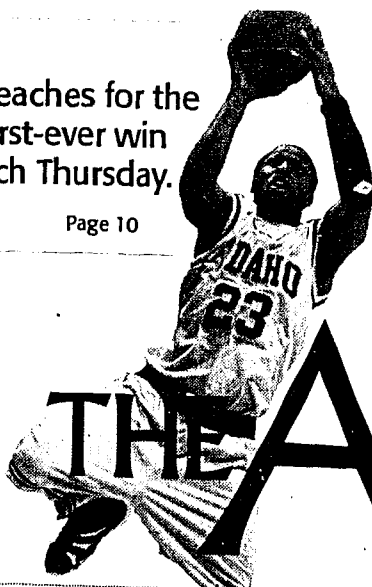


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University considers selling bookstore

Auxiliary services requesting proposals from outside firms

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

This spring, the University of Idaho is investigating the possibility of selling the campus bookstore to a larger company.

Mike Jolly, vice president of auxiliary services, is in the process of requesting proposals from outside firms.

"At this point they (private companies) apply for our location and we compare what they are offering with what we want," Jolly said. "It's important that we are doing what's best for our students. This is just another way we are trying to make sure our people are getting the best deal possible."

A chain bookstore can be a powerful tool for the university and can draw other businesses to the area and generate revenue that can be used to supplement programs, Jolly said. Corporations also bring "nationwide experience" to the bookstore, he said. Former Washington State University employee Chuck Morrow sees that statement as a corporate ploy.

For 10 years, Morrow worked at the WSU Bookstore as the division manager for books and supplies.

The store focused on customer service to students and faculty during his time there, he said, but that changed when Barnes and Noble approached the university with an offer to buy the store in 2004.

"The board of directors didn't know how to deal with the employees," Morrow said. "For six months they kept telling us everything was fine. They didn't tell us that we were basically being fired."

When WSU agreed to sell the store, the workers no longer had the benefits belonging to university employees.

"I came back from lunch and was told by a member of the board of directors that they had signed a contract with Barnes and Noble (the day before)," Morrow said. "It was an outrage. I didn't want to stay after that."

Morrow now works as the manager of Crimson and Gray, an alternative bookstore to Barnes and Noble for WSU students. Crimson and Gray is owned by the Nebraska Book Company, which Morrow says provides more leeway than Barnes and Noble, but still focuses on "the bottom line first and customer service second."

Bookstores have two basic models, independent and corporate. More campuses nationwide are making the switch from independent to corporate stores. Four years ago WSU joined the trend and UI may soon follow.

"From a business standpoint it makes sense for a university to want an independent company," Morrow said. "You receive the profit at the end of the year without taking on the liability."

The UI Bookstore is now contracted with the Independent College Bookstore Association, which combines the ordering strength of multiple colleges to get the best price.

Under the ICBA, markup on textbooks is 20 percent while Barnes and Noble averages 30 percent.

Peg Godwin, manager of the campus bookstores, has worked at UI for more than 10 years and said this isn't the first time the university has looked into selling to a larger corporation.

"Back in 1993 they looked into it

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Having dogs is somewhat like having small, furry, less demanding children...

— Stefani Blair, UI senior, dog owner



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

Collegiate companions

Pets can be meaningful additions to a household, but they come with responsibilities

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Stefani Blair, a senior anthropology major, comes home every day to her black lab/golden retriever mix, Kenzie, and her fiancé's miniature dachshund, Maccine.

"I've always been a dog person, and my first couple of years in college seemed incomplete without a canine companion in my life," Blair said.

Many students want pets for the company and entertainment they can bring. But with pet ownership comes responsibility.

Lori Freeman, director for the Humane Society of the Palouse in Moscow, helps care for the more than 150 cats and the handful of dogs that live at the shelter.

The lobby, which is technically equipped to hold seven to nine cats, now holds 65. The break room is now a cat sick room and the intake room that was meant to hold 10-15 cats holds close to 50.

What was the cat sick room is home to 125 cats and kittens.

The only part of the shelter that isn't overpopulated is the dog kennels, which can hold 35-40 dogs.

"The problem here is that people don't spay and neuter their cats," Freeman said. "If you think you've got a barn cat so it will get killed in the wild, why are you standing here with a box of kittens? People just aren't getting their animals fixed."

The shelter sees a steady flow of animals year round, Freeman said, and it is frustrating when people go to pet stores or classified ads to get animals and bring them to the shelter when it doesn't work out.

"Someone goes and gets this cat, they don't check to make sure they can have it in their residence. When they get caught with it in two weeks, the pet store or the person they got it

from can't take it back and it ends up here," she said.

The majority of the animals brought into the Humane Society of the Palouse are strays. The no-kill shelter averages about 500 dogs a year and was able to return 385 dogs to their owners in the last year, Freeman said. With cats, the return rate is much lower, with maybe 25 of the nearly 500 cats brought into the shelter being returned to owners.

"It's not like dog owners are opening their doors and letting their dogs go because they don't want them anymore, but there are lots of stray cats found around apartment complexes," Freeman said.

Even though the shelter is over-

populated, it is still careful about who is allowed to adopt a pet, Freeman said. All potential adoptees undergo a screening process, including proving that their landlord will allow them to have a pet and paying an adoption fee.

"That way we know that this animal is going to a home (it) can indeed stay in and it won't get dumped out on the streets when it has to go," Freeman said.

The shelter also talks to the veterinary and legal systems to make sure a person doesn't have a history of being a bad owner.

"You can fill out the application,

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Land gift first step toward Sandpoint campus

Main project on hold after Coldwater Creek stocks take hit

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

In December, the University of Idaho Board of Regents accepted a donation of 18 acres of land in the Sandpoint area, the first step toward a much bigger project.

The donation is part of a plan to construct a UI campus in the Sandpoint area. The plan was originally approved by the State Board of Education in August but remains on hold after the Wild Rose Foundation, the charitable arm of Coldwater Creek

and financial donor for the project, requested construction be delayed indefinitely in November after the company's stocks hit a 52-week low.

Larry Branan, dean of the UI campus extension in North Idaho, said Wild Rose has been a strong supporter in making higher education more accessible and he respects their decision.

UI Vice President of Finance and Administration Lloyd Mues said postponing construction on Wild Rose's behalf was a better decision than halting construction mid-way because of lack of funding.

"We respectfully went 'OK' without asking any questions," Mues said.

Branan said the "master plan" for the Sandpoint campus remains in its preliminary stages. The plan includes

UI selling 77 acres of land that now holds the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Research and Extension Center to the Wild Rose Foundation. The foundation will then develop half of the land into a new high school and half into a four-building campus.

The foundation will take on all expenses for the project and then return the land to university ownership. The four buildings will house teaching labs, greenhouses, a commons area, a performing arts center and classrooms.

Branan said the campus will offer North Idaho students the opportunity for a unique and focused education.

"It's a different approach to the way we traditionally do some of our teaching," he said.

The campus will offer one undergraduate interdisciplinary degree

which will integrate health, nutrition, sustainability, art and leadership skills. Branan said the program will be something similar to the core program in use at the Moscow campus but with a real application to natural resources and art. The program will offer classes from freshman to senior levels, which Branan said should attract a variety of students.

"A lot of people are interested in being in an environment where you can work with natural resources in a very applied way," he said. "This is a specialized program that students couldn't do in Moscow."

Until Wild Rose decides to move forward with the project, development will be focused on the 18-acre parcel donated by Coldwater Creek

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Speaking of money, The Argonaut Web site is free, just like the paper. Plus, all the photos are in color. Mmmm, color. For the record, the hard-copy Argonaut is in color only when we sell color ads — there is no secret color fund.

I mean it. Surf over to www.uiargonaut.com and leave your mark. Then forward the best parts to your friends or your parents. Unless you don't want your parents knowing what goes on here. They'll find out anyway. It's better that they find out from us.

Keep coming back for more exclusive content throughout the semester.

UniversityAVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut

University Ave. will be running its "Best of Tong" for the first few issues of the semester, as The Argonaut is still searching for a new strip cartoonist. Interested? E-mail arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu. Enjoy!

— CMW

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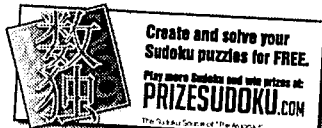
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Solution

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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 Molecules
- 6 Humorist
- 9 Thin skin character
- 13 Perspicacity
- 14 Geological period
- 15 Tablet
- 16 Zoos
- 18 Foodfish
- 19 Ireland
- 20 Nimbus
- 21 Brand
- 22 TV station
- 23 Augmented
- 24 Sepulcher
- 25 Playing cards
- 26 Metallic element
- 27 More than one 14 Across
- 30 Mortgage holder for one
- 33 Eggest
- 35 Shallot
- 36 Body of water
- 37 Ranks
- 38 Kitchen appliance
- 40 Diacritical marks
- 41 Pindaric
- 42 Bon
- 43 Some actors
- 44 Card game word
- 46 Colliery
- 47 Sports group (Abbr.)
- 50 Loft
- 52 Chromatic color
- 53 Soft drink
- 54 Conceited
- 55 Mediterranean nut trees
- 57 Sea eagles
- 58 Shoshoncan
- 59 Macaque
- 60 Storm
- 61 Needlefish
- 62 Acceede

Down

- 1 Astringent
- 2 Surcoat
- 3 Asian country
- 4 Actress Ryan
- 5 Gym shoe
- 6 Uncanny
- 7 Domain
- 8 Fuel
- 9 State in N. India
- 10 Drooled
- 11 Sob story
- 12 Eve's son
- 13 Prayer ending
- 17 Regrets
- 21 See 27 Across
- 23 Concerned with worldly necessities of life
- 24 Poetic contraction
- 25 At the apex
- 26 Sp. aunt
- 28 Fiend
- 29 Cape
- 30 Extinct bird
- 31 National Velvet author Bagnold
- 32 Cutting
- 33 E. state (Abbr.)
- 34 Lipids
- 36 Day (Abbr.)
- 39 Weep
- 40 Drinking vessel
- 43 Clue
- 45 Wash cycle of life
- 46 Tightwad
- 47 Racket
- 48 Staff of life
- 49 Young lady
- 50 Verify
- 51 E. Ireland village
- 52 Pocket bread
- 53 Cordon bleu
- 55 Small dog
- 56 Guevern

Solution

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Local/BRIEFS

Permit fine reduced to \$5

UI's parking and transportation services would like to remind parking permit owners of a change involving fines for permit violations. Permit holders who receive parking citations for failing to display their permit may pay a reduced fine of \$5 upon proof of ownership. Fines must be paid at the parking office within 15 days of receiving the citation. For information contact parking services at 885-6424.

UI receives grant for workshop

The UI School of Journalism and Mass Media will sponsor a summer workshop for high school students for the eighth consecutive year. Made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation, the annual Scripps Howard Multicultural Journalism Workshop will be June 22-28 in Moscow.

Twenty high school students from around the northwest will be invited to spend the week learning about the news business from professional journalists and university faculty. The workshop is open to students currently enrolled in grades 10 and 11 in high schools in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Graduating seniors who plan to attend the University of Idaho in the fall of 2008 also are eligible.

Memorial for Thomas Saturday

A memorial service for Betsy Thomas will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse, 420 E. Second St. in Moscow. Thomas was a former director of the Women's Center who also was a long-time political and social activist. A reception will follow at the church. Thomas passed away Nov. 1. She was 63.

UI tips for a sustainable year

In an effort to start the new year on the right foot, UI has put out a list of tips for a greener

2008.

