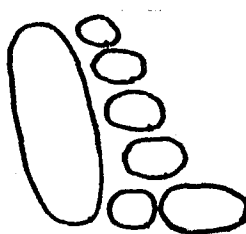


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More than blues

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

The last time Ren tried to commit suicide, he had the barrel of a .44 in his mouth. But the gun misfired. "You think that would have led me to find God. It didn't," said the junior general studies major, who asked not to be called by his real name. While clinically diagnosed with depression more than a year ago, Ren said he has been dealing with depression since puberty. His mother, sister and grandmother also have depression — he said he couldn't run away from heredity. "Living with depression every day of your life is like living with a sword of Damocles over your head," Ren said. "Depression is an entirely different state of mind than anything else. I was actually so depressed until I'd gone to counseling that I'd become sociopathic." Sociopathy is a type of antisocial personality disorder where a sufferer can adapt or pretend to assimilate into his environment by constantly lying to himself and others.

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Steel House tests its mettle

Women's cooperative needs 25 members to return to UI

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

The Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house may be just the kind of shelter the homeless women of Ethel Steel House need. It offers a kitchen, bathrooms, a large living room and it is only a block away from the Idaho Commons. There is one thing, said Steel House President Sara Cooke, that they won't be needing.

"We don't want to sleep on their mattresses," she said before former Steel House members Wednesday night. The group gathered at the Phi Tau house to determine the feasibility of moving in next fall.

Steel House, a women's cooperative at UI, shut down its original building last spring due to a failure to meet safety codes and the high costs of renovation. Steel House is now working out an agreement with Phi Tau, a fraternity that disbanded due to low membership numbers.

"It was about six guys or seven, and all but three were about to graduate," said Bruce Pitman, vice provost of student affairs, who is working with students to reassert the presence of a women's cooperative at UI. "There wasn't any good party story that threw them out."

The meeting was held to discuss the terms for moving into the Phi Tau house. Discussed at length was the need to recruit new members. Pitman said for the Steel House to come back it would need at least 25 members.

"If (each of) you just found one, we would have 24," Pitman said. "It's you that is going to make Steel House come back. I just feel very strongly that there is a special place for a women's cooperative here."

Pitman and Cooke led the women of Steel House in a round of applause for their new adviser, Del Hungerford, an alumna from 1981. Hungerford helped plan the re-establishment of Steel House on campus and will secure a cook and work on the financial aspects of starting over.

"Basically, anything that the dorms provide, we think we should provide for you," Hungerford said at the meeting.

Joining the meeting were alumna from as far back as 1961 who formed a Steel House committee. They will conduct the fundraising necessary to begin moving into Phi Tau. This will include new furniture and covering costs until students can pay their down payment. They project they will need to raise \$15,000.

"I'm here to hear what's being proposed,"

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Forum shows real emotion about Darfur

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

It's a nightmare. Images of battered bodies flash across the screen, bruised and covered in blood. Tear-stained faces delve into countless accounts of torture, horrifying stories that would rile even the heartiest of viewers. Even worse, it's not just a movie — it's a daily occurrence.

Since the Darfur genocide began in 2003, there have been an estimated 400,000 deaths and 2.5 million people have been forcibly displaced.

People lined the walls of the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre Tuesday, a mass of shocked expressions as Darfur refugees Mohamed Abdelrhman and Ibrahim Musa Adam shared their personal stories during the University of Idaho Martin Forum "Voices from Darfur."

Adam began his lecture by addressing the audience with sweeping thanks.

"I believe this number of people makes us strong," Adam said. "I believe the people of Darfur are not alone because you are here and your concern is going to help my people."

Adam and Abdelrhman have been holding lectures around the country. Adam said when he first began, there were 50 other Darfurians traveling the country, spreading their stories. Today, he said this number is no more than 10. Both Abdelrhman and Adam agree the people of Darfur have lost hope in their situation.

"They don't have any confidence," Adam said.

Darfur is a western chunk of the Sudan about the size of France. The people of Darfur commonly characterize themselves as either African or Arab, causing disputes over

stop the GENOCIDE

Get involved. Visit savedarfur.org to get started. For information about student groups on campus contact the Martin Forum at martin@uidaho.edu.

land and water use. For years tribal councils had easily remedied these arguments.

