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ASUI elections end today

One candidate has dropped out of race

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Today is the last day students can cast their vote for 12 candidates vying for the seven available ASUI Senate positions. Current Sen. Garrett Holbrook has decided not to seek re-election and dropped out of the race. Senior Kim Wolf is running as a write-in candidate. Voting will conclude at 5 p.m. today. The winning candidates will be announced at 6 p.m. in the Idaho Commons. Students can vote from home at www.asui.uidaho.edu/vote or at poll-

ing stations in the Commons and the Student Recreation Center.

Candidate Q and A

Each candidate was asked, "What are the two most important issues facing the student body right now and how would you plan to address them?"

Leah Schwisow, sophomore

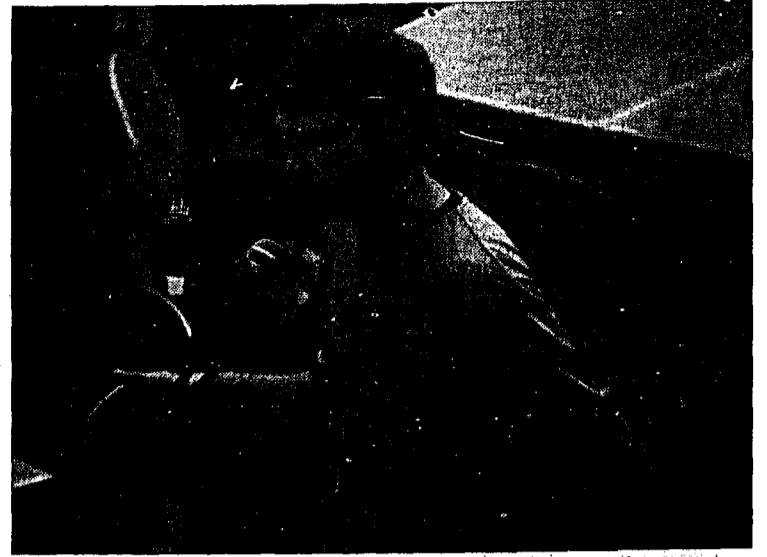
An important issue with students is the changes made and the changes needing to be made with parking. As a current senator, I have been working closely with some of my fellow senators to examine exactly what can be done. We have created two parking resolutions designed to make parking aware of our concerns and

of positive alternatives. If re-elected, I will continue to make forward strides until the issue is resolved. A second issue that students have continued to raise concern about is the university's dining system. Concern has been expressed about meal plans along with cost efficiency and quality of food. I would like to directly address this issue and get alternative options and plans set, so when our contract is up we have some alternative



Schwisow

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Jake Barber/Argonaut
ASUI senator Dean Throop asks a question at the ASUI elections open forum in the Idaho Commons Food Court Tuesday morning.

UI scraps 'Open Space. Open Minds'

New slogan focuses on student, university leadership

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Barely out of the box, the University of Idaho's marketing theme of "No Fences" and tagline "Open Space. Open Minds," has been given the boot in favor of a new tagline, "A Legacy of Leading."

In fall 2006, UI launched the new marketing campaign with the tagline "Open Space. Open Minds." But the shelf life of the \$900,000 campaign was limited.

"We didn't say, 'Can you give us more?' We said, 'Can you repeat the investment?'"

Wendy Shattuck
Assistant VP of Marketing, Strategic Communications

In October, a focus group of seven to 12 members of the university's target audience gave their response to the old slogan and, based on their feedback, the new theme was chosen.

Wendy Shattuck, assistant vice president for marketing and strategic communications, said the old theme was preferred by out-of-state students instead of in-state residents.

"People who live here wondered why we were showing them images of their own state, the message wasn't coming across clearly," Shattuck said. "It did give people out-of-state an impression of what it's like to be here, but it was too broad to effectively communicate what we wanted."

Also, although the previous theme tested well with prospective students, it was poorly received by alumni and parents. The new theme of leading was given high marks by a range of demographics.

The goal was to find something connecting UI's established past with the possibilities of the future. The new campaign will focus on the campus instead of the surrounding area and the people involved in the university. Advertisements bearing the image of students, alumni and faculty have already appeared in Boise newspapers.

"At a time when enrollment is kind of flat, the campaign becomes even more important," Shattuck said. "It's good to appeal to perspective students out of state, but not if it ignores our Idaho residents."

According to Shattuck, the move from "Open Space" to "Legacy of Leading" should be seen as an evolution instead of a change.

"We try to listen to the feedback we're given and make necessary changes," Shattuck said. "We've been phasing in the leadership theme for some time now and the response we got just helped us make the final push."

To Shattuck, the frustrating part of the shift is the implication that the money spent in the transition goes exclusively to the slogan.

"It gets to me when I see people who are saying things, erroneously," Shattuck said. "They don't take into consideration all that the money goes to."

In reality, \$900,000 was budgeted every year for the marketing and communications department, less than half of which goes to advertising the university. The funding is also used to support the updated Web site and recruitment. The new slogan is taken out of the department's operating budget for next year.

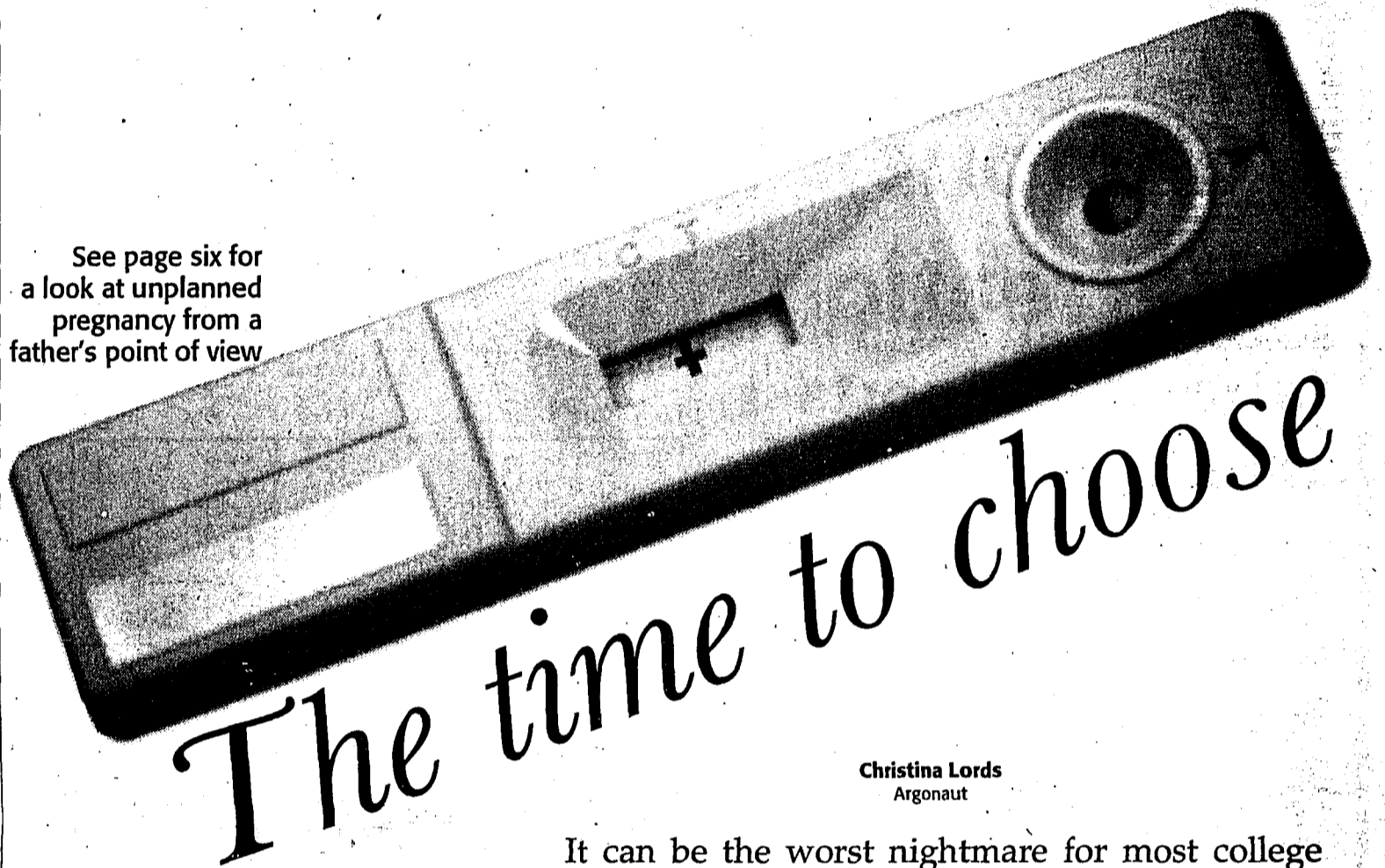
"We didn't say, 'Can you give us more?' We said, 'Can you repeat the investment?' That's really what it is, an investment," Shattuck said.

About \$500,000 of the budget is achieved through private donors, many who are UI alumni.

Posters, view books and ad campaigns featuring "A Legacy of Leading," have already been distributed and Shattuck is confident in how it will be received.

"There's no way to be sure about this sort of thing, but I think we should (campaign) it for a while," Shattuck said.

See page six for a look at unplanned pregnancy from a father's point of view



Christina Lords
Argonaut

It can be the worst nightmare for most college students. But an unplanned pregnancy is a risk for every sexually active couple, and if it becomes a reality, a decision must be made.

Her choice: Having an abortion

Before Meredith Hall entered the door, she already knew her decision if she had to make it.

Hall was two weeks late for her period, and had started feeling symptoms of nausea and headaches. She drove to the Planned Parenthood in Pullman to suppress her fears.

Instead, she found out she was six weeks pregnant. Hall, 20, is a junior at the University of Idaho and wished to have her name changed so her identity could be kept anonymous.

"Before I even went in, I had my decision made," Hall said. "I already knew about my options."

A doctor at Planned Parenthood explained all of the options to her, she said, including keeping the baby, adoption and termination of the pregnancy.

"I just thought a lot about it, but I knew my lifestyle was not conducive to a healthy pregnancy," she said.

Hall made the decision to have an abortion.

She had been sexually active with her boyfriend for three months when she found out she was pregnant. Although she was not on birth control, the couple had been using condoms and the Plan B pill, she said. Plan B is a series of two emergency contraceptive pills that can prevent the release of a woman's egg, prevent the fertilization of the egg or prevent it from attaching to the woman's uterus. It will not affect an already existing pregnancy.

"From what I can figure out, I got pregnant when we used Plan B," Hall said. "I think I took the second pill too late." Hall said she was angry for "letting herself get pregnant."

"I kind of just felt like an idiot," she said. "I know that I could have been on birth control and I knew of my other options, and I had to think to myself, 'Why did I let this happen?'"

Hall said she didn't consider continuing the pregnancy because she did not feel like she could financially afford to raise a child. She did not feel like adoption was the right choice for her either, she said.

"I don't know if I could have had something grow in me for nine months just to give it to someone else," Hall said.

She told selectively few people about her decision to have an abortion, including keeping it from the father of the child and her parents. She didn't explain the pregnancy to others because she did not want people to try to talk her out of the abortion,

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Her choice: Keeping the baby

Rylan Azariah Hanson was born at 4:25 p.m. Oct. 17 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, Mont. — 306 miles away from the beautiful fall and busy schedules students were experiencing at the University of Idaho.

Rylan's mother, Brittani Hanson, 20, was an animal science major and attended UI until last spring, when she found out she had an unplanned pregnancy in February.

Hanson was taking birth control regularly, and her partner usually wore a condom, she said.

"I have no idea how I got pregnant," she said. "I was late for my period and I didn't really think anything of it until (the father) kept saying 'I want you to take the test, I want you to take the test.' I guess it was just some kind of freak thing."

Hanson said the first few days after the test came back positive were the hardest on her and her relationship. Hanson found out she was pregnant Feb. 6; and by Feb. 13, her relationship with the father had ended.

After she initially told the father, he was upset but the couple was "going to do this; it was going to be OK," Hanson said.

His parents visited Moscow and pressured him into getting married or to not have anything to do with the baby, she said.

"He came over that day after he had talked to his parents and said, 'Do you want to get married?'" she said. "I didn't want that. We were so up and down at that point, and he said, 'Well, I guess that's it then.'"

"(The father) was kind of pressuring me into an abortion or to give it up for adoption," she said. "I said I didn't want to do that and he was upset. He didn't want to be responsible for it and we broke up after a weekend."

The father's name is not on Rylan's birth certificate, and she has opted not to seek child support, she said.

"Initially he said he wanted to pay (child support)," she said. "I talked to some other people that have (children) that aren't still involved with the father, and they said the best thing to do was to be done with them."

She said she was scared that if the father was paying child support, he may eventually want custody of the child in the future.

Hanson continued to go to school until the end of the semester.

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"I didn't want a baby to ruin my life. ... I wanted to finish what I was doing."

Brittani HANSON
Former UI student

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Opinion
Coeur d'Alene has a big tree covered in holiday lights. For some reason this warranted fireworks.

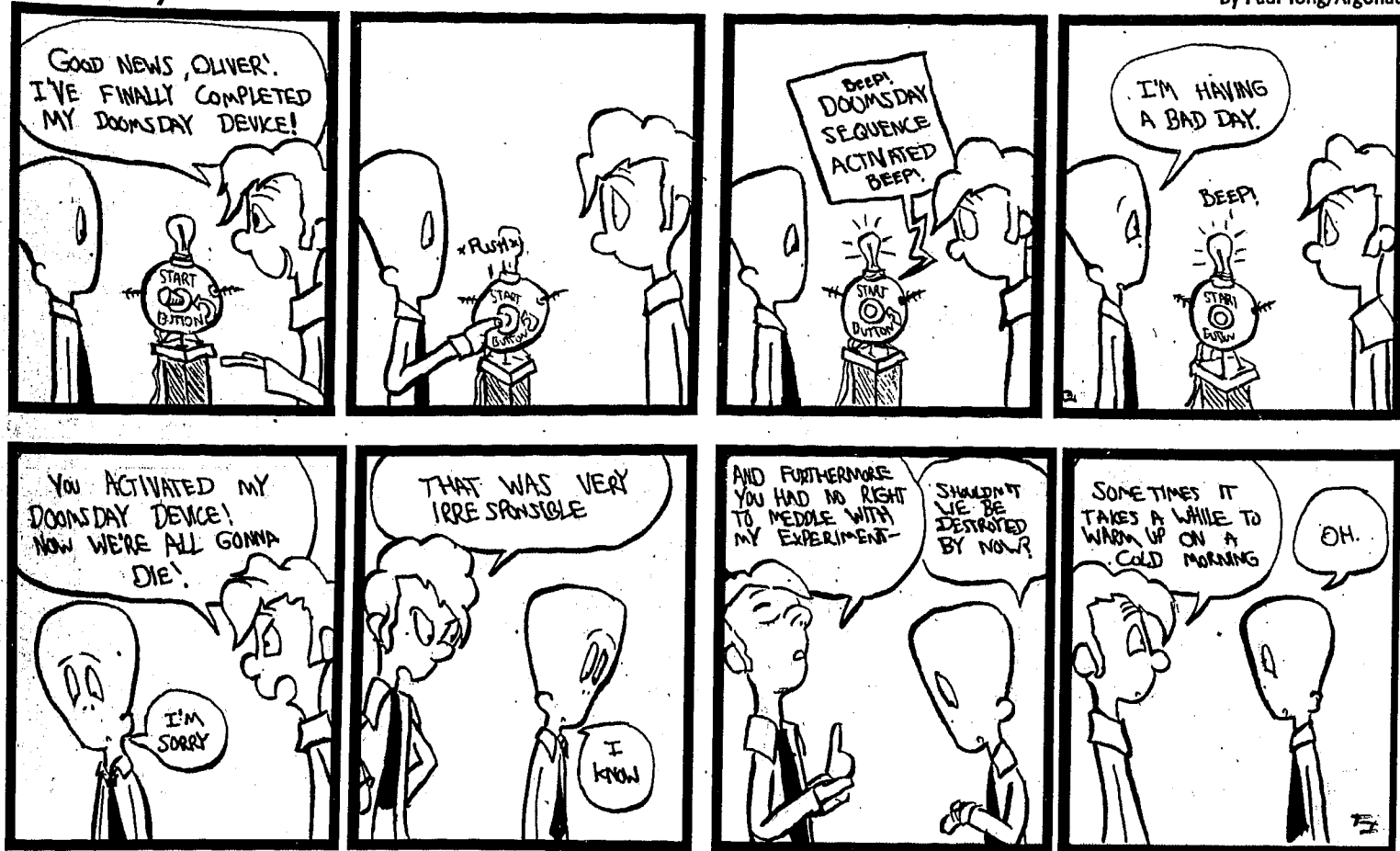
Arts&Culture
Brooklyn artist Joseph Von Stengel collaborates with regional band for a concert benefiting Radio Free Moscow.

Sports&Rec
Johnny Ballgame and Robert Taylor debate the current BCS system versus a more traditional college playoff.

on the WEB

Unlike many people, Guy in a Monkey Suit has NFL Network. He's rooting for the Packers and will let everyone who didn't see the game what happened. Consider it a civil service, much cheaper than paying for your own satellite system.

