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Candidates speak out

Forum gives council hopefuls chance to talk to community

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

It decides how many people students could live with. It regulates where students can and can't park, which retailers can be a part of the community and which can't, and now it is deciding how much authority police have when it comes to loud parties.

It is the Moscow city council and there is no better time than now for students to show they care about their community and the policies that are

made — elections are underway.

This year there are three four-year positions and one two-year position up for grabs. This is a significant number because the city council only consists of six members, Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said.

The Moscow Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a candidate's forum at noon Wednesday at the Best Western-University Inn. The forum will be in the Idaho/Washington rooms.

Darrell Keim, executive director of the chamber of commerce, said during the forum, candidates will have three minutes to discuss what they have to offer if appointed to the council. There will also be a two minute question

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know your CANDIDATES

Running for the three open four-year seats

Linda Pall
Wayne Krauss
Tom Lamar
Dan Carscallen
Aaron Ament

Running for the one open two-year seat

Evan Holmes
Walter Steed

Students interested in attending the candidate's forum can call the chamber office at 882-1800 to RSVP.

TUBALICIOUS



Alumni members of the UI Marching Band tuba section march down Main Street on Saturday morning for the Homecoming parade. Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

A matter of Faith

Campus Christian groups say they offer answers to life's questions

Editor's note: "A matter of faith" is a two-part series investigating Protestant Christian groups at the University of Idaho. This week's article focuses on non-denominational ministries. Look in Friday's paper for part two.

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

When he came to the University of Idaho in the fall of 2000, Rory Tipton wanted two things: to play football

and party. The Meridian, Idaho native wanted the stereotypical college life. He joined a fraternity, partied hard and focused on having a good time.

But right away the lifestyle was not all it was cracked up to be, Tipton says. "I wanted to party and have fun," he recalls. "And things were fun for a while..."

Discouraged by peers from trying out for the football team, unhappy with his fraternity brothers and doing poorly in school, Tipton became depressed.

"I felt like I didn't belong in the life I was living," he says.

That spring a friend invited him to attend an Easter play at a local church. Seven years later, sitting on a couch in the foyer of the same church, he doesn't remember anything about the play — he thinks he might have slept through it — but Tipton says

he'll always remember the atmosphere of the church.

"It was just full of real, sweet, kind, genuine people," he says. It was a different atmosphere than the fraternity house.

"All year I was surrounded by guys I didn't get along with," he says. "What got to me were the people (at the church). Then I went back to the frat and back into that lifestyle. That's when I realized the difference."

When he finished the semester, Tipton decided to get out of the fraternity and moved into the dorms for his sophomore year, although he didn't stop the partying until a friend invited him to Campus Christian Fellowship, the campus ministry arm of Living Faith Fellowship in Pullman. It was then that Tipton says he finally got it.

"I got to meet God through the love these people showed me," he says.

After becoming a Christian that December, Tipton's depression began lifting.

"I was so attracted to God and this lifestyle," he says. "I began to find myself for the first time in my life."

Search for truth

The college years can be a time of exploration and experimentation, said Sharon Fritz, a psychologist with the Counseling and Testing Center. Some students come to find a career, for others it is just the next step after high school and others are eager to be free of parental

control.

Most students who come into the counseling center indicate they are having issues with stress, depression, relationships and identity, Fritz said. The college years are very important developmentally, she said.

"Students are figuring out who they are," she said. "There are lots of opportunities they haven't had in the past. For some people, it's the first time they've explored some of these issues."

ASUI has 20 student organizations that fall under the religious/spiritual category, 14 of which are Protestant Christian groups. No matter what a student's religious background, preference or personal belief system is, UI's campus ministers say they can find a place for anyone.

"They have a strong presence on campus," Fritz said. "Religious groups give you a sense of stability and a sense of familiarity."

Religious organizations don't work for everyone, she said.

"For some students it has been not so positive due to lack of flexibility," she said.

Because church groups usually discourage drinking and premarital sex, some students can feel

"I began to find myself for the first time in my life."

Rory
TIPTON
UI graduate

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Bonding project begins

Energy savings project estimated to save university millions

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The University of Idaho is preparing to begin phase one of its three-part bonding initiative hoping to tackle approximately half of its \$207 million in deferred maintenance problem.

Phase one, which was approved Thursday by the State Board of Education with little discussion, involves the university beginning an energy conservation initiative to address about \$11 million in deferred maintenance, said Lloyd Mues, vice president of finance and administration.

UI has been working on the bonding initiative for around a year, Mues said. The complete project allows the university to renovate the Wallace Complex, deal with safety issues in the Kibbie Dome, upgrade research infrastructure and renovate Brink-Phirney Hall.

Financing for the project comes from a variety of sources, Mues said. The Board approved UI's plan to refinance existing bonds at a lower interest rate, saving the university approximately \$6.5 million immediately, Mues said. The energy conservation project, called ESCO, also will ultimately save the university money.

In the past year, McKinstry Essension, Inc., conducted a technical audit of UI's infrastructure, said Brian Johnson, assistant vice president for facilities. Through the audit, UI was able to identify lighting, heating, cooling and utility problems that need addressed.

"The purpose of the audit was to identify potential projects which would assist in achieving energy savings for the campus," Johnson said. "For example, replacing light bulbs with more energy efficient bulbs will often pay for itself over a period of time through the resulting energy savings."

UI is in the process of working out the contract with McKinstry, which will conduct all the needed repairs for the ESCO project, Mues said. The whole project is estimated to cost about \$35 million and will upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems across campus, upgrade lighting to be more energy efficient, create covered storage for the woodchips that fuel the boiler system and upgrade the university's chiller system.

UI estimates that the energy upgrades will save UI anywhere from \$1.3-\$1.5 million a year, said Jana Stotler, associate vice president for strategic budgeting and finance.

The energy project is the first piece of the puzzle, Mues said, not only because UI could not finance the rest of the bonds without the energy savings, but also because the university could not survive without heat and water.

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Wheatland to charge faculty, staff

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

Non-students utilizing the Wheatland Express bus service are in for a change come Nov. 1.

A small fee will be imposed that will affect University of Idaho and Washington State University faculty and staff who rely on the bus for their border transportation.

UI Parking and Transportation Services manager Carl Root said there have been a few e-mails sent to WSU and to Wheatland Express regarding concerns about the new fee, and confusion about who was responsible.

"There may have been the impression with some that this was Wheatland initiating the change, when in fact it was both institutions determining that this was a necessary step," he said.

Student's tuition and university fees are what fund the bus,

and valid identification is all they need to ride free of charge.

Freshman Danielle Boyd said she agrees with the new modifications and that it is a "small price to pay for the great service."

"We (students) already pay dues to cover the bus," she said. "It only makes sense that all the people who ride it help out a little bit, too."

A booklet of 40 tickets is available at either UI or WSU's parking offices and will cost \$40. They are up for grabs for any university departments or individual employees who wish or are required

to make the commute and will be available soon, Root said.

Root said some patrons have sent e-mails expressing their desire to drive the trip themselves, a logic that may not make financial sense.

"... Compared to operating a single occupancy vehicle, the Wheatland Express service is still a good value."

Carl
ROOT
UI parking manager

"What we would hope is that there is an accurate recognition of the total cost of vehicle ownership and operation and paying \$2 a day for transportation between WSU and UI," he said.

"I think it is fair to say that compared to operating a single occupancy vehicle, the Wheatland Express service is still

a good value."

Root said the student to non-student ratio of Wheatland riders varies monthly but is consistently between 55 and 65 percent. It makes sense that 100 percent of riders contribute to the costly operation, he said.

"From a funding perspective, it is one step closer to establishing a reliable and appropriate funding source for the service," he said.

The rates are projected to improve the overall system and make it fairer to all parties involved.

"There needed to be the creation of a method for funding contribution," he said. "That is why the two universities developed this change and the new transit pass mechanism."

"Users of the transportation programs need to contribute toward the funding of those programs."



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Wheatland Express busses await the open road at the lot in Pullman.

Students fight war on hunger

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

UI graduate student Esther Ngumbi knows hunger, a hunger different from that experienced by busy, meal-skipping college students. Ngumbi, from Kawle, Kenya, knows what it feels like to miss multiple meals and to not know where her next meal will come from.

"I know we think of ourselves as poor college students, but when you think about it, it could be a lot worse," said junior Jackie Goddard, co-chair of UI's War on Hunger chapter. "Be thankful for your Top Ramen."

While living in Kenya, Ngumbi would wake up hungry and go to her mother for food, but there wasn't any for her and her four siblings. The poverty and drought in Africa continuously left the community without food.

"In the evening you start to cry," Ngumbi said. "Your stomach is constantly rumbling." She saw children drop out of school or die because of hunger. But Ngumbi was determined to win the hunger battle. She stayed focused on getting an education to overcome the daily hunger.

"I had a vision," Ngumbi said. "I knew I had to turn back and help my community."

Ngumbi's hunger struggles led to her involvement in the UI War on Hunger chapter.

The group of more than 20 students organized events for this week's National Food Bank Week and World Food Day. Today, groups will table outside the Commons advocating for poverty or hunger awareness issues. Other events this week include a free film and lectures.

The group is taking time this week to encourage students to think about how they spend their money, said War on Hunger co-chair Marriah Banghart.

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The UI War on Hunger chapter meets at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Commons Panorama Room.

For a calendar of this week's events, go to www.uiargonaut.com

World Food Program feeds a child for a day.

"For a \$3 latte there are 15 children that you can feed with that cup of coffee," Banghart said.

War on Hunger provides people with the opportunity to see the world globally instead of getting caught up in their personal lives, Goddard said.

"Our group acknowledges that every discipline can contribute to the issue at hand," Ngumbi said. "There is always something for everyone."

Proceeds support the Idaho Food Bank and the World Food Program, which creates school feeding programs in undeveloped nations. Ngumbi has seen the school feed program help immensely with hunger problems in her home community. The meals provide an incentive for children to go to school.

"You never know what kids might be, they might be future teachers or lawyers," Ngumbi said. "But if nobody makes sure they attend school, it is a ruined life or a ruined talent."

On Thursday and Friday, June Henton, who helped launch the War on Hunger movement, will lecture on hunger related topics.

"She is amazing and passionate," Banghart said. "You don't just sit in a meeting and listen to how hunger is an issue. She gives you hands on devices to fight hunger."

Gaffney asks for new Senate committees

Christina Lords
Argonaut

ASUI President Jon Gaffney is proposing new ways to address issues that pertain to the student body and the University of Idaho.

In a bill presented to the ASUI Senate Oct. 3, Gaffney outlined three new Senate committees — something that hasn't been done in decades.

The Goal-Oriented, Civic Engagement and Campus Safety committees would focus more on campus issues instead of writing bills and resolutions, Gaffney said.

"These committees would not work on legislation, but would instead work on projects," he said.

The committees would take a look at a specific issue, and if it deemed it prudent to draft legislation, it could, he said. Many times the existing committees only react to the legislation before them, Gaffney said.

There are four committees in place now. Every senator is required to be on at least one committee and one ASUI board.

If the bill passes, each senator would be required to be on two committees. The new committees would be chaired by a first semester senator.

Addressing issues that don't usually fall under the umbrella of the existing committees is one function the committees would serve, Gaffney said.

"There are several issues on campus that are not being

addressed by ASUI," he said. "This would give issues the place they need."

The bill states the Goal Oriented Committee would develop action plans that would increase representation and involvement of all UI students, including creating a better way to represent off-campus students.

The Civic Engagement Committee would help fill the gap of the lack of ASUI's civic engagement board, Gaffney said.

"The Civic Engagement Committee would be nonpartisan, but politically involved," he said.

The committee could be responsible for conducting voter drives, candidate forums and getting the student body more involved with the political process, Gaffney said.

The Campus Safety Committee would examine issues such as ASUI's budget for lighting on campus and updating and maintaining UI's campus phone service system.

Getting newly elected Senators immediately into leadership positions is another function the committees would serve, Gaffney said.

"Sometimes first semester senators are not quite sure of what they can work on," he

said, "and this would be a way to develop those leadership skills."

Senate Pro Tempore Garrett Holbrook, who sponsored Gaffney's bill, said the committees would be a good addition to the Senate and would give newer senators more leadership opportunities.

"Having these committees would give more weight to any argument we make about safety or student involvement," Holbrook said. "It would show we are actively working on something as a committee instead of just one person who has

some harebrained idea."

He said it would be a good way for the Senate to actively take on issues instead of waiting to draft legislation.

"The Senate doesn't have mechanism to affect change in a committee form," Holbrook said. "We really don't have an avenue to do that right now. (We) review bills, but don't have a committee to look at campus issues."

But not all senators think that creating new committees is the best way to address campus issues.

Sen. John Adkins said the ideas behind the committees are a great thing for ASUI to be thinking about, but he said he doesn't think that creating new committees will be an effective enough way to solve these problems.

"These are good topics that need to be discussed, and I would definitely like to see something come out of this," Adkins said. "But I don't think senators having a brainstorming session every two weeks will get the results these issues deserve."

He said one reason he didn't think the committees would be effective enough is because some of the topics are too broad.

Some Senators are already sitting on more than one committee and many also sit on multiple university boards as well, he said. Adding another required committee for senators to go may not be the most effective way to address issues, Adkins said.