In the 1980s the Sudanese government eliminated the councils, replacing them with government programs. Since Arabs dominated those government positions it became clear, when a dispute arose, which side would be victorious.

The change sparked controversy, giving birth to a rebel force called the Sudan Libera-



Mohamed Abdelrhman and Ibrahim Musa Adam answer questions about Darfur at the Martin Forum held at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday.

tion Army. To still the rebellion, Darfur President Omar al-Bashir began using militia forces, however, Al-Bashir did not use his own troops. Instead he used

Arabs from around the world known as the Janjaweed, a term meaning "those without place."

Al-Bashir's plan backfired and his retaliation fueled acts

of violence. Al-Bashir's own plan grew as well, escalating to an extermination of all African

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on the WEB

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Spring Break, y'all, Spring Break. Enjoy it while it lasts. This is the official downhill slide for seniors, the last nine yards, git-r-done.

Now is also the time that you should have all your internship applications turned in — or job applications, if need be. So let's talk summer, shall we?

Will you be spending the next six

weeks planning your classes for next year or planning your future? Moving on or staying put? Go to www.uiargonaut.com and vote in the new poll.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let's go back to this Spring Break thing. We know some of you will get wild and crazy, possibly even drunk.

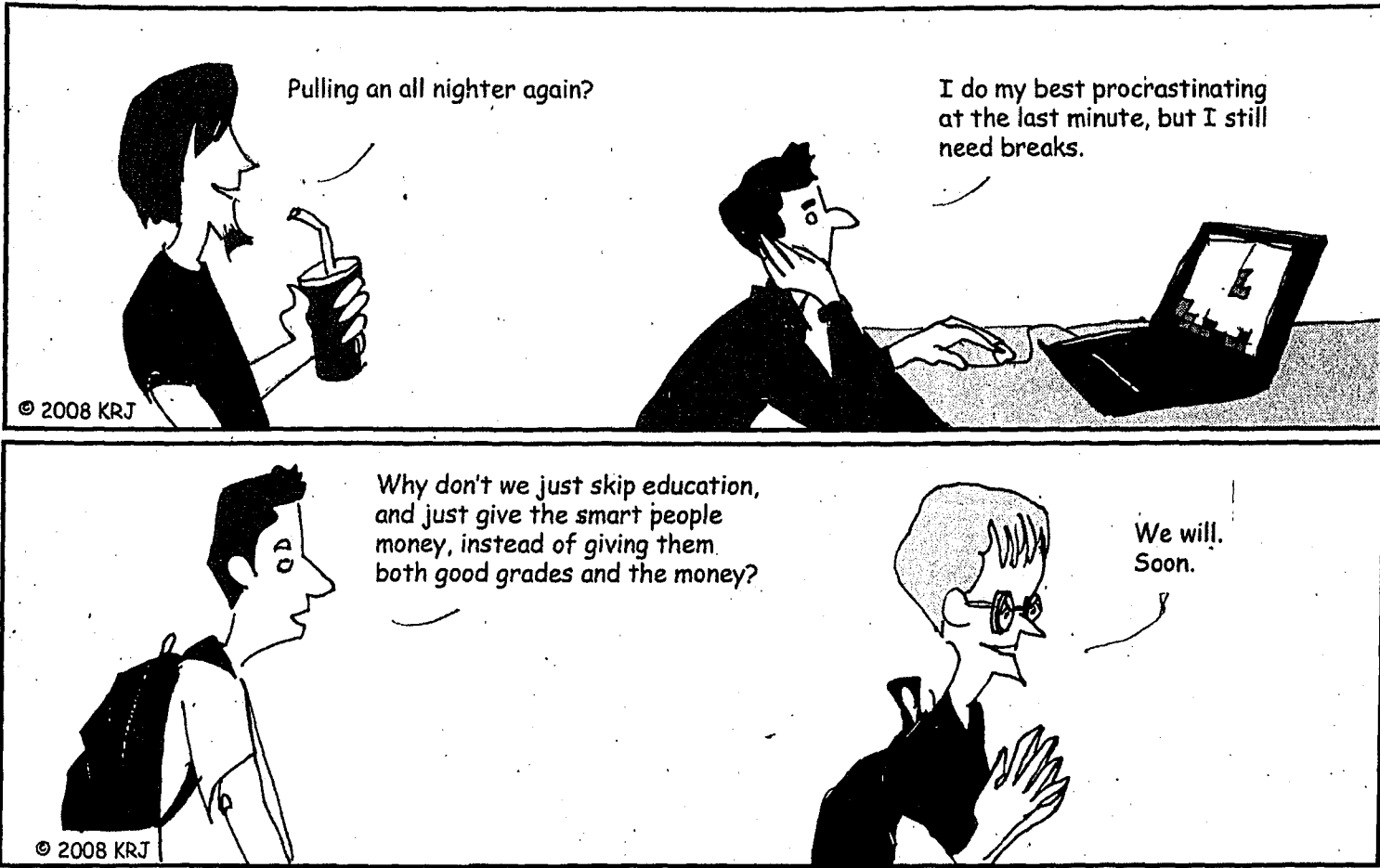
If you think you'll have the craziest

Spring Break photo or video, send it our way and we'll post a link to it on our blog along with your best Spring Break stories.

Guy in a Monkey Suit and his handler have to pack up for their break travels, so they'll see you when they get back. They might be still covered in St. Patty's Day green.

People We Know

by K. Ray Johnson/Argonaut



BEYOND THE SHEETS

Going wild, not dumb

With much excitement we are nearly upon Spring Break. I am sure many of you are looking forward to a week without school where you can lounge about, sleep in, and not worry about classes (at least not quite as much). Several of you probably have fantastic vacations planned going toward the warmth and sunshine, visiting wonderful places covered with warm sand, gentle breezes and amazing swimming. Vacations and traveling are both exciting things but there are some things to keep in mind during your adventures.

have condoms easily and quickly accessible. Buy a box, take them out of the package and slip the wrapped condoms into your carry on. I recommend the carry on in case your luggage gets lost. This way if you are traveling to see a significant other and you want to have sex as soon as you get there, you will have condoms available even if your luggage is lost en route. As always, I do not recommend Trojan because of the high failure rate. Instead, look for Durex, Life Styles, or Atlas. All of these are reliable condoms.