UniversityAVE.



by Paul Tong/Argonaut

BEYOND THE SHEETS

Be serious about syphilis

It is time again for the "STD of the Month." This month I have decided to talk about one of my favorites (although I am not entirely sure why it is my favorite). Perhaps I enjoy it because of the multiple stages of the disease. Perhaps I enjoy it because the symptoms can be similar to other diseases. Perhaps I enjoy the ease of testing for it. Whatever draws me to this disease is not important because, bottom line, I really enjoy syphilis.

those qualities, you want to get tested.

Moving on to the second stage, a new series of signs and symptoms will occur. It is during this stage that a non-itchy rash appears. There can be a problem with this in that the rash is not going to necessarily be characteristic. While it is characteristic for the rash to be found on the palms of the hands and the soles of the feet while also being rough and red, or reddish brown, it is not always going to be that way.



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First of all, it needs to be noted that syphilis is bacterial based. Hopefully, many of you remember that bacterial based diseases are preferable to viral based. So, with syphilis being bacterial based, it can be cured. Depending on how long it has been in the system determines how many treatment sessions will be necessary; however, it is a simple injection of penicillin (or other antibiotics if an allergy to penicillin exists). Surely, the best cure for syphilis is to avoid infection, but in the event of infection, it can be taken care of.

Sometimes the rash can resemble rashes caused by other diseases. It does appear on the feet and hands, but it can also occur on other parts of the body. It can also be so faint as to not be noticed at all. It is during this stage that another problem with identifying syphilis is found by means of the other symptoms. Symptoms such as fever, swollen lymph glands, sore throat, hair and weight loss, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue are other symptoms of syphilis. People experience these things constantly. For example, I frequently experience headaches and fatigue, but that is not indicative of syphilis. It is a combination of multiple symptoms (four to five or more) that necessitates concern.

Another good thing about syphilis is that it is easily diagnosed. A simple blood test will yield the results. I understand many people are terrified of needles or hate getting blood drawn. Sometimes maintaining personal health necessitates facing such fears.

That is some of the better news about syphilis. Sadly, there is some equally bad news. This is a relatively easy disease to contract. It can be spread through the sores it creates on an infected person. While the sores generally occur on external genitals as well as inside of the vagina and anal cavity, the sores can also occur inside the mouth or on lips. This is unfortunate because syphilis sores in the mouth or on the lips eliminate the relative safety of kissing, which is one of the safest, and possibly most intimate, of sexual activities with a partner. Also, syphilis can cause some very severe and possibly fatal complications with pregnancy.

It is in the final stage, the late stage, when serious bodily harm occurs. The signs and symptoms previously mentioned will disappear. Do not cause more harm by convincing yourself that the disease cured itself due to lack of symptoms. It is during this stage that internal organs are affected, especially some of the most important ones. The heart, brain and nerves are all examples of what can be damaged by syphilis. The symptoms of this stage include such things as gradual blindness and difficulty with muscle control. The longer the disease is left in this stage the more damage it does, possibly resulting in death.

Trying to identify syphilis without medical consultation can be difficult. This disease has multiple stages involving different signs and symptoms. The first stage, called the Primary Stage, is when sores are going to be found. One of the problems is that there will not be a specific number of sores. An infected person may display a single sore or multiple sores and the sore/sores will be found around the site of infection.

Based on all of these signs and symptoms, it is important to look at your body. You need to note changes — when they occur, how long they stay and the characteristics of them. It is important to know what is happening on your body so that when you seek medical attention, you can receive the appropriate care.

This leads to another problem involving examination. If the sore is external, it will be much easier to see. If the sore is internal, it is not going to be discovered unless an internal self-examination is done and I doubt a lot of people do that. If you think you see one, keep in mind the characteristics of the sore. It will be firm, small, round and painless. Also, you want to make sure to keep an eye on it as the sore should go away on its own. If it displays any of

A final note about syphilis involves aftercare. Just because you have been treated for this disease does not mean you are forever in the free and clear. Without precaution and protection, it is possible to become re-infected. Take care to try and prevent such a thing from happening.

Have fun, be safe and watch your body. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/std/Syphilis/STDfact-Syphilis.htm> for more information about syphilis.

Have a question? Send it to arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu.

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Correction

The price for tickets to the President's Holiday Celebration and Tree Auction on Saturday are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets for dancing only are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For tickets call the UI Ticket Office at 885-6466.

There were several mistakes in the master of fine arts creative writing program stories in the Arts and Culture section. The Arts section would like to apologize for the errors. Of the errors, these are several corrections:

Daniel Orozco is not a graduate of the program, but a faculty member and Stegner Fellow and Jones Lecturer at Stanford. Orozco earned his degree from the University of Washington, not the University of Idaho.

MFA creative writing program coordinator Brandon Schrand won the "River Teeth Prize." Jeff Jones did not win a "River Teeth Prize" for his book. Schrand's book has been nominated for the Barnes & Noble Discover Prize, not Jones'.

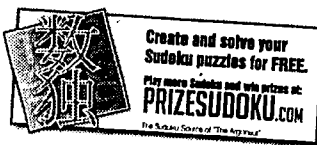
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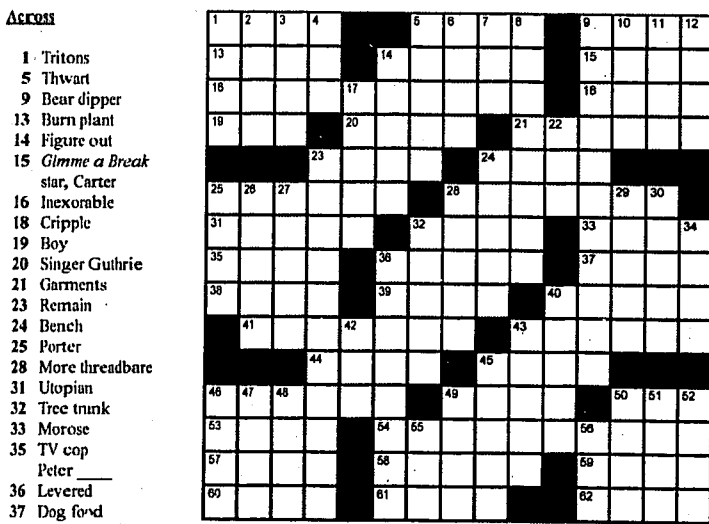
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



CrosswordPUZZLE



Across

- 1 Tritons
- 5 Thwart
- 9 Bear dipper
- 13 Burn plant
- 14 Figure out
- 15 Gimme a Break star, Carter
- 16 Inexorable
- 18 Cripple
- 19 Boy
- 20 Singer Guthrie
- 21 Garments
- 23 Remain
- 24 Bench
- 25 Porter
- 28 More threadbare
- 31 Utopian
- 32 Tree trunk
- 33 Morose
- 35 TV cop
- 36 Levered
- 37 Dog food name

Down

- 1 Nobleman
- 2 Chigger
- 3 Recounted
- 4 Envision
- 5 Indiscretion
- 6 Bread spread
- 7 Sickbed items (Abbr.)
- 8 Weakened
- 9 Consummate
- 10 Bring up
- 11 Incision
- 12 Charity
- 14 Dress holder
- 17 Of birth
- 22 Crane
- 23 Shocks
- 24 Bay State city
- 25 Latvian port city
- 26 Draw out
- 27 Fabric
- 28 Watersed-silk
- 29 Escort actress
- 30 Pakistani monetary unit
- 32 Rascals
- 34 Cleaning implements
- 36 Terminate gradually
- 40 Contempt
- 42 Sign of ascent
- 43 Spar
- 45 Auspices
- 46 Persia
- 47 Egypt river
- 48 Goulash
- 49 Hawaii town
- 50 And others (Latin)
- 51 Microbe
- 52 Likelihood
- 55 Genetic material (Abbr.)
- 56 Affirmative

Solution

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

Campus Recreation

Intramural Sports Deadlines

Intramural Sports
Intramural Champions Social
Wednesday, December 5th!
Social will be in the MAC!

Recharge Late Night
Friday, Dec. 7 9pm-Midnight
Finals got you fried?
Come RECHARGE with a night of yoga, relaxation, and FREE FOOD!

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Targhee needs new residents

Community applications due by noon today

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Targhee Hall will no longer stand vacant come fall semester. The Residence Hall Association has been accepting applications for the building from campus organizations and will announce what community got it before winter break.

Applications are due by noon today.

Located on the southwest corner of Blake Avenue and Taylor Street, Targhee Hall closed in spring 2006 in order to repair the building.

Before its close, Targhee Hall housed several groups, including a men's cooperative, the College of Natural Resources Community and the Fine Arts Community.

Renovations will be complete sometime during the summer. Repairs include new carpet, paint, lights, dining hall updates, furniture and laundry room updates.

The renovations are being paid out of the University Residence building's general operating budget and reserve funds. All of the work is being done by University of Idaho staff, said Cori Planagan, RHA adviser.

RHA is looking for a community that will be successful and vibrant, one where students can achieve academic goals, Planagan said.

The facility will function just like the Residence Halls, Planagan said. It will have resident assistants, but because it is far from already existing residence halls, the students will have a different meal plan.

Planagan said she is excited to re-open Targhee Hall, and the process RHA has developed to decide which community lives

there is unique.

"It will be student driven," Planagan said. "It will be successful because of this process."

Applications must include a list of 25 students committed to living in Targhee Hall next year, the name of the community, its mission statement, a list of proposed requirements for students living in the community and names of primary student representatives.

More than 45 students need to live in Targhee Hall for it to be financially successful, and it can hold up to 58 residents, Planagan said.

When looking for the right group to live in Targhee Hall, RHA is looking for a community who will spark an interest not only from current students, but also new and transfer students to live in the residence.

A group of six people known as the Targhee Community Selection Committee will make the final decision after listening to a 30 minute presentation given by each group applying for the living area.

"We have to be careful who we put in there because it will drive the success," Planagan said.

The Fine Arts and Whitman Halls, both located in the Wallace Residence Center, are working together to be the community who will move into Targhee Hall.

The two halls have teamed up to increase their chances of getting into Targhee Hall. "We've been there before," said Joe Zeman, Fine Arts president. "A lot of us feel we have a right to it."

Zeman said the Fine Arts Hall would like to live in Targhee because they would work better where Fine Arts students can come together as a community. He also said it would make practicing instruments late at night more convenient.

CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance goes back to attorney

Will McWilliams
Argonaut

Moscow's proposed noise ordinance will not be going back to City Council on Dec. 3 for its third reading as planned.

The ordinance has once again been sent back to city attorney Randy Fife for a revamping.

During the Administrative Committee meeting on Monday in the council chambers of City Hall, Fife suggested that there be two versions of the proposed noise ordinance written to make it easier for the Administrative Committee and City Council to decide on what they want the ordinance to look like.

The main reason for the two versions of the proposed ordinance focuses on whether or not a police officer can be the complainant. Fife said that he wanted to make clear the terms on which an officer was allowed to act as the complainant.

"I wanted to make explicit what was implicit," Fife said.

Fife said there is going to be what is called a police officer citation in one version, which allows the police officer to act as the complainant. Fife plans on adding the word "peace" in front of the word "officer," to make it "peace officer." Fife said he would do this to make it clear that it was a police officer that this term was referring to.

Fife said that if a police officer writes a ticket that was not called in by a resident, then what the officer is saying is that he has observed the problem.

"If a complainant did not generate the call, then the officer, by signing the ticket, certifies that they observed the violation," Fife said.

Fife said that this was another way to ensure that the police officers are not over extending their authority.

One other major change that one ver-

sion of the proposed ordinance will undergo is the removal of the 48-hour stipulation which forces police officers to wait 48 hours to give out a citation to a residency they have already warned. Fife said that committee members were not in favor of the stipulation.

"If they want 48 hours, it has to be in several places," Fife said. "So if they want it in, I wrote one version and if they want it out, I wrote a different version."

Both versions of the proposed ordinance will also have changes made to the language of them. Fife said that the changes would focus on the giving the definition of noise better continuity.

"Every time you use the word you want to use the same word," Fife said.

The two versions of the proposed ordinance will go in front of the Administrative Committee again in two weeks on Dec. 10 for another reading before it will be sent to City Council for its third reading.

District not sure if it can collect levy money

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

The Moscow School District indefinite supplemental levy was approved by 57.7 percent of voters Nov. 13, showing an increase of support since the initial levy was passed in March and overturned in October.

The re-run of the levy came after a lawsuit was filed against the Moscow School District by Gerald Weitz, a local dentist who once served on the school board. He felt the levy wasn't legal because it didn't specify the total amount certified.

Second District Court Judge John Bradbury ruled the initial levy invalid for this reason. The levy passed this month specified the \$1.97 million increase would change the total to \$7.6 million. To take effect in the following year, the paperwork had to be filed by Sept. 30. Moscow School District Board of Trustees member Margaaret Dibble said the initial levy was filed on time before Bradbury passed his judgment.

"We filed all the paperwork in September. We did not get into court until October," she said.

Bradbury will now have to decide when the district will be able to collect funds the second levy guarantees. Weitz is continuing his suit against the school district, claiming the district only needed \$400,000 to continue its programs. He said he would not end his suit unless the district made a plan

for using its funds and paid his lawyer fees.

"I've always been the guy who defended the minority student," Weitz said. "The minority student in Moscow is the student that is not going to college."

Moscow's alternative high school building was donated by Weitz who said he supports vocational education that will

help students who will not be attending college. Using Pullman's district as an example, he said Moscow needs to encourage dual enrollment with UI and increase its number of instructional days.

"This is not for him and about money," Dibble said. "This is about him wanting the district to do certain things."

The levy is estimated to add \$1.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to property tax bills to the \$5.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to property district property owners already pay. Dibble said the passing of the levy was proof that property owners supported the tax increase.

"They should be delighted to support education," she said.

Weitz said the use of an indefinite supplemental levy forces new tax payers to continue paying the increase without ever being witness to its approval.

"If you have something that lasts until the end of time, then there are voters who don't exist today who will be subject to taxation without representation," Weitz said.

Nancy Nelson led the pro-levy campaign before the November vote, and said that "maintaining public education is a responsibility and a privilege."

"I could tell there was a great deal of interest in it," she said. "I certainly didn't want to take any chances by not campaigning as hard as I could."

Nelson teaches second grade at Sunnyside Elementary in Pullman, but her children are enrolled in the Moscow School District. Weitz' lawsuit affected a lot of people, she said, including the students within the district who may have to wait for taxes to be collected.

Dibble said that decision is up to Bradbury, but funds may not be collected until 2009, which would not help unfreeze the district's building budget or replace positions cut due to instructors retiring. The cost of Weitz' lawsuit is also an additional cost to the school district.

"We've got kids to educate. That's what we do," Dibble said. "We've spent way too much time in court."

Weitz said he hopes his lawsuit will help generate a

discussion about how to appropriate funds in the future, and that he feels the country needs workers straight out of high school who could have the necessary training in high school if vocational training were added to the district's curriculum.

"We don't have people coming to us asking for that," Dibble said. "We are maintaining what we have now."

Dibble said the district has been running on a deficit for a long time, and is expecting to build a reserve with the additional funds until it can afford to make new changes and improvements. Wanting vocational training and periodic levies, Weitz does not have the power to propose a levy of his own, she said.

Weitz' lawsuit continues without either side close to a compromise. He said he wanted to settle the suit since it started, but not without a solid plan for using the funds from the levy.

"I'm a supporter of public education, but I'm also a supporter of change," Weitz said. "I'm just defending the rights of kids."

Nelson's pro-levy campaign centralized around Weitz' lawsuit with a "lemon for lemon meringue" theme, where supporters met in Friendship Square and handed out lemon pies and bars.

"Gerry gave us a lemon," she said. "I think it's very much in the hands of Judge Bradbury right now."

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she said. "I didn't tell (the father) and a lot of people disagree with me on that," she said. "I understand why...I just had to do this myself."

Hall said she did not consider the couple to be in a serious relationship and the father had planned to move out of state at the end of the school year. They decided not to stay in a long-distance relationship. She said she did not want him to worry about the pregnancy or the abortion after he moved.

She still talks to the father occasionally, and the abortion is always "in the background of (my) mind," Hall said.

"I know that he would probably not be too happy with me," she said, "but I think he would have agreed with my decision. I know that he probably would have wanted to know."

The procedure

Hall said a clinician conducted a phone interview before she went in for the abortion. The clinician asked her about her mental stability, medical history and payment for the abortion.

The final bill for the abortion was \$600. Hall said she sought monetary help from organizations like Planned Parenthood and also had to borrow money from friends. She said she is still making monthly payments to pay off the rest of the bill.

"(The clinician) asked me if this was really what I wanted to do and explained my other options to me again," she said. "I knew I was anchored in my convictions."

Hall was driven to the clinic by a friend for emotional support. Both the friend and Hall had to be physically patted

After deciding to have an abortion, Hall has returned to school and says she feels no regret

down for weapons as she entered the clinic, she said.

"It made me feel horrible," Hall said. "It sucks it has to be like that."

Hall had a suction aspiration abortion at a clinic in Spokane when she was 11 weeks pregnant. A suction aspiration — or what is also known as a vacuum aspiration — is a surgical procedure that removes the contents of the uterus through a woman's cervix.

