wild contest in which the Kibbie Dome faithful witnessed a variety of exciting plays and touchdowns. During a dramatic fourth quarter, Idaho fell 17 yards short of a comeback on Dads Weekend.

"Maybe we gained something from what we had to do in coming back during the second half," coach Robb Akey said.

Idaho's offense began the game with an efficient opening quarter, scoring on its second possession. Freshman sensation Deonte' Jackson scored on an eight-yard run to cap a nine play, 69-yard drive.

The momentum was short lived and Northern Illinois opened the game with big plays, resulting in 35 unanswered points.

"What hurt us was they had two big plays on us," defensive end Taylor Rust said, referring to a blocked punt and a recovered fumble, both for touchdowns.

Other than a school record-breaking 100-yard punt return for a touchdown by Shiloh Keo, key first half mistakes proved to be too much for the Vandals. Northern Illinois took a 35-14 lead into halftime and were able to come out victorious, earning its first win of the season.

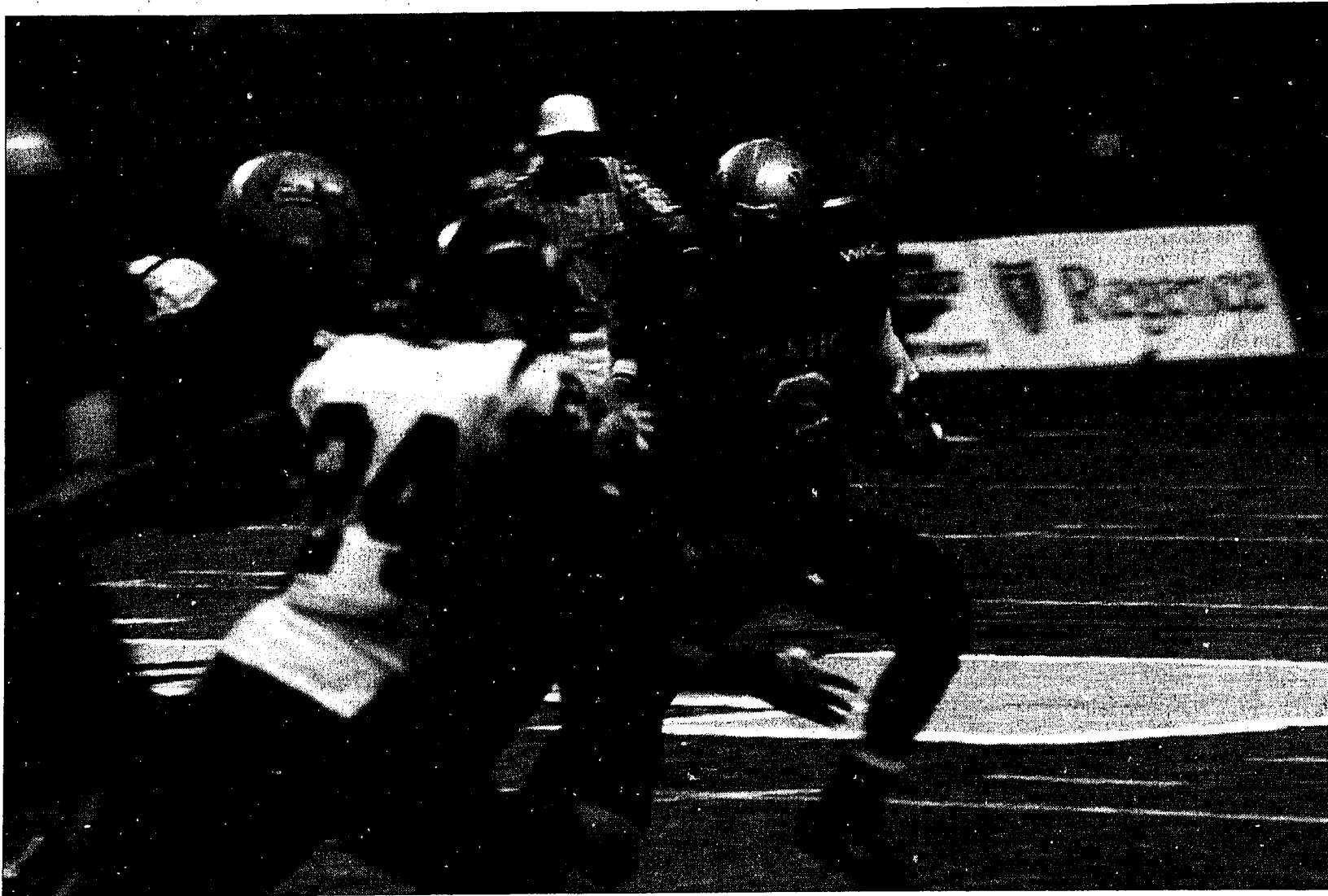
"We spotted them three scores and lost by one," Akey said. "I've got a great deal of respect for them, they've got a first class coach (Joe Novak)."