Chris Bidiman
Sex columnist
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For those of you wondering, you can pack adult toys in your luggage, even if you are flying. Yes, there is a possibility of airport security going through your luggage, but remember that if your toy goes missing en route, you can bring charges against the airport. If you are really concerned about it being stolen, you do have the option to pack it in your overhead, but that may be a bit trickier and/or uncomfortable for you when going through airport security. I highly suggest packing the toy inside of its own plastic bag. Mainly this is in case you do not get the chance to wash it before you return home. Speaking of that, do not forget to pack some toy cleaner. It is only about \$5 and operates in a "spray on and let air dry" principle. It is very simple and just makes sense. In case you do forget, you can use a mild anti-bacterial soap, lather the toy, rinse off and let air dry. This will wash it, but I suggest the toy cleaner for better sanitation. Besides, if you are going to own adult toys and play with them, you might as well invest in some cleaner. Do not forget to take the batteries out first.

Be careful if you are going to try and join the "Mile High Club." Remember that the barriers to the airplane lavatory are not sound proof and the cubicles are small themselves. If you want to be brave and give it a shot, be cautious. The one suggestion I will give is to try and use the lavatory at the rear of the airplane versus the front. Fewer people will see you both sneak into the rear lavatory. Also, beware of turbulence.

This suggestion is partial pet peeve as well as advice. Do not make any adult movies during your adventure, especially if you are intoxicated. If you want to make an adult movie during your life, that is just fine, but agreeing to do so while intoxicated is not a good idea.

Also, video companies such as "Girls Gone Wild" deserve to be avoided. The sex appeal is not that fantastic and you will most likely regret it. Plus, "fake lesbians" are not sexy. If you want to act on homosexual tendencies, do it when you are both sober and not being videotaped. Do not experiment when you are both very drunk and being videotaped. I say this for a couple of different reasons. One being that "fake lesbians" bother me. Personally I would much rather see real lesbians enjoy each other over "fakers" doing it to get the attention and shock value. Another reason is that when two people experiment during sobriety, they can make a decision about how the experience was for them, whether pleasurable or not. When drunk, a lot of the experience will be forgotten and that is unfair because a lot of the enjoyment may be lost.