Hall said the procedure took approximately five minutes, from when her cervix was dilated to the completion of the procedure.

Clinicians released her 30 minutes after the abortion. Although she vomited once when she got home, Hall said she has had no other medical or emotional problems after the procedure.

"Afterwards I just felt so relieved," she said. "I missed (the father) a lot, but I was happy with who I told and who I didn't tell."

Hall said she still feels no regret about the abortion.

"The most regret I feel is not telling him or my parents, but I feel no regret about terminating the pregnancy."

Pressures parents face

Katie Goodson, St. Augustine's campus minister, said women who experience an un-

planned pregnancy often panic and look for "an easy way out."

"This is something we don't think about, something we don't talk about until the crisis," Goodson said. "We need to be asking ourselves 'do we provide care for a woman's needs, especially here on this campus?' and I honestly don't know if that's a yes or a no answer to that question."

Many parents of an unplanned pregnancy feel pressure and guilt because of their faith, she said. Because many religions teach abstinence until after marriage, many people feel guilty "because of their sin," she said.

"As a campus minister, my job is to help them through their guilt," she said. "It's good to remind them that our God is a forgiving God. There is hope and there is forgiveness."

Terri Grezedielski, a physician assistant at UI's Student Health Center, agreed that religion can play a major role to determine how parents view their options for unplanned pregnancy.

"Many people feel that an unplanned pregnancy is taboo," she said. "They want to make choices as long as their parents don't know about them. There certainly are areas where patients need confidentiality. It really affects those (religious)

pressures."

Other pressures women face during an unplanned pregnancy are the lack of financial and emotional support, Grezedielski said. More women are focusing on their emotional stability to determine if they are able to keep a child, she said.

"More than financially, I think it is the emotional side where women have the most trouble," Grezedielski said. "Most ask themselves, 'Do I feel emotionally at a place to be able to raise a child? Do I have what it takes to be a good parent?'"

Brenda Saltzer, CEO of CareNet of the Palouse, a non-profit Christian ministry specializing in pregnancy, sexuality and abortion-related issues, said women often choose abortion because they are afraid and don't fully consider all options. Saltzer said CareNet does not make any referrals or recommendations for abortion.

"Some women feel compelled to have an abortion," she said. "They say, 'I'm pregnant, therefore I need to have an abortion.' What we do is ask a woman, 'What is happening in your life that you feel like an abortion is the only way to deal with this?'"

Saltzer said other pressures can come from the child's father.

"Sometimes there's such an expectation of sex in a relationship for some women," she said. "... Oftentimes a woman can feel expectations of an abortion from the partner."

Grezedielski agreed that many women feel pressure from their partners, both to terminate and to continue the pregnancy.

"There is so much that is involved, but the bottom line is we need to meet the needs of

the woman," Saltzer said.

For Hall, money was the ultimate determinant for her decision to have an abortion, she said.

"I do not have the money to raise a child," she said. "It's distressing that in the end, it all comes down to money."

Looking for help

The UI Women's Center, Student Health Center, CareNet of the Palouse, Planned Parenthood, church leaders and student organizations such as Vox are all resources parents dealing with an unplanned pregnancy can utilize, said Vox president Rachel Todd. Vox is a "student arm" for Planned Parenthood, she said.

"We have unbiased information on what's available to you," she said, "including information on unplanned pregnancy, adoption, keeping your child, abortion. There are always people willing to offer you options on the many different paths you can take."

Todd said it is important to know about contraceptives and to know how to use them effectively.

"If you don't use them and you do become pregnant, you can be at even more of a loss of where to go and what to do," she said. "People out there are always ready and willing to work with you."

Todd said the first step when a woman has an unplanned pregnancy is to talk to someone that is trustworthy and non-judgmental. Many organizations including Planned Parenthood and CareNet of the Palouse offer options counseling, medical examinations, pregnancy tests and post-abortion services for free.

Many women find just having someone to talk to is the most important step, Saltzer said.

"Our goal is when any wom-

an leaves (CareNet), we want her to feel so valued, respected and loved," she said. "If any woman has problems after an abortion, we want her to feel free to come back here."

Grezedielski encourages a woman to take the time to carefully consider her options. At Student Health, doctors discuss continuing the pregnancy, adoption and the possibility of termination, she said. The doctors will then make referrals to different organizations and service providers, depending on the woman's decision. Grezedielski recommends women start taking prenatal vitamins, despite their initial decision, to try to ensure a continued healthy pregnancy.

"We work with the students in a very non-judgmental way," she said. "We present the facts and encourage her to do what she wants to do. It's important to not make hasty decisions when it comes something so important as this."

Hall said she is capable of discussing her abortion more openly as time goes on.

"When school started again, I was just so happy to be living how I wanted to be living," she said. "I'm getting more comfortable talking about it. It was a significant time in my life. This is something my friends should know about me. It didn't change my perspective on abortion. It strengthened my belief in the right for a woman to choose."

She said encouraging women and men to educate themselves on contraception is the most important thing people can do to prevent an unplanned pregnancy.

"People that make decisions on both sides, women who have abortions and women who have children, have my respect," she said. "It is not easy to decide, no matter what you do. I just made the decision that was right for me."

"People that make decisions on both sides ... have my respect. I just made the decision that was right for me."

Meredith
HALL
UI Junior

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"I didn't want a baby to ruin my life," she said. "I wanted to finish what I was doing."

She told her roommates, a few close friends and her professors about the pregnancy.

Hanson comes from a conservative Christian background, and she was terrified to tell her parents, she said. She didn't know if her parents would support an unintended child, she said.

"I kept thinking, 'OK, have I failed them?'"

She said. "I went on a drive with my mom and just started crying. I think she had a feeling because the first thing she asked me was, 'are you pregnant?' But she was so excited about it right from the beginning."

Hanson said she was reassured and relieved to have support from her family. She said her parents encouraged her to have the baby instead of getting an abortion. Her parents offered to adopt the baby as their own if she didn't feel like she could support it, Hanson said.

"I've always had a strong belief that I would never get an abortion; I wasn't willing to go there," she said. "I decided that having a baby was what I was going to do, and I would just take it one day at a time."

"There are places that really want to help girls in this situation. Seek those places out."

Brittani
HANSON
Former UI student

Pressure from the public

Being young and pregnant can be difficult thing to hide, especially when a woman visibly starts to show her pregnancy. Because of the visibility, some of the harshest criticism a woman can get about an unplanned pregnancy can come from complete strangers, Hanson said.

"A couple times I went out with my friends, and the guys looked at me differently," she said. "They'd look at my face and then scan down and be like, 'Whoa, nevermind.' I'd

Hanson's son was born Oct. 17, and now lives with his mother and grandparents in Kalispell, Mont.

always have people looking at me and you could tell they were wondering what was going on."

Hanson said she believes being a single mom may affect how men evaluate her from now on. She sometimes worries about finding someone to share the rest of her life with, she said.

"I think this situation would be a lot different if I had a guy to help out and I was in a relationship," she said.

"It's something you just have to deal with. You have to know that there will be someone out there someday."

One of the hardest things to deal with was the loss of her independence, Hanson said. Hanson moved back to Montana at the end of last semester to move back into her parent's house. She got a job and worked most of the summer, but was forced to quit after she developed high blood pressure during the pregnancy.

"This has been the hardest part for me," she said. "At school I had my own apartment. I was living on my own, making my own money and now I have to be supported again."

People on the UI campus and within her hometown community have had mixed reactions to her pregnancy, she said. Although she wasn't visibly showing while she was still in Moscow, Hanson said she explained the pregnancy to her professors in case she missed class for a doctor's appointment or in case of an emergency.

"Mostly it was me carrying around this thought of, 'Who knows? How many people have been told?'" she said. "I had great professors that semester...I don't think any of them were really down on me or were judgmental."

When Hanson returned home, she took a job to help coach a school volleyball team.

She said some girls that had tried out and made the team later quit because Hanson was assisting.

"There were some people going to be on the team that didn't want to be because I'm a single mother," she said. "I guess you're always going to have people with interesting reactions."

"Some people were definitely shocked," Hanson said. "People would say, 'You're so innocent and sweet, why would you do this?' But after all of that wore off, more people were excited for me than anything else."

Hanson said she felt internal pressures that collided with her faith. She has been able to maintain and strengthen her relationship with God, and "come to terms with my mistake," she said.

"There were days I definitely felt like I could give up," she said. "I was wondering if it would still be OK for me to think I could have that relationship with (God) when I made such a big mistake. I think this is God's way of bringing me back to him. I have to know he's going to be there ... for me to get back on track."

Continuing a pregnancy

Part of believing a woman has the strength to raise child is being able to seek outside help, Hanson said.

CareNet of the Palouse, Planned Parenthood and many other government service organizations offer information and services to help a mother throughout a pregnancy and help to support a child.

CareNet encourages women to give a child up for adoption if they don't feel that they could financially or emotionally support it, said Brenda Saltzer, CEO of CareNet.

Volunteers from CareNet go over the adoption process step-by-step for women who are unsure of the adoption option, she said.

"As laws are evolving with adoption, parents of the child are able to make a better parenting plan," Saltzer said. "Adoption has become very woman-focused. Women are now able

to ask, 'If things were different, what would I want (the child) to have that I can't give to them now?'"

CareNet makes referrals to adoption agencies in Washington and Idaho that allow the woman to have more of a say in the adoption process, she said. The mothers can view profiles of the adopting family and interview them, Saltzer said.

"We make sure to refer to agencies that make sure the birth mother's best interests are at heart," she said.

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options to consider.

Olivia Chinchinian, sophomore

There are two main issues I would like to address. The first being allowing additional student activities to take place on campus, such as more free concerts, and creating new events that would bring the student body together. I want to update and change the advertising for ASUI drastically. Secondly, I would like to see the parking issues resolved. I like the concept of selling as many permits as there is space for, which would limit the number of passes being allocated. My goal for being a senator is to be approachable at all times and to take student concerns and address them promptly with passion.

Chinchinian

Kayla Dahmen, junior

Of the two largest concerns I have, one is the communication gap between the student government and the student body. We have many opportunities and events to attend at the University of Idaho, however they aren't advertised well. Creating a newsletter documenting what ASUI is working on and to promote

Dahmen

events and activities students can get involved with is an issue I will actively work towards improving. As well as the newsletter, I would also be a frequent visitor of living groups to help keep everyone informed.

Another concern... is the current parking problem. The current senators are already working to solve this and I would bring fresh ideas to the table. I am in favor of not overselling parking spaces and a system of seniority when passes are being sold. I am prepared to take the initiative and work closely with parking enforcement to help solve the problem every driving student is facing here on campus.

Ian Harpole, junior

I feel the most important issues facing the student body are lack of student involvement and parking, safety and bettering relations with the city. I really want to see more students voting and participating in more ASUI programs, as well as voting in national elections and voicing their opinions. Every year we see a small fraction of the student population voting in ASUI elections and we are one of the least politically active universities in the nation. Parking, especially for off-campus students, has really become a serious problem. Students want a safer campus atmosphere, and I feel that student issues need to be voiced more in the Moscow City Council.

Harpole

Zach Arama, sophomore
One of these (issues)... is the state of advising. There is currently no accountability whatsoever for advisers. Some students have to stay in school an extra

semester or sometimes an entire year because of bad advising. Some advisers take days or even weeks to get back to you when e-mailed. We need to push for more online advising and give students the option of filling in an adviser evaluation form at the end of the semester. That way, the head of each department can root out the bad advisers and keep them accountable, and the students are getting the best advising possible.



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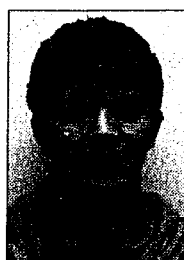
push for more online advising and give students the option of filling in an adviser evaluation form at the end of the semester. That way, the head of each department can root out the bad advisers and keep them accountable, and the students are getting the best advising possible.

Another major issue... is student parking. ASUI has made some positive progress with this issue recently, but there is still much to be done. The university has been rapidly running out of parking spots for students and has responded by raising permit prices. ...Instead of taking away already frequently used student areas, I think we need to look into looking at a long-term budget plan to build a parking garage. Students shouldn't have to sacrifice recreational areas or pay large amounts of money to park their car outside their own residence on a campus they already pay to live on.

Sam Morin, freshman

I believe that the two most important issues facing ASUI and the student body as a whole are parking and communication from ASUI to the students of UI.

...I plan to fight for the expansion of student parking, not merely to keep the space we have. The situation is bad enough as it is and the UI faculty is pushing to have more parking exclusively for itself. That is something I will wholeheartedly fight in the Senate. Students need parking just as much or more than anyone else.



Morin

...I hope to step up proactive communication from ASUI to the students on campus. Although 53 percent of UI students live off-campus, the rest can be reached through their living groups. ... Relevant information directly pertaining to students needs to be given them, not just available on the ASUI Web site.

Kim Wolf, senior

There is really only one issue that I would deem as being most important and is communication between ASUI and the student body. The student body has been given the title of "apathetic" when I believe that we are just uninformed. I would propose a weekly newsletter, either included in the Argonaut or as an e-mail, that lets the reader know what ASUI is doing and is planning to do for them. I believe that an informed student body will be more likely to become involved in student affairs than our current "apathetic" one.

Wolf

Kirsten Cummings, senior
I plan to increase the budget for lighting and implement courtesy phones. The university's policy allows for the expense of two new lights per year. With the growth of our campus and the cost to repair broken lights, this simply is not enough money in order to keep our surroundings safe. The campus has six courtesy phones, however they are not

emergency courtesy phones. The ones I intend to bring to campus would be placed in strategic locations and are designed with an emergency button at the bottom that directly connects victims to the police station, who in return contact campus security. I believe with the increase in lighting and the installation of courtesy phones, a general feeling of security would be improved dramatically.

The communication between ASUI and students could easily be improved with the creation of a monthly newsletter. My plan is for the newsletter to be sent to students' e-mail in order to keep us well informed on current projects, events, bills and other important information concerning the university. I hope with the increase in awareness, people will become more motivated to take part in the opportunities available to them. If we can create enthusiasm to encourage participation in the labeled "best school in the West," and take pride in being Vandals, we will make a difference.

Kenneth Peters, senior

I don't believe that the student body at UI actually has any particular "hot" agenda item that absolutely must be addressed in an urgent manner. Instead, I believe the main concerns of the student body are the same as they always have been — with money concerns becoming more and more important. My goal as senator is to reduce the amount of student money that is being spent on projects they don't want, don't care about or are simply never told about. I am also concerned about the practice of raising fees and then restricting how they can be used by the students — a good example of this is the censorship of hall T-shirt designs.

The following responses were pulled from the ASUI candidate bios online at www.asui.uidaho.edu/candidatebios

Loren Doman, junior

I feel that the safety of the students at the University of Idaho is the most pressing and important issue in consideration. With recent debate in the Senate about new safety procedures, the importance is relevant, but the issue has still not been solved. I believe that more can still be done to combat dangers to Idaho students and that this isn't a topic that should be brushed aside. As a senator, I will continue to work with the Senate on developing new safety procedures until the whole Senate and student population is satisfied.

Kat Swick, sophomore

I feel that one of the most important issues facing students today is voting, or rather the lack thereof. Though ASUI provided buses and accommodations for easy access to polling stations, there were low numbers in student participation. This issue not only affects local elections, but national ones as well. I would address this issue as a senator by promoting and advertising earlier, providing detailed instructions and possibly offering incentives as well. This is such an important issue because by instilling this now, it will have positive effects on our nation and future generations.

Duncan Rickford, freshman

There are so many issues that haven't even been voiced, let alone one that's importance outshines the others. All I can say is that I will give my utmost to this school. I will offer an unprecedented degree of access to my person — anyone can come to me and express their concerns. That is not to say that everything will be important to the school as a whole, but I trust that the ASUI has enough faith in my wisdom to discern the matters presented in a manner that will best represent the school as a unit.

SenateREPORT

Open forum

Jimmy Fox, ASUI lobbyist, said he has been communicating with the University of Idaho lobbyist to discuss issues for the next legislative session. Because the Capitol Building is under renovation, a smaller delegation of UI student leadership will be making the annual trip to Boise for the session, Fox

said. He said he is looking forward to representing ASUI and UI students in Boise next semester. Training sessions for senators will be given before they make the trip, he said.

Kirsten Cummings, ASUI activities board director, said the third and last board meeting of the semester was held Tuesday. Approximately \$23,300 was awarded to student organizations this semester, and \$16,000 was awarded

in the last meeting. She thanked Sens. Kelby Wilson, Garrett Holbrook and Pedro Garcia for attending the meeting. The next activities board hearing will be held in February.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said ASUI Senate elections are going fairly well with a 3 percent student voter turnout. He said 5-10 percent is the average range for a Senate election.

He said he encourages students to vote and to read the candidate biographies on the ASUI Web site. He said he is looking forward to the ASUI retreat to Boise for the legislative session and is looking to create activities for the Senate and the executive branch to set goal planning strategies for the trip. He thanked students and Senators for contributing to the food drive competition between Boise State University and UI.

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The male perspective: Rights or responsibility?

Editor's note: This story is a companion to the unplanned pregnancy package, starting on page one.