Both teams scored a touchdown during a defense-led third quarter and the Vandals were still down 21 points heading into the final period. After Maurice Shaw and Eddie Williams caught touchdown passes from Nathan Enderle during the quarter, the Vandals found themselves down by a touchdown with 52 seconds to play.

After recovering a dramatic onside kick, the Vandals comeback fell just short as Enderle was sacked on fourth down at the 17-yard line.

Enderle finished the game with a personal best 423 passing yards. "That kid (Enderle), he's going to be something. I'm glad he's ours," Akey said.

Receiver Max Komar caught 5 balls for 92 yards. Jackson finished with 113 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. Keo, one of the premier players in the WAC, continued to make game-changing plays on defense and special



Deonte' Jackson carries the ball against Northern Illinois during Saturday's game.

Joshua Schott/Argonaut

game day STATS

First downs: UI 31, NIU 17
Net yard rushing: UI 163, NIU 176
Net Yards Passing: UI 423, NIU 168
Total offense yards: UI 586, NIU 344
Offensive plays: UI 95, NIU 62

teams. He lead the team with 162 all-purpose yards, got his third interception of the season, made seven tackles and scored on the electrifying punt return.

"Shiloh is a stallion," Akey said. "Expect great things to come from him over the course of his career." David Vobora led the defense with 12 tackles while Jo Artis Ratti had 10.

During the post game press conference, Keo crumpled up the stat sheet and tossed it on the floor, emphasizing that the team must put the loss behind them and focus on Hawai'i, its next opponent. "Like a piece of paper, you've got to crumple this one up and throw it away," Keo said. "Take the good things in, realize where we messed up, go over our adjustments and prepare for next week."

Heisman trophy candidate Colt Brennan and Hawai'i head to the Kibbie Dome Saturday. The Warriors are currently undefeated and are pre-

dicted by most to win the conference title and possibly gain a BCS bid as Boise State did a year ago.

"They're hotter than a two-dollar pistol right now," Akey said.

The Vandals must limit the mistakes if they hope to contend with Hawai'i and open the conference season with an upset victory.

"These guys conducted themselves well at the end of this ballgame. To battle back, we got stopped at the 17 yard line," Akey said. "We need to get that in, score and go to overtime and win the dang game. If we don't dig ourselves that hole, we're not in that predicament. We're 0-0 in conference and that's what we need to focus on."

Volleyball begins home conference play



Sarah Loney and Anna McKinney tower over Gonzaga during the volleyball match on Tuesday night. Idaho lost 1-3.

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Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team won its first two home conference games this week, bringing their conference record to 2-1.

On Thursday the Vandals faced the Nevada Wolf Pack. Idaho emerged victorious from the match after five close games.

The game scores were as follows: game one Idaho (30-28), game two Nevada (30-26), game three Idaho (30-23), game four Nevada (30-26), game five Idaho (21-19).

The crowd was on the edge of their seats as the teams fought 11 plays past the end of regulation play before Idaho obtained the two point lead necessary for a win.

"It was a huge win, especially at home," coach Debbie Buchanan said.

Although the team did pull out the win, Buchanan was not entirely content with their performance.

"We didn't play extremely well as a whole," Buchanan said.

Defensively Idaho was out-

next WAC GAME

Volleyball team plays Louisiana Tech. on Thursday at Louisiana Tech.

played making four less blocks than the Wolf Pack. Outside hitter Haley Larsen had an outstanding 92 kill attempts and made 29 kills in the game.

"Haley is really getting kills like we need her too, but we also need to step up our middle offense," Buchanan said.

The Vandal team played in the Memorial Gym again Saturday, this time defeating the Fresno State Bulldogs. Idaho won in four games 30-18, 29-31, 30-26 and 30-27.

"We still need more kills and more blocks," Buchanan said.

During the match, the Vandals made 16 blocks while the Bulldogs made only 9.5.