Pack the lube. If you are planning or hoping to have sex while on Spring Break, be prepared. If you do not have some at your house, go and buy a small bottle, or what you think is the appropriate size based on your plans. I would recommend getting a bottle with a snap top, such as ID Glide, versus something with a pump top, such as O'My. Your trip may quickly become less enjoyable if you get to your final destination and all of your clothes are covered in lube caused by a pump top.

Final advice is to remember you are not the only person to have ever boarded an airplane with all of these supplies. Nor will you be the last. Take a breath, give them your boarding pass and relax. The airline will not judge you if you have lube in your luggage. Besides, they cannot pinpoint your luggage to your face.

Since this is a liquid you will run into problems taking this as a carry on. You can pack lube in your luggage and it should be just fine. Here again I recommend putting it inside of its own zippered plastic bag. In case the lube happens to leak, it is better to have a lube-filled bag than lube-soaked clothing. If you are really concerned you can invest in several pillow packs (small sample sized packages of lube). Again, put them in their own bag, but that is another option for you.

Have fun, be safe and happy break.

Pack condoms. If you are planning or hoping to have sex, you need to

Correction: last week I mentioned recipient condoms, they are in fact made of polyurethane, not latex.

Correction:

In Tuesday's edition of the Argonaut, Cam Stefanic's name was misspelled in the article "Nationals bound." We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

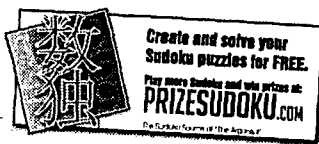
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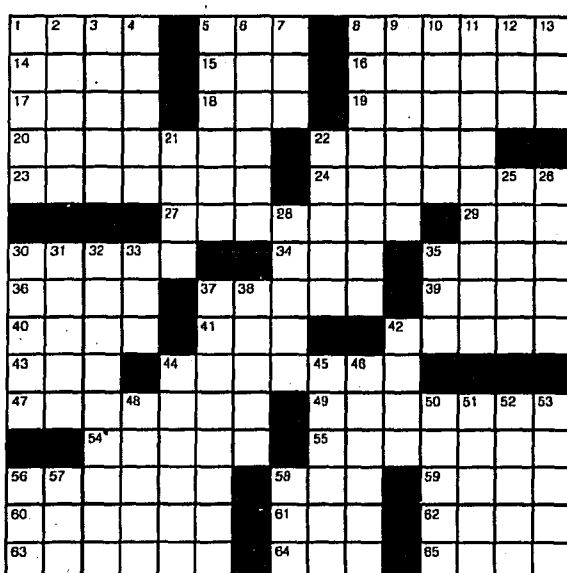
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



CrosswordPUZZLE

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- 1 Dundee girl
 - 5 Rink legend
 - 8 Bobby
 - 14 Old sailor
 - 14 Component piece
 - 15 Canadian prov.
 - 16 Dawn goddess
 - 17 Old Italian money
 - 18 Actor Hunter
 - 19 Quick-witted
 - 20 Kitchen tool
 - 22 Hag
 - 23 Makeshift baseball field
 - 24 Series of boat races
 - 27 Someone
 - 29 Cobbler's tool
 - 30 Switch track
 - 34 Nocturnal hooter
 - 35 Count calories
 - 36 First-rate
 - 37 Toss back and forth
 - 39 Butter substitute
 - 40 Small child
 - 41 Ship's diary
 - 42 Experiments
 - 43 Actor Wallach
 - 44 Malayan wraps
 - 47 Orthodontist, for one
 - 49 Error removers
 - 54 Greek letter
 - 55 Relate
 - 56 Divide or cling
 - 58 Exclamation of triumph
 - 21 Thin strip
 - 22 Throng
 - 25 Chirping sound
 - 26 Choir members
 - 28 Drum type
 - 30 Filled to satisfaction
 - 31 Authority on card games
 - 32 Most cruel
 - 33 Born in Marseilles
 - 35 Unknown John
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 - 44 Lone Ranger's mount



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- 45 Brother's son
- 46 Thick lubricant
- 48 Make fun of
- 50 Spirited horse
- 51 Ahead of time
- 52 Dishwasher cycle
- 53 Slammin' Sammy
- 56 Letters for auditors
- 57 Vegas
- 58 First mate's agreement

Campus Recreation

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Forms Due: 3/3
Play Begins: 3/19
- Co-Rec Basketball**
Forms Due: 3/4
Play Begins: 3/19
- 4 on 4 Volleyball**
Forms Due: 3/3
Play Begins: 3/17
- Softball**
Forms Due: 3/4
Play Begins: 3/17
- Softball Official's Clinic**
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Campus Dining to add new meal options

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Kate Velden has been a vegetarian for three years, and it is far from easy.