The list includes taking up eco-friendly activities, such as ice skating, sledding or a walk in the snow with your family, friends or pets. Also bundle weekly errands and do them all at once to reduce carbon emissions and save gas money. To further reduce emissions, invite a friend to do their errands with you.

The university recommends starting a conversation about sustainability with your family and friends. What can you do to live more sustainable? How do you want to shape your home, office, neighborhood or community for the future?

Candidates visit Women's Center

The Moscow and UI community are invited to be invited to open receptions for candidates interviewing for the position of interim director of the Women's Center. The receptions will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Women's Center lounge, Memorial Gym Room 109 today and Wednesday. Refreshments will be provided. For information contact the Women's Center at wcenter@uidaho.edu or 885-6616.

Veteran program receives honor

UI has been awarded a national citation by the American Legion for having the nations only all-encompassing scholarship program in the U.S. for disabled veterans.

The Operation Education Scholarship Program was created by UI to provide financial, academic and social support to veterans and/or their spouses who were seriously disabled while on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

The program is designed to support veterans with their financial and social needs. Recipients may pursue a college degree at the Moscow campus without worrying about tuition, fees and books, on-campus housing, transportation, medical assistance, child care, adaptive equipment or tutoring.

UI President Tim White accepted the award Sunday from the American Legion's Idaho Department Commander Joe Foruria.

Local/CALENDAR

Tuesday
Women's Center hosts mentor coffee hour Memorial Gym Room 109 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Learn about tropical plants for your home University greenhouse 11:30 a.m.

Thursday
Indoor plants for your home University greenhouse 11:30 a.m.

Friday
Reception for Women's Center interim director candidate Memorial Gym Room 109 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
The Right to Dream: Share the Struggle Hartung Theatre 7 p.m.

Sunday
Gay Straight Alliance Crest Room 8:15 p.m.

Monday
Reception for Women's Center interim director candidate Memorial Gym Room 109 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday
FLAME (Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower) Women's Center lounge 5 p.m.

Reception for Women's Center interim director candidate Memorial Gym Room 109 3:30 p.m.

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Church finds unity through diversity

voices of FAITH

This week: Unitarian Universalism

Scott MacDonald
Argonaut

A chalice with a small flame burning in it is the symbol of the denomination.

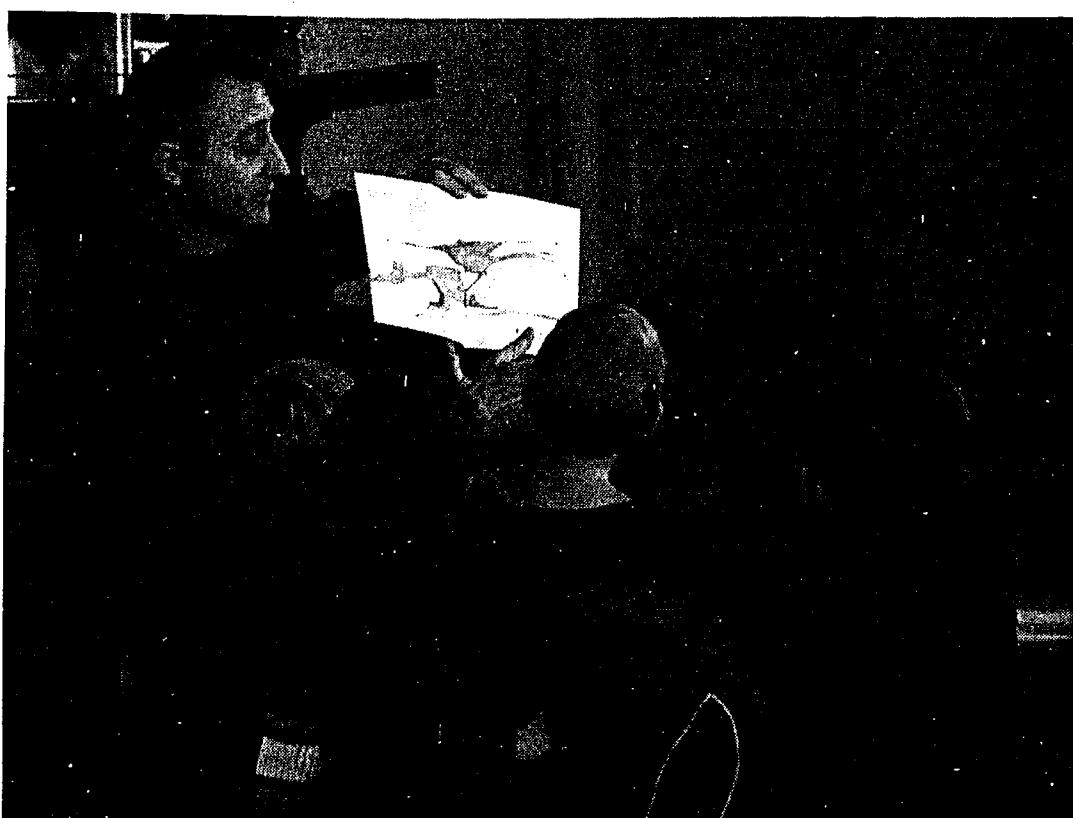
They are unlike many other religions in the world because they lack a set doctrine or dogma for congregations to follow.

There are a set of principals that all members abide by, but the rest of each member's spiritual journey is up to the members themselves to start, and they guide their own path according to what they believe.

"During the second world war, there was a Unitarian service association that helped a lot of Jews escape and go underground, to escape Hitler's rule," said Rev. Kayle Rice of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse. "The guy that set that up asked an artist to create a symbol to let people know that this was a safe house. It would be drawn on the door or in the window. It is a symbol of our faith."

Unitarian Universalism is one of the few religions that is openly accepting of all types of people, including the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender community.

"We find unity in diversity. This is a community that supports one another regardless of



Celebrant Terry Grieb reads a story to the children of the congregation during a Sunday morning service at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse.

what our theological beliefs are. We are very big on ethical and right behavior," Rice said. "I think a doctrine tells people how and what they should believe. This isn't for everyone. Some people like having the structure of a doctrine, but we don't have that. We do have a code of ethics of how we treat one another. It's not a denomination in which

you can just believe whatever you want."

Their code of ethics, the seven principles that all members abide by, is the closest thing the church has to a religious creed, Rice said.

These principals are displayed right next to the entrance of the church for everyone to see.

J.D. Stevens, a 2007 UI graduate in sociology, has been a mem-

ber of the UUCP since 2006.

"No one else decides my beliefs. God and I decide that," Stevens said.

Stevens was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for 19 years but left the church shortly after he started college.

"I can be myself here. I'm gay and it's something I can speak

Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:
The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
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The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.

The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

— Published by the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse

openly about here," he said.

Stevens said "Unitarian" means God is one and not a trinity like in other religions and "universalism" means everyone is welcome.

"Universalism means we are all going to make it in the end — into the afterlife," Stevens said.

Glen Butters, a sophomore at Lewis-Clark State College studying creative writing and Native American studies, said he appreciates the broad scope of Unitarian Universalism.

"I'm not required to agree with a set mythos or scripture," Butters said. "It's open to various perspectives."

Butters said that in the broadest sense, the religion is about connecting with people, learning

about yourself through others and your own experiences and the larger universe.

Stevens said the topic of church is difficult to discuss with people.

"People hear the word 'church' and they don't want to hear anymore. They think of that place they had to go to as kids, where they were never good enough," Stevens said. Butters said some people have an aversion to church and religion.

"It's hard to get past those walls that appear and to explain why Unitarian Universalism is different," he said. "Lots of people think we just make things up, but that's not right. We are all inclusive and guided by reason and our experiences."

Former football player sentenced for dealing

Jones sentenced to at least two years in prison for cocaine delivery charge

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

After entering a guilty plea to charges of dealing cocaine, Marvin C. Jones, a former defensive tackle for the University of Idaho football team, could spend as many as seven years in prison.

Jones, who played nine games as a Vandal in the 2006 season, entered a guilty plea for a single count of delivery of a controlled substance and was sentenced Dec. 10 to two to seven years in prison, with no possibility of parole for two years.

While there were initially three charges of delivery of a controlled substance against him, two were dropped due to a plea agreement made with Latah County Prosecutors, said Bill Thompson, Latah County prosecutor.

"He pleaded guilty to delivery of cocaine and agreed to the specific sentence and restitution to the State for all investigation costs.

In return, the State agreed to not pursue the other two counts," Thompson said.

Each charge of delivery of a controlled substance can carry a maximum of life in prison.

"Although Idaho law authorizes up to life in prison for selling any Schedule 1 narcotic drug or Schedule 2 drug, there is no mandatory minimum penalty unless the quantity reaches the statutory definition of trafficking," Thompson said.

There has never been a life sentence given for delivery of a drug in Latah County, he said.

Jones must also pay a combined \$3,277.82 in court fees, restitution to the various law enforcement agencies that were a part of the investigation into him and felony fees.

According to Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Evans, Jones has the chance to avoid serving most of his sentence due to the retained jurisdiction program, which he must enter into as a result of his sentence.

Instead of being handed over to the custody of the Department of Corrections, Jones remains under the jurisdiction of the judge for a period of four to six months.

He will spend this time at the North Idaho Correctional Institute in Cottonwood, Idaho, where he will undergo rehabilitation treatment and

a series of classes aimed at making him a worthy candidate for probation.

At the end of his time there, the Cottonwood facility will either recommend that he serves the two to seven year sentence he was originally given, or probation.

Jones was arrested in April after a two week long investigation by the Moscow Police Department.

He was taken into custody after an informant was able to purchase the drug from him on three separate occasions.

A search of Jones apartment found \$1,600 in cash, including marked bills that had been used as buy money in an undercover investigation by the MPD.

Shortly after his arrest, head coach Rob Akey threw Jones off the team.

Fine arts moving back to Targhee

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Next August, the University of Idaho's fine arts community will be return to its former home in Targhee Hall.

The group lived in Targhee Hall for several years before it was closed for renovations more than two years ago.

After competing for ownership of the hall against other groups before Winter Break, the fine art students were granted permission to re-establish their living community.

Junior theater and film major Daniel Gerber was a resident of Targhee before it closed for repairs in 2006.

"I'm excited to get back in there," Gerber said. "(It can get) suffocating here in the dorms."

The new residents are hoping to make the residence co-ed. The current

set-up separates genders by hall, Gerber said. The students are also hoping to bring back a coffee shop-style space, which was in the hall before it was closed.

Along with other renovations and upgrades, the building is receiving a new kitchen, which will allow the residents to cook their own food.

"In the long run, it will save us money cooking our own food," said Geoffrey Tenney, a freshman studying virtual technology and design.

More than 25 students from the arts program and other halls throughout Wallace, the Tower and Living Learning Communities have made a commitment to live in Targhee next semester.

The students plan to advertise at Vandal Friday to find more students who would like to live in the hall.

"(The hall is) open for anybody," Gerber said. "When I lived there before, we had a math major."

Gerber said throughout the process of getting the building

back, he has "felt threatened and has had to go through a lot to get it."

"We were told we were going to be back in a year," Gerber said. "And fine arts was the only organization who stuck through the entire process and we're all together on this."

The rates to live in Targhee Hall will be similar to Wallace, except the meal plan will be different due to the kitchen arrangement said sophomore theatre and film major Misty Blyleven.

Being back in Targhee Hall will be good for the students, especially music majors, Tenney said.

Because students often have to carry their instruments around with them, Targhee's location is more convenient for them than Wallace.

"Living in Targhee Hall will help mix the campus and makes things easier," Gerber said.

Students interested in living in Targhee Hall can contact Tenney at geoffrey.tenney@vandals.uidaho.edu or University Residences at 885-6571.