"We didn't get the production we needed from the middles again tonight and we didn't pass well enough to push them like we wanted to."

There is no way we are going to make it through conference without any points in the middle, but we are young and we are learning. It will get better," Buchanan said.

Offensively, the Vandals were still centered around Larsen, but not as much as in previous games. Idaho had three players with more kills than any player from Fresno State.

Also picking up a large number of kills were middle blocker Sarah Loney and outside hitter Sarah Conwell.

Loney needed only 39 attempts to pick up 20 kills and Conwell had 33 attempts for 14 kills.

Larsen had 74 kill attempts and 28 kills against the Bulldogs.

"The girls are playing with more heart and character than they were against Gonzaga," Buchanan said.

In two of their three wins on Saturday, Idaho came from behind to win. The team is back in action next week at Louisiana Tech. on Thursday, and New Mexico State on Saturday.

Soccer Goes 1-1 at Border Shootout, Sandman ties record

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The University of Idaho soccer team traveled to El Paso, Texas, this weekend to compete in the Border Shootout. The team fell to UTEP 4-1 on Friday, but came back to shut out North Dakota State 1-0 on Sunday, when goalie Anna Sandman earned her fourth shutout of the season.

The Vandals first game in the tournament against the UTEP Miners started off well. It took forward Aimee Goss only 6:55 to get the team on the board. Goss headed in a cross from Melissa Canite to score her first collegiate goal.

"We played the best soccer we've played all season so far. We absolutely dominated possession and scored a great goal," coach Pete Showler said.

The teams went into the second half tied 1-1.

The second half, however, did not go as well for the Vandals.

"In the second half, we laid the proverbial egg. We had the game in the palm of our hands and we stopped playing. It was seriously disappointing," Showler said.

After only 14 minutes of play in the second half the Miners had scored two goals.

"It was great to watch," Showler said. "Absolutely fantastic, but I just

can't put my finger on what happened in the second half."

The Miners scored a final goal against the Vandals and the game ended in a 4-1 loss for Idaho.

Though the team was disappointed in the loss, it didn't seem to affect their game on Sunday, as they defeated North Dakota State in a 1-0 shutout. It was North Dakota State's first shutout loss of the season.

The shutout was Idaho goal keeper Anna Sandman's fourth of the season, tying her with the school record for single season shutouts after only seven games. Sandman was also named WAC defensive player of the week for the second time this season.

"(Sandman) made a couple good saves in the second half," Showler said. "It's certainly a great achievement, but the whole team worked for that. The defense did a great job today."

Anna Edmonds headed in her third career goal, and the Vandals only goal, with 9:48 minutes on the clock. Britta Rustad was credited with the assist.

"Anna battles hard for the ball. That's what got her the goal," Showler said. "She works hard to get into position and she finished well today."

The freshman is well on her way to a good season, having scored in two of the Vandals last three games.

Perhaps the reason for her recent

success is due to the additional scrutiny defensives have shown teammate Jennifer Hull after scoring five goals in the Vandals' first four games.

"(Hull) is getting to be known as a threat and teams are really starting to put on the pressure and double up on her. That opens things up for the rest of our offense," Showler said.

The team's competition will not let up in the next few weeks. On Thursday the team will travel to Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, a team who will truly test Sandman's abilities. Loyola has scored 16 goals in the past four games.

On Sunday the team will play Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore.

New on DVD: 'We Are Marshall'

Film hits major points, doesn't go deeper

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

The true story about a West Virginian football team, coaches and others who died in plane crash, "We Are Marshall" tells an endearing and inspirational story.

Where football's electric energy, drive and passion seemed to explode from the screen in previous movies like "Any Given Sunday," "We Are Marshall" takes a more sensitive, Disneyesque route.

After being devastated by the crash, the town pulls together to form a new football team and overcome their obstacles.

Although "We Are Marshall" makes for a great inspirational film that tells a moving story, for audiences who are not die-hard football fans, the movie's predictable music score and average acting talent may keep this movie from reaching its full potential.

Many of the film's more moving scenes are borderline cliché, like reenactments of all inspirational scenes in football movies. Much of the script seemed contrived, and nobody really delivered Oscar-worthy performances, but most of the blame could be placed on its predictable musical score.

Just as the film's title echoes throughout the film, there is no mistaking what viewers should be feeling during each

scene. Written to evoke emotion from even the coolest glacier, the music's dramatic soundtrack overcompensates the actors' ability to cue viewers' tear ducts themselves.