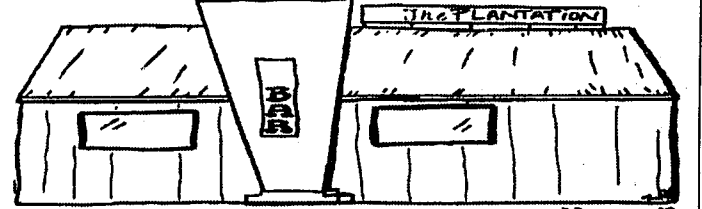
Adkins suggested that a form of the same committees be created in the executive branch of ASUI instead of the Senate's.

The Senate will vote on the bill at its meeting Wednesday.

"There are several issues on campus that are not being addressed by ASUI."

Jon
GAFFNEY
ASUI president

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Grants use student fees to fulfill dreams

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Graduate student Mary Oswald is happy with the work she has completed in the past two years and is eager to see the next level the University of Idaho Student Research Grant program will reach.

One of the programs founders, Oswald was appalled to see how few grants were available to undergraduate students and wanted to create a funding opportunity for everyone. With SRG beginning its second year, Oswald has greater goals for the program.

"This is still relatively new and relatively successful. I'm hoping it can perpetuate itself and only grow bigger," Oswald said. "We're looking at a student wide symposium but our ultimate goal is always to help as

many students as we can as well as we can."

Available to all full-time students, the SRG is the only program on campus to both graduate and undergraduate students of all disciplines.

Student fees bestow between \$45,000 and \$50,000 a semester to the program. \$10,000 is given for dissemination awards and the rest goes to research grants.

"Everyone pays the fees, so we want everyone to be open to the money," Oswald said. "Based on numbers from last year, I'd say it was split down the middle between graduates and undergraduates when we distributed funds."

With dissemination awards, students may apply for up to \$1,500 in reimbursement funds for the distribution of their work. The proposal deadline for this option has expired

for the fall, but will be renewed in the spring.

Research grants are still available, the proposal deadline for those grants is Nov. 2.

"With this grant, think of the broadest definition of research possible," Oswald said. "If you want to study anthropology in Africa or publish your memoirs, there is money available, just make sure to follow the process."

The first step for successfully completing the procedure is to find a faculty sponsor. Required for the application, a sponsor monitors the students progress and helps them with the development of the project.

"You can tell the applicants who had help from the ones who didn't," Oswald said. "But remember to get a sponsor who can be dedicated and who'll put in an invested interest."

Roger Lew is a graduate student and a council member for the research grant program. According to Lew, besides sponsors, it's important for students to complete the paperwork thoroughly.

"You should start off with an idea that inspires you, but you can't stop there," Lew said. "Bringing a concept to life can be challenging and it takes a dedicated planner. That's why it's important to cross the T's and dot the I's."

In an effort to help demystify the process, the grant program holds seminars to give students the tools to complete the application effectively. Lew works mostly with graduate students and said that they are given background that undergraduates don't have. The seminars provide all students the necessary education and should prove to be beneficial.

"It helps to establish what qualifies as a good proposal and just an OK one," Lew said. "I wouldn't be surprised if students involved in seminars did better than those uninvolved."

After applicants complete the proper paperwork, the proposals are externally reviewed by students and faculty members. This committee decides who gets what.

According to Oswald, the committee tries to spread the wealth to all disciplines, and so far the program has seen applicants from each individual UI college, with the exception of business and economics.

"As we draw closer to the deadline for grant proposals I'd be excited to see something from business," Oswald said. "With all the posters and e-mails we've sent out advertising ourselves, it would be a sign that we're appeal-

CampusCALENDAR

Today

World Food Day Fair
Idaho Commons
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Vern Dektet CD Release Concert
School of Music Recital Hall

7:30 p.m.

Off-Campus Student Council Meeting
Idaho Commons Horizons Room
8 p.m.

LGBTQ Safety Issues on Campus
Idaho Commons Crest Room
8:15 p.m.

Thursday

Love Your Body Day

Idaho Commons
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"How to Find Funding and Write a Competitive Proposal" Seminar
Idaho Commons Horizon Room
3 p.m.

"Share the Wealth" Sustainability Lecture
University Inn Best Western
7 p.m.

PoliceLOG

Oct. 8

7:36 a.m. Cows reported along West Pullman and Farm roads.
8:53 a.m. 1080 West Sixth St.: Fire alarm. Fire department responded, alarm reset.
4:31 p.m. 530 West Rayburn St. and West Sixth St.: Some skateboarder hit female pedestrian. Victim didn't know if attack was on purpose. Report taken.
7:01 p.m. 1080 West Sixth St.: 911 call came from north elevator. Officers responded.
11:43 p.m. 1020 West Sixth St.: Caller reported male in hallway screaming. Officers responded and were unable to locate the source of the yelling.

Oct. 9

9:54 a.m. 851 Campus Dr.: EMS responded to unconscious person call. One person transported to Gritman.
11:51 a.m. UI Golf Course Maintenance: Officers responded to alarm. Person responsible for course contacted.

Wednesday

1:37 a.m. Pi Beta Phi purple lot: Reported car alarm going off for 20 minutes. Officers responded, alarm stopped.
11:23 a.m. Phi Gamma Delta: Caller reported ID was stolen.
12:16 p.m. ROTC Building: Caller reported piece of sharp metal sticking out of disabled sign in parking space behind building. Nearly slashed his tire. University parking services fixed problem.

Thursday

12:22 a.m. Sigma Nu: Law enforcement, fire department and EMS responded for patient who was assaulted. Victim taken to hospital.
9:37 a.m. UI Human Resources: Alarm inside of building went off. Officers responded, everything locked and appeared to be fine.

8:12 p.m. Frisbee golf course: Reported bike found. Officer picked up.

Friday

12:24 a.m. Wallace Complex: Reported in Stevenson Wing, smell of Marijuana, towel blocking door and fan running in window. Officer responded.
2:41 a.m. 876 West Sixth St.: Report of pounding sound coming from vicinity of steam plant. Officers responded and advised that people were at work in the area.
8:17 a.m. 804 Rayburn St.: Caller said rear light cover was smashed out.
4:52 p.m. 901 Paradise Creek St.: Elevator stuck near second floor. UI facility operations fixed problem.

6:02 p.m. Memorial Gym: One warned for trespassing.
10:53 p.m. Old Arboretum: Two males reported running into old Arboretum from Kibbie Dome.

Saturday

4:24 p.m. Law Building: Arrested one male for DUI.
5:41 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Requested case number for found property. Found in west Kibbie Dome parking lot.
9:29 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Two people reported on roof of Kibbie Dome. Officers responded, subjects warned and released to parents.
9:49 p.m. Student Union Building: Third party reported hit and in north parking lot by SUB.
11:50 p.m. Sigma Nu: Two naked men reported running in alley behind fraternity.

Sunday

1:12 a.m. University Laundry: Reported loud yelling and honking horns.
5:41 a.m. Kibbie Dome: Two vehicle accident reported. No injuries.
5:50 a.m. 1080 West Sixth St.: Reported vehicle hit sometime last night. Report taken.

Local/BRIEFS

Commission sponsors violence discussion

The Moscow Human Rights Commission will sponsor the social justice forum "Murder, Weapons and Violence on the Palouse: What Should We Do?" from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Moscow Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center. Panelists include judges, lawyers, professors and mental health professionals.

The forum will discuss possible reasons for the recent increase in homicides in the area, and explore what measures can be taken to decrease the likelihood of future tragedies. A question and answer period will follow the panelist discussion.

Scientific officer discusses genomics Thursday

Richard Flavell, the chief scientific officer at Ceres, a California based biotechnology company, will discuss how genomics, the indexing and use of a plant's entire genetic "catalog," may be the best tool currently available to help ethanol producers change the way America uses its energy resources. He will give the lecture "Moving the Frontiers of Genomics to Help Plant Biology and Breeding" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Life Sciences Building Room 277. The lecture is open to the public.

Ceres is focusing much of its effort on utilizing previously unexploited plants, such as switchgrass, as raw material for the production of ethanol. Switchgrass can be grown economically on marginal lands otherwise unsuited for the major grains like wheat and corn.

The lectureship bringing Flavell to the University of Idaho was established in 1987 by Duane and Phyllis LeTourneau to promote our understanding of advances in plant biology. Duane LeTourneau retired

as a professor of biochemistry and chemistry after a 38 year career of teaching and research at UI.

Competition explores financial industry

The Northwest-based investment firm D.A. Davidson & Co. is launching "The Internship," a competition to encourage senior-level undergraduate students to explore the financial services industry.

Two internships will be awarded to the business students who exhibit leadership, financial prowess and overall academic achievement as a team members participating in the company's 2007-08 Student Investment Program. Students must be juniors, seniors or graduate students from one of the 20 universities or colleges participating in D.A. Davidson's Student Investment Program to be eligible. Interested students must complete and submit a job application to their professor by Monday.

Applicants are encouraged to get nominations from their peers and their professors, who will provide recommendations to the Davidson Internship Committee.

Davidson executives will begin interviews with selected candidates the week of Jan. 14. The chosen students will be announced Feb. 11 and will each receive \$2,500 for their own D.A. Davidson investment account or in the form of a scholarship.

The full-time, 12-week paid internship will begin in the late spring and includes a meal stipend, paid lodging in Great Falls, Mont. and the opportunity to earn a Series 7 license, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority license that allows financial professionals to buy and sell securities.

Two runner-up candidates in the competition will each receive \$1,000 in a D.A. Davidson investment account or in the form of a scholarship. The Student Investment Program provides students from colleges and uni-

versities throughout the Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions with \$50,000 per school, to be invested in markets over the course of the year.

'Everybody Reads' begins in Moscow Nov. 13

"The Deep Dark: Disaster and Redemption in America's Richest Silver Mine" by Gregg Olsen is this year's featured book in the regional "Everybody Reads" project.

Olsen will be in Moscow on Nov. 13. He will speak to Moscow High School students in the morning, and be available to sign books at BookPeople from 4-5:30 p.m. He will speak at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre at 7 p.m.

The afternoon and evening events are free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available through local libraries and bookstores.

"Everybody Reads" began in 2001 at libraries in the Lewiston/Clarkston area and has now expanded throughout the region to Moscow, Pullman, Colfax, Palouse, Lapwai, Kooskia and Orofino. The goal of the project is to bring communities together by providing the opportunity to read and discuss the same book and interact with the author.

"The Deep Dark" discusses the story of the 1972 Sunshine Mine disaster in which 91 miners were killed. The book was the winner of the 2005 Idaho Library Association Idaho Book Award.

Everybody Reads 2007 is sponsored by several public and high school libraries, including the Latah County Library District, Moscow High School and the University of Idaho Library. Additional support is provided by grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Washington State Library, the Idaho Humanities Council and the Friends of the Moscow Library.

For information, go to www.latahlibrary.org and www.everybodyreads.org or contact Chris Sokol at 882-3925 extension 16.

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Have some fun

You have to fill your schedule with at least 12 credits to remain a full-time student. It's easy to fill that schedule with required classes and maybe an activity course or two, but really, how is that taking advantage of what this university has to offer?

Think about it: You're here for four years — maybe five, or six. And according to the movies, it's all downhill from here.

You can take 18 credits a semester, and by the time you're done here you'll just want to die. Or you can spread your required credits out, and take some classes you actually want to take.

There are certain things everyone has to learn and certain classes everyone has to take to get a diploma.

There is something to be said about taking a class that won't necessarily make you stronger in a chosen field, but could instead make you a stronger person.

Seniors are especially guilty of taking the last few classes they need and filling the rest of their time with easy As.

Easy As may keep up the GPA, but they usually aren't the best classes to take. College should be about challenging yourself mentally or even physically.

So when meeting with an adviser this week or next, don't just focus on what's required.

Want to get in shape? Physical education classes aren't just a quick credit if you actually show up and do the work. Because students have to go to a class in order to pass it forces a person to get in the workout habit. This is something that will be valuable for the rest of your life.

Who cares if you are a business major? If you want to take a drawing class, take a drawing class. The skills students need for their careers aren't necessarily the only ones they need for life.

Also, all of the skills a person needs for their career aren't taught in required classes.