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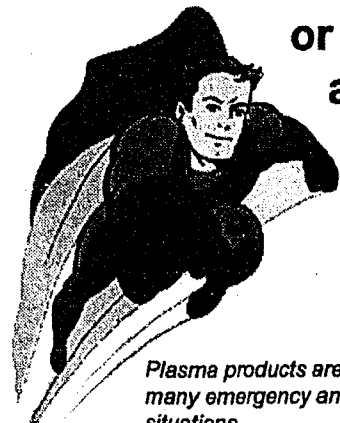


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College hopes to have courtroom open for visit from Idaho Supreme Court

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Law's courtroom has been gutted, the floor littered with various pipes, stacks of boards, two-by-four beams and moveable stands for construction workers to use when they put the missing panels back into the ceiling.

This is all a part of a process for the college to update courtroom technologies that are becoming more common around the world.

Before any renovations could be made, workers had to remove asbestos from the ceiling, a problem any building more than 20 years old faces, said John Hasko, director of the university's Law Library and member of the College of Law's technology and facilities committees.

The courtroom's new layout needed to facilitate multiple settings, including trial and appellate courts, as well as functioning as a lecture hall.

"That was the challenge Courtroom 21 had," Hasko said.

Courtroom 21 is a consulting firm that operates within the William and Mary School of Law, also known as "the courtroom of the future" because it tests new advances in legal technologies and recommends them for law schools and state, federal and county governments.

"That's as high-tech as you can get," Hasko said. "They see if it could be applied in the different courtrooms they are consulting for."

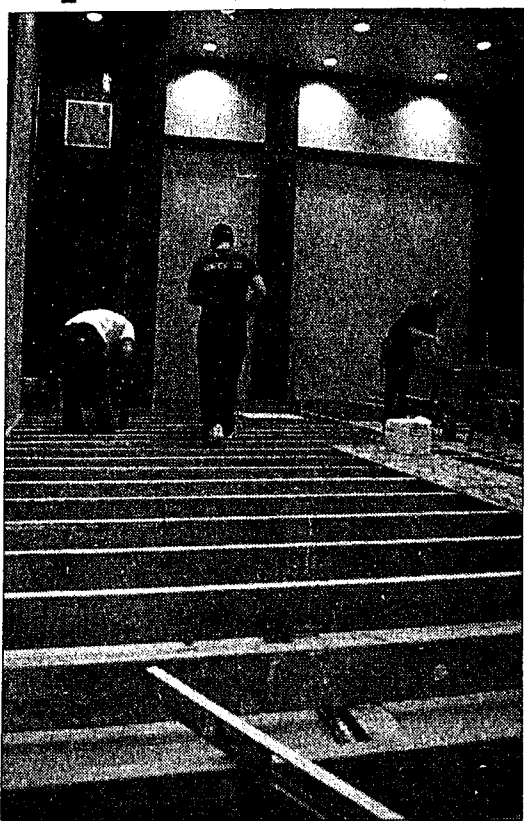
The courtroom is expected to be completed by the end of March and costs have been estimated to reach \$1 million. Every year, the Idaho Supreme Court and Idaho Court of Appeals come to the law school to hear arguments. Hasko said he hopes to use the Court of Appeals visit for the courtroom's inaugural event.

"One of the problems when you're dealing with technology in a building that's already there, you have to retrofit it in," Hasko said.

The courtroom will have acoustical treatments to cut down on echoing and an LCD projector, a podium with VCR/DVD capabilities and evidence presenters that will display evidence to monitors at the judge's seat and one for every two jurors in the juror's box will be installed.

"We just have to get our students ready for this kind of atmosphere," he said. "Our technology will be as good as it is out there, now."

Removal of asbestos from the courtroom was done in conjunction with construction on Room 104 in the law school, one of the largest rooms



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut
Construction continues in the Law Building as workers lay framework in the courtroom on Monday afternoon.

in the college. Hasko said this work had to be put on a "faster track" to be finished by Jan. 4, in time for the first day for law students.

Funding for the renovations came from the Idaho Legislature, the Department for Public Works and reserved money.

The Wheeler Room was also updated for distance learning classes last December. The room was filled with new flatscreen monitors, microphones, codecs and an annotator for "writing like John Madden," Hasko said. The College of Law has a recruiter in Boise for adjuncts to teach in this room from anywhere around the state.

"There are courses that we have to teach to prepare our students for the BAR and then there are courses students would like to take that we don't have the faculty for," Hasko said.

While the courtroom remains out of operation, Hasko said it is imperative that it be finished to facilitate students' education, which is only one of its functions.

"It's the major room in the building, that's for sure," Hasko said. "It's a very heavily used room, not just by the College of Law."

New law journal gets critical

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

Students interested in law will have a new forum for their thoughts when the University of Idaho College of Law publishes its new student-run journal, *The Crit*, this spring.

The *Crit's* editor-in-chief Kirstin Eidenbach, a second year law student, started the University of Idaho Journal of Critical Studies, or *The Crit*, last year as part of the Critical Studies Journal Club.

"(The club) spawned *The Crit*," said Michael Satz, associate professor of law and adviser for the student-run publication. "Kirstin wanted to start a journal and she wanted to learn more about critical studies."

Eidenbach applied to the UI student grant program last year and was awarded \$5,000 to begin the publication.

"I think the hardest part has been the logistical part of reaching out," Eidenbach said. "We've had really a fantastic turnout so far."

Satz said *The Crit* will provide insight into critical legal studies, which started in the 1970s and has branched into smaller disciplines that deal with topics such as feminism, race and sexuality. The intent of *The Crit* is to provide a venue for "a voice critical of things happening in the law and critical of the things happening in the world," Satz said.

The Crit will use a Web site for sound bytes, video and pictures to encourage information that isn't limited to a traditional law paper format, Eidenbach said.

"We're really trying to keep the dialogue open to as many voices as possible," she said.

There are nine students on *The Crit's* editorial board, a Web designer and outside technical designer. Satz said he is working on getting credit for the students involved. First year law students will get an opportunity to join *The Crit's* staff in the "Write On" competition. The competition gives students an opportunity to edit a politically and syntactically challenging piece and respond to a piece of critical literature.

The Crit is currently accepting submissions through its Web site, www.thecritui.com, and has received pieces from a student from Yale and professors from New York and Florida.

Satz said *The Crit* will not be limited to law students and encourages students and faculty across campus to pick up the first copy, which is expected to be out in early April.

"We want the journal to be multidisciplinary," Satz said. "You shouldn't think of the law in a vacuum."

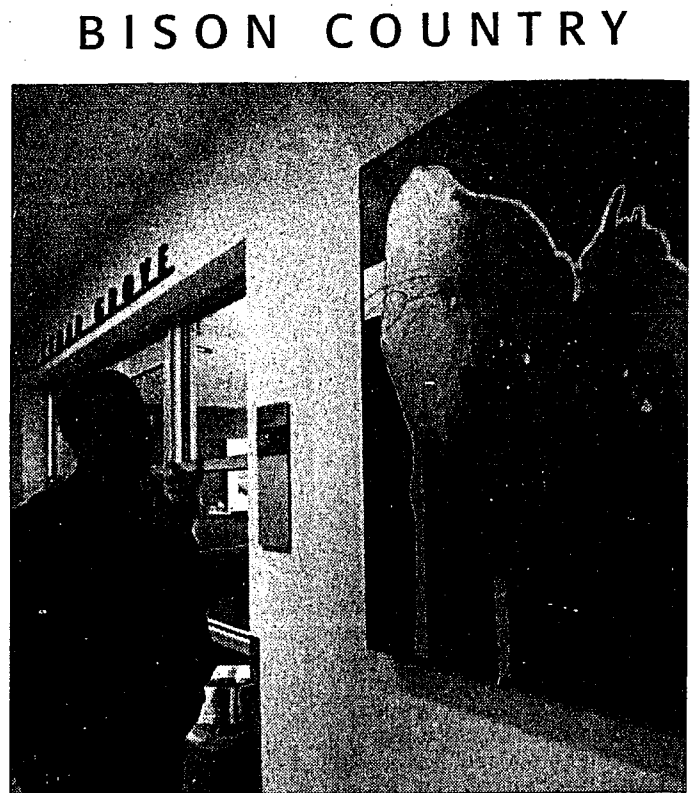
The first publication of *The Crit* will feature guest editor Pierre Schlag, a law professor from the University of Colorado Law School.

"He's very well known in the critical studies movement," Satz said.

Satz said *The Crit* will deal with critical legal studies in a way much different from most journals by not only assessing problems, but offering solutions.

"The crits just do this activity called 'trashing,'" he said. "The easiest thing to do in law is trash something."

The Crit is expected to come out once a semester, but Eidenbach said publications might grow to four times a year if demand increases. For information about *The Crit*, visit the Web site at www.thecritui.com or contact Eidenbach at keidenbach@thecritui.com.



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut
Ted Adams comments on the new artwork hanging in the Commons, "Where the buffalo roam, eh?"

Campus sees changes over Winter Break

New artwork in Commons among upgrades; Vandal Card office moves

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Students may have noticed some changes when they returned to campus last week. Among them are three new art installations in the Idaho Commons and a new Vandal Card Office.

The Vandal Card Office made a short move in the Student Union Building from behind the information desk to an office in front of Student Accounts. The space was formerly a student computer area.

"We've got it windowed off so it is an official office with our official name above the door," said David Yeamans, Vandal Card Office technical record specialist. "I'm just so stoked. Having our own turf is something that is great."

At the old location, people interrupted the Vandal Card area seeking information, assuming the entire area was part of the information desk, he said.

The previous Vandal Card Office being turned into a visitor center.

The office has the same hours as it did before, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Also during the break, three art pieces and a new clock were installed in the Commons.

The modern-looking clock was put on the south pillar of the food court. The five-foot wide clock is running but needs some adjustment, said Mark Miller, assistant director for facilities and operations for the Idaho Commons, TLC and SUB.

A large Idaho Vandals sticker needs to be repositioned above the clock to help create the wanted look

for the clock, Miller said.

The three art pieces bring an eclectic mix to different areas of the Commons. "Wise Walkers: Following the Wisdom" is on the third floor in the overlook lounge by the main elevator. The painting depicts mixed media, Miller said, and is by Charlene Martin.

The most visible piece is on the second floor by the Cedar Grove Room. "Bison Study" by Jim Nelson looks like a colorful modern art piece of an American bison, Miller said.

"But it is actually a Native American interpretive piece of art and it is very involved in its interpretation," Miller said.

The bison is in the shape of the continental United States.

"The more you look at it, the more you notice things," Miller said.

In the northwest corner a hump on the bison is representative of Mount Rainer, Miller said. The great lakes and Florida panhandle are also easily recognizable.

The third untitled work is a 13-foot welded piece by Dan Severns. It is a school of steelhead trout on the south wall of the Clearwater Room.

"It is a bunch of individual fish cut out of thin stainless steel," Miller said.

The different coloring of the fish was made by different welding torches.

A fourth piece is being commissioned and will be coming soon, Miller said.

The artwork was selected by the Idaho Commons and Student Union Advisory Board. The students on the art committee traveled to Coeur d'Alene to select the artwork from various galleries.



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OPINION

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008

Pet sense

College students are often labeled as being irresponsible when it comes to things like drinking and sex.

Every academic year there are stories and rumors about unplanned pregnancies and alcohol poisoning, but many students do not know about their bad reputation when it comes to pets.

While a cat or dog can be a great companion, pets don't always mix well with the college lifestyle.

Students often abandon pets that they can't take care of or drop them off at the Humane Society of the Palouse in Moscow. With more than 150 cats, the shelter is overwhelmed.