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Many service organizations dealing with pregnancy offer programs, funding and counseling to women before, during and after the birth. But what about the father? Does he get the same treatment, counseling, choice and legal rights as a woman?

Anne Melton, public policy field organizer for the Planned Parenthood in Pullman, says in most cases, the answer is no.

"If a man comes into the clinic and wants information about pregnancy options, he can have a counseling session to learn of what the options are available to his partner," Melton said. "However, it is ideal to have the woman there, since she is the patient and this is ultimately her decision."

In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down abortion laws mandating spousal consent. In 1992, in the case *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, it also eliminated spousal notification requirements as an "undue burden" on women seeking abortions.

Eric Engerbretson, Nuart Theater manager, Christ Church member and father of three, said men deserve a le-

gal right to decide whether or not the mother of the child has an abortion.

After he was married, Engerbretson wasn't ready for children right away, he said. Soon after, he found out his wife was pregnant.

"I think people think, 'Oh my gosh, life is about to change drastically...do I want that?'" he said. "I was married and it was a shock to me. I can't image how it would feel to find out in any other relationship."

As soon as he could see his son developing in his wife's uterus, he said he knew his life would not be centered around himself any longer. He said most people lose sight of the idea that many men want to be good fathers, and not all men shy away from responsibility.

"I think it is an injustice that men don't have any rights," he said, "but it's men's own fault because men think they can sleep around and not have any consequences."

Because a historical precedent has been set of many men avoiding responsibility in an unplanned pregnancy, the men that do want to take care of their child are penalized, he said. Some women automatically expect their partner to leave them pregnant and alone, which in some cases is far from true, Engerbretson said.

"Now for a guy that absolutely wants to keep the baby, he has less

rights and less choices," he said. "People talk about when a woman gets pregnant, it's her body. I don't believe that because now it is two bodies, hers and her baby's. If it takes a father to do that, he should have rights to say what happens."

Men feel the same fears of the pressures of becoming a parent as a woman does, he said. Many people that debate abortion and unplanned pregnancy forget that many men want to be a good father to a child as much as many women want to be a good mother, Engerbretson said.

"I believe that baby is as much as his baby as it is hers," he said. "Women do do the lion's share in the (pregnancy), but part of that body, part of that creation is his. For him to be written out of the process is wrong."

Other members of pregnancy service organizations agree that while there are few legal rights in place for men, counseling sessions are recommended for both parents.

"Fathers can come in and talk to our client advocates; it's very important to listen to what he has to say,"

said Brenda Saltzer, CEO of CareNet of the Palouse. "We want to be there for the young man. We inform him of his rights, or in many cases, lack of rights."

"Post abortion issues do relate to women and men. ... It can be traumatic for him too."

Brenda SALTZER
CEO, CareNet of the Palouse

she said. "Sometimes there is nothing he can do for whatever she chooses."

It is important to focus on the father's role in an unplanned pregnancy, said Rachel Todd, University of Idaho's Vox president. Vox is a national student club that advocates sex education and reproductive rights. Vox is the "student arm" of Planned Parenthood, Todd said.

"Part of our options count for the father," Todd said. "Whether people like to think of it or not, unplanned pregnancy affects both parties involved."

Saltzer said she believes men can feel pressure from their pregnant partner who wants to get an abortion.

"Post abortion issues do relate to women and men," she said. "It can be traumatic for him too. They can be horrified or sickened that their girlfriend wants to have an abortion."

CareNet, Planned Parenthood and UI's Student Health Center all provide options counseling to men and women.

"Men can make appointments and discuss the care their partner will receive," said Terri Grezedielski, a physician assistant at UI's Student Health Center. "I've had both parties come in for counseling together."

She said it was important for couples to make decisions together if possible.

Katie Goodson, St. Augustine's campus minister, said fathers are the "forgotten voice" in abortions and unplanned pregnancy. She encourages fathers to seek guidance and talk about how they are feeling, she said, because sometimes that is all they can do.

"Fathers have no say one way or another," she said. "They really have no options."

Day encourages multicultural students to pursue graduate school

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Today the College of Graduate Studies is hosting the first Multicultural Graduate Student Recruitment Day. The day is to recruit diverse students to UI and provide them with information on regional universities, said Alton Campbell, associate dean for the College of Graduate Studies.

The program consists of a breakfast, speakers, informational sessions and opportunities to meet with current graduate school students and faculty.

"We are trying to tie each of these potential students to a program on campus with a program they are interested in," Campbell said. "Someone will meet with them and talk with them about the program."

Stephen Perez, director of admission at the College of Law, will meet with students

interested in attending law school.

Perez will discuss differences between regular graduate school and law school, he said.

The day allows the university to showcase graduate programs and their value, Perez said.

"It helps to establish grad school is an option and to say this is something you can do," Perez said.

College degrees used to be a novelty but now undergraduate degrees are more expected in the work force, Perez said.

"If you want to advance in your job, you are going to need a higher degree," Perez said. "It is like a rising tide."

Last year the school held a American Indian recruitment day. This year it was expanded to include all multicultural students, Campbell said.

"We would like to try to see if there are matches between what (students) are interested

in and what we have," Campbell said. "We are trying to get them to campus and tell them about the university and individual programs."

UI Provost Doug Baker, Margrit von Braun, College of Graduate Studies dean, and Mark Edwards, director of diversity and community, will speak to the students as part of the programming.

Students will learn graduate school basics including application requirements, UI campus housing, financial aid and national minority scholarships.

Often multicultural students or first generation students may not know what graduate school opportunities there are, Campbell said.

Multicultural students encounter roadblocks when pursuing graduate school.

"A lot of the time multicultural students are from lower socio-economic backgrounds," Perez said. "They don't always have role models who have

multicultural RECRUITMENT

Multicultural graduate student recruitment day
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Idaho Commons Aurora Room

done graduate school or often haven't even gone to college."

Multicultural juniors and seniors at UI were invited. Flyers were also sent to multicultural centers at universities in the region and local reservations.

"Diversity at the University

of Idaho is very important," Campbell said. "Diversity adds a lot to the education programs and to the experience of the other undergraduates."

Campbell said he is expecting 23 to 30 students to attend.

Students will meet with faculty and graduate students in their chosen field, and tour the campus and facilities. Open houses will be hosted in the Career and Professional Planning Office, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Native American Student Center.

While students are encouraged to attend the recruitment day, they are also encouraged to use the resources all year

round, Perez said, since the graduate programs are local.

"This university is here as a resource," Perez said, "so even if they miss the event they can still come and learn about it when they have time to come do it."

Applications for graduate school should be in by the first to the middle part of February for major consideration of scholarships, Campbell said.

Students generally apply for law school a year before they want to start, Perez said. Students that wanted to start in fall of 2008 took the LSAT exam in June or October of this year and are submitting applications now, he said.

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OurVIEW

How to buy an election

Nineteen percent of undergraduate students at UI voted in the spring elections (just more than 1,500 people), and 28 percent is all it took for two current senators to win their seats on the ASUI Senate. Fewer than 450 votes for each put them in a position of responsibility, power and sway.

Currently, seven of the 12 candidates in the election have groups on Facebook promoting their campaigns. The biggest of these groups has 314 members; the smallest, 21. For this exercise, let's assume everyone in these groups has voted for their candidate.

For Kat Swick to win a seat based on last spring's turnout, the 21 members of her group would have to each convince 20 more people to vote for her.

For Sam Morin to win a seat, the 99 members of his group would each have to convince three and a half people to vote for him.

For Leah Schwisow, whose group has 133 members, to win a seat, each of the members would have to convince about two people to vote for her. Kristin Caldwell, whose group has 141 members, could win a seat if the members convinced two people as well.

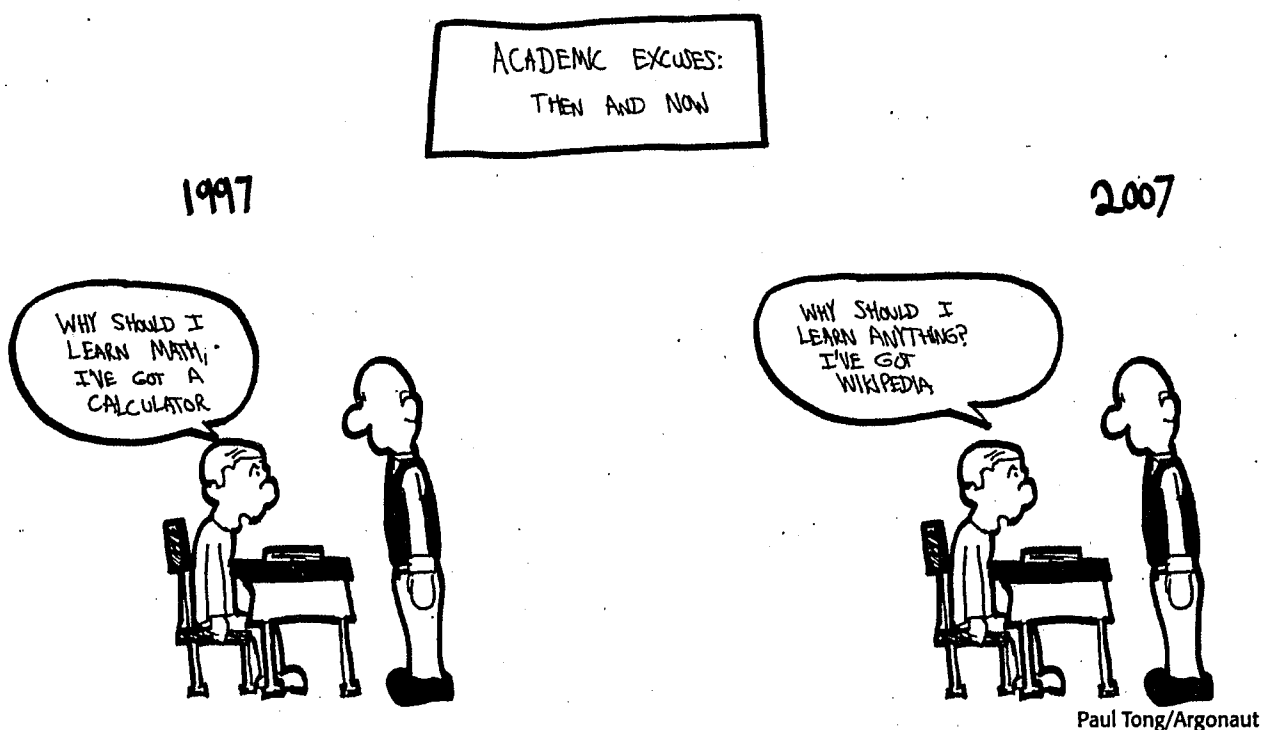
Ian Harpole and Loren Domen — whose Facebook group has 171 members and is a joint campaigning venture for them — could each win a seat if each member convinced about one and a half people to vote for each of them.

Zach Adams, whose group has 314 members, could recruit the most heartfelt 15 of his group members, and have each of them convince nine people to vote for him, and leave the rest of the group to pad his margin of victory.

It's not hard to convince people to do something as innocuous as vote in a school government election. Hearing from someone you consider a friend that so-and-so would be a good senator is pretty much all most people need to know. This isn't the problem. Neither is using Facebook as a campaign platform — Lord knows Steven Colbert wouldn't have gotten as far as he has without help from the adoring collegiate masses. It's a free, highly accessible way to reach a lot of people. But when an election turns into a contest to see who has the most Facebook friends, we have a problem.

Four-hundred and fifty votes at a university enrolling more than 8,000 undergraduates should never be enough to win an election. The ASUI Senate — while it has wasted the better part of this semester — does some important things, most of which shouldn't be left up to senators who won a popularity contest.

— CW



Paul Tong/Argonaut

Pretty lights: camera magnets

Oh boy, we in Moscow sure are lucky. We're only 90 miles away from the "Super Bowl of Christmas." Unfortunately, we missed its television debut Wednesday morning.

Paragon of journalism, "Good Morning America," was in Coeur d'Alene to film resort owner Duane Hagadone's Holiday Light Show (compared to the sporting event by "GMA" producer Morgan Zalkin). You might have missed it the first time around, since the filming was done from 4-6 a.m.

I grew up in the Coeur d'Alene area, and I never went to the light show. It might have had something to do with the line of light show-bound traffic backed onto Interstate 90 when I'm trying to drive home to Moscow. People just can't resist shiny things.



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The light show, which begins as soon as Thanksgiving ends and lasts past Christmas, includes tacky wire figures scattered around Lake Coeur d'Alene. Visitors can pay what is probably too much money to go on one of Hagadone's boats to see these.

According to the Coeur d'Alene Press, "Good Morning America" was drawn to the world's tallest living Christmas tree (161 feet). Note the "living" qualifier. Where do we draw the line between regular living trees and Christmas trees? Must be the 30,000 lights wrapped around it. Delightfully phallic, the behemoth stands upright in Hagadone's front yard.

It will never cease to amaze me how the television media will promote one ideology and then

blatantly wallow in the extravagance of another. I'm willing to bet "GMA" has jumped on the global warming bandwagon at least once or twice recently and aired something about the importance of energy conservation. All that is exposed as fake when "GMA" travels to cities like Coeur d'Alene.

The city brought out all the stops Wednesday morning for the cameras. Even those poor high school marching bands were out in full force. "GMA" weather anchor Sam Champion was turned into a pretty, pretty princess and driven in a horse-drawn carriage to the "North Pole," whatever that is. I don't want to go, especially if it involves Hagadone's tree.

The finale of "GMA's" materialism convention was a 60-second fireworks show over the lake. At 4 a.m. and again at 6 a.m. In other

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MailBOX

Writers can be heroes

As writers put up their picket signs, viewers put down their remotes. It was 1988 when the Writers Guild last went on strike and during this time reality television spawned from a desolate TV line up. Shows such as "Cops" and "America's Funniest Home Videos" were created to fill the void that the "Cosby Show" and others left behind. These reality shows were cheap and fairly entertaining and most importantly didn't require writers.

I feel as though good television is based on good writing. Although watching a drug dealing pimp get maced and cuffed by NYPD is entertaining, it's not fulfilling. Television should inspire and expand the imagination, not regurgitate the same cliché characters (i.e. ditzy blonde, nice guy or the egotistical jock) that are found in reality TV. This is why writers are so crucial in making a quality show. They serve a variety of scenarios and plot twists reality shows can't deliver.

"Heroes" on NBC takes its viewers to a world where humans are given remarkable capabilities in which they have to make choices about what to do with these "superpowers." The concept of humans having superpowers has been around for awhile but the original plot, stunning visuals, and character development are phenomenal thanks to its writers. "Heroes" can captivate an audience whereas reality shows like "America's Next Top Model" can only give its viewers something pretty to look at.

Reality television is something that can only be taken at face value. There is no time and effort put into good character development or an enthralling story line. It is what it is. I like my shows to be backed up by talented, well educated writers who can get the wheels turning in my head. The bottom line is that I hope reality television doesn't stay a reality for much longer and the Writers Guild will return to save television.

Derek Klompier
senior, psychology

TEEJOCRACY

Just can't win

There are days when I wish I made this stuff up. Some stories that seem too good to be true can be nothing but the truth.

And some people just can't win.

Timothy Elliott could be one of those people. The 55-year-old Massachusetts man purchased a \$10 lottery ticket. He chose right and won \$1 million.

Unfortunately, Elliott made the wrong choice a couple years earlier when he committed and was subsequently convicted of unarmed bank robbery.

Stipulations of Elliott's probation included that he "may not gamble, purchase lottery tickets or visit an establishment where gaming is conducted, including restaurants where Keno may be played."

A hearing is scheduled to determine whether Elliott violated the terms of his probation.

Um, yeah. I think that part is clear.

What isn't clear is what to do with the remainder of Elliott's winnings. He's already collected the first \$50,000 payment, leaving \$950,000 left to pay out.

One habit of the Massachusetts lottery commission is to cross-reference winning names with the state revenue commission. Any winner who shows up as owing back taxes or child support has their dough funneled back into the state revenue to take care of those owed.

In this case, the question is who should get the money. If Elliott is found to have violated his probation (duh), it won't be him. Thankfully, I'm here to offer a few suggestions.

I'm sure the Massachusetts Department of Transportation wouldn't mind getting an extra million into their budget. They might be able to buy a few extra supports for the Big Dig.

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Wouldn't it be great?

I wish life had a pause button. I think everyone would appreciate that in these last few weeks of school. You could freeze all the deadlines, projects and papers for a while to sit and regain sanity. Maybe I would even have time to eat once in awhile.

— Jake

Thankful for family

I had a bit of a car mishap on the way to Boise to catch the UI/BSU game. My car's still in the shop but luckily for me, my sister's in Korea with the Air Force. I was wondering how I was going to get back to school, then I realized my sister wouldn't need the car she left parked in front of my mom's house. Thanks, Jacquelyn.

— Robert

Spoiler alert

If you do not want to know how "Live Free or Die Hard" ends, stop reading now. John McClane is my hero: After getting kicked around, wrecking several cars and being shot at, he shoots through himself to kill the bad guy. If he was a real person, you could breed John McClane and Chuck Norris and have this super fighting machine who never dies and makes snarky comments while killing people with round house kicks to the face.