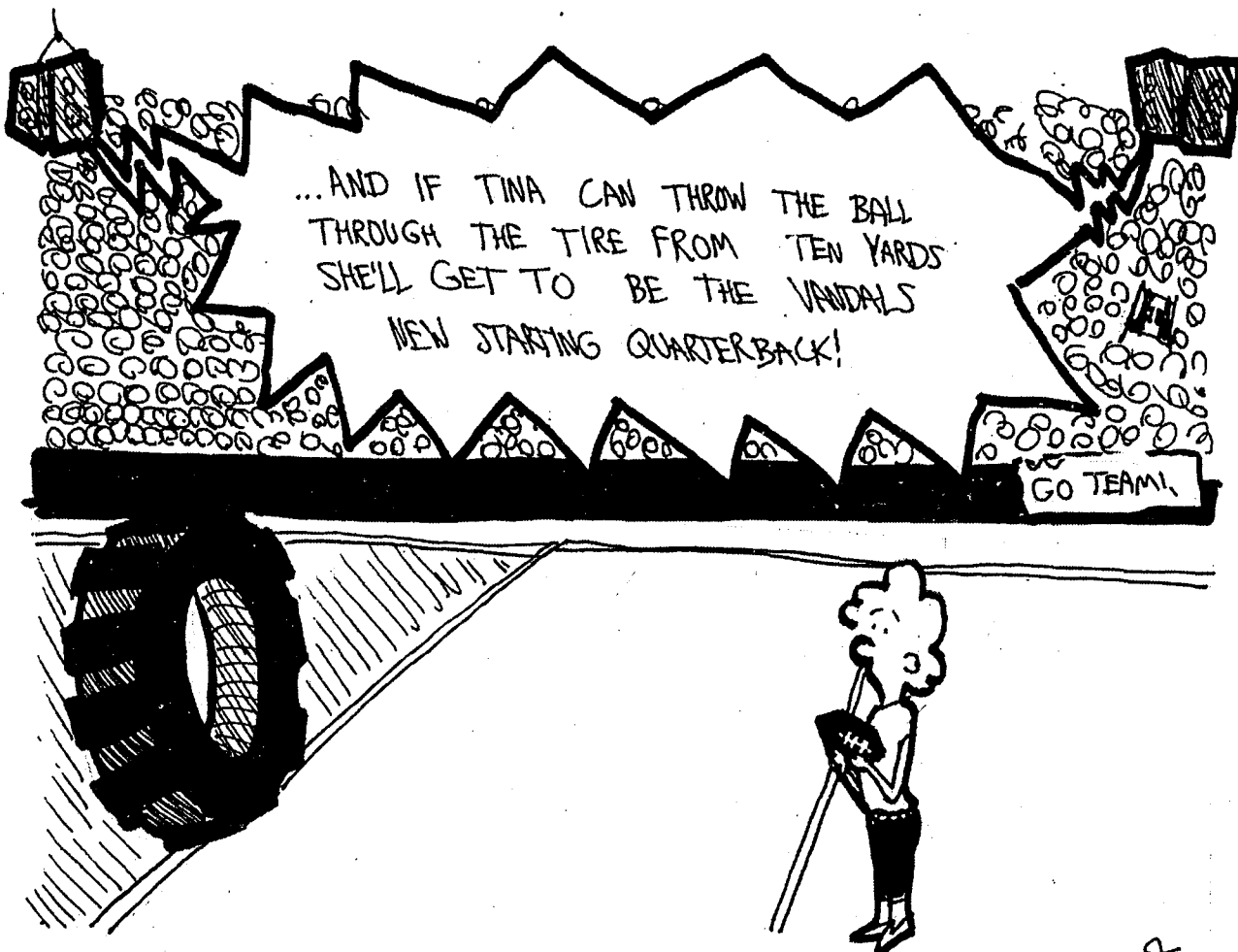
Don't go blindly into an advising appointment.

Explore your options and talk to your adviser about the classes you want to take along with the ones you need to.

A narrow view of the world isn't what college is all about. Explore options beyond your department's section in the course catalog.

Branch out and become a well-rounded person that you can be proud of.

—RH



Paul Tong/Argonaut

TEEJOCRACY

Free stuff is always good

Believe it or not, right now I'm just as broke as you are.

If you have a dollar, you have more money than I do.

It's the life of a college student. We eat a lot of ramen noodles and download free music. We shop at WinCo and a good happy hour can be the highlight of our week.

So when someone offers us something and asks us to choose how much we want to pay for it, we are on that like gnats on a Yankee pitcher.

Granted, college kids aren't the only people who have downloaded Radiohead's new album since its digital release last week. Maybe somewhere out there, a group exists that has better Internet access and less money.

Junior high school kids, maybe?

I don't know too many junior high kids who are into Radiohead.

I wasn't into Radiohead during my mid-teen years, that's for sure. I think I spent eighth grade killing my eardrums to Metallica and AC/DC. I didn't pay for it, either.

I borrowed cassettes from classmates.

I also recorded songs from the radio, sitting with one finger ready to push the "play" and "record" buttons simultaneously.

Back then, we had a barter system for tapes.

I helped out with homework and in return I benefited from advanced technology in the form of tapes passed to me when someone acquired a CD.

Free stuff good.

Back to Radiohead and how much I paid for it.

The truth is, I haven't downloaded "In Rainbows" yet. I probably won't. I have a dirty little music-enthusiast secret.

I still don't like Radiohead. "Creep" is cool and "Karma Police" is one of the best tracks ever recorded.

Two songs, though, won't convince me to like a band.

I understand that Radiohead is much better than many bands playing for their dinner these days. I also understand that "Citizen Kane" is one of the best movies ever made, but that doesn't mean it's in my Top 10 favorite films.

The thing about Radiohead now is not whether the album is high quality. "In Rainbows" could suck for all we-who-haven't-heard-it know. It could be the best album of the year. It is, either way, the most important album of the year.

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Opportunity: Still knocking, even if you're almost out of here

It's odd to think that I've been at this school for less than two years.

During my (short) time at the University of Idaho, I've had exponentially more opportunities to do some really cool stuff than I ever had at a prestigious, private, really damn expensive East Coast university.

First among these opportunities has been my job(s) with Student Media — especially my work with Blot.

You might not know what Blot is. According to the current UI catalog, Student Media still encompasses the Gem of the Mountains — the UI yearbook.

In 2003, though, the yearbook's budget was rolled into a new publication, a magazine the powers that

be decided to call Blot.

We published twice a year (whether we needed to or not), and offered writers and photographers a different kind of forum for their voices. I came here in the spring of 2006, and took over as editor-in-chief that fall.

My staff and I worked our asses off last year, and produced two of (in my humble opinion) Blot's best issues so far.

The work paid off, and Blot was named best magazine in Idaho by the Idaho Press Club and the third best magazine in the region by the Society of Professional Journalists.

A week from Wednesday, I'll be



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getting up at 3 a.m. and driving to the airport for a long weekend in Washington, D.C., where I and eight others from Student Media will be attending a journalism conference. I'll find out Saturday whether Blot has received a Pacemaker award — one of college media's highest honors.

My jobs with Student Media have given me these opportunities. Last fall, I traveled to St. Louis for last year's conference, and in the spring I might have the chance to go to Kenya as a representative of the journalism school.

Almost anything you choose to do while in college will afford you similar opportunities.

It doesn't really matter what you do, if you dive in feet first and

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

All about context

When I was a little kid, my parents took me to this awesome art exhibit with a whole room set up with giant objects.

There was a huge chair that you had to use a ladder to climb onto and denim overalls that a whole family could fit inside.

That memory struck me as I was walking out of a restroom in the SUB, which has really small toilets. If that was someone's art project, I am so sorry.

— Alec

Stop the objectifying

Hi, it's me. From a few Fridays ago ... Yeah, the naked chick.

Can we please stop with the objectification? I'm more than the sum of my parts, and I feel like you are all ignoring my other, less visible qualities in favor of those portrayed in the photo. And that hurts me, deep down inside.

So please, take me down from your dorm room doors, and ask your sister if she's checked herself for breast cancer lately.

Because that should be the focus here, not my sexy, sexy back.

— The chick from the Oct. 5 issue

eBay blunders

After perusing pages of Chloe Paddington handbags, I was elated to find one on sale for \$150 plus shipping. For a bag that's retailed at Neiman Marcus for more than a grand, that's pretty darn good. Deciding to forgo a semester's worth of movie theater outings and maybe the occasional on-campus lunch, I went for the bait.

Hook, line and sinker. After buying the bag, my stomach sunk beyond any level it had reached before.

But after speculation that the site was stolen, I held off on sending my payment.

Now I sit here relieved, after eBay removed the listing because it was a fraud.

There will always be another Chloe bag — but there's also overpriced movies to see and keep me warm this winter.

— Christina

Ah, sick!

I say this every year, but it still needs to be said. If you are sick, stay home.

People are already coming to class with various disgusting colds and flues that I don't want to catch. If you absolutely have to be there sit somewhere far away from everyone else and please don't breath on me.

— Ryli

If the truck's a-rockin'

There is definitely something to be said about eating food that came from the back of a truck. The owner/manager/cook leans down to take your order, then disappears behind the dirty windows and you wait out in the cold.

After some mysterious rocking and creaking of the trucks suspension, you peel away the tin foil to reveal the best burrito/hot-dog/mystery-ethnic-food you've ever had. That being said, I miss the burrito truck that was once San Miguel's.

The new place is great, but I miss the burrito truck. There is however a truck in Otto's parking lot that makes the best breakfast I've ever had. You should check it out.

— Roger

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China: No democracy for you (sorry about that)

This week marks the National Congress of the Communist Party of China. It is an event that occurs once every five years to determine the leadership of the Communist party, and in turn the country, for the next five years.

Like most other things associated with communism, it's mostly just a giant display of pageantry that serves no purpose other than propping up the image of the party and confirming decisions party leadership has already made.

The convening of the National Congress is similar to a presidential election in the United States, as it reshuffles what we would refer to as the "cabinet" of the Chinese government.

Reshuffling the government boils down to introducing new

ideas and hopefully leads to "progress." Progress is a very loose term, since it has a different meaning depending on one's perspective of what direction a society should move in.



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From an American perspective, China is making decent progress toward becoming a truly modernized country. Chinese economic reform since the 1970s has been very effective at lifting a large portion of the country out of poverty and has produced a middle class larger than the population of the United States. But not all is well in China.

The rapid economic growth of the past three decades has been concentrated on the country's east coast, and has led to an enormous wealth disparity between coastal and inland China.

Reports from the foreign news bureaus operating in China claim almost daily demonstrations against the government throughout the country.

China's state-controlled monopoly on media and censoring of the Internet prevents the sharing of such information within China.

As a result, most Chinese are unaware of how widespread dissatisfaction with the Communist party's rule truly is.

The current head of state, Hu Jintao, has promised reforms within the party's structure to make the party more responsive to the needs of the people. In some respects the party will become slightly more democratic, but the party has firmly ruled out adoption of Western democratic institutions.

When China began to shift away from socialism in the 1970s many believed the Chinese would gradually move

toward democracy as economic conditions improved. The adoption of capitalism, it seems, does not necessarily mean a subsequent adoption of democracy.

These reforms appear to be a party response to the growing unrest in the country. Implementation of these small reforms will be a gradual process through 2022, when the "fifth generation" of party leadership will relinquish control of the country.

Perhaps then the next generation of leadership will make a new set of reforms pushing the country closer toward democracy.

The world shouldn't hold its breath.

China has a lot more to worry about than giving people the right to vote. In the next few decades China will face several enormous challenges. It will have to secure adequate energy sources and raw materials to fuel its eco-

economic growth.

The current policy of development before environmental responsibility may end up harming the country worse than the nation's leaders currently believe.

China's population is also aging. Like the eminent retirement of the baby boomers in the United States, in roughly a decade, China will be inundated by a massive retiring population. China's population has swelled up to 1.3 billion citizens as of 2007, nearly 800 million more than in 1950. China is attempting to stabilize its population at around 1.4 to 1.6 billion.

However, due to a lack of substantial immigration and a declining birth rate, China's population is likely to begin shrinking at some point, depending on how quickly the birth rate declines.

If China is able to maintain its economic growth and redistribute its wealth accordingly,

a Chinese superpower would be inevitable. But that's a big if. Securing long term sources of energy and mass retirement will hinder the growth of America and Europe significantly, albeit temporarily. One can only imagine the effects of such events on a developing nation.

Although democracy may be the last thing on the minds of China's leadership, it would certainly put America at ease, since democracies don't fight one another (supposedly). Which is a moot point since an undemocratic Chinese superpower only seems to bother Americans.

An international poll conducted in 2006 revealed that the majority of humanity believes a Chinese superpower would behave more responsibly throughout the world than the United States.

So, as long as the rest of the world doesn't care if China is democratic, China probably won't either.



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In an ideal world — in Thom Yorke-land, perhaps — a listener would download the album for a

minimal amount, listen to it, like it, and then decide to purchase the physical version of it for \$15 at the local record store.

This will happen. And the Cubs will win the World Series, Ron Jeremy will win a Pulitzer and I will win the lottery.

I might have a chance at that last one, but I can't afford a ticket.

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raise your hand when they're looking for volunteers, you'll be first in line when something really cool comes up.

Even before you enter "the real world," working hard has its rewards.

Mine have been both intangible — I'm more confident in myself and my work, and I have learned several new skills that should serve me well when I get out of here — and tangible — the D.C. trip, for example.

You can work your ass off in classes, and graduate with a 4.0, but if you're a JAMM major, I'm probably getting a better job than you, because of my work experience.

Not all of the preparation you're supposed to do while in college takes place in a classroom.

My classes have been great (don't get me wrong, any professors who might be reading this) but I've learned so much more by working at Student Media.