The director skipped the workshop on artsy camerawork and editing while the screenwriters played it safe with a simple script, laid on extra thick.

Matthew McConaughey plays Jack Lengyel, a family man from a nearby town who steps up to the responsibility of forming and coaching a new football team for Marshall University.

"Lost"'s Matthew Fox delivers a genuinely somber role, fitting in with the mood of much of the first half of the film.

Kate Mara plays the fiancée of one of Marshall's late varsity players. Four years after playing Vanessa on the carve-happy pseudo-soap, "Nip Tuck," Mara still can't seem to put away the cheerleading outfit.

Although nothing to scream about, she manages to pull her character through the story as a beacon of lost love and hope.

After his days as T-1000 from Terminator 2, Robert Patrick takes another try as football coach, possibly inspired by his role as alien-football coach in "The Faculty." Viewers won't get to experience any of Patrick's piercing stares or yelling other than when he belts his biggest line in the movie — "We are, Marshall!"

For the freshman football team, winning is not easy — but like most predictable feel-good sport films, everything turns out as it should, or else the producers would never have made this movie.

Vandal rebuilding could be worse

Idaho is a program in the middle of a rebuilding period. A period that has started over four times in the last five years as coaches have treated the Kibbie Dome like a revolting door on their career path.

Current coach Robb Akey is charismatic, a ball of energy and he never stops going. Athletic director Rob Spear calls him a breath of fresh air to all of Vandal athletics.

He's clearly the right man at the right time to not only rebuild the program but to heal the emotional damage caused by the whore of a coach who occupied his office last year. He's got young men who have played for three to five different coaches looking up to him.

Because he came in with standards and enforced them, 17 players were dismissed and nine freshmen had to take the field to open the season.

The task Akey has set out to accomplish is a huge one. Idaho hasn't had a winning season in almost a decade. It's not going to be easy. It's not going to be pretty. At times, it's going to be as ugly as the Vandals' first half of football was Saturday.

His task though, is so minute compared to the rebuilding project

Jack Lengyel took on when he took over Marshall's program in 1971.

The frustration Idaho fans often feel is nothing compared to the pain the people of Huntington, W.Va., felt during Lengyel's tenure at the university.

The previous season 75 players, coaches, boosters, school officials and crewmembers were killed when the charter plane carrying the team home from competition crashed.

The school wanted to shut down the program that year but due to persistent fans and what was left of the team, the school decided to begin the season with a team on the field.

This is where Lengyel came in. He rode into town with his I formation only to find three players with any playing experience. He quickly hit the recruitment trail, got the NCAA to allow him to play freshman (a no-go at the time), pillaged other school teams for players (a soccer player was his kicker) and accepted 35 walk-ons.

He realized he didn't have the talent or size to run the I formation so he did what few coaches would have the will to do: Throw out his playbook and start over with the veer offense.

The team would go on to win just two games that season, but their biggest victory was making it onto the field as a team that year.

It didn't matter if they won or lost

or how they played the game, it only mattered that they played the game.

Lengyel only won nine games at Marshall but he's not remembered as the coach with a 9-33 record.

He's the man who didn't back down from a challenge, who had to help not only a team heal, but an entire town. He took a program that was at its lowest low and embraced it.

He stayed at the school long enough to see his first freshman class graduate, long enough to put the class structure back in place. Long enough to set standards that every coach after would raise.

No team would lose more games in the 1970s than Marshall. Their first winning year season wouldn't be until 1984 and they haven't had a losing record since. In the 1990s, no team would win more games than Marshall, including two Division 1-AA championships.

Randy Moss, Chad Pennington and Brian Leftwich played at Marshall before finding success in the NFL.

The team's success had to start somewhere after the devastating crash that left 70 children without a parent and 18 without either parent. The path from three returning players to two national titles wasn't an easy one.

Someone had to be a trailblazer and start the path that would not only lead to the rebuilding of a football program but of a community. Someone had to step up and say, "I'll take that job."

That somebody was Jack Lengyel.



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NFL: after 3 weeks of play, 2007 looks like 1996

A time machine?

The Packers, Cowboys and 49ers are in first place and O.J. Simpson is in jail. We're back to the mid '90s.

That's what many were saying last week, partly making fun of the Niners and Packers, both highly successful 10 years ago but struggling in recent years. The NFL teaches us each season that we know nothing about football. Sure, people liked Green Bay heading into the preseason, but defeating Philadelphia and San Diego over the first three weeks, nobody predicted that.