Students may think that a cat will be low maintenance, but they don't consider the cost of having it or whether or not their landlord will allow it with or without a large pet deposit.

Pets are a great addition to life. They are loyal and cute and it's nice to have something to take care of, but who are we kidding? Students are busy people who are not always home, apartment living is the norm and having enough money to even pay for themselves is a challenge — not exactly the life of a good pet owner.

Like everything else in life, you have to earn it. People go to college to get a good job. After that they earn more money. More money generally equals more, or more expensive, stuff, like a pet.

Having a pet just might be one of those things a person has to earn. They cost money and require time, space and the permission to be in that space.

Those are all things students are going to college to get.

This is not saying that some college students don't make great pet owners, but generally those are the ones who have really thought about it.

Being a good owner for a short period of time doesn't count. Pets aren't a disposable item.

Think about whether you will be able to take care of them over their lifetime.

Thinking about the next 10-plus years rather than just right now is necessary and dumping a pet is never acceptable.

Those dying to get a pet right away, but who might not be stable enough to take care of it right now, might want to hold off on a dog or a cat.

Maybe a fish or similarly low maintenance pet is the right way to go. They may not come to the door when you get home, but it's something.

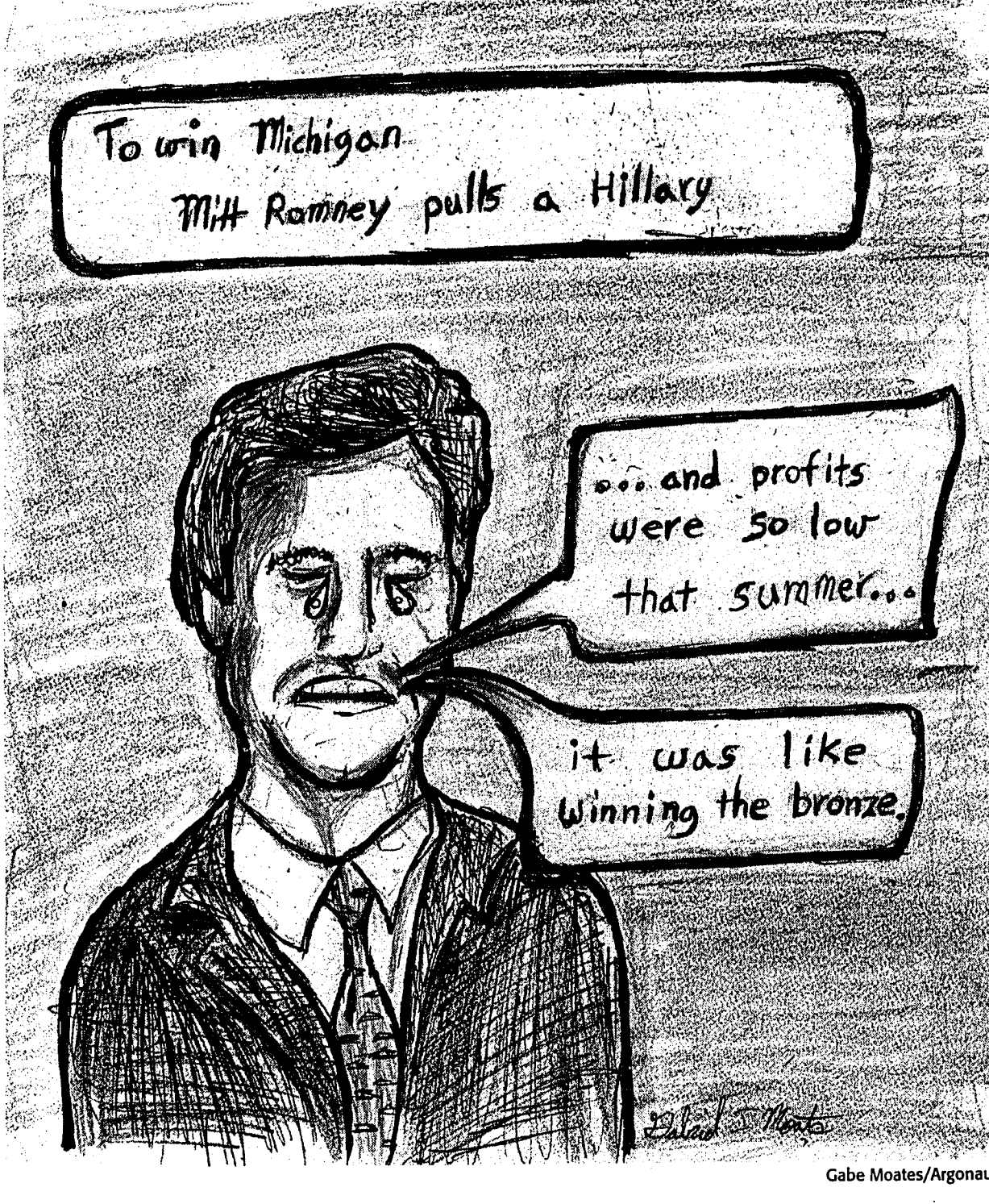
—RH

MailBOX

Shoot first, ask later

"Don't legislate my faith," written by Savannah Cummings, was particularly interesting, specifically her comment "... don't believe in abortion, don't have one." Is that like, don't believe in shooting baby-killing abortionists, don't shoot one?

Rev. Donald Spitz
Chesapeake, Va



Gabe Moates/Argonaut

TEEJOCRACY

Escalator to heaven

There are people in this world so stupid that they deserve everything that comes to them as a result of it. Including death.

I'm not saying we should get together and kill anyone we think is stupid. Stupidity is too subjective to mount a movement to eradicate it. I am saying we should continue to let stupid people weed themselves out of the genetic pool.

If we didn't, we wouldn't get to hear those funny Darwin Award-winning accounts of morons causing their own demise.

2008 might already have a winner. An as-yet unidentified man in California died from head trauma after falling several stories during a failed attempt at sliding down an escalator banister.

According to the AP, the man's friends said he "had been drinking quite a bit."

Who wants to take a bet that those friends thought it was cool just before the slider tumbled to his death? Somebody convince me they weren't a bit tipsy themselves.

This is a tragic and needless death and I feel for the man's family. Since he hasn't been identified, I have nothing to go on other than he had friends and parents.



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He may have been married. He might even have had children. I feel horrible for them.

I don't feel bad for the man himself. He acted like a child who doesn't know any better and paid the price for his actions.

The thing is, this could have been prevented. Count on seeing barriers on the escalators at the Hollywood and Highland complex where this occurred.

Expect a larger security presence there as well, making sure drunken idiots do not act like drunken idiots.

I'd be willing to wager that this wasn't the first stupid thing this man did.

I wonder how many times he was saved from choking on a marble. I wonder how many times he raced across railroad tracks to beat a train.

I contemplate just how many times this man tried the same escalator stunt sober and it went just fine. Him, gliding down the banister like a descending angel as his friends laugh and prod each other — you're next, no you are, you chicken — until they catch up at the bottom.

In a way, we as a society are partly responsible for this man's death. Not because we didn't put up the barriers, but because some of us, myself included, are laughing

about this situation.

We laugh at Johnny Knoxville and his "Jackass" costars every time they hurt themselves. We watch, waiting for one of them to bite the bullet. Raise your hand if you laughed at any joke about Steve Irwin after he died.

Not enough hands are going up. Stupidity isn't funny. It should be painful. That's the only way some people will learn not to be dumb.

And while the stairway to heaven leads up, sliding down an escalator will only land you in one place.

Don't take that to mean that all stupid people should go to hell. There are probably lots of people of lesser common sense hanging out at the pearly gates.

Just like there are lots of smart people in hell. Being a moron does not mean you can't be a good person.

For all I know, our escalator guy might be in heaven right now, chilling with Jebus, laughing together.

"Hey, we're glad you're here, but wow, dude, what a way to go."

"Thanks, Jebus. Hey, do you know if my grandma is here? I sure would like to see her."

"Um, yeah, about your grandma ... She didn't quite make the cut."

"Harsh, dude. Got any beer?"

"Sorry. Water and/or wine only." Just because you are stupid, doesn't mean you can't be happy.

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Comedy isn't pretty

I can try and try, but I can't make anyone else funny. Taylor Williamson, thanks for trying. At least I got out of the house for a night.

—T.J.

The power of rock

Though I have no discernible talent at guitar, drums or singing, I can rock with the best of them — provided the rocking takes place in front of the game Rock Band. My band has been together for a day, and we already have upwards of 100 stars and a whole mess of devoted fans. And I even managed to get 100 percent singing an OK Go song. So much rawk, and between school and work, so little time...

—Carissa

Oh happy day

On Sunday I took a step in the culinary right direction by purchasing the Moscow Food Co-op Cookbook. The best part about it is the recipe for carrot ginger soup, my absolute favorite creation from that place. Now if only I could figure out how to make the roasted veggie sandwich, I'd never have to go there for lunch again.

—Savannah

Back to the basics

I can understand that most educational systems don't teach people how to panhandle. Still, you would think that the basic protocol would be obvious. You know, like begging from people that appear to have more money than you.

My assumption proved incorrect when I was walking down the street and a young man stopped his decent-looking car to ask me if I had "a couple of dollars for (him), bra?" I was pretty shocked at first, not simply at the mockery he had made of freeloading, but that car-jacking suddenly seemed like a viable teaching tool. I refrained, however, and will simply say this: whatever you want to be when you grow up, even if it's a mooch, take a little pride in what you do.

—Alec

Great cook

I'm not trying to brag, but I have to say that my man is a great cook. I don't think I thank him enough for cooking every meal for me and expecting me to do nothing else but wash the dishes. I've cooked maybe a dozen times over the last four years. And he doesn't just cook for me, he cooks me amazing and new meals all the time. Yeah, he's pretty awesome.

—Ryli

Why do you punish me?

The new clock on the wall in the Idaho Commons is cramping my style. Not because it resembles two larger than life chopsticks or, depending on what time it is, random black shelving floating around up there, but because I still don't know how to tell time. I cheated my way through those time-telling workbooks in second grade and I've never looked back. Until now.

—Christina L.

Addicted to the chair

Possibly the best Christmas present has now become a painful vice. After receiving a back massager for my chair, I want to sit in it every chance I get.

The only bad thing about it is it leaves my back sore, and sometimes more tense, depending how I sit in it. So then it's back to the chair.

The gift that keeps on giving has me officially addicted to back massages.

—Christina N.

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Troy, get your dance on

Festival Dance brings new dance classes to Troy

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Festival Dance is undergoing an expansion to bring dance classes to Troy after receiving a grant from the Latah County Arts and Culture Committee.

Joann Muneta, the writer of the grant, has been working with Festival Dance since 1972.

"I believe in the benefits dance gives over the years. (Children) gain so much poise and self-confidence while becoming artists," Muneta said.

The grant will cover the first month of dance lessons with a \$15 registration fee.

"It is providing an opportunity to introduce students to classes," Muneta said.

Muneta said it is a chance to bring them into professional programs that they would otherwise have no exposure to.

"I'm just excited about the opportunities for young people," Muneta said.

Discover Dance has been teaching third and fourth graders in Troy for four years, but Troy as a community was interested in having more, Muneta said.

Cindy Barnhart, executive director of Festival Dance, said the grant is fulfilling part of Festival Dance's mission statement: "Bring arts to the people, people to the arts."

"We love to focus on rural communities," Barnhart said. "We believe rural communities deserve to have access to dance."

Barnhart said the people in Troy have wanted to get involved in dance, but it has always been too far to drive or too much of a time commitment to make it out to where dance classes were offered.

Festival Dance also focuses on employing artists and in this case, a UI student.

"It's a win-win situation to employ students to fulfill our mission," Barnhart said.