"This cafeteria has no options for vegetarians," she said. "You can get cheese pizza, tofu bowl, a veggie burger or a veggie sub. ... Usually I go home for lunch."

But Velden was excited by the food prospects offered by Campus Dining at Tuesday's Food Show.

Products from local and regional vendors lined tables in the Clearwater Room while students and faculty sampled the dishes. Many of the options were organic, vegetarian and even vegan.

"This is actually really cool, it's nice to come in here and see all this free food. And it tastes so good," Velden said.

Dishes included vegan ravioli, curried tofu, spicy chai tea and Thai chicken soup.

Michael Donahue is the regional operations support manager for Sodexo, the University of Idaho's food service provider. He said the event was a response to the desires of students.

"People really want organic and it's understandable. This year alone we've seen so many recalls. People should feel comfortable about what they're eating," he said.

All of the vendors were from Sodexo approved distributors and most represented companies with a focus on sustainable practices.

Laura Spencer was a representative of the Truitt Brothers canning company. Serving an array of canned fruits and beans, she described the difficult certification process involved before her company was food alliance certified.

"Everything from how the food is grown and saved is considered, from the can to the ink on the labels. It's all environmentally friendly," Spencer said.

Sustainable practices were not limited to the vendors. People waited at the door to take plates and sort them in the proper compost bin. The plates and cups were recyclable, even the leftover meat would be donated to the Palouse Clearwater group for proper disposal.

Campus Dining approached UI's Sustainability

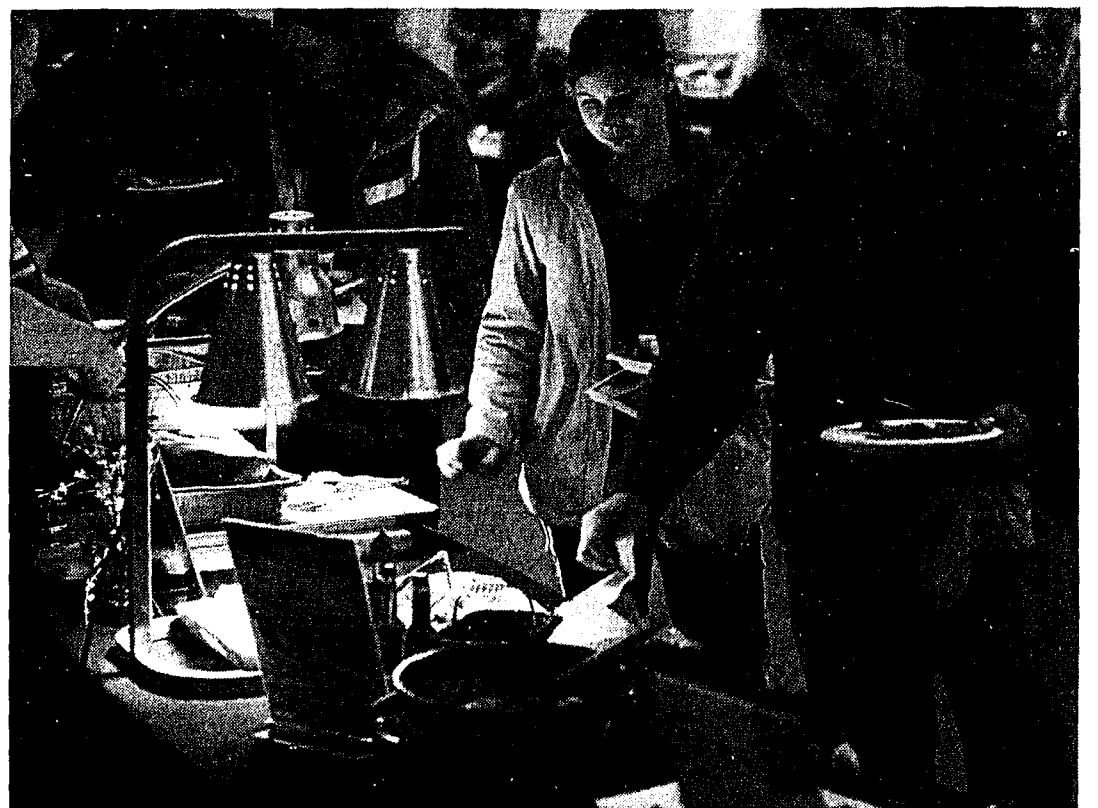
Center to help ensure that the event was as environmentally conscious as possible. Senior James Blakely, event planner and volunteer coordinator for the center, said he was pleased to see both the student responses and the dedication of Campus Dining.