— Savannah

Trivia night in hell

Be careful of walking into random bars. If the bar you choose is having a trivia night, plan on getting slow service.

And for those participating in trivia night, "Rocky" won the 1976 Oscar for Best Picture, not "Taxi Driver."

— T.J.

Making a list

For those of you who are super stressed over projects and tests right now, I suggest making a list. There is nothing more therapeutic than crossing things out when you are done. It makes you feel good and makes the stress lift automatically. Ah lists, they are so good.

— Ryli

Positive reinforcement

I managed to get an alumni award through Student Media this year, and the invitation for the reception said "semi-formal." My parents are amazing, and decided that nothing I own is semi-formal (very true), and that I needed a new dress. And new shoes to go with it. Love!

— Carissa

I need to know

I have no intention of working in law enforcement, but it would have some great fringe benefits. Most importantly, I would get to know who actually falls for some of the ridiculous scams out there. Who believes that Zimbabwe Inc. needs them to hold onto a small fortune for them? Are they the same ones that send refunds for enormous cashiers checks to their new UK roommates? If someday I get arrested for a similar scam, it will only be because of curiosity.

— Alec

Pass the Bull

Tonight, a Red Bull run is in order. From now until the end of the semester, I'll be spending free time in-between classes and work finishing projects and cramming in four tests before finals week. Frighteningly, I'm sure many on campus can relate. Cheers.

— Christina

Beyond material

I love music. I love taking the time to stop and savor something that I have heard many times before, getting to know it better. Something remarkable about music is that it is so emotional. Music is not just sound; it's something better. It's spiritual. The people who write our music are aware of this, and we can tell by the subjects. If you were to compile a list of all the songs written about God or Love, you would probably have the majority of all music ever written.

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Music defeats the materialist. To anyone who says the only reality is the physical world, music says otherwise. We can describe it scientifically in terms of sound waves, but is that a satisfying description? An even bigger problem is that music creates emotions in us — strong, clear emotions. How can we explain that without the spiritual?

A neurologist can point out to me the areas of the brain which control various emotions. He could describe for me the chemical processes that occur when I feel happy or frustrated. His explanation, however, does not deal at all with the emotions themselves, but just their physical results (or causes). If I fall in love, does a lecture on the brain chemistry of the process really describe it? Not at all. Rather, it completely misses the experience. Who can describe emotion better, a chemist or a poet?

Music and emotions tell us that the world is more than just material. Science can tell us a lot, but it cannot explain — or even describe

— everything. We are supposed to believe that denying the spiritual and the supernatural is a more rational, enlightened viewpoint, but if there are parts of reality that are clearly immaterial — such as music, emotions, reason, beauty — then is it more reasonable to deny their existence or to accept it? Could it be that the belief in the supernatural is the more rational view?

If we carry this thought out further, then perhaps what we think about "rational" views regarding miracles, angels, and demons are also wrong. Whose picture of reality takes into account more of what we actually observe?

We can apply the same thinking to history. Usually, if we hear a historical account of something involving the supernatural, we dismiss it as myth or exaggeration, because we know that there is no such thing. But that is not a rational approach; rather, it is making decisions based on preconceived assumptions, not on the evidence.

Our experience tells us that there is more to reality than the physical world. There are some things which are beyond the reach of the hard sciences — things which are not natural and material. If the world is beyond material, then the most intelligent approach is to accept the fact and include it in our thinking. If you still don't believe me, maybe the best thing to do is to set aside some time to listen to Beethoven. I would recommend Piano Concerto No. 5 in E flat major. That's where I'll be.



Jesus wouldn't wear an ugly sweater

Ryan Shattuck
Daily Utah Chronicle

There's just something about Christmas time that makes me want to have tiny crackers with tiny pieces of salami with a tiny jar of mustard and a mint. Not too much. Don't make it too big. I don't want to spoil the spirit of Christmas by having crackers too big with too much salami and a normal-sized jar of mustard.

Welcome to the beginning of December. In case the spirit of Christmas wasn't visible the day after Halloween, we're now into full-throttle December where the only place the spirit of Christmas isn't visible is in hell. And even the Devil puts up Christmas lights.

I find it appropriate that Christmas is in the last week of the year. It's such an emotional, polarizing holiday — bringing out the truly best and the truly worst in people — that it could only be at the end of the year. Those wacky sun-worshipping pagans in the fourth century sure knew what they were doing when they picked Dec. 25, and then later, when the Catholic Church decided to capitalize on those wacky pagan rituals — clever, clever, clever. Even though people attend more social events, give more to charity and spend more time with family during the month of December, levels of stress, depression and crime also rise. It's as if the age-old battle of Good vs. Evil plays out at the end of every year, with the two polar extremes of human nature on display for time and humanity to witness.

Then we get presents. One of my favorite things about December is that people are allowed to do things and say things and wear things and eat

things which they would never do or say or wear or eat at any other time of the year. I have a sweater I occasionally wear that my "friends" affectionately refer to as the "Waldo Krueger" sweater. Could I wear my red striped sweater — which has the uncanny ability to make me look like both the cane-wielding bespectacled nerd who always seems to lose himself, and like Freddy, that villain who oddly seemed to scare '80s teenagers witless — at any other time of the year? No, I could not. But because it's December, what normally would be considered gaudy and terrible is now considered festive and fashionable.

Could one possibly wear a red felt hat, complete with a white pompom on the end, at any other time of the year? Let's hope not. Yet, such Santa-head attire is so common in December that everyone accepts it: At the office. At the dentist. At the gym. At the synagogue. At the proctologist. Even people working retail get away with wearing Santa hats at Christmas time. Yeah, I know! Mall employees wearing ridiculous headwear to promote mass commercialism. How Kafka-esque.

I also look forward to December, for it is around this time that begins the symphony of bemoaning, conducted by such festive characters as Bill O'Reilly, condemning the politically correct decisions of those businesses who use the words "Happy

Holidays" in place of "Merry Christmas." Never mind the fact that Christmas is already such a commercial force that there exists a \$6.5 billion industry for Christmas decorations alone.

No, we must not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas by replacing it with the word holiday. Perhaps, we should ignore everything else about Christmas that isn't Christian as well? I also find ironic those who complain about the word "X-mas," saying that by using this word one is essentially "x-ing" the name Christ out of Christmas. I'm assuming these people already knew that in the Greek version of the New Testament, the letter X is the first letter of the Christ, and that since the mid-16th century, the letter X has been used as an abbreviation for Christ as well.

Good thing we have people worrying about the wordage being used for Christmas. I might not care whether the hungry have food on the table or the homeless have shelter during this Christmas season, but I will certainly make sure that everyone uses the word "Christmas."

What would Jesus do? That I don't know, but I would be willing to guess that even Jesus would be more concerned for other people, as opposed to what people call His holiday. I'm also pretty sure He wouldn't wear an ugly sweater.

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the city of Coeur d'Alene demonstrated its eager willingness to risk screwing up its economy that day by blowing up massive quantities of explosions near the city's downtown at the crack of dawn on a weekday. I bet the coffee shops were packed later that morning.

It's ridiculous. If any other citizen set off that much noise that early in the morning, he would be fined into the ground. The King of Coeur d'Alene can do whatever he wants, though.

The light show coverage was the largest shoot ABC has ever done in the Inland Northwest. Really? Not even for the murder of the Groene family by Joseph Duncan? Not even for the shootings

that happened about a year ago in Moscow? What about the sex scandal that enveloped former Spokane Mayor Jim West?

Call me a Grinch, but GMA's appearance at such a festivity is one of the reasons why nothing seems to get done in this country. It's full of contradictory messages: one that sometimes stresses wise energy use and one that will even more predictably jump on the opportunity to worship materialism and opulence.

Speaking of waste, this didn't warrant its own column, but Scotland has announced it has decided on a new slogan for the country after six months and \$250,000. The motto, "Welcome to Scotland."

As long as they put up some shiny lights, America will be there.

WIN

from page 7

What about the prison system? Probably wouldn't take that much money to offset the costs of prosecuting Elliott

for his robbery conviction and then to pay for these new hearings and his time spent in the Tauton State Hospital following the conviction.

Or maybe, and this might be going out on a limb here, how about giving the \$1 million to the state education

budget? It won't fix everything but find me a teacher's union that would refuse a million bucks for improvements and supplies and I'll show you a group that doesn't care.

Think about it. State-operated lotteries always claim to use revenue to fund

infrastructure or education budgets. This is a chance for one state to back it up.

As for Timothy Elliott, sorry buddy. Your lucky day turned out to be anything but lucky.

Hope you enjoyed your \$50,000 while you had it.

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Wake up and dance

WSU dance and theatre departments join for concert

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

This weekend Washington State University's Jones Theatre in Daggy Hall will undergo a transformation for a special two night dance performance.

"Awakenings," presented by WSU senior dance instructor Phyllis Gooden-Young, is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Andrea Chosch-Pittenger, program coordinator for the WSU theatre arts program, said the performance is an exciting collaboration of work done by the theater and dance department, the interior design department and the music department.

"It will be an entertaining show put on by many people from different departments throughout the university," Chosch-Pittenger said.

The dancers in the show consist of roughly 50 students from Gooden-Young's dance classes, and together they wrote and choreographed the concert.

"Phyllis does two shows each semester, and this group has been working hard for the past six weeks," Chosch-Pittenger said.

A big part of this performance is the work that has been done by a handful of volunteer interior design students who changed the lobby of the Jones Theatre into a "Grecian-themed spa."

Bob Krikac, an interior design professor, said that the three students working on the project were able to experience something that not many students do.

"Most of these students just see their work on paper and don't get a chance to see it actually executed, which is what these students are getting to do. It's a really great learning opportunity for them," Krikac said.

Krikac said Gooden-Young gave him direction on what to do from what she had written for the actual performance and from that they were able to design the lobby accordingly.

"Awakenings" is about a moment of clarity, about evolving from being asleep in our daily lives to coming in for the performance and having it awaken something within you. We tried to do design the lobby in a way that successfully transitions the attendees from being unaware in the outside world into coming in and entering the awakened state," Krikac said.

To achieve this effect, the students used a variety of different materials, like fabrics to create a cloud-like effect on the ceiling and using different dimmed lighting and "twinkle-lights" to make it look like a night sky.

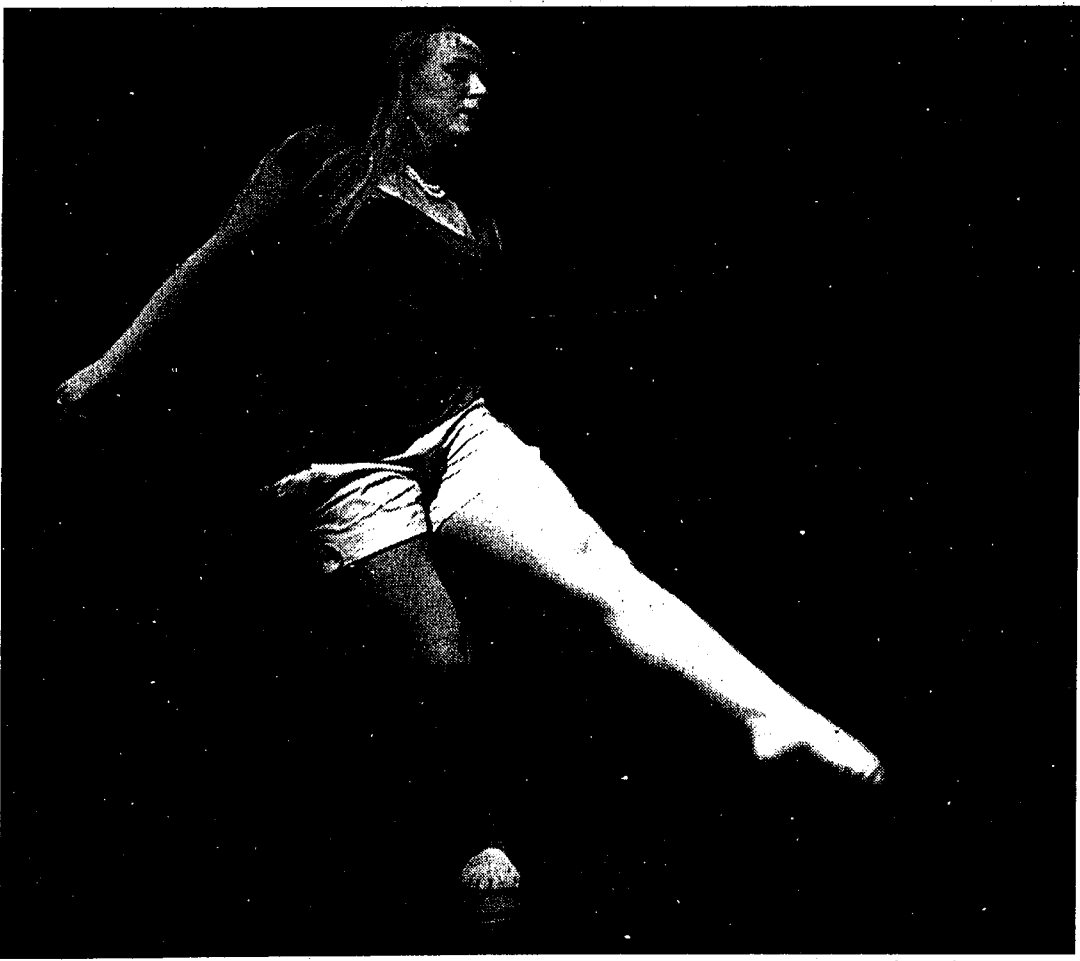
"The lobby itself is a very awkward space. It's very long



Jake Barber/Argonaut

See DANCE, page 11 WSU dancers rehearse "Awakenings" at Jones Theatre in Pullman, where it will be performed on Saturday.

DANCING QUEEN



Jake Barber/Argonaut

A UI dancer rehearses "For Josiah" in "Dance Off Hand," a concert to be performed at 5 p.m. this Saturday in studio 110 in the Physical Education Building.

Orchestra fills void in public music program

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

The Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra's goal is to bring musical opportunities into students' lives.

While some public high schools in the area have their own orchestras, most, like Moscow, do not.

The GPYO is a mix of middle school and high school orchestra members from Pullman, Moscow, Colfax, Dusty, Clarkston and Lewiston who rehearse at the University of Idaho campus Thursday nights.

Sheila Kilcoyne, co-conductor with Czeszko and founder of the orchestra, said there is just one period of orchestra in Moscow's junior high.

Only its sixth season, the orchestra is fairly new to the community, Kilcoyne said.

Kayla Worthey, a sophomore at Pullman High School, has been in the orchestra for two years playing viola.

"I like the whole feel of the

group," Worthey said.

Pullman High School has an orchestra program, but Worthey said she plans to play with both groups until she graduates because it is a good experience and it is fun.

Recognizing that she is lucky to have an orchestra at her high school, Worthey said she is glad the GPYO exists for those other students who are not so lucky.

"It gives kids opportunities if they want music to be a career," Worthey said.

Ferenc Czeszko, co-conductor of the orchestra and UI assistant professor of violin and viola, said that having music available to students in public schools is important.

Czeszko said students work closely with other kids with similar age, talents and interests and thoroughly enjoy being part of the group.

"Statistically, kids who are involved in music are usually more creative, happier, improve coordination, and are

see the SHOW

The Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall.

The concert is free and open to the public.

less likely to be involved in negative activities," Czeszko said.

The orchestra is about filling in the gap left by some public school programs.

"Since there are many advanced players in Moscow but no orchestra program in the high school, it seems like a good fit for them," Czeszko said.

Kilcoyne said it is strange to build up a program without a program to follow it through in the high school.

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Guitars and GameCubes: Finn Riggins joins Joseph Von Stengel

Brooklyn artist collaborates with Finn Riggins to benefit Radio Free Moscow

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

The quiet pacing of art enthusiasts foreshadows a scene to take place at the Prichard Art Gallery this weekend.

The gallery will be hosting an all-age, multi-media indie rock concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday to benefit the local grassroots non-profit radio station, KRFP Radio Free Moscow, 92.5 FM.

The proceeds will be used for maintaining and expanding the station's frequency to the entire Moscow-Pullman area, a goal that station manager, Leigh Robartes said Radio Free Moscow has had its sights set on.

The station recently applied for a full power license from the FCC.

Robartes said the station is likely to be given permission to expand.

The Prichard concert is part of a series of fundraising events to support the expansion project as well as the station's immediate financial sustainability.

"We're a low-power community

station and we always need money to keep it going," Robartes said.

The show will mix the music of Idaho bands Finn Riggins, Hillfolk Noir and Invincible Dude to an improvised visual "light show" by New York artist, Joseph Von Stengel.

"I think the art tie-in to the Prichard gallery is the mashed-up, remixed digital media light show," Robartes said. "The band provides a sound track for it."

Joseph Von Stengel is a professor at Harwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

His artistic area of expertise lies in the regeneration and manipulation of images, video clips and visual effects.

Many of his diverse projects can be found on his personal Web site, www.culturerecycling.com.

"In post-modern art there is a lot of appropriation of still images. He's taken that more into the video realm," said Prichard Gallery manager, Roger Rowley. "He is essentially finding images originally intended for one use then editing, montaging and processing them."