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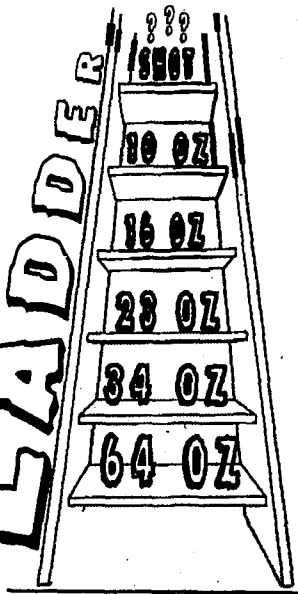
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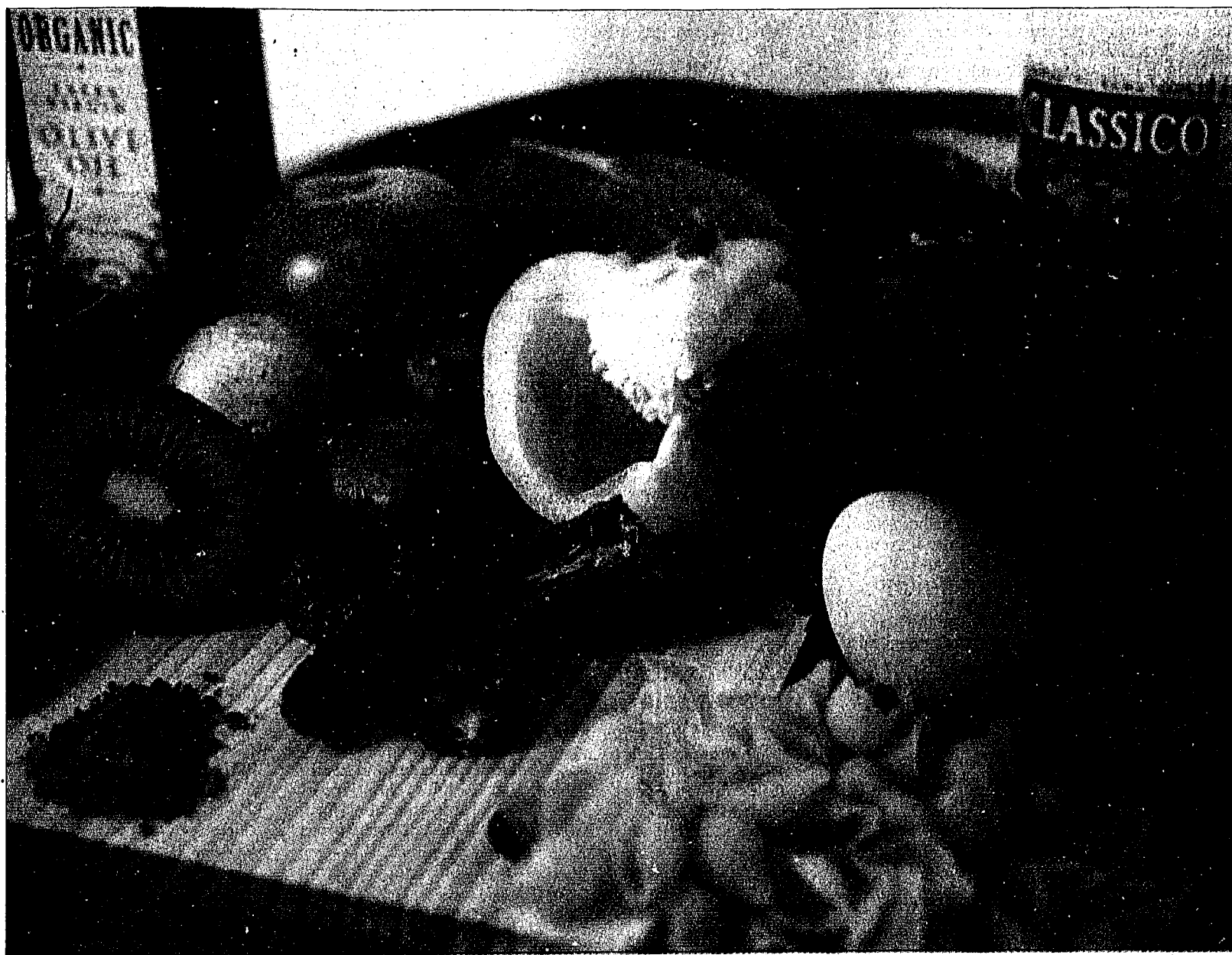
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The Moscow Food Co-op is offering a series of ethnic cooking courses at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse this fall.

Art-architecture goes Co-op

Artistic approach at green construction on display

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Tim Nowell-Smith is not an architect. But the local artist has some ideas about construction that may intrigue contractors and art enthusiasts alike.

Tim and his wife, Michele, explained Tim's model houses to Moscow Food Co-op customers at the exhibit's opening reception Friday.

"I love it because it's a combination of beauty and practical use," said Co-op art coordinator, Annie Hubble. "I love art that you can use on a daily basis, and this is art that you can actually live in."

For the past 10-12 years, Tim has been drawing out ideas and building models for his "pi house" construction design.

"I was trying to meld together better quality, affordable housing while using conventional materials," Tim said. "I was looking for a housing design to use as a platform for renewable energy."

The name "pi house" comes from both the mathematical application of "pi" in the wedge shapes that make up the structures and from the "pie" or "triangular" shapes of the fully constructed buildings.

"My husband was trying to find a way to construct a living space that would use little material but still put strength into the building," Michele said.

All of the structures are built with the same concept of placing the main point of support on the tallest corner of the house and fanning the floor space outward from that point.

With each story getting larger as it gets closer to the ground, the shape resembles a pyramid.

Because of this "squeezing shape," heat rises from floor to floor, with less space to fill each time, reducing the need to heat each room individually.

Also, the triangular foundation angles the house to receive more natural light throughout the day. The shape also causes snow to fall off of the house onto its sides, rather than in front of its threshold.

Because the houses only have three sides and every piece of wood in the house is necessary for structural support, less building materials are needed to achieve the same floor space as a conventional home.

"My goal is to take the affordable housing bracket between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and see how much more you can build," Tim said. "It seems to be a major saving on framing materials."

The building concept is also easily applicable to urban development, since the shape allows for placement in awkwardly shaped lots and tight corner properties. The design also allows easy post-construction modifications.

"You can start small and expand it later by just adding more 90 degree angles and building up, along the sides," Michele said.

Because of this characteristic, pi houses can start small and cheap, and be gradually built up into larger, more upscale homes.

"I tried to figure out what somebody with really limited resources would literally be able to do themselves," Tim said. "But you could build a pretty grand structure this same way."

Aside from constructing models to illustrate his concept, Tim has also tested his theory with several full size prototypes at his home, including a three story pi workshop (where the models are produced) and a pi greenhouse for Michele's gardening.

Tim's ideas are available by general public license, for use to both private and professional builders at www.pihouse.org.

Tim and Michele encourage members of the community to use the instructions available on the Web site to discuss construction options with their own contractors and with community building departments.

"We have had very positive support from the community," Michele said, "and any of them can get involved, using the instructions from the Web site."

Tim and Michele are originally from Oxford, England, but have lived in the United States for around 20 years, 18 of which have been in North Idaho. Michele works for administrative resources at Washington State University.

Tim studied music and languages at both the University of Oxford and the University of

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Sizzlin'

Colorful ingredients marinate for a menu of ethnic cuisine... let the cookin' begin

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Poland native Witold Ferens is man of many talents.

He has a Master's degree in Parasitology, a Ph.D in Immunoparasitology and he is a participating chef in the Ethnic Cooking Classes sponsored by the Moscow Food Co-op.

Ferens is currently researching microbiology at University of Idaho.

On Nov. 7, he will be teaching how to make two traditional Polish dishes: bigos and pierogi.

"Bigos is a traditional dish in Poland," Ferens said.

It is commonly called "hunter's stew" and was traditionally eaten in Poland after a long, cold day of hunting.

Cooking bigos is a long process, sometimes involving a week or more of stewing and continually adding ingredients.

"It acquires more flavor the longer it is

cooked," Ferens said.

He will also be making pierogi, which are stuffed dumplings, and will explain the historical and cultural background about the dish.

"Poland contained a substantial amount of cultural mixture," Ferens said.

He will explain how countries such as Germany, France, Russia and the Ukraine had an influence on the food in Poland.

"(Pierogi) came to Poland from the east, providing an example of the crossroads between east and west," Ferens said.

The first class in the series is Wednesday, taught by Maria Paulina Viteri.

Jennifer Whitney, the cooking class coordinator, said that Viteri really knows the food from her culture in Ecuador.

"(She) knows how to adapt and brings her cultural aspects of the community," Whitney said.

The Ecuadorian dishes being taught have had no official recipes written out, but have been passed down through the culture.

The first dish will be a ceviche and bolones

de verde, which is a seafood cocktail and plantain.

Humitas and "aji de pepa" or fresh corn bread and pumpkin seed chili sauce, will be taught on Oct. 24.

The corn bread is unique in that it is made from corn grains and is a very cultural dish, something communities in Ecuador come together to make.

"She shares a love of her country," Whitney said of Viteri.

This is the first time an ethnic cooking class will be sponsored by the Co-op.

The classes present a unique connection between cultural history and food.

The major focus of the class is on health and teaching people what to do with organic foods.

"Nobody really knows what to do with tofu... it's a type of wading through waters of something new" Whitney said.

Whitney said the classes are also about adapting meals to allergies.

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UI alumni draws students to class

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Although cartoons have been around forever and can be found almost anywhere, few people the history and process behind the art.

A Moscow man wanted to share that with the community.

Noah Kroese, who graduated from the University of Idaho in 2004 with a B.F.A. in Studio Art, had the opportunity to teach his first class on Monday.

The class, which took place at the 1912 Center, was a political cartooning class.

Kathleen Burns, Moscow Arts Director, asked Kroese to teach a class after seeing his work.

While this was his first time teaching, Kroese had plenty of experience to share with the students, with his experience in cartooning and illustration dating back to before he graduated.

Some on campus will recognize

his work from past issues of the Blot and the Argonaut, as well as Programs and People, is a magazine put out by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Kroese has also worked as an editorial cartoonist for the Lewiston Morning Tribune and as an illustrator for Lindy's Sports Annual, is a sports magazine out of Alabama.

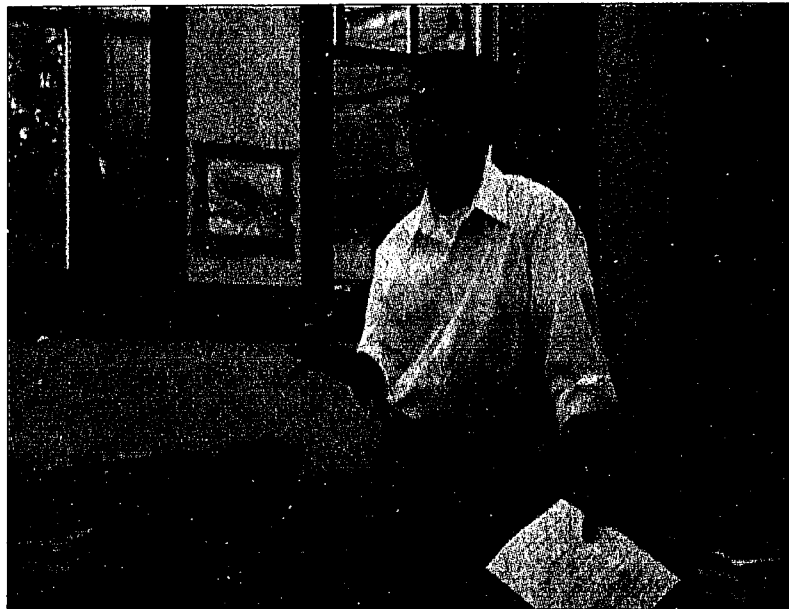
He now works with UI art instructor David Giese in his sculpture studio, and as a free-lance illustrator and editorial cartoonist.

"My most recently published work has been in the Spokesman Review, Boise Weekly, Moscow-Pullman Daily News and the Lewiston Morning Tribune," Kroese said.

Before he came to UI in 2000, cartooning wasn't really one of Kroese's interests.

But when he saw an ad in the Argonaut classifieds section looking for a new political cartoonist he

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Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Noah Kroese explains the tools of the trade during a political cartooning class at the 1912 Center Monday evening.

Husband and wife share bench at piano recital

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Sitting 13 feet apart from one another at opposite pianos, professors Sandra and Jay Mauchley will perform a duo piano recital Thursday.

The Mauchleys have been performing together for more than 25 years.

They have played throughout the United States and are both faculty artists at the Red Lodge Music Festival and the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Jay, Professor of Piano of the Lionel Hampton School of Music, is a renowned soloist, chamber musician and teacher.

His wife, Sandra, is Pro-

fessor Emerita of Piano at the school of music and is also a brilliant accompanist, teacher and chamber musician.

Together they will perform pieces by Gershwin, Liszt and Mozart.

"(Mozart's Sonata in D Major) is by far the best two-piano piece from that period," Jay said.

Sandra described the piece as having a lot of intimate interplay and said "It's like a conversation."

Chamber music between two pianos is a very different medium than most chamber instrument combinations, Jay said.

Each pianist sits at a 9 ft. piano facing one another and

seeing only each other's heads, which makes it very difficult to stay together.

"It's the farthest (apart) that anyone has to play. You have to attune your ear," Sandra said.

She adds that her husband is good at conducting and is very precise.

"After a while, you just feel

it and sense it," she said.

Likewise, Jay said that working with his wife is easier because they know each other well and they can anticipate what the other is going to do.

This past summer the Mauchleys heard the Gershwin opera they are performing

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Iraqis pick up the pieces in latest documentary

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

Academy Award nominee and winner of several awards including Sundance, "Iraq in Fragments" shows viewers the different sides and faces of Iraq that the media just does not touch.

With Iraq now a broken country, the film's title is all too appropriate.

Iraqi society is divided among Sunni, Shiite and Kurd, while old scars remain from when Saddam Hussein was in power — who the United States supported for over 30 years.

"Iraq in Fragments" has a moving musical score, powerful montage transitions and deeply textured human personalities. A lesson in culture and history in the making, everyone should see this film.

This documentary really listens. While showing the difficulties of war unseen through the filters of major television networks, the film shares individual Iraqi stories without bias.

Everyone interviewed shares his or her individual stories and perspectives, while the film delivers a moving and sensitive reality of the country's fractured system.

The film shows a human element, which until this point has gotten lost among the footage and different media coverage.

The film opens as young Mohammed pulls viewers into his life, with dark brown hair and eyes the size of saucers.

Unable to read after attending school for five years, he would rather work with his uncles than learn.