UI Dance senior Crystal Bain will be teaching the classes in Troy.

Bain has already been teaching jazz in Troy with Discover Dance and she said she is excited about this expansion.

"As a dance major, I really want to teach and this is an opportunity to really teach and learn more," Bain said.

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Amanda McGavin and Crystal Bain practice a dance routine. Bain will teach dance classes in Troy.

Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

In memory of MLK

Living Voices to perform "The Right to Dream: Share the Struggle" at the Hartung Theatre

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Diversity offices across campus and the community are taking the opportunity to remind locals about the importance of the past 60 years of struggle.

A series of annual events will commence this week, to offer a personal and detailed glimpse into the civil rights movement and human rights issues beyond.

"I think it's extremely important," said Leathia Botello, events coordinator with the Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. "When students graduate, they need to learn how to be global citizens; that the workforce won't necessarily be reflective of their small communities."

Community organizations, including the UI Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the UI Human Rights Compliance office, the Latah County Human Rights Task Force, CHEER, the City of Moscow and the City of Pullman have collaborated to produce the week's events.

"These offices do support many human rights issues," said event coordinator Andreen Neukranz-Butler. "We feel that Martin Luther King Day is one that sort of bleeds into all of them."

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the Hartung Theatre will host a multimedia presentation called, "The Right to Dream: Share the Struggle!" The event will be provided by the Seattle-based human rights awareness group Living Voices.

"They are a small group that does a fantastic job with the issues surrounding human rights," Neukranz-Butler said.

"Share the Struggle" is a stage interpretation of the story of Martin Luther King Jr. that interacts with on-stage video and photographs from the Civil Rights Movement era.

The presentation will be immediately followed by the Martin Luther King Jr. Campus Distinguished Service Awards.

The annual awards event has been traditionally shared with Washington State University, but will be held at UI this year to promote local turnout.

These five awards will recognize the efforts of faculty and students who have encouraged campus diversity over the past year.

UI language professor Irina Kappler-Crookston, Heather Kaye of the Native American Students Center, the MECHA organization and students Victor Mazo and Nanci Sandoval will all be recognized at the event.

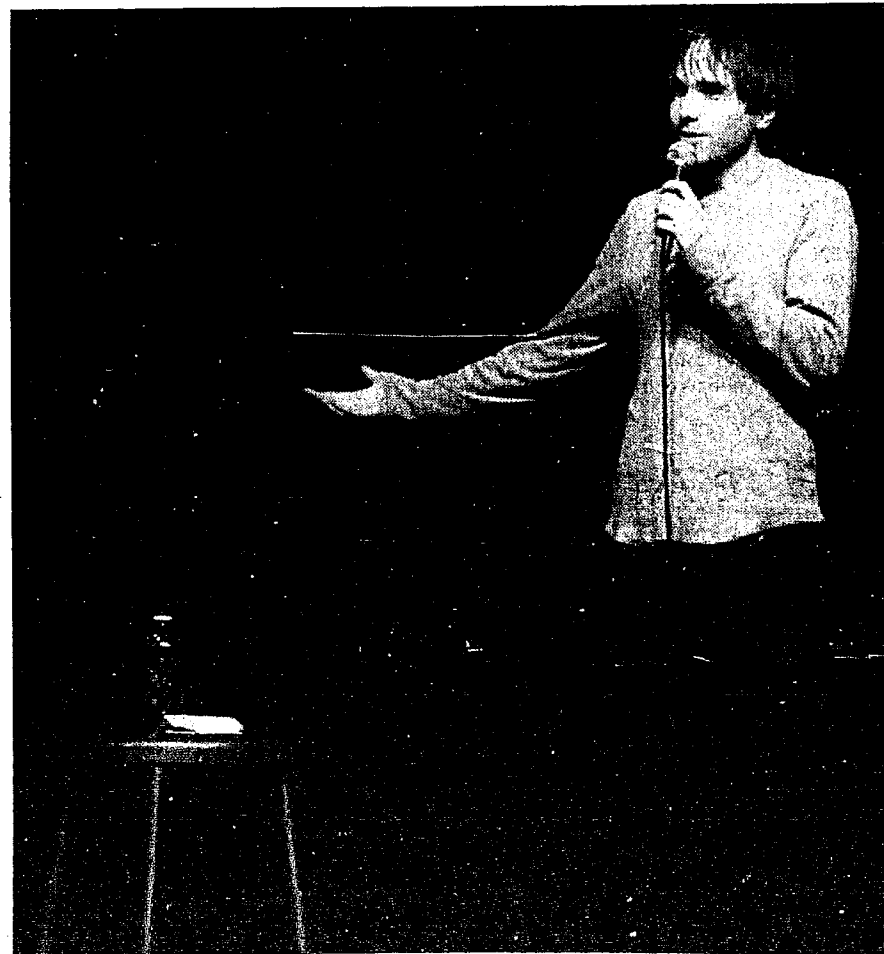
The University will also present "Eyes on the Prize, Episode four: No Easy Walk" at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 17, in the Teaching and Learning Center room 229.

The award-winning documentary on the civil rights struggle between 1961 and 1963 observes King's initiation of non-violent protest and his role in the movement.

"Episode four highlights the beginning of the movement with Martin Luther King," Botello said.

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LOOKING FOR LAUGHS



Karen Lu/Argonaut

Comedian Taylor Williamson performs in the SUB International Ballroom on Saturday, Jan. 13th.

Music in his bones

Local artist gets personal with latest album

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Moscow artist Charlie Sutton will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Eastside Marketplace on Friday to promote the release of his second album, "Milk Man's Son."

He said music is something in his bones and is simply what he does.

"It's something I have to do because I like to create with words and music," Sutton said. "I have to get it out."

Sutton said music is a hard business to grow into, but continues to work hard at it.

Growing up he wrote poems in math class and hummed tunes during P.E.

He sang in the choir in grade school, picked up the trumpet in fourth grade and later taught himself to play guitar.

At age 16, Sutton got serious about singing and playing so he moved to St. Louis where his uncle had a guitar shop.

After taking lessons, Sutton started a band called "Spud" with Moscow native Andy Myers.

That same year, Sutton had his first on-stage experience at The Focal Point, an Arts Center in St. Louis.

Sutton describes The Focal Point as a place where comedians, actors and even jugglers get 15 minutes onstage.

"It's a place where people would go to share their art, a casual environment where I could have had my guitar completely out of tune and people still would have clapped," Sutton said.

Since then, Sutton has returned to Moscow and recently released his second album, "Milk Man's Son."

Last Saturday, Sutton released his album at the Green Frog Café in Palouse.

He has upcoming shows at the Eastside Marketplace in Moscow this Friday and on Feb. 29, and also in Spokane and Couer d'Alene.

The album title is supposed to turn some heads, but Sutton said there is nothing particularly deep behind the title.

Kymerly Dahl, press relations assistant to Sutton, said this album is more intimate than his first.

"The first album tells narratives about other people. This album is much more personal," Dahl said.

The songs to listen for on the album, Dahl said, are "3 Words," "Tall Tale," "Hot Air Balloon" and especially "High Heels."

"High Heels" is really bluesy, a sort of jangly blues jazz influence with zippy lyrics that add a sense of playfulness," Dahl said.

Dahl said that Sutton puts effort into creating his music.

"There is a laid-back tone to his music, but the thought behind it is precise," Dahl said.

Also since returning to Moscow, Sutton appeared on NPR's Prairie Home Companion radio show.

Sutton's wife, April Sutton, who sings back-up on several of Sutton's songs, secretly put together a CD and sent it in to PHC.

Sutton found out he had made it onto the show only a week in advance.

"In the performance it was set up so you could hear a pin drop," Sutton said. "People were actually listening to me."

Dahl said it was the first venue where people sat and simply heard Sutton.

"It was an amazing experience (for Sutton) to have an audience appreciate and pay attention to his music," Dahl said.

Sutton has been steadily working on "Milk Man's Son" while also working full-time in the landscaping and horticulture profession.

He has taken time off to focus on his album, but plans on returning to outdoor work this summer.

"I like being outside," Sutton said. "It inspires me."

'Milk Man's Son' is udderly enjoyable

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

The CD case of Charlie Sutton's "Milk Man's Son" emulates the feeling given off by the album's art.

Imagine a guy, strumming on his guitar and trailing through fields full of golden rows of wheat, cows and sunshine.

Sutton's voice is melodic, pleasant and just takes listeners to that happy place with the cows.

Any listener who enjoys tunes by Jack Johnston, Ben Harper, or Josh Ritter, this is the CD for you.

Sutton's melodic coos and playful guitar twangs create familiar folksy vibes to cute and light-hearted lyrics.

While each song tells a story, the CD as a whole conveys a feeling of nostalgia.

From singing about drawing pictures in the sand, Robinson Crusoe and Meriweather Lewis, Sutton captures the spirit of the summertime, being young, or young at heart and traveling.

Anyone can listen to "Milk Man's Son" in the city and be transported to the beach or countryside.

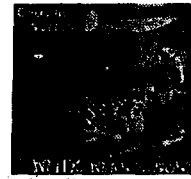
April Sutton, Charlie's wife, sings along on tracks eight and 10, adding a sweet sound to the already pleasant tunes.

The only negative thing about this album is how sleepy it can make listeners.

Try to avoid listening to it before, or while operating heavy machinery.

Half-way through the CD, the thought of lying in a hammock in the shade and listening to the rest of the album sounded amazing.

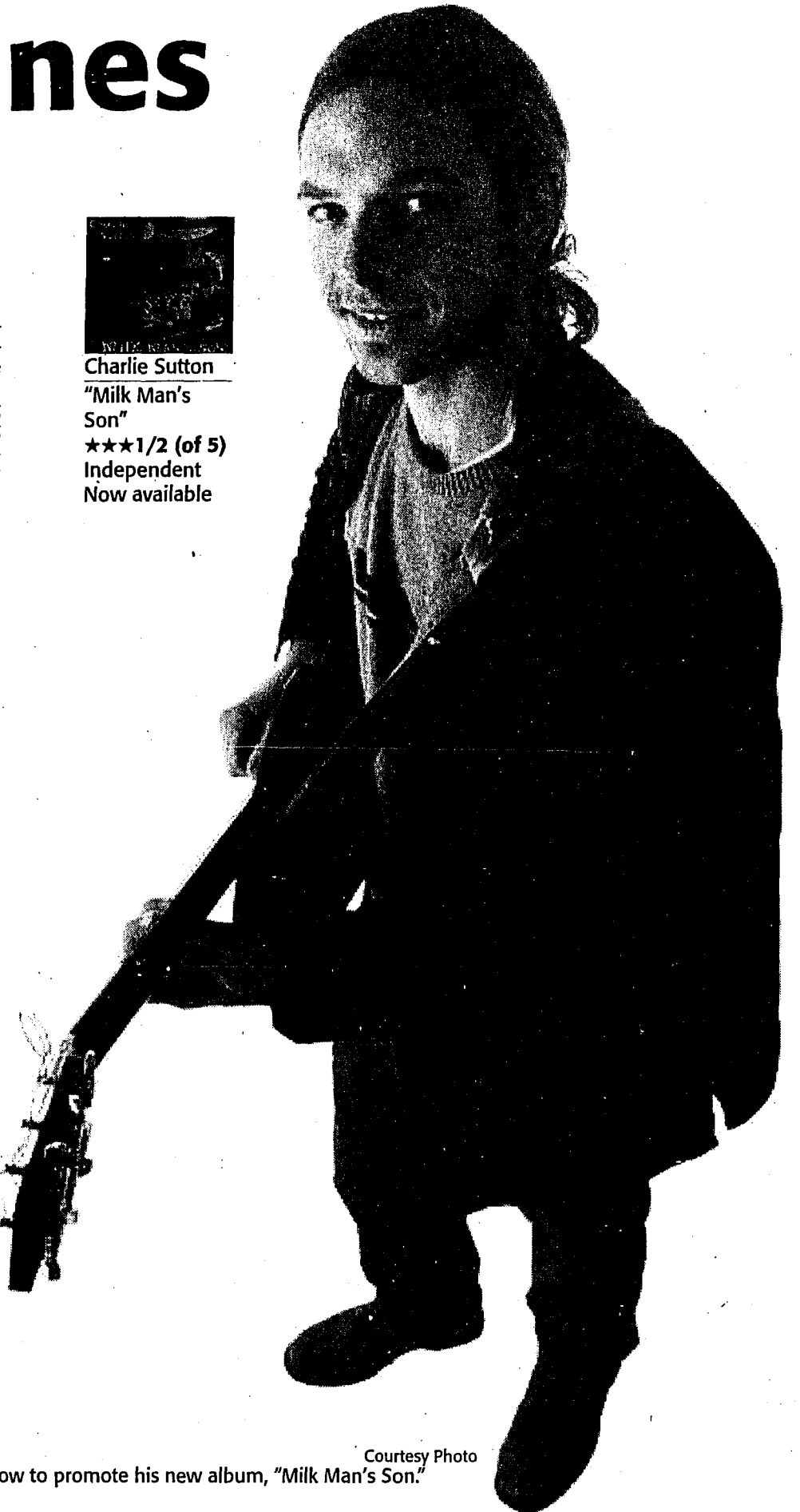
Although the songs sound very similar to one another, at least listeners can expect consistency.