For the Prichard concert, Von Stengel will be projecting his improvised imagery across the exhibit walls to the theme and rhythm of the live music of Finn Riggins. The equipment needed for his show includes everything from a video mixer and high speed Internet connection to a Nintendo GameCube system.

"He's not relying so much on self generated content. There's already enough out there to grab, use, reuse and recycle," Rowley said. "That's his approach to what he does, visually."

Finn Riggins is a Hailey-based indie rock trio, consisting of keyboardist/vocalist Eric Gilbert, drummer/vocalist Cameron Bouiss and guitarist/vocalist Lisa Simpson. The Prichard concert comes as part of the band's first tour since the national release of their newest album, "A Soldier, A Saint, An Ocean Explorer" on Nov. 13.

All of the members of Finn Riggins are UI music graduates. The group defines their own sound as "experimental indie post-punk."

"Finn Riggins will definitely have some part of the crowd up and dancing and going," Rowley said, "but I'm not expecting a grunge mosh pit."

Finn Riggins will also be joined by the Americana-folk group, Hillfolk

Noir from Boise. The show will also feature the electro-synth-thrash-pop solo project, Invincible Dude, by Mike Wilson of Moscow.

Rowley views the event as a positive chance for the Prichard Gallery to explore its limits as a facility.

"We're trying to do programming that is interesting to a younger crowd than most people associate with us," Rowley said. "We're broadening what we do here."

Rowley said that other music acts have used the building before, including the Rendezvous Chamber Orchestra, and that the large spaces and hardwood floors did not create the acoustic obstacles typically associated with such conditions.

Rowley also said that most of the currently featured Brian Oglesbee art exhibit will be put into storage

"We're a low-power community station."

Leigh ROBERTES
Station manager

before the show to avoid possible damage to the art.

"It's good for the gallery to be nimble — to respond to someone coming forward with an idea like this," Rowley said. "I'm not really interested in becoming a concert venue, unless a music event has something else going along with it, like this one does."

The event was primarily organized between Von Stengel and Finn Riggins keyboard/vocalist, Gilbert.

"Eric was already familiar with the space. He approached us and said it would be really cool to have a concert here," Rowley said. "I said that I was interested in that possibility."

The Prichard concert will mark the third time that Finn Riggins and Von Stengel have collaborated publicly to benefit Radio Free Moscow.

"I think there's a movement to try and get more students into the art gallery. I think is one step towards that," Robartes said. "It should be a lot of fun."

The concert will be \$10 regular admission or \$6 with a student I.D. card.

Beer will be available with I.D.

Handmade shopping at Winter Market

Winter Market at 1912 Center brings local vendors together

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

It is an event that draws in people from around the area to buy and sell hand-made crafts and other goods while listening to live music and enjoying food.

This Saturday the second Winter Market of the year will take place at the 1912 Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event has been held in downtown Moscow every winter for the past four years.

"Heart of the Arts, Inc. founded the Winter Market to provide a place in the winter for people to sell their crafts and other items.

In the 1912 Center we can continue bringing the community together in a similar fashion to that of the Farmer's Market in the late summer and fall," said Jenny Sheneman, executive director for Heart of the Arts, Inc.

She said the market is a

nice place to meet people and have a good time, especially during the holiday season.

"It has a similar feel to that of the Women's Works craft fair on campus," Sheneman said. "It's a great place for people to purchase special and unique gifts for their loved ones while at the same time supporting local crafters and vendors."

The event takes place once a month from November until February, with some vendors selling at each individual market, bringing new sellers to the market each month.

"There is always something new," Sheneman said. "We try to have a different musical act, food vendor and craft sellers at each market. So those who think that if they go in November and have seen it all it is different each month."

All sorts of different goods are sold each month at the market from dried herbs and wreaths to knit hats, scarves and other winter-wear.

There will be woven rugs, scrapbooking and other paper materials, pottery that can be hand-painted at the market and DVDs on how to knit socks.

"The nice thing about

booths like the paint your own pottery is, that you are able to create something that is truly unique and you can keep it for yourself or give it as a gift that is like no other," Sheneman said.

The December market is the only one with more than 20 vendors and Sheneman said they try to cram as many people into the building as they can.

"We get a lot of people at the December market because it is so close to Christmas," Sheneman said. "We play festive music and have Patty's Mexican Kitchen come and sell things like tamales that people can eat while they're there or take home with them. It leaves everyone feeling good and in the holiday spirit."

She also said the music and food are important additions to the environment of the market.

Aside from the Christmas shoppers, Sheneman said the

market that takes place the Saturday before Valentine's Day is also a big one for those shopping for their special someone.

"The February market is huge," Sheneman said. "We get a lot of people looking for that special gift for their loved one, and the market is a perfect place to find that."

Upcoming markets will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 19 and February 9.

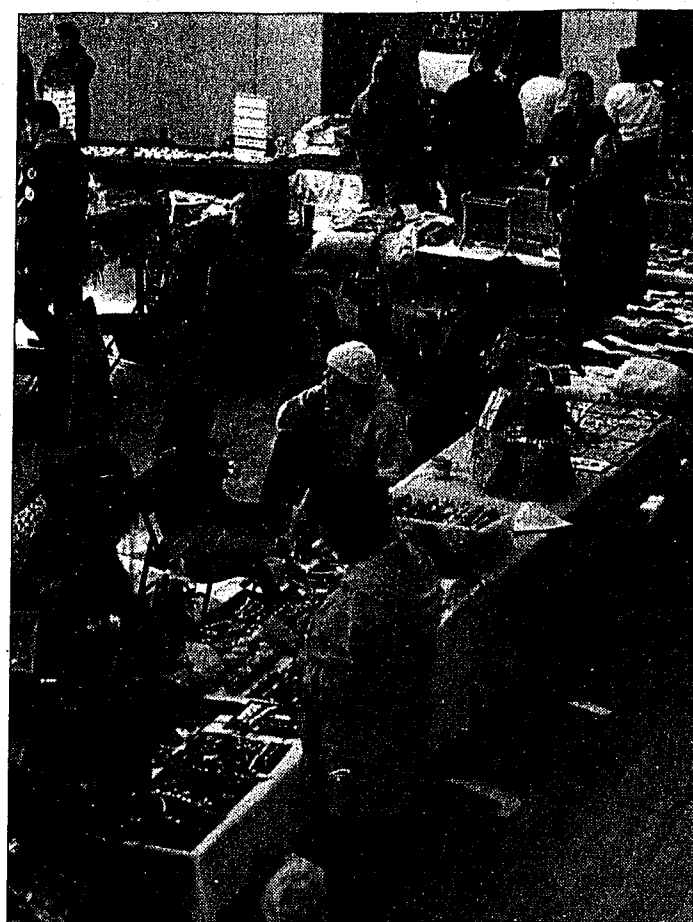
While the December market is completely full, there are still spaces available for the January and February ones.

The cost for one of the available 20 spots with a provided table is \$15 and Sheneman said those interested in selling at an upcoming market should contact the 1912 Center soon, because spots are given on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information check out the 1912 Center's Web site, www.1912center.org.

"It leaves everyone feeling good and in the holiday spirit."

Jenny SHENEMAN
Heart of the Arts director



Tyler Macy/Argonaut
Crowds gather in the Great Room of the 1912 Center for the "Winter Market" on Saturday.

MAE ROCKS OUT



Jake Barber/Argonaut

The rock band Mae performed in the SUB Ballroom Tuesday night, Goodnight Sunrise opened for them.

'Big Boned' is beautiful, but falls short

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

"Big Boned" is the latest book from Meg Cabot, author of "The Princess Diaries," "All-American Girl" and "Pants on Fire."

Cabot is a number one New York Times Bestselling Author, but (considering she's just cranked out number nine in the "Princess" series) readers might feel like she's scraping the bottom of her creative genius barrel with "Big Boned."

The book is the third in her "Heather Wells" series, preceded by "Size 12 is Not Fat" and "Size 14 is Not Fat Either."

The heroine, Heather Wells, is a plus-size ex-pop star who is now the assistant dormitory director of a dorm nicknamed the "Death Dorm" because of the frequent deaths that occur within its walls.

Wells is secretly dating her math instructor — a yoga-practicing, wheat-germ-eating, golden-haired hippy — but she is surreptitiously in love with her landlord, who is the brother of her ex-boyfriend.

Her landlord lover is also

conveniently a detective, and together they solve the murder mystery.

Don't worry — there are lots of adorable twists and turns down the wrong route before they find the real killer, lots of dramatic accusations towards innocents like the hot young campus minister, who has supposedly been taking liberties with the choir girls.

To add another twist, Wells' father is beckoning her back into show-business by asking her to host a Sesame Street style kid's show.

"Big Boned"
★★1/2 (of 5)
Meg Cabot
Available now

There are several

love triangles that float around and cross over.

In addition to the landlord and the math tutor, there's a student that keeps hitting on Wells who is also sleeping with a student the hot campus minister is manipulating.

Confusing? Probably. It feels as though Cabot is trying too hard to fit all this drama into one book.

Because there's not enough book to fully play out each tangent, it jumps awkwardly from chapter to chapter with a predictable ending slapped on.

It just feels superficial. What might redeem the book is its theme that "big boned is beautiful."

This is reiterated at the beginning of every chapter with lyrics from Wells' pop stardom days.

She opens chapter 16 with "No use putting rose petals on my bed/ That's not the way you'll win me/ Take back that box from Tiffany/ All I want is an ice cream sundae."

Not quite eloquent poetry, but it is charming in a cute little way if you blur your eyes and

squint at it. Cabot did a nice job establishing the characters because each one is very definable in their own spunky way — a way barely outside of stereotyping, but Cabot pulls it off.

The book definitely appeals to the younger "hip" readers with lines like "Like... like liked him" or "super old school."

"Big Boned" is a perfect dead week book, when your mind is already an expanse of nothingness and all you really need is an ice-cream sundae of useless calories in the form of a book.

ArtsBRIEFS

'Dance Off Hand'

UI Dance Majors and Minors Club will host a dance concert featuring choreography by student dancers.

"Dance Off Hand" will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday in room 110 in the UI physical education building.

For more information e-mail Dance Majors and Minors club Co-President Stephanie Wolpert at slwolpert@yahoo.com.

Bank Left to host open house

The Bank Left Gallery will present its third annual Christmas Open House and its Tea Room grand opening from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday. The reception will feature concert performances by pianist Caroline Hilty-Jones, vocalist Nancy Grunewald, violinist Becky Miller and folk musicians John Elwood and Sally Burkhart.

The gallery will showcase artists from Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and the Moscow-Pullman area.

This year's theme, "The Power of Play," will feature art dolls by Wendy Zupan-Bailey, Christmas ornaments by Cori Dantini, papier mache by Rhea Giffin, shadow boxes by Nanette Pyron, collages by Mary Rothlisberg, furniture by John Luppert, paintings by Anna Brewer, tapestries by Sarah Swett and jewelry designs by Prisha Brown.

For more information, visit www.visitpalouse.com/bankleft.html.

Prichard to display faculty art

Faculty members of UI's College of Art and Architecture will display their work at the Prichard Art Gallery Dec. 7.

The exhibit will include photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, books, product design and design plans.

The artists and designers

will present a variety of styles ranging from representational to abstract and modern to post-modern traditions.

Participating faculty include Bill Bowler, Matthew T. Brehm, Val Carter, Jason Ferguson, David Giese, Elizabeth A. Graff, Lynne Haagensen, Mark Hoversten, Frank Jacobus, Delphine Keim-Campbell, Mark LaMoreaux, John Larkin, Sally Graves Machlis, Randy Teal, Todd Volz, George Wray and Joe Zeller.

There will be an opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 7, which is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will run through Jan. 20.

City Works at Third Street Gallery

The Third Street Gallery will feature artwork by employees of the City of Moscow and their families.

The third floor of the gallery will be home to work varying from photography, drawing, painting, fiber arts, jewelry, metals, glass and ceramics.

Works are on display until Dec. 10.

Moscow City Hall is open from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Co-op to host 'Tasteful Thursdays'

The Moscow Food Co-op will host "Tasteful Thursdays," from 5-7 p.m. every Thursday. There will be live cello music and sample wines and cheeses in the wine department, fruits and veggies in the produce department, and entrees created by the grocery department. The kitchen will offer baked goods, salads, treats, and specials at the coffee bar.

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Victoria's Secret TV fashion show is all bosoms, bellies, Seal and Spice Girls

Sandy Cohen
Associated Press

It might be too much to devote an hour of prime-time television to long legs, taut tummies and half-bare bottoms and bosoms. So the Victoria's Secret fashion show incorporates elaborate staging and musical performances.

The annual hourlong flesh fest, featuring songs by will.i.am, Seal and the Spice Girls, airs 10 p.m. EST Tuesday on CBS.

"This is really an event that's anchored in a fashion show," said CBS executive Jack Sussman.

But isn't it essentially an hour-long commercial?

"To a degree," he said.

Still, with top talent and a \$10 million budget, the Victoria's Secret fashion show is more interesting than most everyday advertisements. This year's show spotlights 61 skimpy outfits worn by more than two dozen

of the world's most beautiful women.

Sixteen cameras stationed throughout the Kodak Theater capture the catwalk action from every angle.

"A normal fashion show has two," said executive producer Ed Razek. "We have almost as many as the Super Bowl."

That means each fetching curve is filmed multiple times. The fashion show is performed and taped twice, with the best moments blended into the special.

Despite the assets on display, the show is designed for women, Razek said.

"The notion that we pander to men or advertise to men is ridiculous, ludicrous," he said backstage before the show, pausing mid-sentence to greet models on their way to hair and makeup.

"Maybe two percent of our customers are men. Women shop us every day. ... Guys come in twice a year: Dec. 24 and Feb.

14."

Women make up slightly more than half of the show's viewers, according to ratings information provided by CBS. But overall viewership has declined each year, from more than 9 million in 2002 to just more than 6.5 million last year.

Razek isn't daunted.

"The shows we're doing today are by far the most ambitious, most entertaining, most watched fashion shows in the world — and the most expensive," he said. "It's very important to the brand because it is a symbol of the best that we can do."

That means the company shows more than its typical underwear offerings. Each lingerie ensemble is embellished with one-of-a-kind couture creations such as flowing feather skirts and crystal-encrusted accessories.

The pieces that turn underwear into outfits aren't for sale,

said spokeswoman Monica Mitro, but the basic items upon which they're added are. It's all about creating a "lingerie fantasy," she said.

"When you're doing a show, especially a TV show that millions of people see, it's important to take the items a little bit further. With a lingerie show, you're starting out with minimal to begin with," she said. "You have to make it with style and outfits, otherwise it becomes extremely monotonous: bra, panty, bra, panty."

The show's fantasy element — which this year includes scantily clad beauties ornamenting an oversized Christmas tree and an inspirational choir marching through the crowd — is what makes the show a must for models, said 10-time Victoria's Secret catwalk queen, Heidi Klum.

"That's what makes it special," she said as attendants prettied her hair, face and finger-

nails. "It's dreamland fantasy: sex-goddesses wearing amazing lingerie. ... You can't wear it on the street, you can't wear it underneath your clothes, but it's fantasy and it's so special."

Seven-time show model Karolina Kurkova concurs.

"I love that we have people performing on stage while we're working. There isn't any other show like that," she said. "Other fashion shows are a little more quiet, a little more controlled, smaller. This is totally Hollywood."

Past shows have had issues with overexposure, prompting the Federal Communications Commission to investigate the program in 2001. But these days, the network collaborates with the lingerie company to avoid "a post-production situation of having to edit around a lot of things," said Sussman of CBS.

"It's still the sexiest night on television," he said, "but within the realm of standards."

MUSIC

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"Pullman has a strong public school program. It would be nice to have the same thing here," Kilcoyne said.

She said the GPYO exposes kids to challenging music.

"(The orchestra) provides a high quality music experience," Kilcoyne said.

She works to pick a repertoire accessible to students that will also present opportunities of learning and growth.

The orchestra will play a Brandenburg Concerto by Bach, a modern piece by Pulitzer Prize winner Karel Husa and will be accompanying a solo artist, UI professor Leonard Garrison, at their concert Saturday.

"Having the opportunity to play with a guest soloist is not one most kids get," Kilcoyne said.

Worthey said she is not planning on a career in music, but that she plans to play in orchestras later in her life.

"It affects my future," Worthey said.

O'Brien to pay staff 'out of his own pocket'

Frazier Moore
Associated Press

With his nonstriking "Late Night" staffers facing layoffs after Friday, Conan O'Brien has promised to cover their salaries next week, an NBC spokeswoman said Thursday.

"He's paying the staffers' salaries out of his own pocket," NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks said. She said O'Brien had informed his staffers earlier in the day. The nonwriting staff numbers about 75.

Production of "Late

Night" has been suspended since the writers strike began Nov. 5.

Through this week, NBC had been covering the salaries of its nonwriting staffers, along with those of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Last Call with Carson Daly," which are also in reruns.

But the network thus far has not said whether it intends to continue paying employees of any show on hiatus. All three programs are owned by Universal Media Studios, which, like NBC, is owned by General Electric.

Two weeks ago, before NBC made its initial arrangement, O'Brien had pledged to pay his staffers should the need arise. O'Brien is a member of the striking Writers Guild of America, as are fellow hosts Leno, ABC's Jimmy Kimmel and CBS's David Letterman.