Sun's down in San Diego

The Chargers fired a coach who couldn't win in the playoffs and

replaced him with a coach that can't win in the regular season, a horrible move by team general manager A.J. Smith. Somewhere Marty Schottenheimer is laughing is tail off at the fact that his replacement can't win with the best offensive and defensive player in the league, LaDainian Tomlinson and Shawne Merriman, respectively.

At 1-2, the Chargers better figure something out quickly or they will find themselves playing in Indy or New England come playoff time, if they qualify for the playoffs.

And how is LT averaging 2.6 yards per carry? My answer: Norv Turner.

Assessing the NFC

The suspense, or lack thereof, lies in the NFC so far this season. Dallas and Green Bay are the only undefeated teams left in the conference while the Seahawks, Redskins, 49ers, Lions and Buccaneers are at 2-1. Of the top seven teams in the NFC, only two, the Seahawks and Cowboys, made the playoffs last season, which means it should be an interesting season. It's never "too early" in the NFL, not when more than 80 percent of teams to have started a season 3-0 ended up qualifying for the playoffs. This stat means at least four of

the five remaining unbeaten teams should make the postseason this year.

The ol' gunslinger is back

Seeing Brett Favre run around like a rookie in celebration brings back great football memories for me. If this is his last season, and it should not be, I hope his career ends at least during a playoff game. If Favre's Packers play .500 ball for the remainder of this season then we'll get to see him play in another post season contest. Favre has become an American hero over the course of his career, much like John Wayne, Wyatt Earp and Cal Ripken, Jr. I think most fans would agree that if their favorite team can't win it all, they'd be rooting for Favre. I will.



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SportsBRIEFS

Vandal Impact Players

David Vobora, football

The team co-captain made 12 tackles Saturday against Northern Illinois, including 10 solo.



Shiloh Keo, football

After giving up NIU's first touchdown Saturday, Keo more than made up for it



with seven tackles, one interception and a 100-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Anna Edmonds, soccer (picture not available)

Edmonds scored her third goal of the season Sunday in the Vandals' 1-0 win over North Dakota State.

First tourney shows promise for tennis

The University of Idaho women's tennis team didn't return home with any titles from the Cougar Classic Tournament, but the team shows great promise for the season after their first tournament.

The team had mixed success but it was freshman Yvette Ly and Silvia Irimescu who shined during the tournament.

On Friday, Ly faced Kristen MacWilliam of Gonzaga and won in straight sets. In the afternoon, Ly shot down Jenna Tanzer of Portland in straight sets again.

On Saturday, Ly lost a close two set match to Rika Mehndiratta of Gonzaga and on Sunday played a close three set match against Rachel Berger of Eastern Washington, losing 4-5, 6-0, 11-9.

On Friday, Irimescu struggled in the first round match against Corina Lazar of Wyoming, falling in three sets. In the afternoon, Irimescu fought back hard winning against Lyndsey Griffin of Portland. On Saturday, Irimescu took down Kerstyn Dolack of Eastern Washington. Irimescu was defeated on Sunday by Washington State's Aleksandra Cekic.

The women's tennis team will compete in next weekend's Eastern Washington/Gonzaga Fall Invitational Tournament in Cheney, Wash.

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Vandals continue winning ways vs. Fresno State

MOSCOW, Idaho – Haley Larsen's 29 kills helped the University of Idaho volleyball team win its second-consecutive match with a 3-1 victory over Fresno State at Memorial Gym.

The Vandals improved to 5-8 overall and 2-1 in Western Athletic Conference play with the 30-18, 29-31, 30-26, 30-27 win. Fresno State fell to 4-10, 1-2 with the loss.

"This was a good win," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We need to win games like these at home in conference play and it's nice we were able to get it done."

Larsen added 14 digs to her kill total for her third-consecutive double-double. Sarah Loney added a career-high 20 kills and had just one error late in the match to finish with a .487 hitting percentage. She also had 15 digs. Sarah Conwell finished with 14 kills, Kelsey James had 53 assists and 18 digs, and Anna McKinney had a career-high nine blocks.

Overall, the Vandals hit .225 compared to Fresno State's .147 and they held the advantage in digs (83-68) and blocks (16.0-9.5). Of Idaho's 70 kills, only five came from the middle.