Charlie Sutton

"Milk Man's Son"

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New games for a new year

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Topping off a year filled with classic video game titles like "Halo 3," "Rock Band" and "Super Mario Galaxy," it's time for another year full of hits and misses.

Which games will come out on top in 2008?

This year will bring returning favorites and all-new titles.

Here's a small list of some highly-anticipated upcoming games so you can get your thumbs ready for a brand new year of play.

'Super Smash Bros. Brawl'

- Platform: Nintendo Wii
- Scheduled release date: Feb. 10

Melee has finally arrived. Originally scheduled for release this past December, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" is the follow-up to the Gamecube's "Super Smash Bros."

Players will have the opportunity to choose from four different controller schemes, including the Gamecube controller, the Wii Classic Controller, the Wii Remote and the Nunchuck, or just the Wii Remote on its own.

What also makes "Brawl" different from its predecessors is the presence of third party characters like Snake and Sonic — something that hasn't been done in the previous games.

Also new to the third game in the series is a handful of new playable Nintendo characters, like Diddy Kong, Pikmin and Olimar, Zero Suit Samus and Wario.

'Army of Two'

- Platform: Xbox 360, PlayStation 3
- Scheduled release date: March 4

"Army of Two" will be an ideal first-person shooter for the gamer who doesn't like playing alone.

With much of the focus be-

ing on co-op play, the game also comes with a variety of different online multiplayer modes to choose from.

That way those who don't like playing alone never have to worry about going solo.

For those who favor playing by themselves, they can team up with the game's partner artificial intelligence, that way they always have a partner to help them complete missions.

Players are also given a lot of freedom when it comes to weapon and character customization, allowing each person to make their character meet their individual needs.

'Mario Kart Wii'

- Platform: Nintendo Wii
- Scheduled release date: April 30

One of the most popular games that was released for the Nintendo 64 was "Mario Kart," and now 11 years later, the newest version of the popular game series is going to be released on Nintendo's next-generation console.

"Mario Kart Wii" features not only the traditional go karts, but also specialty vehicles for each character and even motorcycles.

When this game is released a new Wii controller attachment is rumored to be released as well, this time in the form of a Wii steering wheel.

This game, just like "Super Smash Bros. Brawl," will take advantage of the Nintendo Wi-Fi Internet connection and allow players to compete online against others from around the globe.

'Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Las Vegas 2'

- Platform: Xbox 360
- Scheduled release date: March 11

When Rainbow Six Las Vegas was first released for the Xbox 360 in Nov. 2006 it received numerous positive reviews and was named one of the best games of 2006 and for the Xbox 360.

While this new title was just announced for a March 2008

release and not much else is known, Ubisoft is claiming it will be the same "Rainbow Six" game only with better graphics and features.

For fans of the first game, this one should be just as good if not better.

'Grand Theft Auto IV'

- Platform: Xbox 360, PlayStation 3
- Scheduled release date: April 30

This newest Grand Theft Auto title marks the first one released on an Xbox console, with all previous titles in the series being strictly for the PlayStation consoles and PC.

Since the first trailer was released last March many GTA fans have been waiting patiently for this title, especially since the release date has been pushed back several times.

Taking place in a redesigned Liberty City, the main character, Niko Bellic, finds himself in Liberty City pursuing the "American dream" but finds life isn't as spectacular as it was made out to be.

A game filled with a vast environment filled with different characters and items, GTA four will bring back the same game play old fans love with an all-new storyline.

'Spore'

- Platform: PC
- Scheduled release date: May 1

This summer Will Wright, the man responsible for "The Sims," brings the gaming community a whole new kind of game.

"Spore," which will be released on the PC, is a game that takes the player on a one-of-a-kind journey from a tiny multi-cell organism all the way to world domination.

Starting at the beginning of all life the player then has total control over what happens to their creature for the rest of their existence while fighting off predators and other creatures throughout the course of the game.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Vandals ranked 20 in preseason

Christina Lords
Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's track team is already starting strong — and most of them haven't even set foot in a meet yet.

The team was ranked 20th in the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association preseason poll released in December.

The poll is based on an anticipated finish at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 14-15.

The team will have the opportunity to begin the indoor season close to home as they'll travel to the WSU Open in Pullman Friday and Saturday.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said while the team strives for a national ranking every year, they don't let the added pressure get to them.

"It's always a team goal for us to be in the top 25," Phipps said. "Historically we've done a pretty good job of doing that, but we don't take it for granted."

Maintaining a national ranking throughout the season is one way to help achieve the team's other main goal — a conference championship, Phipps said.

Two major reasons for the preseason ranking is the large amount of returning athletes, including two critical throwers for Idaho.

Russ Winger enters the season as the top-ranked shot putter in the nation and Matt Wauters is ranked third in the 35 lb. weight throw.

Winger and Wauters earned All-America honors in their events during the last indoor season.

Winger is a two-time NCAA runner-up in the indoor shot put, and Wauters finished sixth last season in the weight throw with a school-record throw of 69-9/16.

Phipps said the whole team won't be competing this weekend, but Idaho athletes will make a showing in the "more technical events" such as the throwing and jumping events.

"Look to the throwers to start to get their feet wet," he said. "We've got top performers in many areas,

the deepest are our throwers for sure. But we have a well-balanced team and hopefully we'll start to see them score at conference level."

Winger said he doesn't consider national rankings as he's preparing for upcoming meets.

"It's nice to be on the board early," Winger said, "but during the time I've been here I've realized rankings don't really mean anything. I just want to continue to do what I've been doing."

The WSU Open is a good way for people to work out their "first meet jitters," Winger said.

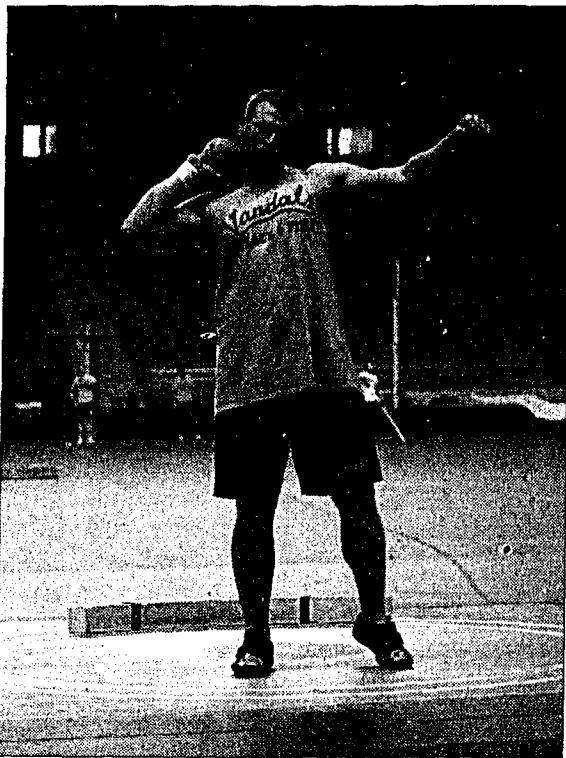
"It's nice to actually begin to look forward to a meet instead of just more training," he said.

The first meet of the season is an opportunity to work out technical aspects of each event, Phipps said.

"We learn from ever meet," he said. "We get to see how well things are actually working for us — what's good and what's bad."

A meet this early helps us narrow

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Jake Barber/Argonaut
University of Idaho thrower Russ Winger practices his shotput throw Monday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome.

QuickHITS

Did you know...

● Vandal basketball senior Lindsey Koppen's cousin, Dan Koppen, is the starting center for the undefeated New England Patriots.

● Idaho forward Mike Kale's father is a professional poker player.

● Vandal guard Trevor Morris' father played at the University of Montana with men's basketball's assistant coach Leroy Washington.

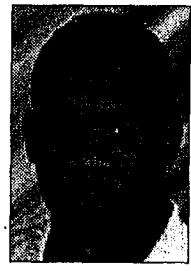
● Barrett Brown, Idaho guard for the men's basketball team, has three cousins that play collegiate football at UCLA, Fresno State and New Mexico.

Vandal Impact Players

Jordan Brooks
men's basketball

Brooks had the second double-double of his career as a Vandal with 16 points and 16 rebounds in Idaho's loss to

Fresno State on Saturday. Brooks shot 6-of-13 from the field and had three assists. The loss landed Idaho 1-3 in WAC play.



Katie Madison
women's basketball

Madison scored 19 points in the Idaho women's basketball team loss to Fresno State in Moscow on Saturday.

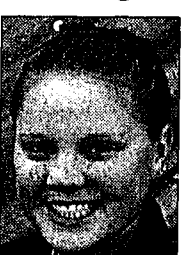
The sophomore shot 9-of-14 from the field and had five rebounds for the Vandals. The loss sunk the women to 0-3 in the WAC.



Adriana Quirke
women's swimming

Quirke kept the Vandal winning streak against University of Washington alive in the 200 back-

stroke. Quirke, a senior, came in with a time of 2:07.39. In the four year history of the renewed program, the Vandals have not lost the event. Quirke also turned in a fifth place finish in the 200 freestyle and swam the anchor leg of the winning 200 freestyle relay.



In action this week

Thursday
Women's basketball takes on the Nevada Wolfpack at 7 p.m. at Cowan Spectrum.
Men's basketball is in action against Nevada in Reno at 7 p.m.

Friday
Track and Field makes its indoor debut at the WSU Open in Pullman Friday and Saturday.

Briefs

The Student Recreation Center brought in over 1,000 cans of food in their Winter Break Food Drive.

The donations went to Sojourners Alliance in Moscow.

307 people received single day passes for the SRC for donating at least two cans of food.