About the same time, staffers of "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" were promised continued payment at least through December by Letterman, whose production company,

Worldwide Pants, owns both shows. They continue in reruns.

Staffers for "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" continue to be paid by ABC, according to a network spokesperson.

Earlier this week, Daly, who is not a WGA member, announced "Last Call" was resuming production, with new shows to begin airing next week.

Defending his decision to return to work, Carson said in a statement that, otherwise, "roughly 75 staff and crew would have lost their jobs."

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and narrow, but they did a good job with what they had," Krikac said.

Another unique thing that will be happening during this weekend's performance is WSU's Health and Wellness Services' Massage Program which will be offering free five-minute massages before the show and during intermission.

Alisha Cartwright, program coordinator for the massage program, said one of the massage therapists dancing in the program talked with Gooden-Young and expressed an interest in having Health and Wellness offer massages at the performance.

"The two masseuses on hand will be providing whatever the person wants, whether it be hands, neck, or shoulder massages, it just has to be five minutes,"

see the SHOW

Tickets for "Awakenings" are free for WSU graduate students and partners, general admission is \$5.

They will be available Friday afternoon from 2:30-5 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the night of the performances.

For more information, call (509) 335-7236.

Cartwright said. "It's neat, and it's definitely not something that's very common."

Seth Parks, one of the two massage therapists participating in the event, said that he's excited to see the actual production.

"It will be something that's different and nice for attendees," Parks said.

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QuickHITS

Did you know...

Men's Basketball UI vs. Idaho State

- Saturday's game is the 98th meeting between Idaho and Idaho State.
- Idaho leads the series 53-44 over its former Big Sky Conference rival.
- George Pfeifer is 0-1 against the Idaho State Bengals.
- Idaho State has not won a game on the road this season.

Women's Basketball UI vs. North Dakota State

- Saturday night's match-up is the second meeting between the Bisons and the Vandals this season.
- The game is the first played in the Cowan Spectrum this season.
- Idaho is 41-25 all-time in the Cowan Spectrum.
- Freshmen lead the team in eight statistical categories.
- NDSU's only win of the season came against UI on Nov. 16.

Vandals by the numbers

.500 Michael Crowell's shooting percentage from the field (7-of-14).

5 Number of dunks Darin Nagle has this season.

11.6 Number of points averaged by freshman Yinka Olorunnife, the most on the UI women's team.

12 Number of wins women's coach Mike Divilbiss needs to make 400 career victories.

32 Number of straight games started by Katie Madison, the longest active streak on the team.

Vandals to Watch

Jordan Brooks, men's basketball

Brooks scored a team-high 24 points against South Dakota State on Tuesday as the Vandals fell to the Jackrabbits 76-58. Brooks is averaging a team-leading 13.4 points per game and has 15 steals this season.

Katie Madison, women's basketball

After being held to nine points over the Vandals' last two games, Madison scored 20 points in the loss to Washington State on Tuesday.

Vandals in Action

A double header at Cowan Spectrum features the women's basketball team at 5:30 p.m. playing host to the Bison of North Dakota State.

Thirty minutes after the women's game against Idaho State, the men's basketball team tips-off.

Games to Watch: college football (Saturday)

No. 6 Virginia Tech at No. 11 Boston College, 10 a.m. on ABC

No. 14 Tennessee at No. 7 LSU, 1 p.m. on CBS

Oregon State at No. 17 Oregon, 1:30 p.m. on ESPN2

UCLA at No. 8 USC, 1:30 p.m. ABC

No. 9 Oklahoma at No. 1 Missouri, 5 p.m. on ABC

Games to watch: NFL (Sunday)

San Diego at Kansas City, 10 a.m., CBS

Denver At Oakland, 1:15 p.m. CBS

Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh, 5:15 p.m., NBC

The fastest swimmer on the Palouse?

Editors note: Miller is a member of the Jager-coached UI swim team.

Andrea Miller Argonaut

Former Olympian and current University of Idaho women's swim coach Tom Jager is coming out of retirement for the Fastest Swimmer on the Palouse swim sprint Saturday.

The Fastest Swimmer on the Palouse is a 25-yard swim sprint that benefits the Idaho Special Olympics. The race takes place from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the UI Swim Center.

Each participant will swim at least twice. After the initial rounds, the top eight swimmers will move on to the single-elimination playoff round until there is one winner in each category.

Swimmers can compete in age 12 and under, 13-20, 21 and over or special needs categories.

The top male and female swimmer in each category will race against Jager.

Jager was known as the "Fastest Man in the World" for almost a decade as he held the world-record in the 50-meter freestyle from 1990 to 2000.

Jager graduated from UCLA in 1987 where he won 11 national championships.

He competed in three Olympics from 1984 to 1992 and won five gold medals, one silver and one bronze

how to REGISTER

Register at 4 p.m. Sunday at the UI Swim Center. For more information on the competition, visit www.goldmedalswimming.org.

medal. He came to Moscow in 2004 to coach the reinstated UI women's swim team.

"We've got so many great things happening in this pool and we've got such a huge swim community," Jager said. "We wanted to do something to draw attention to that (the use of the pool)."

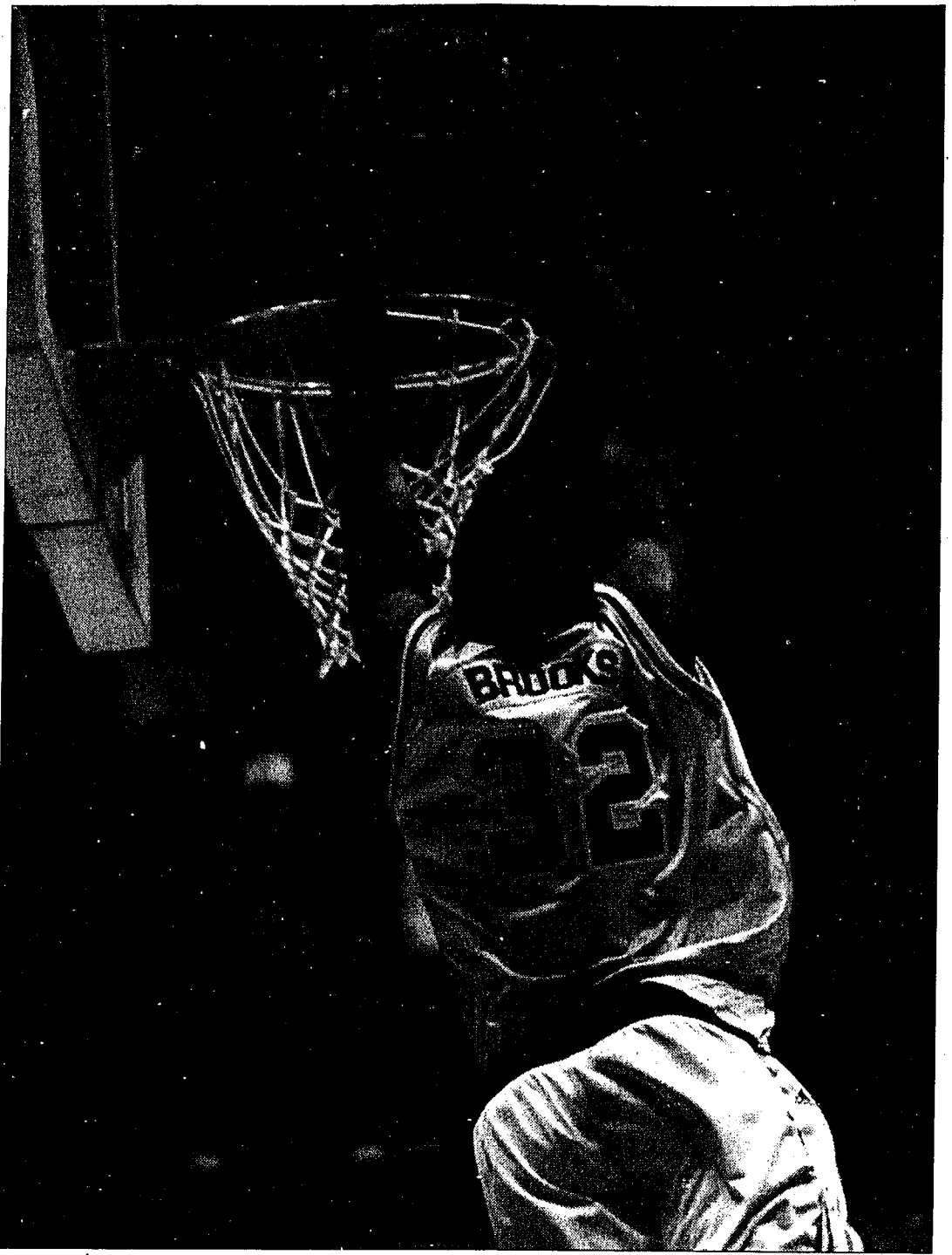
Medals will be awarded for the first and second place finishers of each division and a raffle will also be held during the competition.

Jager and UI assistant swim coach Dan Lawson organized the Fastest Swimmer on the Palouse swim sprint to benefit the Special Olympics. Jager has been involved with fundraising for Special Olympics across the country throughout his career.

"It's a good fit, being an Olympic sport. We (swimmers) try and help out," Jager said. "We have on and off done stuff with Special

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SOARIN' HIGH



Jordan Brooks dunks Wednesday Against South Dakota State. The Vandals lost 76-58. Jake Barber/Argonaut

Idaho loses to South Dakota State

Hugh Jones Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's basketball team fell to South Dakota State Wednesday 76-58. The loss drops Idaho's record to 1-4.

Saturday the Vandals take on the Idaho State Bengals. Idaho State's record is 2-5 this season. When the teams met last season Idaho State defeated the Vandals 82-61.

The Vandals team came out slow on Wednesday for its last game in Memorial Gym this season.

Idaho allowed the Jackrabbits to run up a 10-3 lead in the first four minutes. The Vandals

quickly recovered their composure with a nine-point run to tie the score at 12. The teams stayed relatively close all the way to halftime, ending the first half Idaho down by one, 34-33.

The second half of the game showed signs of hope for Vandal fans until the final few minutes.

With just under seven minutes left to play, Idaho was down by four points at 54-58. From this point, South Dakota State's offense took control of the game, scoring 18 points to Idaho's four.

Last season South Dakota State accounted for two of the Vandals four wins.

The Vandals did not learn from their mistakes at UC Riverside last Saturday according to Idaho coach George Pfeifer.

"This game was kind of a carbon copy of the game at UC Riverside," Pfeifer said. "We were right in the game, we were close, then we turned the ball over, we missed some bunnies and we didn't get the stops we needed to get. Those are the things we have to do to win these types of games."

Idaho's offense was also lacking. The Vandals made only 21 of 55 attempted field goals and two of 14 from the three-point line.

"We had great looks at the basket and we didn't make

them and that really hurt us. We had better looks at the basket than they did, but we didn't capitalize on them," Pfeifer said.

Idaho showed some improvement from the foul line. At Washington State the Vandals were three for 11 on free throws. The Vandals were 14 for 22 against the Jackrabbits.

In the midst of missed shots, Jordan Brooks came out with 24 points. Brooks hit eight of 15 shots from the floor, and eight of 11 shots from the free-throw line. The only other Vandal in double digits was Clyde Johnson with 12 points.

Idaho will get another chance at the Bengals when the

find the GAME

Cowan Spectrum is located on the floor of the Kibbie Dome.

teams meet again on Dec. 15 at South Dakota State.

Saturday's game will mark a new page for the 2007-08 Idaho basketball team as they play its first home game in Cowan Spectrum, the official home of Idaho Basketball.

For those who cannot find Cowan Spectrum on their campus map, it is located on the floor of the Kibbie Dome.

Going head to head:

The Bowl Championship Series

vs. A playoff system

Give the fans a true champion

The best regular season in sports

This seems like an easy argument, doesn't it?

Few would argue that college football is one of the premiere sports in this nation, including professional sports.

To not have a playoff system and give fans a true champion is an absolute injustice.

I'm for a playoff system every year and have been since the Washington Huskies and Miami Hurricanes were forced to split the national championship in 1991. Now imagine an NCAA national football tournament.

This season has turned out perfect for all who want a playoff system.

Not one team in the top 10 right now is undefeated and Missouri is ranked No. 1. I hate to rag on Mizzou, but seriously, do you think they could beat USC right now?

Or could they hang with LSU or Ohio State?

The question should be can they even hang with Oklahoma?

Missouri has two quality wins this season against Kansas and Texas Tech. Honestly, does that give you closure as a fan? I'm just not buying it. I want to see them in a tournament setting.

If the good ol' boys who run the NCAA would give us a 16-team single-elimination tournament, we would be able to define a true champion along with getting maybe the greatest sports entertainment value possible.

Look, the FCS (formerly Division 1-AA) has no problems running an adequate playoff system — a 16-team tournament that works well and is exciting. Certainly the big boys can figure out how to do the same.

Can you imagine if college football went to a 16-team tournament? Take each of the 11 conference champions along with five wild cards (mostly coming from the big conferences) to complete the field.

That way, when a team like USC or Florida loses a tough conference game they would still have a chance at making the tournament as an at-large team.

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The BCS system isn't perfect. It's been tweaked several times and there still is room for improvement. However, for all its imperfections, it offers something no other sport does: a meaningful regular season.

College football is great because every game means something. Anything can happen on game day and it usually does.

Don't say there isn't a playoff system in college football, there is one. It runs from September to the end of November. It's called the regular season.

The BCS system forces teams to play their best all season long, not just when they feel like playing. If a team chooses to overlook an opponent and gets beat, it just overlooked its national title championship hopes.

USC is hot at the moment. Everyone is healthy and the Trojans are playing like they could contend for a national title. They would most likely be in the title hunt had they not lost to Stanford — the sport's biggest upset according to the odds makers. A

postseason invite would mean the loss doesn't mean anything.

A 16-team tournament is not the answer. The selection process to determine at-large bids would draw the same criticism the BCS does in selecting teams to play for the title. Giving all 11 conference champs an automatic spot is ridiculous. Is a 10-3 championship team from Conference USA more deserving than a 9-4 third place SEC team?

There are two types of teams that complain about the BCS: the big teams who feel wronged they aren't playing in the title game and small conference teams that aren't given consideration with undefeated records.

Every team starts the season 0-0 with dreams to play in the national championship game. Every team from a BCS conference knows if they win out, they're in. If they lose, they take their chances with the polls and formulas.

The path to the title game is simple: don't lose. It doesn't matter if it's a team is playing Stanford or Oregon with a healthy Dennis Dixon, it better be ready to win.

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RUN TO THE FINISH

Staying sane while running with crazies

Traveling back to Oregon for Thanksgiving Break, I thought about how much I really have missed Oregon, and how much better it is running there.

The next day during a torrential downpour, I think I missed Idaho's dry cold the most.

I live in Sandy, Ore., which is known as the gateway to Mt. Hood. Since I did not have a car this trip, I would just head out my door and run up the highway toward the mountain.

I cannot count the times I got mooned by snowboarders.

I don't know what their fascination is with baring their bums out a moving window, but I think it is al-

most becoming a trend.

I can admit that it does put some spice into my runs. It gets really monotonous running and running.

I am putting in tons of miles and lifting. Nothing fancy, no tempos, no intervals, no pace, just miles and miles, so a shock here and there is welcomed.

I have had some strange encounters with people and animals on runs. One time I was running down a desolate road and a van drove by and returned a few seconds later.

A guy leaned out the win-

dow and said, "You remember me forever! Forever!"

Then he tosses a doll hair brush filled with doll hair and a sticky note attached to it that read, "keep this FOREVER!"

It was so weird I actually ran with it in my hand the last six miles back to my teammates.

I still have it and people are like, "Gross. Why you got that?" but I'm a firm believer in karma and I don't need that bad luck in my head stealing my mojo.

Another time I was running behind Sandy High

School and through the brush and bushes. I saw a stark naked man running around and when he sees me, he quickly puts on his clothes.

But the damage was done and to this day I see him running all the time and I cannot connect eyes with him.

There are plenty of other running stories I have about saving animals, catching people doing naughty stuff in their cars or just meeting wackos out on the roads.

Running really is not as boring as people think, just sit back, put in some miles and if you're lucky, the crazies will find you.

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Returning to the mat: Head, Hands and Elbows

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The Kibbie Dome was near silent Wednesday night. The only sounds heard came from a yellow mat nestled behind Cowan Spectrum.

The words used by the small group of people huddled around the mat would be unfamiliar to many Vandal fans — words like "take down," "near fall," "escape" and "reversal."

Wednesday night was the University of Idaho's annual intramural wrestling tournament.

A small group of no more than 20 wrestlers and their friends gathered around to take part in what many consider to be the world's oldest and greatest sport.

The low attendance could be accounted for by the lack of publicizing for the event. Many of the wrestlers said they hadn't heard about the tournament until an hour before weigh-ins on Tuesday night.

Regardless of the short notice, a few die-hard wrestlers showed up, myself included.

So there I was, back in the

circle for the first time since the end of my final high school season last February.

The feeling of the two-inch thick foam beneath my feet was strangely familiar. After months off the mat, it felt nice to be "home."

I have spent many hours of my life sweating on wrestling mats. It has been one of the few things that I have truly missed in this college existence.