"We didn't get the production we needed from the middles again tonight and we didn't pass well enough to push them like we wanted to. There is no way we are going to make it through conference without any points in the middle, but we are young and we are learning. It will get better," Buchanan said.

Idaho continues WAC play next week with games Thursday at Louisiana Tech and Saturday at New Mexico State

Vandals rally but fall short

MOSCOW, Idaho – The agony of the big play. That's what the Idaho Vandals were feeling after Saturday's 42-35 non-conference loss to Northern Illinois before 12,461 at the Kibbie Dome.

After a steady march to gave Idaho a 7-0 early lead, the Vandals yielded five successive Northern Illinois scores – one off a busted coverage, one off an intercepted pass, one on a blocked punt that was recovered in the end zone, and yet another on a fumble recovered in the end zone. By the time the NIU flurry ended Idaho trailed 35-7 and time was waning in the first half.

Shiloh Keo provided the spark that ignited a second-half resurgence when he wove his way to a school-record 100-yard punt return. That shaved NIU's lead by seven points – to 35-14 with :34 left in the first half – but more importantly set the tone for an Idaho second half that the Vandals can only wish they had executed in the first.

"We spotted them three scores and lost by one," coach Robb Akey said after the Vandals dropped to 1-3. "That's the ballgame in a nutshell."

"I think, in some ways today, we were our own worst enemy... We can't dig ourselves into that hole."

The hole did provide too steep from which to escape – but barely. Freshman quarterback Nathan Enderle hit where he missed in the first half and wound up with 308 of his career-best 423 passing yards in the second half. He was 19-of-33 over the final two quarters as opposed to eight-of-21 in the first two.

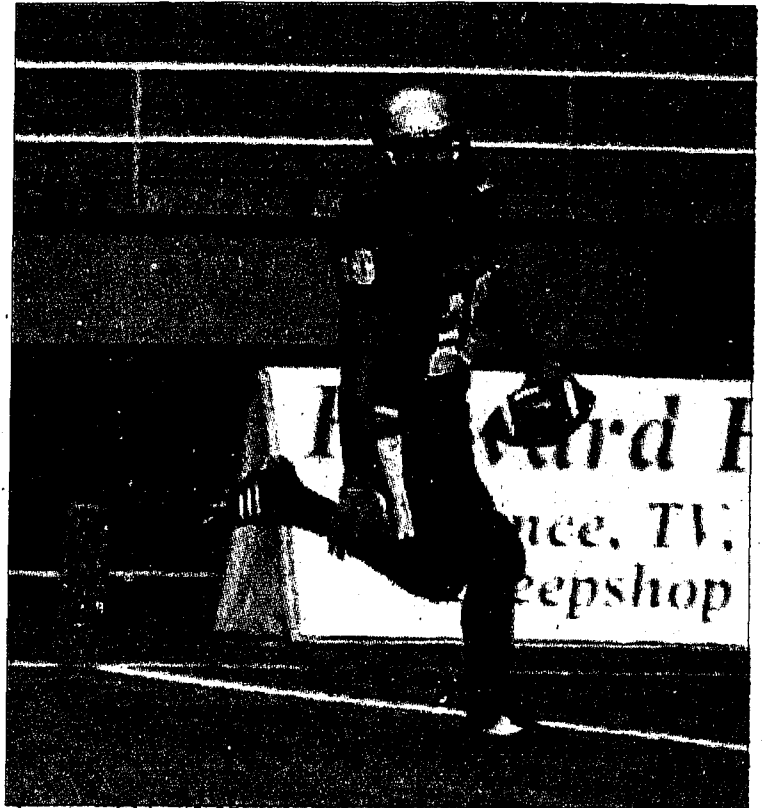
He mixed his throws to a variety of receivers with Max Komar, Maurice Shaw, Jayson Bird and Peter Bjorvik winding up with five each and Eddie Williams pulling in four, Steve Brown two and Rolly Lumbala one.

Deonte Jackson continued his impressive ways with 111 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries – even though he missed the fourth quarter with an ankle sprain. Bird added another 52 on the ground as the Vandals churned through a whopping 95 plays.

"I thought we battled back at the end and showed a lot of heart," Enderle said. "But you can't spot a team 21 points in the first half... We fought back hard at the end. We just couldn't quite get it done."

The second-half rally began when Jackson capped a six-play, 80-yard scoring drive with an eight-yard run to trim NIU's lead to 35-21. The Huskies responded with a length-of-the-field drive of their own for a 42-21 lead on Justin Anderson's 11-yard run midway through the third.