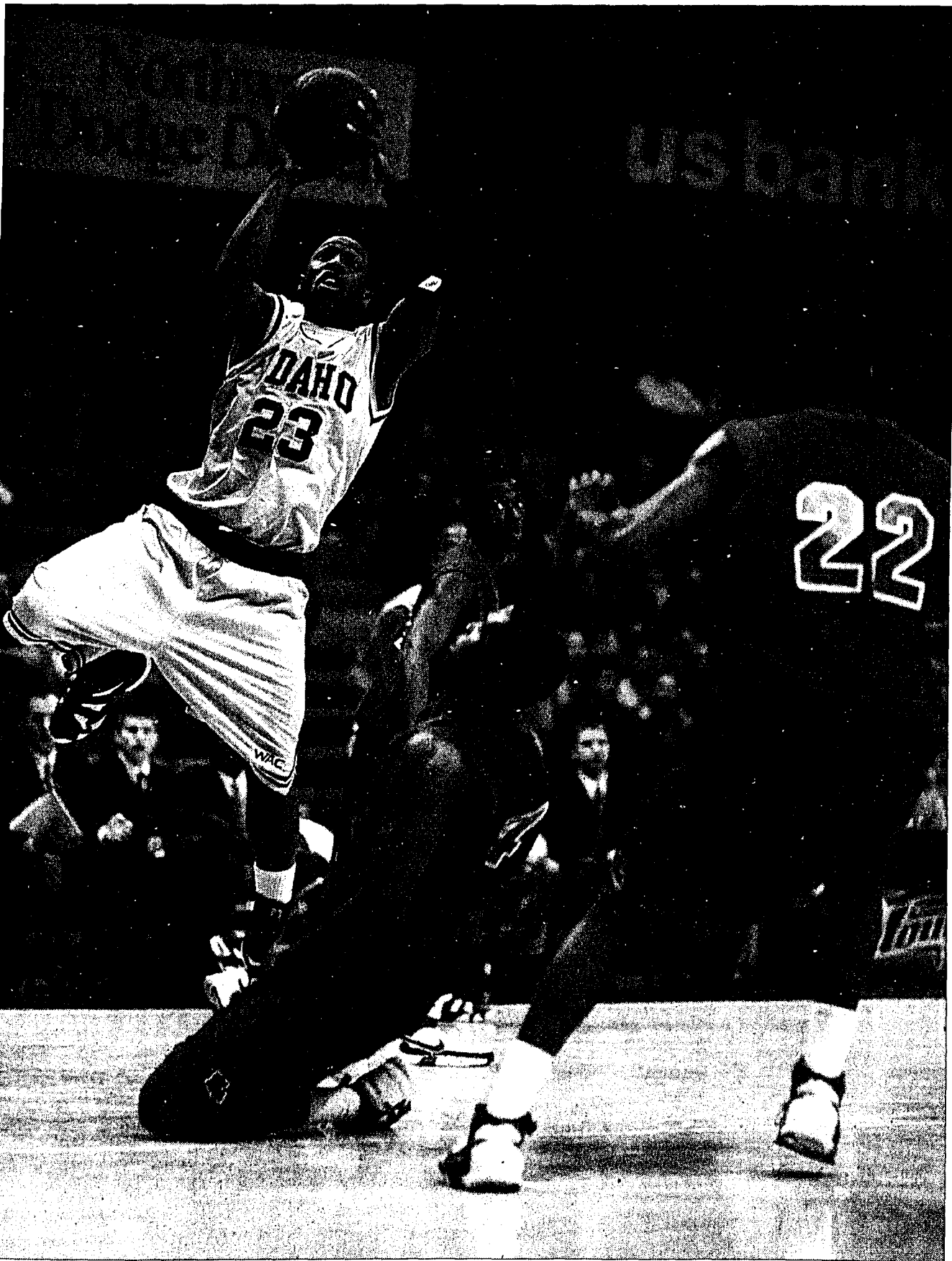
At the SRC

Tuesday
Co-Rec intramural volleyball entries are due.

Wednesday
Intramural basketball entries are due.

Co-rec intramural volleyball captain's meeting at 5 p.m.

BULLDOGS BOW DOWN



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Brandon Brown sails over Louisiana Tech's Adrian Rogers during Idaho's first Western Athletic Conference win of the season in the Cowan Spectrum Thursday night. Idaho fell to Fresno State 69-53 in their next game on Saturday, bringing their overall record to 4-11, and 1-3 in WAC.

Women fall to Fresno State

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

Despite controlling the tempo of the game in the first half, the Vandal women became the Fresno State Bulldogs' sixth win in a row, losing 68-59 on Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandals took off and led their way through the first half, keeping the Bulldogs to only four points after seven minutes of play.

The Vandal women shot 51 percent in the first half with 14-for-27 goals from the fields.

Katie Madison was the leading scorer at the half with nine points for the Vandals.

A great defensive effort was put forth by the Vandal women, forcing 11 turnovers out of the Lady Bulldogs while keeping themselves to only seven in the first period.

The Vandals came out ahead at the half with a 31-28 lead. It was only the second time this season Idaho led at the end of the first half.

Their previous halftime lead resulted in a win against Colorado State on Dec. 18.

The second half proved to be less successful for the Vandals. Fresno State came out strong and caught up early.

Only one minute in, the Vandals struggled to hold onto their lead at 33-32.

The Vandals ended up scoring only 13-for-30 in the second half.

"We panicked a little bit offensively and quit doing some of the things we were doing for too long a stretch of time," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said.

Just two Vandal women scored in the double digits, led by Madison with 19 points and five rebounds.

Yinka Olorunnife scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. Alana Curtis also added nine points

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Grant gives athletic trainers a pioneering opportunity

Andrea Miller
Argonaut

A team of University of Idaho athletic training students received a \$5,000 grant this winter from the UI's student grant program for their project on the "Effect of Augmented Muscle Training on Onset of the Quadriceps Muscle Group."

Amy Bresley and fellow seniors Candace Hillaker, Cortney Deardorff, Fred Spalding, Tim Nicoletto, KC Garcia, Monica Kraack and Zach McNair have been working on their proposal since October and found out shortly before the end of the fall semester they received the grant.

Bresley said the primary goal of the research study is to determine the effectiveness of electromyography biofeedback in retraining the muscle activation patterns of the quadriceps muscle group. An EMG machine measures a person's bodily processes such as heart rate, blood pressure and temperature.

"We are educating ourselves through research on EMG biofeedback," Bresley said.

The idea for the project came from the athletic training program director Alan Nasypany. Jeff Seegmiller is the faculty sponsor for the grant.

The grant money the group received

will be used to purchase an electromyography machine for use in Idaho's athletic training room. Bresley said before the group would have to borrow the machine from the education department. With the help of the grant, the trainers can now buy their own.

"An EMG machine reads electrical signals that your muscles put out during contractions," Bresley said. "It can measure intensity and timing."

The research will study two dominant muscles in the quadriceps group, the vastus medialis oblique and the vastus lateralis. The group hopes to determine which form of rehabilitation is the most

efficient in fixing the latency between the contractions the two muscles.

"With different knee pathologies it has been shown that the vastus lateralis, the one on the outside muscle contacts before the vastus medialis, causing knee pain," Bresley said.

Bresley and the group are awaiting approval from the Human Assurances Committee before they can begin their research on human subjects.

The group plans on using approximately 40 participants in four different groups to determine which form

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of rehabilitation is the most efficient. Participants are required to have been asymptomatic of knee pain for six to 12 months.

The four groups consist of a control group, an exercise only group, a verbal feedback group and an EMG biofeedback group. Three exercises found in clinical rehabilitation which the group will use are quadriceps sets, straight leg raises and 30 degree mini squats. Their plan is to determine the best rehabilitation on asymptomatic patients and eventually apply the research to help patients with knee pain.

After the group receives approval from the HAC, they will begin a two week period of research with their 40 participants. They will then compile the data, and make their assumptions and generalizations. They hope to compile it into manuscript form by the end of the year.

The group also plans to present their research at the Northwest Athletic Trainers Association conference in March.

"Seniors that are going to be graduating are required to present at (the conference) and it is usually topics the group is interested in or want to spread knowledge of," Hillaker said, "but this is the first time we've done a research project to present."

"And the first time we've ever seen one this in depth," Kraack added.

Bresley said the senior class



From left; Fred Spalding, Tim Nicoletto, Amy Bresley, Candace Hillaker, Zach McNair, and Monica Kraak. Funding from the UI's student grant program will help their group purchase equipment to study the quadriceps muscle group.

is typically five to seven students and some have been known to break up and do different projects. But in this case, she said it will be helpful to have involvement from the entire group during the research process because of the size of the participant group.

Their schedules are fairly alike, having the most of the same classes and similar hours in the athletic training room.

"Sometimes it's hard (in research groups) to get everyone's schedule to fit together and where we are all here (in the athletic training room) at the same time, so it will help," Hillaker said.

The familiarity between the group members, spending an extraordinary amount of time together in class and in the training room throughout the past three years will be beneficial.

"It makes things a lot easier because we're not afraid of each other, we can tell each other more honest things," Nicoletto said.

Spalding said the EMG biofeedback is something they have learned about in classes but with the grant and is excited for the research.

"We will actually get the opportunity to use the machine and apply what we have learned," Spalding said.

SWIMMING

Strong senior showing doesn't lead to win

Idaho garners fourth straight win in 200 backstroke

Joe Lawrence
Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team received season bests from five seniors last Saturday in their loss to University of Washington 115 to 139.

Mallory Kellogg, Jojo Miller, Andrea Miller, Jodi Stratton and Adriana Quirke swam season best times, despite falling short to Washington. The Vandals recorded two first place medals with a win in the 200 yard freestyle team relay, through the combined efforts of Alyson O'Brien, Anna Humphrey, Mandy Stone and Quirke, with a time of 1:39.21, and also with Quirke's 200 yard backstroke win with a time of 2:07.39.

Quirke's win in the 200 yard backstroke marked the fourth straight year UI beat out Washington for first in the event.

"As long as I've been here, we haven't lost to Washington in the 200 back," UI coach Tom Jager said. "Kacie Hogan won the last three years, and Adriana swam great tonight."

The team didn't have a break over the holiday season, instead practicing in

Hawaii over Winter Break to maintain peak times.

"The seniors really stepped up," Quirke said, "a lot of the seniors did well because they have the experience of doing well when they're tired."

She said that raw experience in the sport gave the seniors a definite edge over others, helping them to perform even under harsh conditions.

"If you want good results at the end of the year, you have to train hard all year," Jager said. "These seniors who have been here for four years have become mentally tough, and that is why they swam better tonight."

"These seniors who have been here for four years have become mentally tough"

Tom
JAGER

UI swim coach

According to Quirke, the meet allowed the team to see what they need to do to improve, helping them focus on the small details like flip turns and starts in order to improve next month going into the conference championship.

The dual meet record doesn't matter come Western Athletic conference championship time, because when the championships start, the score is back to zero-zero, Quirke said.

The Vandals face Boise State on Jan. 26, in Boise.

"Boise State improved a lot since last year, we beat them pretty easily last year — they've gotten a lot tougher," Quirke said. "It's going to be a challenge."

Intramurals for everyone this season

Mark Morgan
Argonaut

The living group points competition is close heading into the spring 2008 intramural season, with Alpha Kappa Lambda holding a slim lead over Delta Chi on the men's side, and Kappa Delta edging Delta Gamma for the top women's spot, but the upcoming season will not be all about the living groups said Butch Fealy, the director of intramural sports.

The spring schedule has many standard sporting events that will count toward living group points, but over half of the scheduled events will not be counted for points. Some of these events are aimed at getting people who would normally not go to the Student Recreation Center to check it out, Fealy said.

Weekend cribbage and foosball tournaments are among the non-traditional sports that Fealy said he hopes will draw people who are not associated with a living group, but still want to compete.

"Foosball is a great way for some people to come out and showcase their skills, because team sports may not be everyone's favorite thing," Fealy said.