Men playing badminton share their thoughts about how, "the war" only gets worse — today is still better than tomorrow.

On TV in the U.S., Iraqis are portrayed as terrorists, flashing scenes of bombs and guns going off throughout the streets.

The tables turn when the documentary's lights flicker on. In the eyes of a completely different culture, we are the mean ugly giants, parading through the streets with large metal tanks, guns and muscle.

"Iraq in Fragments" intimately touches on different lives and viewpoints for others to see and, without trying too hard, shows the Iraqi people are peaceful.

A point strongly made by one man in the film: America and other societies may not understand the Muslim culture.

The film shows the Iraqi people are just like us: they play badminton, drink tea, go to school, work and play.

They have best friends, hold hands, kiss, have snowball fights and dream.

They want to work and study hard to become doctors, and parents still want the best for their children.

They are passionate about their religion, culture, what they believe in and are determined to make things work out on their own.

They don't care about the oil and would give it all up without a fight.

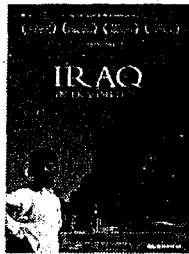
Fragments in society now fight for dominance against each other instead of as a whole. The one thing that ties them all together is the passion they share for getting "the intruders" out, and that they can do it with "courage and faith."

In the film's second part, scenes flash back and forth as tension grows.

Through the film, viewers can see the turmoil simmering within one country caused by a displacement and a rift caused by war.

Iraqi men in different religious groups struggle to take majority in Iraqi society — a society now displaced and fragmented by the hands of politics.

Although Americans may eventually leave, the film shows a damage that will linger for some time, leaving the Iraqi people to fight each other for what they believe is right and pick up the pieces.



"Iraq in Fragments" ★★★★★1/2 (of 5)
Mohammed Haithem
In theaters

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excerpts from, "Fantasy on Porgy and Bess," at the Interlochen Center for the Arts where they are both faculty artists.

Sandra said it has broadened their interpretation of the music.

"When you hear the singers and emotions, then you can get into the characters," she said.

They will perform many tunes from the opera including "Summertime," "I Got Plenty o' Nuthin'," and "It Ain't Necessarily So."

Although the recital is a yearly event, Sandra said they try to make each concert unique, providing variety.

This year they have chosen to include two other LHSOM faculty member, Jonathan Mann and Kay Zavislak, for an eight-hand rendition of Liszt's arrangement of the "Entrance of the Guests at the Wartburg."

The piece is from Wagner's opera "Tannhauser" depicting a whimsical scene before a singing contest.

Mann said it is a unique opportunity to perform the piece.

"It's rare to play with other pianists," Mann said.

Adding two other performers to an ensemble already difficult to keep together would seem like a challenge, but the professors execute the piece with precision.

The Liszt is very prestigious and the melody passes between the four performers easily



Courtesy Photo
Sandra and Jay Mauchley will perform Thursday at the School of Music.

with a gushing melody first trumpet-like and then switching to sweet and tranquil.

Mann said of playing with the Mauchleys, "It's great to play with people with such intuition."

The chamber music recital will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the LHSOM Recital Hall.

ArtsBRIEFS

BodyVox tickets now on sale

Tickets for "BodyVox, A Thousand Little Cities" are on sale for the 3 p.m. show on Sunday at the Beasley Coliseum. Tickets are \$16-28 available

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Embellished Brassieres on display

The UI Women's Center, Palouse Patches and Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority are holding an auction for the Embellished Brassiere project.

There will be a gala event for the silent auction at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at the 1912 Center.

Part of The Embellished Brassiere Project is currently on display at the 1912 Center.

The cost of admission to the auction is a \$5 requested donation. Tickets are at the UI Women's Center, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and local store Quilt Something!

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Cambridge, but feels now that he might have been better suited for civil engineering or architecture.

"All-in-all, I might have done better just making things," Tim said.

Tim spent much of the 1990s working with sustainable energy, particularly in the design of electric vehicles and transportation projects

through schools.

Tim and Michele are regular customers at the Co-op, and were already familiar with Hubble when she approached Tim to share his art.

The Co-op hosts monthly local art exhibits within the store, year-round, including an employee gallery in December and a Moscow High School collection in May. The store is also involved in the community Art Walk event on Main Street each summer.

Hubble said that she is usually fully booked around a

year in advance of each event.

Tim said that given the opportunity, he would be more than willing to present and share his ideas with architecture and engineering students at the University of Idaho.

"I could explain the details of what ideas went into it, what ideas were eliminated and what things are really relevant, from the point of view of trying to encourage other people to take the idea and develop it," Tim said.

The exhibit is open during business hours until Nov. 7.

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There have been lactose, soy and gluten intolerant people that have taken classes.

"The fun part is tailoring the class to each person," Whitney said.

The classes will be held at 7 p.m. the next three Wednesdays in the kitchen of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse.

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thought he'd give it a shot.

He ended up drawing for the paper throughout the four years he attended school.

"The Argonaut was a terrific place to learn. The editors were great about letting me find my 'sea-legs.' The Student Media advisers were phenomenal and supported me a lot and they still continue to do so. I was able to really develop my sense

of style as an artist over those four years," Kroese said.

He said that Shawn O'Neal, UI's Student Media adviser, and Brian Beesley, who is the design editor at the Lewiston Morning Tribune, helped him a lot over the years, and he is still very thankful for his relationships with them.

Kroese said he would be learning more about the whole teaching thing as he went along, and had planned to teach his students a little about the history and fundamentals of cartooning.

"I'll teach them about how to relay complex political and social ideas visually, and explain the impact of these kinds of cartoons," Kroese said.

Kroese's advice for people interested in attending his class was simple; he just wanted them to come with an open mind.

"There is no pre-requisite for knowledge. Everyone sees and knows what cartoons are, but few people actually know about the process that goes into making them. I want to teach them a little bit about that," Kroese said.

Kroese said that he loves cartooning, and it makes him happy to share that with other people.

"Cartooning is kind of a dying art and it's really nice to see people pick it up. I like to get people excited about cartooning," Kroese said.

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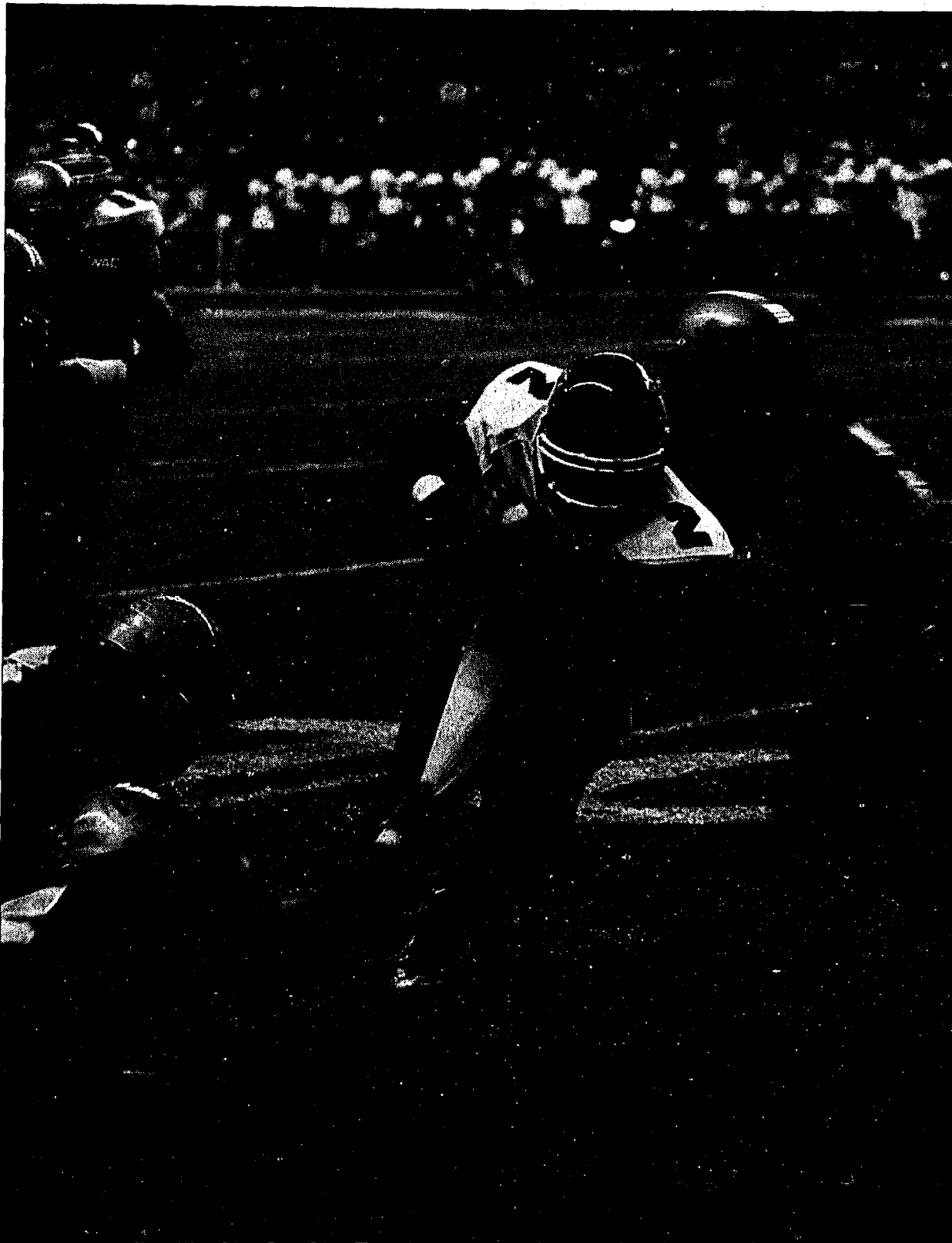
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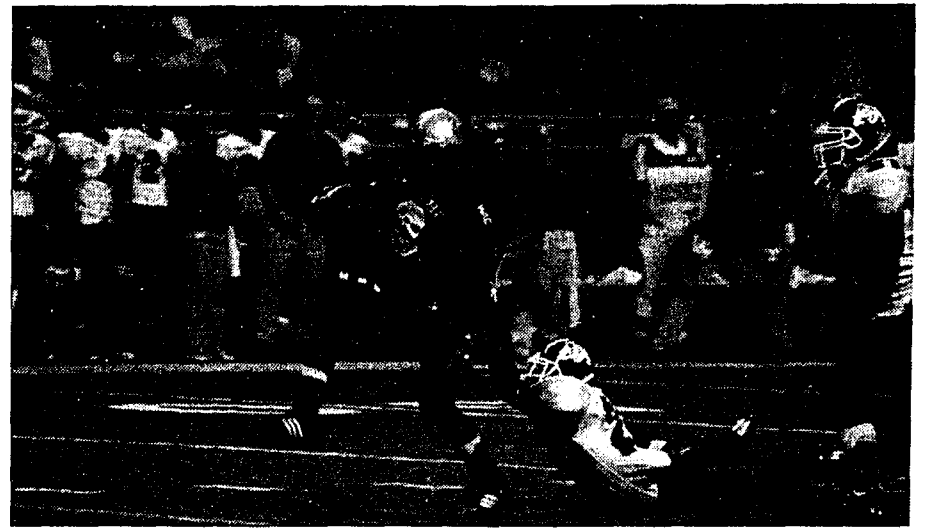
FOOTBALL

Vandals fall on Homecoming



Several Vandal defenders attempt to take down a Fresno State player during the Homecoming game Saturday.

Kyle Griner/Argonaut



Perry Hanson/Argonaut
Breyon Williams drags a Fresno State player with him on a huge first down run in the Kibbie Dome Saturday.

Team can't get past first-half deficit, lose by 13

John Mallory
Argonaut

The Vandals dropped their third consecutive conference game, losing Saturday's Homecoming game to Fresno State.

In what is becoming a frustrating season, Idaho competed well and proved to be a formidable opponent for the Bulldogs of Fresno State, but a second half comeback again fell short.

Idaho fell behind early but kept pace with the favored Bulldogs. The Vandals have failed to take a lead into halftime during the past five games.

The Homecoming battle saw the Vandals trailing 17-7 at the break. Idaho competed but failed to catch the Bulldogs during a second half push.

The Vandals scored 17 of their 24 points during the second half, losing the game 37-24.

"It's not OK to keep being in a hole. We've got to perform better and it's time that we start making that happen," coach Robb Akey said.

Offensively the Vandals opened a new strategy using freshman Quin Ashley at

quarterback during primarily running downs. Ashley helped the Vandals incorporate a shotgun option play similar to the one Vince Young mastered at Texas.

"We're able to run the ball well, but when you're running the ball well, people are going to bring safeties down and they're going to load the box," Akey said. "We still need to be able to throw the ball a little more effectively out of both packages in order to have more success on the offensive side of the ball."

"We've got to play better football."

Robb
AKEY
UI coach

Idaho struggled to complete key passes and pick up first downs. Senior Brian Nooy was 9 for 22 with 144 pass yards and two touchdowns. Ashley was 0 for 4.