Enderle marched the Vandals to two fourth-quarter scores – a nine-play, 92-yarder capped Shaw's 10-yard TD reception and a six-play, 63-yarder that culminated in Williams' 15-yard score – to



close to within 42-35 with 1:01 to play.

Eric Greenwood recovered the ensuing inside kick and Idaho was eyeing the end zone from its own 47. Enderle's first pass missed its mark but he hooked up successfully with Bird for 10 and Bjorvik for 25 to move the Vandals to the NIU 18. But, the NIU was suffocating on the next four plays and the Huskies took over on downs with nine seconds to play.

"I do think we grew up a lot in the second half," Akey said. "We've got to build from that. I'm very disappointed that we did not win this ballgame, but maybe we gained something from what we had to come back and attempt to do at the end."

Defensively, David Vobora had 12 tackles and Ratti had 10. Keo, who also had an interception to add to his highlight reel, had seven stops as did Chris Smith and Andrew Blevins, who started in place of the injured Ben Alexander.

Player Interview with Jennifer Hull

1. Give us a little background on where you're from.
I'm from Vancouver, WA, which is in southwest Washington. I went to Skyview High School and played club soccer for FC Portland.
2. Why did you choose the University of Idaho? How do you like it so far?
I chose the University of Idaho because I really liked the size and the whole atmosphere of the campus. I also felt really comfortable when I came and visited which was not really the case when I went to look at other schools. So far I really like U of I and I am happy that I chose to come here.
3. What are your expectations for this season?
I think not just me, but the team as a whole has high expectations for this season. We have started out fairly well and are hoping to build from what we've done so far. We've played some really good soccer here and there in our games so far and when we can put it all together into 90 minutes I think we're going to be very successful in the conference this year.

Vandal women show promise at Cougar Classic

PULLMAN, Wash. – The University of Idaho women's tennis team didn't walk away from the Cougar Classic tournament with any titles, but for the first tournament of the season Idaho coach Jeff Beaman had a lot to be happy with.

"We had a great weekend of tennis. Considering the high level of competition and the fact that this was the first ever college tournament for all of our players, I was pleased with our overall effort," Coach Jeff Beaman said. "The weekend really showed the players what they need to work on with toughness, technique and conditioning for the upcoming tournaments and the rest of the fall."

While a few of the Vandals had mixed results during the weekend tournament hosted by Washington State, Idaho freshmen Yvette Ly and Silvia Irimescu stepped up against the tough competition. Irimescu was seeded in the #1 singles draw and immediately faced difficult competition.

On Friday, Irimescu dropped a close three set match to Corina Lazar of Wyoming but bounced back to defeat Portland's Lindsey Griffin of Portland in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1. On Saturday, the second day of the tournament, Irimescu once again put in a strong performance defeating Kerstyn Dolack of Eastern Washington, 6-2, 6-1. Sunday brought with it the consolation finals of the #1 singles draw pitting Irimescu against Washington State junior Aleksandra Cekic. Irimescu couldn't quite overcome Cekic, dropping the match in two sets, 6-1, 6-4.

"Silvia is still making the adjustment to the hard courts and has to work on her mental focus on the court, but I am confident she will continue to improve quickly," Coach Beaman said. "She is a great athlete and has incredible power on her strokes."

Idaho freshman Yvette Ly also showed that she could compete at a very high level during the first tournament of the year. On Friday, Idaho's Ly faced Kristen MacWilliam of Gonzaga in the first round. Ly was strong from the start, taking the first set 6-1 and closing out the straight set victory 7-6 (2) in the second set. Later that afternoon, Ly stepped up to play Portland's Jenna Tanzer, who played the 2007 spring season at #1 singles for Portland. Ly hit the court at full speed and took down Tanzer in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

On Saturday, Ly lost a close two set match to Rika Mehndiratta of Gonzaga, 6-3, 7-6 (5) and on Sunday played an amazingly close three set match against Rachel Berger of Eastern Washington, ultimately losing 4-5, 6-0, 11-9. "Yvette started the weekend winning some great matches against very tough competition and continued to play well even as her wrist was breaking down and the weather got very chilly," Coach Beaman said. "As her body gets stronger and she continues to get match touch, I am very excited to see what she can do."

The Vandal women's tennis team will be right back in action this weekend in Cheney, Wash. at the Eastern Washington/Gonzaga Fall Invitational tournament.



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