"It's not just about what we're eating on, you'll notice that these vendors aren't from far away places, they're pretty local," he said. "It cuts down on the CO2 emissions involved with shipping ... It would be great if we could see people get in the habit of eating locally."

Also present were the Soil Stewards, a group that maintains an organic garden on campus that helps to supply produce for Campus Dining. The organization's president, Matt Smith, hopes to see future programs and believes that through the food show, food services sent the right message.

"Sustainability and organic go hand in hand. It's easier to see it all working together here ... I would like to see them keep it up," he said.

Students were encouraged to fill out surveys after they



Students curiously eye food served at the food show in the Whitewater/Clearwater Room in the Idaho Commons on Tuesday.

Tyler Macy/Argonaut

enjoyed the food to tell Campus Dining what they did and did not enjoy.

"We'll look through all of it and decide what we want to keep and we'll be paying at-

tion for any trends. I'm just glad to see so many people enjoying it," Donahue said.

MEET YOUR SENATOR

ASUI Sen. Schwisow travels to China

Liz Virtue
Argonaut

Sophomore Leah Schwisow is going to the Olympics this summer — not as an athlete, but as a volunteer for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Schwisow traveled to China for an Olympic training session earlier in the year and will return in August for the real event. She is excited for the trip, even though she will probably get stuck doing the work that no one else wants to do, she said. Schwisow and roughly 150 other students will live in apartments in Beijing, the second largest city in China, for more than two weeks.

"I am excited for the chance to travel abroad again, but am nervous about how many people will be there," Schwisow said. "Beijing is already a pretty crowded place and adding thousands of spectators to the city is going to be an interesting thing."

Another thing that makes her nervous is the language barrier, she said.

"I have been taking Chinese classes during this school year, so I am very much in the learning process," Schwisow said.

Regardless, Schwisow said she will make the most of the opportunity. She hopes to gain leadership experience but also wants to have fun and take in some of the Olympic games while she's there.

"I think every experience in life, great or small, prepares you for the future. It is choosing to see what lesson is laid out before you that can be the challenge," Schwisow said. "I think leadership skills and patience are going to be the things that I gain the most from this experience."

Her trip to China is part of the reason why Schwisow said she wants to be an international

studies major.

"I enjoy the aspects of other cultures. It's a romantic thought to travel to other countries," Schwisow said. "It's an exploration pursuit for me, to see what I can do."

Schwisow has also traveled to Mexico and Canada and said she hopes to expand her travels throughout college.

Aside from traveling, Schwisow makes use of her time by working as an ASUI senator. Schwisow was appointed to the Senate in September and ran for re-election in November. This is her first semester as an elected senator.

Schwisow grew up in Melba, Idaho and said she came to UI for financial reasons.

"You have big plans for college until you get down to numbers," Schwisow said. "I think it turned out to be a good choice, though."

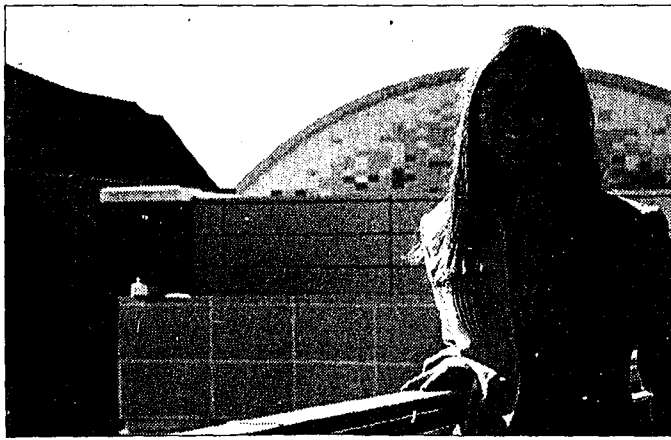
Schwisow was involved with student government and programs similar to ASUI throughout high school.