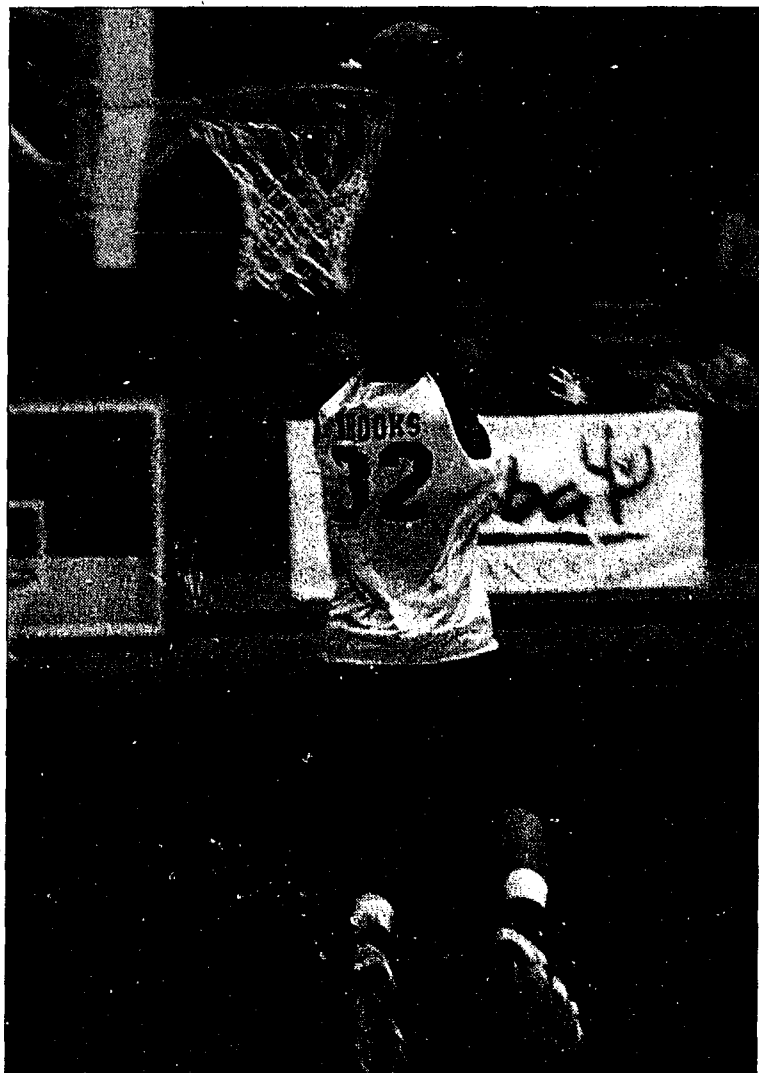
Stanley Franks' versatility showed on offense during a second quarter 54-yard touchdown catch from Nooy. It was Franks' first offensive touchdown in an Idaho uniform after being recognized as a junior college All-American wide receiver at Long Beach City College. Using Franks at receiver gives the Vandals another athletic playmaker on offense.

Idaho takes to the road next week to battle New Mexico State. The game begins at 5 p.m.

The Aggies are currently 3-4 (0-2 in conference). Each team will be trying to win its first conference game.

"We've got to play better football. Plain and simple, that's where it's at," Akey said.

SIZZLER SUCCESS



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut
Jordan Brooks slams the ball through the hoop during the Seven O'Clock Sizzle in the Memorial Gym on Friday night.

Sandman sets school, personal shut out record

Team can't overcome loss of five suspended players, losing and tying one game each

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

Idaho goalkeeper Anna Sandman earned her school-record fifth shutout Sunday against Louisiana Tech despite five players being suspended for violating team policy.

The players were also absent for Thursday's 4-0 loss to Utah State.

Sunday's game ended in a 0-0 tie between the Aggies and the Vandals.

Although the game was not a win, it does count as a shutout since no goals were scored.

Sandman made a total of four saves in the game.

The wounded team's defense played strong, but the effect of losing its two starting forwards was obvious.

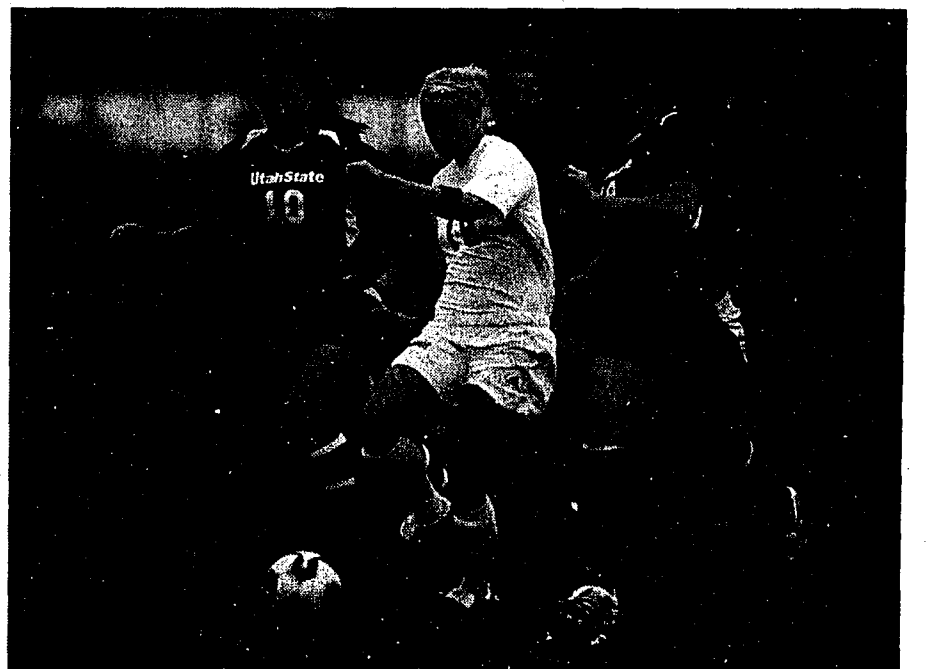
"We out-shot them, we got good corners and we got good opportunities, but we just didn't take them," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

The team made a total of 14 shots, seven of which were on goal.

This is closer than they have been recently to Showler's goal of 20 shots per game, but not close enough, Showler said.

"We played some great stuff, but then we played some stuff I'd rather not talk about," Showler said. "I'm disappointed that we didn't come away with a win today, but I'm not sure we played well enough to deserve one."

The Techsters came into the game with only two wins this season.



Perry Hanson/Argonaut
UI forward Joanna Byrne denies possession to two Utah State players during Friday's game at Guy Wicks Field.

Goalkeeper Michelle Jordan played her first full game of the season on Friday, but was unable to stop the Aggies offense.

Jordan made five saves while allowing four goals in her 90 minutes in the goal.

"They're playing their socks off and you can't ask for much more, except that when we've got opportunities, we've got to take them," Showler said.

Freshman Erika Teixeira led the team with four shots and two on goal in each game, her career best.

Melissa Canite was close behind with three shots against the Techsters.

Late in the second half Jordan kicked a ball into the face of defender Alison Page in an attempt to clear the ball, a mistake that cost Idaho another goal.

Though Page was knocked down by the kick, she remained in the game.

The team's scoring abilities have declined significantly since their early season successes.

In the first five games of the season the Vandal offense racked up seven points.

The past five games have yielded only one Idaho goal.

"We've just got to get back to creating more offensive opportunities like we did in the first half of the season and be more clinical in the final third," Showler said.

The team does not have another game until Sunday.

Showler hopes to use this time to recollect the team and get it back to where it was at the beginning of the season.

The Vandals will look for their first WAC victory since 2005 Sunday against the Boise State Broncos.

The Broncos' record is 6-5-2 overall, and 2-0 in the WAC.

ThisWEEK

Tuesday

Dodgeball entries due
Kickball entries due

Wednesday

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Co-rec floor hockey entries due
Kickball captains meeting: 4 p.m.
Dodgeball captains meeting: 5 p.m.

Thursday

Co-rec floor hockey captains meeting 4 p.m.
3 on 3 basketball officials clinic: 5 p.m.

Wednesday-Sunday

ITA Regionals (Men's tennis)
UNM Fall Invite (Women's tennis)

Diaper ban kept some Special Olympians out of pool

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A state ban on diapers in public swimming pools sidelined some athletes at a Special Olympics event at the University of Utah.

Many swimmers were aware of the rules and didn't compete last week.

But one family apparently forgot about the restriction, leading to a tense scene Friday when a lifeguard spotted a woman hurriedly removing a dry diaper from her 14-year-old daughter.

Swimmers in diapers have been banned in many public pools since Aug. 28 to stop the spread of cryptosporidium, a parasite that can cause severe diarrhea.

It can spread in water contaminated with human feces.

More than 1,800 cases have been reported this year in Utah.

Although the 14-year-old's diaper was removed before entering the pool, it was a sign that she could be incontinent, said John "JD" Donnelly, chief executive of Special Olympics Utah.

The girl, who has epilepsy and autism, was barred from competing Friday, although she won a medal in an earlier event before the diaper was detected.

"It wasn't a Special Olympics call. It's the health department," Donnelly said Monday.

"The last thing I want is athletes exposed to something and infecting athletes in other locations," he said.

The girl's parents were disappointed.

"I'm heartbroken," Tilly Garcia said at the pool Friday. "We've worked so hard, and this is her sport."

Another swimmer drove 300 miles from St. George but was turned away because of the diaper rule, Donnelly said.

"The mother understood," he said.

VOLLEYBALL

Team breaks even

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The University of Idaho volleyball squad split its week with one win and one loss. The team defeated the San Jose State Spartans on Thursday and fell to No. 12 Hawai'i on Saturday.

The Vandals overall season record is now 9-10 and 5-3 in the WAC.

The Vandals defeated the Spartans in five games, 30-27, 30-27, 23-30, 34-36 and 15-9.

San Jose came into the game having lost seven of its previous eight games.

"San Jose State's record is misleading and we knew they were going to be a tough opponent," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said.

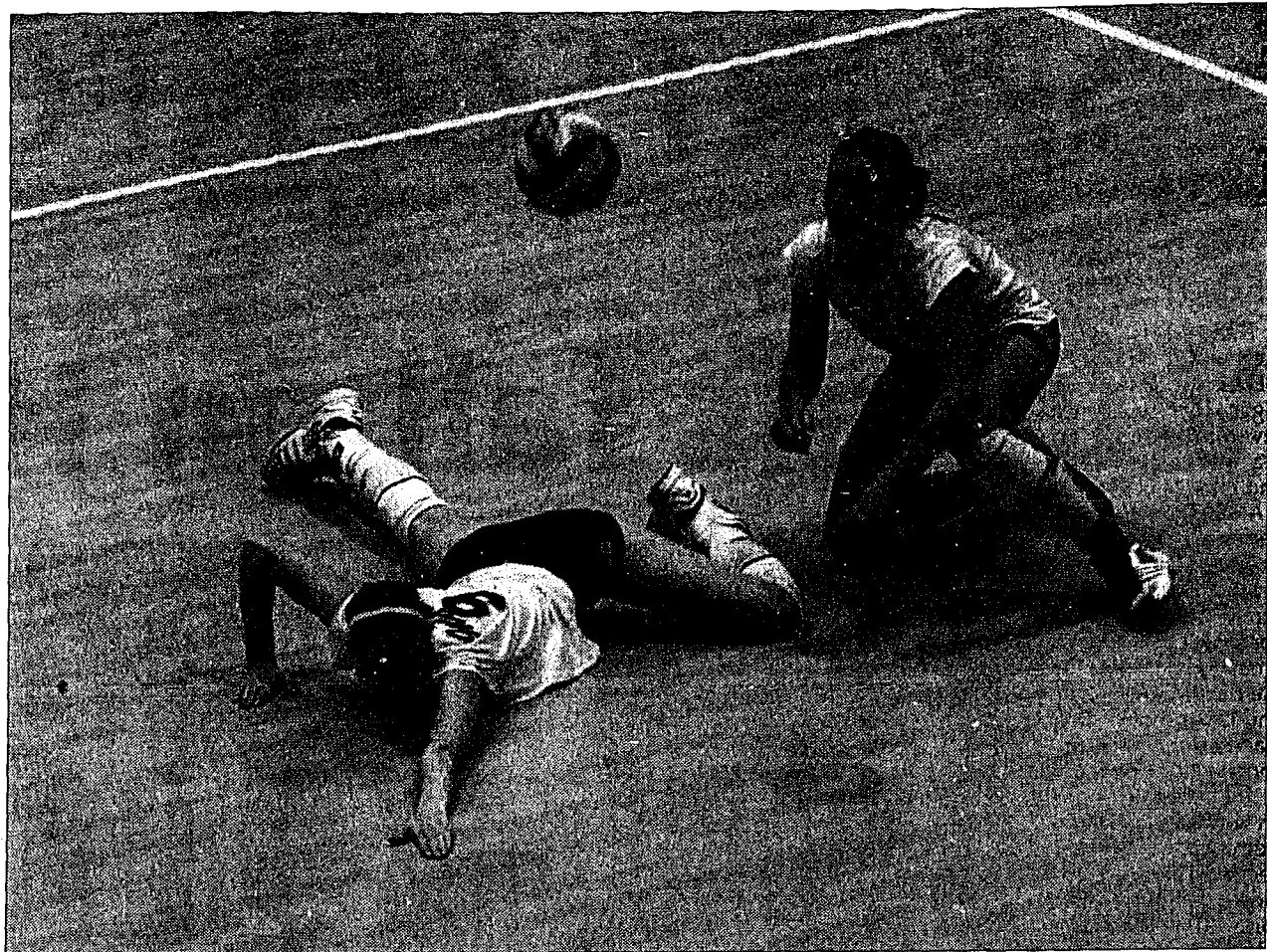
This win brought the Vandals season record to .500 for the first time since the 2005 season.