The intramural program has been looking into other non-traditional events for the future, Fealy said, with video game and other card tournaments at the top of the list.

There will also be traditional sports in the spring intramural schedule that will not be counted toward living group points. Co-rec events like basketball, ultimate frisbee, volleyball and soccer are all on the schedule, but will not be counted for

want to play INTRAMURALS?

Sport	Entry Deadline	Play Begins
Co-Rec Volleyball	Today	Monday
Basketball	Wednesday	Monday
College Bowl	Monday	Jan. 31
Indoor Soccer	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Singles Racquetball	Jan. 24	Jan. 26
Singles Table Tennis	Jan. 24	Jan. 27

points. Co-rec events are difficult to integrate into the points system, Fealy said, because fraternities substantially outnumber sororities.

Regardless of team affiliation, Fealy said that he is excited for the upcoming season and hopes that his staff has put

together a schedule that will benefit students of all interests.

China tough on Olympic food

Anita Chang
Associated Press

BEIJING — Food for the Beijing Olympics will be highly scrutinized and supplied only by approved companies, a Chinese official said Monday while reporting on recent efforts to keep harmful food out of the national supply chain and a crackdown on shoddy toy makers.

The product safety campaign that began in August surveyed 3,000 toy producers and led to officials yanking the export licenses of 600, said Pu Changcheng, vice minister of the General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

"Product quality and food safety are global issues," Pu said.

China launched the initiative — part public relations drive, part crackdown — after several countries recalled Chinese-made toys contain-

ing lead paint and other dangerous parts last year.

Pu said lax quality supervision was to blame for the companies losing their licenses, but gave no specifics. He also defended the safety record of Chinese toys, saying many failed safety standards due to design flaws or the changing regulations of importing countries.

The campaign has also focused attention on the country's chronic domestic food safety woes, particularly as Beijing prepares to welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors for the Aug. 8-24 Summer Games.

Past food scares have centered around fake milk powder that led to the deaths of at least a dozen babies and the use of the banned cancer-causing industrial dye Sudan Red to color egg yolks.

"All the food supplied during the Olympic Games must be produced by accredited

companies who have qualified for market access," Pu said. He did not elaborate on the requirements, but said it was the normal accreditation procedure for any Chinese food producer.

The food will be distributed from specially designated centers, and will undergo repeated inspections from production to consumption, he said.

During the recently concluded nationwide campaign, officials successfully curbed the use of nonfood materials or recycled food, and clamped down on the use of harmful preservatives and colorings, Pu said. Other progress included registering 98,000 food producers and stepping up efforts to create a mechanism to track food products.

But he said the country's many small food workshops remained difficult to regulate and often produced substandard food.

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Mitchell, Selig, Fehr to discuss steroids

Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bud Selig and Donald Fehr return to Capitol Hill on Tuesday, three years after a theatrical hearing where the baseball commissioner and players' union head were chastised for what lawmakers called a lax steroids policy.

Much has changed since then, including a toughening of the sport's drug-testing rules and penalties. But allegations about players' use of performance-enhancing drugs still hound baseball, especially since Roger Clemens was named last month in former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's report on the steroids era.

Mitchell will testify first before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, appearing alone, followed by Selig and Fehr, side by side.

Lawmakers can be expected to press all three on recommendations in the Mitchell Report, including a call for the major leagues to bring in an outside anti-doping test agency.

"The aim is to get the report straight from the horse's mouth, Sen. Mitchell," Rep. Tom Davis, who chaired the panel in 2005 and is now the ranking minority member, said Monday in a telephone interview.

"We're going to make news tomorrow. I don't think this is going to just be the stale same-old, same-old. I can't say anything else.

There will be some additional things coming out of this. And, of course, we'll hear from Clemens next month."

Unlike on March 17, 2005, Selig and Fehr will not share the spotlight with players. That was the day Mark Mc-

wire repeatedly said, "I'm not here to talk about the past," while Rafael Palmeiro pointed his finger for emphasis and told the committee: "I have never used steroids, period." Palmeiro was suspended by baseball later that year after testing positive for a steroid.

This time, the committee plans a Feb. 13 hearing with Clemens and Andy Pettitte — two of the more than 80 major leaguers named by Mitchell — and their former trainer, Brian McNamee.

Clemens' lawyer met with committee staffers Monday to begin discussing under what format the seven-time Cy Young Award winner might answer questions before testifying under oath next month. The committee wants the witnesses to take depositions.

"We agreed to continuing talking," said Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin. "It was a very pleasant meeting. They were courteous and open-minded."

McNamee told federal prosecutors and Mitchell that he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone; Clemens has repeatedly denied what amounted to the most sensational allegations in the Mitchell Report.

Neither Clemens nor Mc-

Namee has testified under oath.

"I don't think there's any question that Roger is going to appear before the committee, and that he'll be out there before the full lights, answering questions," Davis said. "It's in everybody's interest that you sit down and talk before that, in one form or another, but we're still discussing that with him."

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responsible to look into drug use in the sport.

Fehr might expect tougher questioning.

"The players' union needs to be very careful and keep in mind we're talking about the integrity of the game," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat. "If they do not act now, I don't know when they're going to act. We have now been provided with information that says that we do have a problem, some of it systemic."

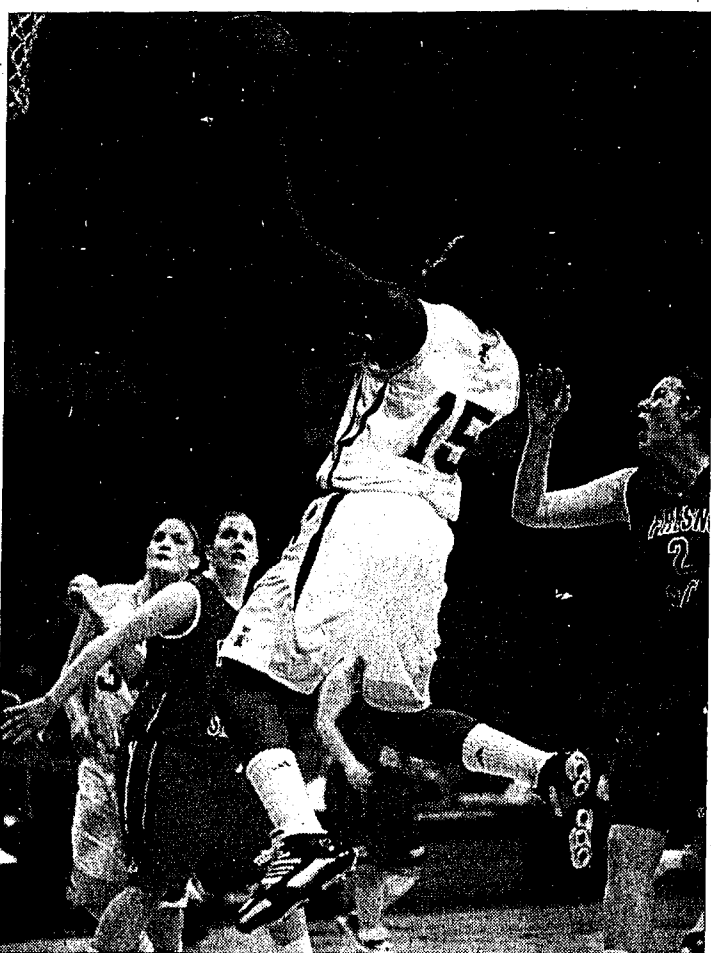
Management and the union will be pressed about

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down what we need to continue working on for the remaining year."

The track and field team will see its first home action Feb. 1-2 at the McDonald's Collegiate at the Kibbie Dome.



Perry Hanson/Argonaut
Yinka Olorunnife soars towards the basket during the Idaho loss to Fresno State in the Cowan Spectrum Saturday evening.

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in the loss.

Although the women lost, Divilbiss recognized it as a growing experience.

"I really think that athletics exposes, reveals and builds character and you find out what you're really like when it's tough," he said. "I'm really proud of the kids and the attitudes and efforts they were displaying."

Fresno State ended up shooting 44 percent overall for the win.

Tierre Wilson was the high scorer for the Lady Bulldogs with 22 points and eight rebounds.

LaShaunte Stephens was next with 12 points and Jaleesa Ross added 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Although this game brings the Vandal women's record to just 1-14 — 0-3 in Western Athletic Conference play — Divilbiss is still looking up.

"The kids played really hard," Divilbiss said. "They really stuck to the game plan and they worked hard. You can see a bright future for us. You really can."

McFadden to enter NFL draft

Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

An NFL draft rich with running backs has a new star at the head of the class: Darren McFadden.

Runner-up for the Heisman Trophy the past two seasons, McFadden announced Monday he will skip his senior season at Arkansas — along with speedy backfield mate Felix Jones.

Wide receiver Mario Manningham (Michigan), linebacker Curtis Lofton (Oklahoma), cornerback Victor Harris (Virginia Tech) and quarterback Xavier Lee (Florida State) were other notable players who revealed they are turning pro. The deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft is Tuesday.

Meanwhile, two-time All-America linebacker James Laurinatis said he'll stay at Ohio State for his senior year.

After twice finishing second in Heisman voting, McFadden figures to be one of the first players taken in the April draft. He and Jones join an impressive group of junior running backs available that includes Texas' Jamaal Charles, Clemson's James Davis, Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall, Rutgers' Ray Rice, West Virginia's Steve Slaton, Central Florida's Kevin Smith and Oregon's Jonathan Stewart. Matt Forte of Tulane and Mike Hart of Michigan are two of the top seniors in the draft.

"I just want to go play in the NFL," McFadden said. "Whether I went No. 1 or dead last, it'll be the same feeling for me."

McFadden ran for 1,830 yards in 2007, second on the Southeastern Conference's single-season list. He is also second on the career list with 4,590 yards rushing.

McFadden rushed for more than 1,000 yards all three seasons at Arkansas. Jones did it the last two. They were part of a backfield that also included senior fullback Peyton Hillis, another NFL prospect.

McFadden's decision comes a week after he was involved in a "pretty rowdy scene" at a piano bar in Little Rock, when he was handcuffed by police

and then released without charges. In the summer of 2006, he severely injured his toe in a fight outside another club, but recovered in time to play in the season opener.

It was during 2006 that the Razorbacks began using McFadden in the shotgun at quarterback — he could run, throw or hand off to Jones.

McFadden spoke first at a joint news conference Monday. Then it was Jones' turn.

"I guess that'll be the last handoff from D-Mac," Jones joked.

This season, the Razorbacks lost their first three SEC games but rebounded late. They beat then-No. 1 LSU in the regular-season finale. McFadden ran for 206 yards and three touchdowns and threw for a touchdown in Arkansas' triple-over-time 50-48 win.

"When I was growing up, I dreamed of playing for the Razorbacks," McFadden said. "Now, the time has come for me to pursue another dream of mine — playing in the NFL."

Manningham also confirmed he will skip his senior season, saying he will work out in Cleveland while preparing for the draft.

"It was a hard decision, but after discussing it with my family it was the right one for me to make right now," Manningham told The Associated Press while driving home to Ohio. "I've heard I will be drafted in the first round because of the lack of depth at wide receiver."

Manningham is a potential first-round pick after catching 72 passes for 1,174 yards and 12 touchdowns this season. He also rushed 19 times for 119 yards and a score, earning second-team All-America honors.

The 6-foot, 178-pound Manningham had 65 receptions for 1,136 yards and 15 touchdowns during his first two seasons with the Wolverines. Fellow Michigan wideout Adrian Arington also passed up his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL draft.

Lofton, the Sooners' leading tackler last season, is the team's second junior to declare for the draft this year, joining receiver Malcolm Kelly.

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