"It's always something I've done, it's like it's engrained," Schwisow said. "I went a year without it and I realized I couldn't go without it."

Schwisow became a part of the Honor Student Advisory Board during her freshman year at UI and decided to try to get involved with ASUI as a way to learn more about the university.

"It teaches you how UI works and is a specific example of how different entities mesh together," Schwisow said. "It's a gateway to how the world works in a sense."

Student correspondence is one of the major perks to the job, Schwisow said. She looks forward to answering questions for curious students and interacting with them on a daily basis.



Nick Groff / Argonaut

ASUI Senator and Vandal cheerleader Leah Schwisow will be traveling to Beijing this summer as a volunteer for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

"It comes with a level of self-importance," Schwisow said. "It makes you feel like you're not invisible, like you can be on a college campus."

She said she is adjusting well and enjoys the small town feel of Moscow.

"I think it's the perfect balance. It's big enough that you're not bored," Schwisow said. "But it's small enough that you get to know your instructors and get to be involved in more than one activity on campus."

Like many college students, Schwisow likes spending time with her friends, catching up on sleep and watching movies but said there is one thing most students wouldn't know about her.

"I'm a cheesy '80s music fan. If you want to go really cheesy, I'd say Abba, but Jour-

ney is probably my absolute favorite," Schwisow said.

She listens to '80s music in the car and said she is not afraid to cut loose and dance and sing along while she drives.

"I'm not ashamed when people see me rocking out," Schwisow said. "I think it makes them smile."

Schwisow said she stays very active with the Senate and enjoys helping other senators with their projects and philanthropies when she has the time. She wants to find a project of her own as the semester continues and hopes to stay involved with ASUI throughout her time at UI.

"The University of Idaho is an open university," Schwisow said. "There is no limit on what you can get involved in."

College of Business receives donation

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's College of Business and Economics received a \$100,000 pledge from the Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation last month.

The pledge will provide the college with funding, said Jack Morris, dean of the College of Business and Economics.

"We are extremely grateful to Coeur," Morris said. "It provides us to continue education for Idaho's top students."

Coeur presented the pledge to the college because "we support the tremendous job the college is doing," said James Sabala, executive vice president and chief financial officer for Coeur and 1970 alumnus.

"(We will use the money) where our need is greatest," Morris said.

The pledge is incredibly flexible, Morris said. The College of Business and Economics can use it for students, faculty compensation, programming costs or lab equipment.

Morris said a leadership team from the college will be deciding where the money will be used in the months to come.

"The flexibility gives us what we need to get top quality faculty and top programs," Morris said.

The College of Business and Economics has been working closely with the Coeur Company, Morris said. More than two weeks ago Sabala talked with senior students on the UI campus.

Morris said Sabala was

pleased with the program and wanted to help the college out.

The college did not ask for the pledge, but were presented with it on Feb. 13, Morris said. President and Chief Executive Officer of Coeur Dennis Wheeler and Sabala are both alumni of UI, so they were happy to donate to their alma mater, Morris said.

"I have always been impressed with the college and felt they prepared me well," Sabala said.

Coeur is glad to give this gift to the college and see it help future students, Sabala said.

"A gift this size has an impact at UI," Morris said. "It impacts all parts of the campus."

Morris said Sabala asked him for recommendations for students interested in possible internships.

"We are happy to provide students with these opportunities," Morris said.

Coeur has been an Idaho company since 1928, Sabala said. It is one of the world's leading silver companies and gold producers. The company operates in Nevada, Alaska, Bolivia and Mexico and has underground mines in Chile and Argentina. Coeur shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Sabala said.

According to the Coeur Web site, the company constructed two of the world's largest silver mines in San Bartolome in Bolivia and Palmarejo in Mexico. The company also owns non-operating interests in two low-cost mines in Australia.

"I've been taking Chinese classes during this school year, so I am very much in the learning process."

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UI sophomore, ASUI senator

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UI preps for future Vandals

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

If students see several young and confused people around campus on March 27-28, stop and help them — they are likely future Vandals.

The University of Idaho is set to welcome approximately 1,000 potential students for Vandal Friday this month. The event welcomes high school seniors and transfer students to campus to learn the ropes of their potential new home.

Vandal Friday Volunteer and Tour Coordinator Tara Snider is busy planning the event that she said is a great opportunity to show off campus.