"During the break we told our team that we needed to come out and be the more aggressive team, and I don't think we were," Buchanan said. "If we would have played like we did that last game and a half, the game would have been over sooner."

Haley Larsen had her second game with more than 30 kills this season, totaling 31. In her freshman year Larsen scored 36 kills against the Spartans to set the school record.

Saturday's game did not go as well for Idaho as they lost in three games to Hawai'i: 30-25, 30-26 and 30-21.

Hawai'i is currently ranked No. 12 in the nation. The team came into the



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Junior Sarah Loney makes a save in Thursday's volleyball game versus San Jose State as Jamie Richards stands by.

"If we would have played like we did (earlier), the game would have been over sooner."

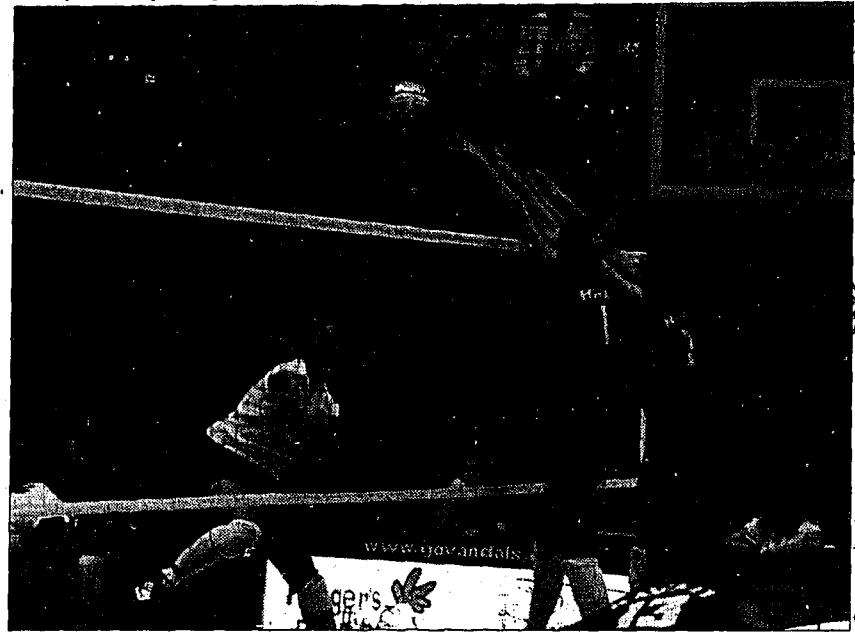
Debbie
BUCHANAN
UI coach

game with an 11-game win streak, but the Vandals did not surrender easily.

In the first game the Vandals took an early lead of 6-2. The Rainbow Wahine pulled ahead to 21-11, where the Vandals held them for 10 volleys. Idaho could not manage to hold the Rainbow Wahine any longer.

The second game showed more aggressive play by the Vandals as they were never behind for a margin greater than four points. Once again the Vandals failed to convert their efforts into a victory.

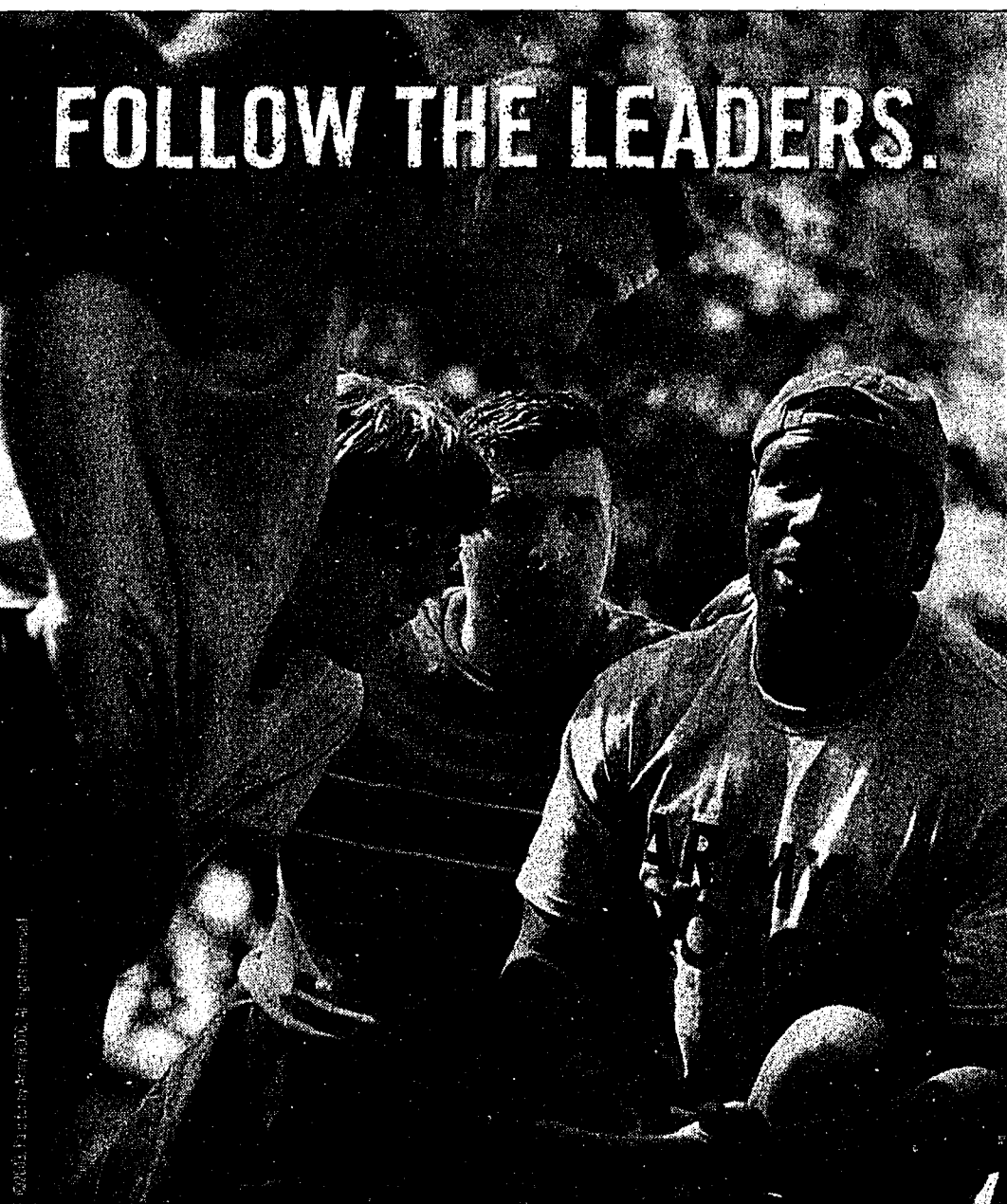
On Thursday the Vandal volleyball squad will take on the 9-9 Utah State Aggies in Logan, Utah.



Kyle Griner/Argonaut

Sarah Conwell hits the ball into the Hawai'i defense in the Memorial Gym Saturday night.

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GOP seeks traction on NASCAR flap

Mike Baker
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — It got the GOP's engines revving — a Democratic official suggesting staffers get immunized for several diseases before heading south from Washington and into the Red State wilds of NASCAR country to conduct research at a pair of races.

The reaction on both sides illustrates just how valuable candidates for elected office consider the votes of NASCAR fans who pack grandstands by the thousands every weekend and the donations of business leaders who spend millions to sponsor the sport.

It started last month, when an official with the House Committee on Homeland Security suggested that staff aides get immunizations before visiting health facilities at Alabama's Talladega Super-speedway and North Carolina's Lowe's Motor Speedway, where the Bank of America 500 was run Saturday.

In an e-mail, a staffer who works for committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., noted an "unusual need for whomever attending

to be vaccinated against hepatitis A and B," as well as "the more normal things — tetanus, diphtheria, and of course, seasonal influenza."

The note didn't explain why the committee saw such concern. It didn't mention NASCAR or the races at the tracks at all. But the implication was enough to draw a snarky complaint from Republican Rep. Robin Hayes, whose district includes Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"I have never heard of immunizations for domestic travel, and ... I feel compelled to ask why the heck the committee feels that immunizations are needed to travel to my hometown," wrote Hayes.

Thompson responded to Hayes that such immunizations are "are recommended for public safety professionals working in areas such as hospitals, holding areas and similar locations." But the staffers were only scheduled to visit a few health care facilities — not work at them.

Weber said everyone should be up to date on standard vaccinations, he but saw no need for special vaccina-

tions to visit a health care facility or a NASCAR event. Debbie Crane, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said such shots are recommended for "general health" for all adults — but not for any specific circumstance.

"The very idea of immunization is laughable," said Lowe's Motor Speedway President Humpy Wheeler. "It's like taping your ankles to go to the mailbox."

Democratic Gov. Mike Easley is one of the sports biggest fans, even wiping out after climbing behind the wheel of a stock car. The Democratic-led state Legislature has paid special attention to NASCAR, granting tax breaks to the many teams based in the Charlotte area.

"Democrats in North Carolina know that their success is built on not conceding business interests to Republicans," said Ferrel Guillory, who heads the program on Southern politics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. NASCAR "is big business. This is big economic development."

Ohio State rises to top of AP

Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ohio State has risen — all the way to No. 1.

A day after the top two teams in the AP Top 25 lost, the Buckeyes jumped two spots Sunday in the media poll and became the third school this season to hold the No. 1 ranking.

The last year three teams held the No. 1 spot during the regular season was 2000, when Nebraska started No. 1, Florida State was top-ranked for a week and Oklahoma took over late in the season.

In a season in which 10 ranked teams have been beaten by unranked teams, just avoiding the upset bug has been enough for Ohio State.

"We've improved each week but we understand that the only poll that counts is the last one," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said in a statement.

Ohio State was No. 1 last season from preseason until the final poll, when the Buckeyes dropped to No. 2 after losing the BCS national championship game to Florida.

An unpredictable season took a new twist Saturday when LSU, in its second week as No. 1, was upset 43-37 in

triple overtime by Kentucky. A few hours later, California, poised to move up one spot to No. 1 with a victory, lost at home 31-28 to Oregon State.

It was the first time in 11 years the first and 2 teams in the AP poll lost on the same day.

The Buckeyes received 50 of a possible 65 first-place votes, and were not the only team to advance. South Florida, which had never been ranked before this season, moved up three spots to No. 2, leapfrogging No. 3 Boston College.

Ohio State and South Florida also held the top two spots in the first BCS standings released Sunday.

The Bulls received 11 first-place votes after a 64-12 victory over Central Florida.

"The big thing for me is being fluid and don't be afraid of making drastic changes," said Kirk Bohls of the Austin-American Statesman, who voted USF No. 1. "That's why I put USF one. I think you have to look at the whole body of work."

BC's workmanlike 27-14 victory over Notre Dame helped get the Eagles one first-place vote. No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 5 LSU each received one first-place vote, as did No. 12 Arizona State.

The last time six teams received first-place votes after the first month of the season was Nov. 25, 1990.

The rest of the top 10 was No. 6 South Carolina, followed by Oregon, Kentucky, West Virginia and Cal, which slipped eight spots to No. 10.

Virginia Tech was No. 11, followed by Arizona State and Southern California, which fell another three spots to No. 13.

USC was the preseason No. 1, but lost the top ranking three weeks ago after a lackluster victory at Washington.

The Trojans slipped to No. 10 last week after being upset by Stanford.

Florida was No. 14, followed by Kansas and Missouri, which were tied at No. 15. Hawaii, Auburn, Texas and Tennessee rounded out the top 20.

Georgia, Texas Tech, Cincinnati, Michigan and Kansas State were the final five.

Michigan started the season at No. 5 and fell all the way out after an opening loss to Appalachian State. The Wolverines have won five straight after starting the season 0-2.

Texas Tech is making its first appearance in the poll this season. Dropping out this week were Wisconsin, Illinois and Florida State.

Patriots demonstrate AFC superiority again

Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The New England Patriots drove home the point Sunday that they've been making all season: there is no team in the NFL like them.

No, not even the Indianapolis Colts, the league's only other unbeaten side.

Yes, the Patriots' 48-27 win over Dallas was more difficult than beating teams like the Jets, Bills and Browns. And yes, the Cowboys actually took a 24-21 lead at the start of the second half.

But there was never a point during the biggest and most hyped game of the 2007 NFL season where the Patriots didn't seem in control against a team that was 5-0 when they started.

Once New England took back the lead — five minutes after Dallas had gone ahead — it scored on its last five possessions.

All of that despite the loss of running back Sammy Morris, already a sub for the injured Laurence Maroney, and tight end Benjamin Watson.

Despite having no running game, after three quarters, the Patriots had 31 points and

24 rushing yards, a rarity in a game where the general rule is if you can't run, you can't score.

The Patriots, however, routinely overcome stats like that, largely because of Tom Brady, whose five touchdown passes increased his season total to 21 and made him the first NFL quarterback ever to have three or more touchdown passes in each of the first six games of a season.

"Not only is he the most accurate quarterback I've ever played with but he's one of the smartest," said Wes Welker, who with Randy Moss and Donte Stallworth have given Brady the receiving corps he's never had, even in three Super Bowl wins.

Said Moss, the most heralded of the those additions: "Peyton Manning has had his three receivers. Now Tom has his."

Dallas spent a lot of time early concentrating on Moss — "the other 81," as Terrell Owens called him last week.

No problem. Brady simply threw to Stallworth, who had seven catches for 136 yards and a touchdown, and to Wes Welker, who had 11 catches for a career-high 124 yards and two scores.