Winning wasn't really the thought on our minds as we laced up our shoes, as the stakes of the one-night event weren't very high. Intramural points weren't even being awarded — but nobody really cared about awards.

Really, we just wanted a chance to do what we love.

Being wrestlers, we were accustomed to strict weight regulations. Due to the number of wrestlers there, even those were lax. There were only three weight classes — light, middle and heavy.

I have often wondered what it would feel like to compete on the floor of the Kibbie Dome. Watching football and volley-

ball games has left me with the desire to participate in athletics. The chance to wrestle again, and to do so in the Dome was a welcome opportunity.

Though there wasn't quite the crowd that NCAA-sanctioned sports attract, I have a good imagination.

The only thing I really missed was the voices of my former coaches Casey Jones and Jack McBride yelling things like "position!" from the corner (thanks guys).

Unfortunately for me, I had been out of the "wrestling house" for a while.

I spent a lot of time in high school hating the conditioning part of my wrestling workouts. Wednesday night I learned just how valuable all that conditioning was.

In the seven minutes of an average college wrestling match, a wrestler burns more calories than in an entire college football game.

I wasn't quite in shape for that kind of workout. I'm still pretty sore today, but at the same time I feel great.

Wrestling has been in and out of my life since kindergarten and having a chance to continue competing in the sport I love was a great experience.



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Idaho women fall to Pac-10 neighbor

Robert Todeschi
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team lost to Washington State 67-49 Wednesday night.

The Vandals have yet to win a game and lost its sixth straight game this season. The Cougars improved their record to 2-4. Idaho looks for its first win against North Dakota State Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum before the men's game against Idaho State.

The junior high school-size crowd at Friel Court did nothing to quiet the coaches' and players' shouts on the court. Assignments, plays and frustrations echoed up through the arena. At times, it seemed as quiet as practice.

No matter what Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss told his team, the Vandal women seemed to spiral out of control with their mistakes.

The Vandals handed WSU over half of its points on 26 turnovers. Idaho shot under 35 percent from the field missing eight lay-ups.

"If we make a mistake and

turn the ball over, we don't just have one turnover, we have seven. We have to find a way to get that stopped," Divilbiss said.

Idaho's Katie Madison carried the offense with 20 points. Yinka Olorunnife had the next highest with seven.

Madison's post play kept the Vandals in the game in the second half but the Cougar fast breaks wore down on Idaho's defense. Often times, Idaho was beat down the floor and Cougar shooters were left wide open as the game drew on.

Katie Appleton led Cougar guard play. Appleton had five steals and her 24 points paced her team.

Despite the point margin, the team never looked discouraged. The Vandal bench cheered and rallied around the women on the court throughout the ball game.

"We're going to keep working at it, keep getting better and keep growing," Divilbiss said. "We're really young, but we've got to start making some choices here."

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I hate the fact that if a team loses in September, its season is over. This is football, people, teams improve over the course of a season.

Imagine the buzz that would be created by a four-week national tournament. For the first two rounds the top seeded teams would play at home with the final four moving to neutral sites. A college football Final Four would be bigger than the basketball version and may have higher national TV ratings than the Super Bowl.

Imagine seeing USC as a #8

seed playing Mizzou ranked #1.

Now I know people arguing against a playoff will say something along the lines of the regular season being one big playoff system. I disagree completely.

What other sport has its regular season acting as a playoff system? I want my regular season and playoffs to be separate, like they are in every other sport on this planet.

A 16-team tournament would be the greatest sports spectacle in the country every season. Imagine if the University of Idaho Vandals won the WAC next season and were automatically placed in the national championship tour-

namment. Sure, Idaho would probably be the No. 16 seed and would play against a USC, LSU or Florida type of program in the first round.

But, hey, wouldn't that be fantastic just to see?

I'd rather see Idaho play Florida in a playoff game than face a team like UTEP in the Papajohns.com Bowl. Wouldn't you?

The time has come for an actual playoff system. I don't care if it's a 16-team or a four-team field.

Just give it to us and let us find a true champion. Not a team whose computer ranking happens to be high and its two best wins were against basketball schools.

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Olympics since 1987."

Gold Medal Swim Club swim coach Dan Lawson and coordinator of the event said the swim club decided to organize this competition to increase the exposure of aquatics on the Palouse.

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SportsBRIEFS

Men's basketball signs Georgia star

The men's basketball program announced the signing of Erekle Jgerenaia from Tbilisi, in the country of Georgia.

Jgerenaia, who goes by "Ika" is a 6-8 small forward who will join the Vandals next semester and should be immediately eligible for play.

Erekle averaged 24 points, eight rebounds and four assists during the 2006-07 season with

the Sukhumi Juniors, a club team. Erekle is also a member of the Georgia Under-20 national team.

Three players sign LOI to play at Idaho

Three seniors signed early to join coach Mike Divilbiss and the Vandals for the 2008-2009 season. Kimberly Crandell, a 5-11 post from Palo Cedro, Calif., Charmaine Barlow, a 5-10 wing from Seattle, Wash., and Jessica Graham, a 6-0 post from Ripon, Calif.

All signed before Thanks-

giving break. Divilbiss said the three new players added depth to necessary positions.

Crandell averaged 17.5 during her junior season with 8.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists at Liberty Christian High School.

Barlow is a strong defensive player at Chief Sealth High School and helped the team finish second at the 2006-07 Washington state 3A state tournament.

Graham led Ripon High School to a 25-7 overall record and was named to the Modesto Bee All-District First Team as a junior.

sentence by anyone who knows anything about college football.

BSU's win over Okalahoma was a great win, that can't be denied. However, it doesn't outweigh what the Gators did: making it though the nation's toughest conference with only one loss (LSU) and pounding the Big Ten's conference champion (Ohio State).

Boise State played a great game, but it is easy for a team to get ready for a game they had more than a month to prepare for. Imagine if the Broncos had to play in the Big 12. Would they have gone undefeated playing against the likes of Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M on a weekly basis? Probably not.

Imagine if they represented the WAC in a playoff system last year and Oklahoma was their first-round opponent. They beat Oklahoma, and then have to face a team like Florida, USC, Ohio State, Michigan or Notre Dame.

These teams would have spent the season preparing for the tournament by playing through SEC and Big 12 schedules. BSU spent the season playing the likes of Idaho and Utah State in the WAC. Which team comes into the game more prepared?

If teams from weaker conferences want to compete for

the national title, they ought to find a way to get into a BCS conference and prove they can compete with the sport's powerhouse's week in and week out — not just once a season.

This season's been one of the best in recent years. Appalachian State started the season by beating No. 5 Michigan. Since then, it's been upset after upset. Twice in the same weekend the top two ranked teams have gone down.

The national title game will probably be forgotten soon after the game by everyone who isn't a fan of the winning team. But people will remember this season for years to come.

The college basketball season is long and ends with a national championship tournament. Top-ranked teams will get beat throughout the season. But with almost a 30-game schedule, they will have the chance to redeem themselves and still be eligible to play in the national title game by going through the 64-team field tournament.

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No clues in Sean Taylor's death

Joseph White
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Police investigating Sean Taylor's death say they've found no indication the Washington Redskins safety was targeted or knew the assailant who broke into his home.

Miami-Dade police director Robert Parker called it "more like a random event."

"There's nothing that indicates thus far that there's some kind of involvement on the victim's part," he said Wednesday.

Evidence indicates one or more intruders barged into Taylor's home in an affluent Miami suburb early Monday, Parker said. After a confrontation inside the house, the 24-year-old was shot once in the upper leg and died early Tuesday after losing a tremendous amount of blood.

Police said they had no suspects, and were still investigating a possible link to a Nov. 17 break-in at Taylor's home, during which they said someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

"We have no reason to think this was anything other than a burglary or a robbery involving an intruder," Parker said.

Taylor's funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Pharmed Arena on the campus of Florida International University in Miami. Redskins owner Dan Snyder is making arrangements for the entire football organization to attend.

At Redskins Park on Wednesday, Taylor's family and teammates came together to privately share tears and memories. Taylor's father, Pedro Taylor, and girlfriend Jackie Garcia both addressed the team.

"Many of these guys were wondering, 'How in the world am I going to go out and do this on Sunday?'" said Brett Fuller, the team chaplain. "And when Mr. Taylor stood up and said go out and win these next five and make it to the playoffs, we felt a surge in the room, that he almost gave us permission to play well."

Taylor's father didn't state the team should win in honor or memory of his son, but many players adopted that feeling nonetheless. The Redskins (5-6) are in contention for a playoff berth despite three straight losses.

"We all know that's something Sean would want for us," defensive end Andre Carter said. "You've got to keep on moving forward."

The team then began to attempt to focus on preparations for Sunday's home game against the Buffalo Bills. Players went to their game-planning

meetings — which were shorter than normal — and later held a quieter-than-usual afternoon practice.

"Nothing was normal about today," linebacker London Fletcher said. "We had the meetings, but it wasn't the normal type of meetings. Practice, it was practice, but it just wasn't the same type of feeling, so to speak. We tried to make it feel the same, but I found myself thinking about Sean and imagining him out on the football field playing free safety for us."

Taylor's locker remained untouched, but the Redskins made the uncomfortably necessary move of dropping him from the official roster as part of a series of personnel moves.

The NFL announced that every player league-wide will wear a No. 21 decal on his helmet at this weekend's games to honor Taylor. Redskins players will wear the decal for the remain-

der of the season.

Carter was coping with the loss of a teammate for the second time in three years. He played for the San Francisco 49ers when offensive lineman Thomas Herrion died of a heart attack after a preseason game in September 2005. 49ers coach Mike Nolan called Gibbs on Tuesday night to offer sympathy and advice.

"I've experienced the death of two teammates," Carter said. "No person wants to say that."

While players found it difficult to stay focused on Xs and Os in the meetings, the physical nature of the practice was somewhat therapeutic.

"Unfortunately, these guys don't get bereavement leave," Fuller said. "They've got to work through it. They have to live through it. Football is a passion game, and if your soul's broken, if your soul's hurting, it's tough to go out there and give it all."

O.J. Simpson arraigned

Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The "Special Event" signs placed around courthouse parking lots suggesting O.J. Simpson's court appearance might cause a frenzy of activity were hardly necessary.

The arraignment of the former football star and two co-defendants on armed robbery and kidnapping charges lasted barely a half hour Wednesday. Simpson was gone almost as quickly as he could say "not guilty."

There were no surprises and no traffic, and the crowds that attended a preliminary hearing two weeks ago were missing from the subdued scene that saw only a half-full courtroom.

"It was expected that it was going to be a short hearing and the outcome was a foregone conclusion," said Peter Shaplen, a former TV news producer who is coordinating electronic media coverage of the case.

Simpson stood before Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass and firmly spoke a phrase he has uttered in other courtrooms in the past: "Not guilty."

His co-defendants, Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, 53, and Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 53, also entered not guilty pleas, and Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass set trial for all three men on April 7.

The charges stem from a Sept. 13 confrontation in a Las Vegas hotel room where Simpson has said he went to retrieve items that belonged to him from a group of memorabilia peddlers.

Simpson, Ehrlich and Stewart are not accused of wielding firearms. Simpson has said he was unaware that guns were present, though conflicting testimony suggested Simpson may have wanted his group armed.

Attorney Gabriel Grasso, who is co-counsel for Simpson, said all three defendants will likely file petitions known as writs of habeas corpus challenging the legality of the charges against them. Defense attorneys for the men have suggested the case is being overcharged because of

Simpson's notoriety.

Each man faces 11 felony charges, including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, conspiracy and coercion. Each also faces one gross misdemeanor, conspiracy to commit a crime.

A kidnapping conviction could bring a life sentence with the possibility of parole. A conviction for armed robbery carries a mandatory two- to 15-year prison sentence plus a possible one to 15 years for use of a weapon.

Among the questions hanging over the proceedings is where to find an impartial jury to judge a man who has become a lightning rod for divided public opinion. His 1995 acquittal in the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman still rankles many. A civil court jury later found him liable.

Goldman's father, Fred, and his sister, Kim, who maintain that Simpson is guilty, were included as potential witnesses in the current case on a list filed by District Attorney David Roger.

Simpson's lawyers are likely to challenge their relevance to the case and seek to distance the new charges from the old.

"I am very concerned that we get 12 people on the jury that can listen to the evidence that occurs in the courtroom," attorney Yale Galanter said outside the courthouse.

Galanter, who won Simpson's acquittal in a 2001 road rage charge in Florida, said: "The problem with representing O.J. Simpson is that everybody has an opinion. That's the unique jury selection issue with Simpson. When we did the road rage case a few years ago it was just difficult. I think jury selection is going to be much longer than the trial itself."

Shaplen, who has shepherded media coverage on such cases as the Scott Peterson and Michael Jackson trials, said 300 media credentials were issued for Simpson's preliminary hearing and more are likely for the trial.

"It's going to be a big trial," he said.

Athletes react to the death of Taylor

Paul Newberry
Associated Press

Fred Taylor has a permit to carry a concealed gun. His house is equipped with a high-tech security system, cameras included. Still, he wonders if all that's enough to keep him safe.

After fellow NFL star Sean Taylor was gunned down in his own home, dead at the age of 24, Fred Taylor is considering a more primitive form of protection.

"I'm soon to get one of the big canine security dogs," said the Jacksonville Jaguars' running back, who isn't related to Sean Taylor. "Don't get caught in my yard. The dog's going to bite you 'til the death, right on that jugular."

If Fred Taylor sounds a bit jumpy, somewhat paranoid, even a little desperate ... well, he is.

He's not alone. Athletes feel as though they're under attack, their luxurious worlds invaded by thugs and hustlers and criminals who want to take them down — or take what

they've worked so hard to earn through their skills on the courts and playing fields.

"We're definitely targets now," said Quentin Richardson of the New York Knicks, who still mourns the brother killed during a robbery two years ago. "They assume that we carry around large sums of money and jewelry and things like that, and right now it seems like they're thinking we're easy targets."

Sean Taylor's death was only the latest example of a crime wave that appears to have athletes in its sights. These players, who seem invulnerable with a helmet on their heads or a ball in their hands, are finding they're all too human when staring down the barrel of a gun.

"Hate. It's just hate," said Cleveland Cavaliers megastar LeBron James, who can't go anywhere without being recognized. "People just hate on us because we're in the position that we are. They say it's just given to us. They don't believe we work hard to get where we're at. So they want

to try and take it from us."

Sean Taylor, a Pro Bowl safety with the Washington Redskins, was sleeping early Monday at his home in an affluent Miami suburb, along with his longtime girlfriend and the couple's 18-month-old daughter.

Without warning, according to a family friend, the couple was awakened by loud noises.

Taylor grabbed a machete he kept nearby for protection, but it did him no good when the intruder broke down the bedroom door and fired two shots, one striking the player in the leg and ripping through a vital artery.

Taylor died a little over 24 hours later.

Police are still sorting through the evidence, trying to come up with some motive for the shocking, brazen crime.

But Taylor's fellow athletes aren't waiting for answers. Some are looking into hiring security guards. Others are considering whether to turn their homes into fortresses. Everyone is watching their back, and with good reason.

Nebraska's Tom Osborne names himself as interim coach

Eric Olson
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Few Nebraska football fans are going to argue with Tom Osborne's decision on an interim head coach.

Already the interim athletic director, Osborne declared himself the coach until he hires a successor to Bill Callahan, allowing Nebraska's beloved former coach to visit prospective recruits and try to prevent the program from slipping during the recruiting contact period.

Athletic department communications chief Randy York said the 70-year-old Osborne, who took over the department after the firing of Steve Pederson last month, passed an NCAA certification test on his first try Wednesday and has informed the Big 12 office of his new title.

Osborne was unavailable for comment Thursday. York said he would be on the road recruiting through the end of the week.

Gary Bergen, assistant athletic director in charge of compliance, said the interim AD tag would have limited Osborne to meeting with prospective recruits only if they visited campus. Now he can visit recruits in schools and homes until Dec. 15.

Several recruits who had been committed to Nebraska have said publicly that they are considering other schools while waiting to see who the next coach will be.

Callahan was fired last Saturday following a 65-51 loss at Colorado, where the Huskers squandered an 11-point half-time lead by allowing 34 consecutive points.

Nebraska finished a dismal 5-7, a year removed from reaching the Big 12 championship game. The season featured

a 76-39 defeat at Kansas, the most points allowed by a Nebraska team, and included six games in which its famed defense surrendered 40 or more points.

Osborne, who won 255 games and three national championships from 1973-97, has said he has no interest in returning to the sidelines — even going so far as to say his wife, Nancy, would "shoot me" if he did.

Once a hire is made, Osborne could continue to recruit until the new coach assembles a full staff of nine assistants, York said.

Two assistants from Callahan's staff, defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove and

cornerbacks coach Phil Elmasian, are no longer recruiting for Nebraska.

Osborne said in a radio interview with the Husker Sports Network on Wednesday that he hoped to have a new coach selected by next week. He already interviewed Buffalo coach Turner Gill and LSU defensive coordinator Bo Pelini and spoke informally with Wake Forest coach Jim Grobe, according to media reports.

Another coach linked to the search, Cincinnati's Brian Kelly, told local radio station WCKY on Wednesday that he had not been contacted by Nebraska.



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