Despite all that, Dallas stayed with the Patriots into the third quarter, which is closer than any of New England's first five victims stayed.

When the Cowboys took the lead after the first drive of the second half, it was only the second time this season the Patriots have trailed — they were behind Buffalo early in a game they eventually won 38-7.

New England has now scored 230 points in six games and allowed 92, averaging 38.3 a game and never scoring fewer than 34.

Its defense gave up a few big plays Sunday, but rarely seemed on its heels.

When it had to stop the Cowboys it did, allowing just three points after Dallas took that lead in the second half.

"They gave me so many different looks, it was kind of like ...," Dallas quarterback Tony Romo said.

Then he stopped, unable to come up with specific words to describe what Bill Belichick's multiple looks were doing to him.

The next Game of the Century for the Patriots comes in three weeks at Indianapolis, where they came within a final drive of going to the Super Bowl last season — when

they didn't have Moss, Welker and Stallworth. The Colts, who were off Sunday, are 5-0 but their wins haven't been nearly as dominant as New England's.

Beyond that, who knows?

The Patriots beat the best team in the AFC Sunday and afterward said all the right things, like Brady, who was pressed a few times about what it would be like to break Manning's record of 49 TD passes in a season.

"I don't think like that," he kept saying, which is exactly what Manning said two years ago, when he broke Dan Marino's record of 48. "If we're on the 1-yard line, I'd just as soon hand it off and get the touchdown. We're a team. Individual goals happen because of opportunity."

The Patriots' opportunity this year is to win a fourth Super Bowl. It also would be Brady's fourth, tying Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana.

Every New England player now dismisses that with the "one game at a time line."

Of course. But unless Brady gets hurt, it's even money.

Anyone who watched Sunday's game knows that.

BSU beats Nevada in fourth overtime

Todd Dvorak
Associated Press

BOISE — Ian Johnson scored from a yard out in the fourth overtime and Taylor Tharp lofted a short pass to Jeremy Avery on the 2-point conversion to help Boise State beat Nevada 69-67 on Sunday night.

Nevada matched the touchdown in the fourth extra period on Luke Lippincott's 8-yard run up the middle, but Boise State's Tim Brady ended the game by sacking Colin Kaepernick on the 2-point conversion attempt.

It was a wild game from the start, with the teams combining for 1,266 yards of total offense as the Broncos (5-1, 2-0 Western Athletic) beat the Wolfpack (2-4, 0-2) for the eighth straight time.

The Broncos forced overtime on Kyle Brotzman's 27-yard field goal as time expired.

Johnson ran for 205 yards and scored three touchdowns, including a career-long 72 yard scamper in the second quarter. He also caught his

first-career TD pass in the fourth to put the Broncos up 41-34.

Tharp was 26-of-35 for a career-high 320 yards and four touchdowns.

Two of those came in the first two overtimes, a 25-yard scoring pass to Sherm Brasser and Jeremy Childs.

Kaepernick, a redshirt freshman making his first start, ran for 177 yards and two scores and passed for another 243 yards and three TDs.

The Wolfpack trailed most of the game, but grabbed their first lead late in the fourth when Brett Jaekle made a 35-yard field goal.

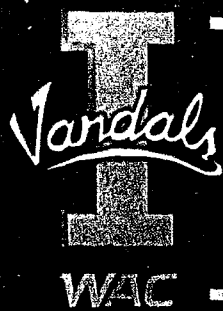
But Brotzman countered for the Broncos.

The teams traded touchdowns through the first two overtimes. In the third, Jaekle put Nevada on top with a 27-yard field goal, but Brotzman answered with a 29-yarder.

Nevada rolled up 639 yards in total offense and had no turnovers, compared to 627 total yards and one interception for Boise State.

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Idaho soccer battles Lady Techsters to tie

RUSTON, La. - Anna Sandman recorded her school-record fifth shutout of the season and the Vandal soccer team ended its five-game skid with a 0-0 tie at Louisiana Tech on Sunday.

Sandman recorded four saves in 110 minutes in the goal to keep Idaho's slate clean, but the offense had a goal disallowed for interfering with the keeper and couldn't get anything else to go after that.

"We played some great stuff, but then we played some stuff I'd rather not talk about," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

Idaho outshot Tech 14-13 with a 7-4 advantage in shots on goal and the Vandal defense got closer to its early-season form by harassing the Tech forwards and only allowing a couple good shots.

"We outshot them, we got good corners and we got good opportunities, but we just didn't take them," Showler said. "I'm disappointed that we didn't come away with a win today, but I'm not sure we played well enough to deserve one."

Showler said he was impressed with the team's effort, as the short-handed Vandals had to play the game at 85 degrees temperature—a far cry from the chilly Moscow fall weather—with just two active subs. Showler had suspended five players for team rules violations and another two couldn't play because of injuries.

With the tie, Idaho's record is now 4-8-1 on the season with a 0-1-1 record in the Western Athletic Conference.



For the second straight game, freshman Erika Teixeira led the Vandals in shots as she took four on Sunday with two on goal.

Idaho has scored just one goal in its last four games and with just one game next week, will look to get back into practice and get the offense back to where it was at the beginning of the season when the team started out 3-1 and outscored its opponents 6-2.

"We've just got to get back to creating more offensive opportunities like we did in the first half of the season and be more clinical in the final third," Showler said. "When we have opportunities, we have to take them."

Up next for the Vandals is a rivalry game, as the team heads south to take on Boise State and tries to get its first WAC victory since the 2005 season. Game time is 12 p.m. (PST).

Men's basketball begins 2007-08 season

As the 2007-08 season approaches, the University of Idaho men's basketball team grows ever more eager to hit the court and prove last season was the first step in turning around the Idaho basketball program.

Although injuries and other reconstructive matters plagued Idaho's success last season, the Vandals coaching staff refuses to make excuses and continues to stay the course with a program they have worked hard to prepare for a turnaround this season.

"What is going to be critical for this group is not just understanding they have to play with a tough minded resolve, but actually demonstrating it with their actions every day in practice and in the games," Idaho coach George Pfeifer said. "We lost numerous close games last year. Some of the difference was physical talent, but effort and mentality are a vital talent as well."

The Vandals lost nine games by less than nine points last season and, of those nine games, seven came to Western Athletic Conference opponents. Idaho's field-goal percentage and rebounding margin were chief concerns last season; statistics Pfeifer knows starts with the front line.

"As we approach this coming season, we know we have upgraded our talent," Pfeifer said. "Most evident is the size of our front line. We have five players who are 6-foot-8 or taller and that is something we didn't have heading into last season."

The Vandals played what Pfeifer called a "varsity level" schedule last season with 11 games against team which reached the post season. The schedule Idaho faces during the 2007-08 season will be no slouch, but it should provide the Vandals with an opportunity to be successful and to develop a winning attitude.

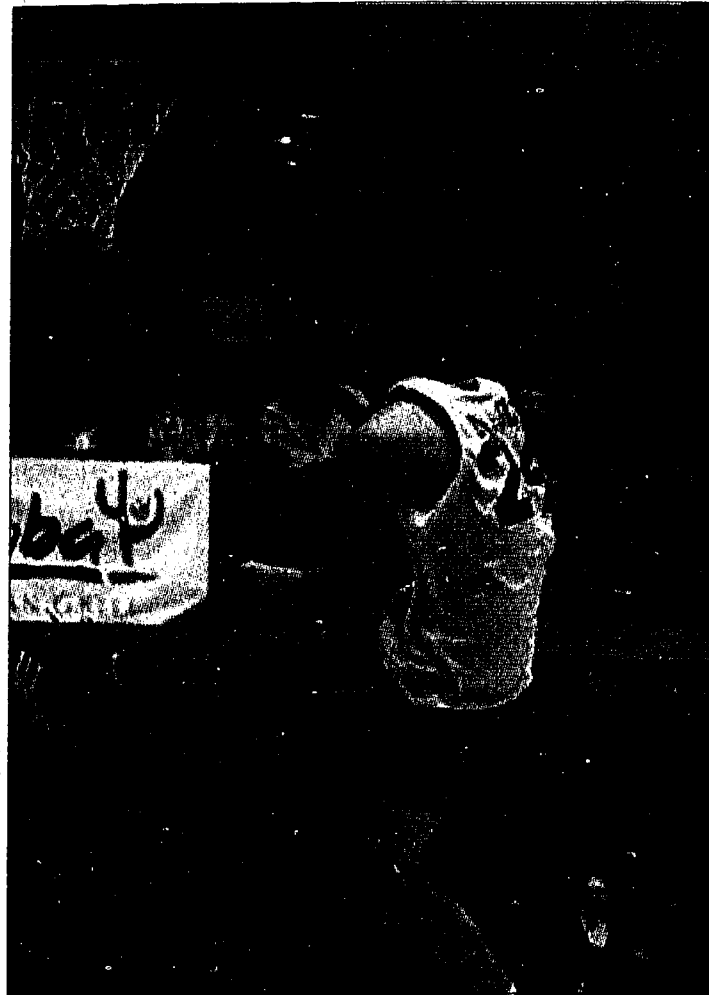
"We have worked hard to put a competitive schedule together," Pfeifer said. "We will play two teams early on that were in the NCAA Tournament last season in Gonzaga and Washington State. Developing an attitude towards winning is critical and will help us find success in those close contests."

The schedule doesn't get any easier when the Vandals begin conference play as the WAC is shaping up to again be one of the premier conferences in the country.

"The WAC is again the 'Varsity League,'" Pfeifer said. "We had some close games last year in conference play which we need to find a way to win this season. The WAC is being touted as being even more challenging than last year and last year we had four of the nine teams in the postseason. That is pretty impressive. No question we will have our work cut out for us."

Ready to help Pfeifer and the Vandals complete the turnaround their desire is a group of top-level assistants.

"When you are building a program one of the keys is a coaching staff that not only knows how to work hard, but has the professional recourses combined with the aptitude to accomplish the tasks required," Pfeifer said. "We have a staff with veteran coaches who have been in the trenches at all levels. The experience they have acquired is witnessed daily with how they interact with our players and everyone who touches our program."



The resurgence of Idaho basketball has already begun to take shape during the off season as the 2007-08 recruiting class earned a No. 37 ranking by the HOOPSCOOP. Although it is easy to get excited about the possibilities, Pfeifer knows positive accolades mean little if the team can't put it together on the court.

"We appreciate those accolades and they go a long way to show how hard this staff has worked to rebuild this program. They mean very little, however, if we do not work hard, smart, and together on the court. As everyone knows, the margin for success is so small. We have a chance to surprise some people, provided we bring the correct mental approach to the gym every day."

Vandals fall to Fresno State, 37-24

MOSCOW - It was a familiar story for the Idaho Vandals Saturday as the team fell behind Fresno State early and had a late charge fall short in a 37-24 loss at the Kibbie Dome.

"This team is fighting hard," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "We've got to play better football. Plain and simple, that's where it's at."

"It's not OK to keep being in a hole. We've got to perform better and it's time that we start making that happen."

The Vandals outgained the Bulldogs 423-416, won the time of possession battle and converted 7 of 17 third downs, but in the end couldn't stop the Fresno State rushing attack, which put up 238 yards on the Vandal defense.

It was a game of runs as neither team reached the 200-yard mark in the passing

game, but churned out the yardage on the ground. Idaho picked up a season-high 279 yards on the ground as Deonte Jackson, the WAC's leading rusher, ran for 108 yards on just 11 carries and Brian Flowers picked up 71 on 19 carries.

Quin Ashley, who came in at quarterback throughout the game for a change of pace, picked up 62 yards in 11 tries.

For everything the running game was, the passing game was just the opposite as the Vandals completed just nine-of-22 passes for 144 yards, 54 of which came on a deep bomb to cornerback-sometimes-receiver Stanley Franks.

"We're able to run the ball well, but when you're running the ball well, people are going to bring safeties down and they're going to load the box," Akey said. "We still need to be able to throw the ball a little more effectively out of both packages in order to have more success on the offensive side of the ball."

Akey had talked about

using Franks as a weapon on the offense and he came through with the big catch. Franks withstood a big hit as soon as he caught the ball, maintained his footing and waltzed in for the score.

With the score 31-7 in the third quarter and the Vandals desperately in need of some momentum, it came in the most unlikely way. With the ball on the 50 and a third-down-and-nine, quarterback Brian Nooy scrambled ahead to the Fresno State 47, where he took a big hit from two Bulldog defenders and lost the football.

The ball flew about 10 yards up in the air and backwards, but fell right into the waiting hands of Idaho's Jackson, who caught it in stride, juiced out one defender and raced 50 yards down the sideline for a score.

"That was pretty huge, that trick play we put in there for Deonte," Akey joked.

The Vandal defense beefed up and kept Fresno State out of the end zone for the rest of the game,

but it was too little, too late, as the Idaho offense only managed to add a 42-yard field goal and a nine-yard Nooy-to-Peter Bjorvik touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

David Vobora was all over the field once again for the Vandal defense, following up his career-high 18 tackles last week with 15 more today. Chris Smith and Shiloh Keo added 11 more each and also teamed up to create one of two turnovers by the Idaho defense when Smith stripped the ball from Fresno's Lonyae Miller and Keo jumped on it at the Idaho 48.

True freshman Maurice Shaw helped solidify himself as one of Idaho's top receiving threats with six catches for 70 yards. He was the only Vandal receiver with more than one catch on the day.

Idaho will look to end its five-game skid next week when the team travels to Las Cruces, N.M., to face the New Mexico State Aggies. The game will kick off at 5 p.m. (PST).

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