"The goal of Vandal Friday is to recruit students and show them what an amazing university UI is," she said. "I think a lot of people overlook how amazing our university and community are."

Snider said an immense amount of planning and preparation are essential to make the weekend a success. She said getting the word out is the most important and UI goes to great lengths to attract students.

"Through new student services, we send out e-mails and flyers encouraging students to check out the Web site and register for Vandal Friday," she said. "We also coordinated with the different colleges and advisers to set up advising sessions for parents and students."

Snider said the events kick off early Friday morning with a welcome rally with President Tim White and Director of New Student Services Lloyd Scott. From there, students can browse around the activity fair in the Kibbie Dome, tour the SRC and explore the rest of the campus.

Student workshops will also be available and focus on several different topics including student athletes, pre-med students, career planning, student leadership, music, honors programs, diversity, education majors and many more.

After a lunch break, incoming students can register for classes with on-hand advisers ready to help. At night, participants will have the opportunity to stay at a fraternity, sorority or residence hall, where they will

volunteers still NEEDED

To volunteer on Vandal Friday, March 27-28, contact New Student Services or e-mail tarasnider@vandals.uidaho.edu.

mingle with residents to get the inside scoop into what being a UI student is really like.

"The reason Vandal Friday is over the course of two days is because the students get a better feel for what it is like to be an actual student here," Snider said. "They get to interact with other students and organizations and have the opportunity to ask questions they may not think of while on a campus tour."

Freshman political science major Natalie Lane participated in Vandal Friday last year. She said the experience was incredibly valuable and made the difficult process of selecting a college that much easier.

"It completely cemented my decision to come here," she said. "I thought the campus was really pretty. The people seemed nice and I got to meet some of my professors."

Lane said she would recommend the weekend to any prospective students. She said actually

visiting a school and familiarizing yourself with the campus is crucial to the decision. She said the many events and opportunities of Vandal Friday made the transition from college to high school less stressful and more exciting.

"It's nice being able to register for class early," she said. "I think it's really smart to visit campuses before you actually commit to going there."

Snider said the event is always looking for more volunteers and eagerly accepts any form of help. Various campus clubs and living groups donate time, but individual students can help, too. They are in the biggest need of help from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday morning. Anyone interested can stop by New Student Services to sign up or e-mail her at tarasnider@vandals.uidaho.edu.

"The goal of Vandal Friday is to recruit students and show them what an amazing university UI is."

Tara
SNIDER
Volunteer coordinator

Hatheway offers a helping hand

Matt Maw
Argonaut

Pursuing higher education often means leaving the family behind, and for many students the switch can be difficult. Some may find a piece of home, however, tucked behind a large oak desk in Room 200 of Brink Hall.

Lillian Hatheway, who sits behind that desk as the administrative assistant of the English department, has been with the University of Idaho for nearly eight years. She started work as an administrative assistant at the College of Letters and Science, and during its transition to the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences she moved into her office in Brink.

She handles, oversees and performs multiple duties within the department, and she also helps students with advising needs, even if they aren't heading for an English degree.

"English majors refer to her as 'our angel,'" said senior Julie Davaz, an undergraduate in the department.

If a student needs help getting into a class, for instance, Davaz said Hatheway will get requirements waived, communicate appropriate contact information or anything else the student needs.

All of Hatheway's children are grown, and she regards the people in the English department as her new family, Davaz said. She genuinely cares for people, she said, and she has face-to-face recognition with



Lillian Hatheway works diligently behind her desk in the Brink Building on Thursday afternoon. Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

many who pass through her office. Davaz said Hatheway tries to keep the office comfortable, and frequently adorns her desk with decorations and sweets on holidays. It's hard, to leave the office during Halloween or Valentine's Day without Hatheway

getting a piece of candy to go out with you. "If I had to choose one word to describe her, she's generous," said Jeff Jones, an English department lecturer.

According to Jones, she's not only the go-to person when questions and problems arise, but she's also the friendly face of the department, giving off a

sense of warmth for the unfamiliar faces. He said he hasn't ever seen her without a positive attitude: When she broke her wrist nearly a year ago, said Jones, she came to the office with the cast and continued to work and laugh as usual. Hatheway welcomes him for conversation, he said, whenever he's dealing with personal issues, and he said some students have taken to her as a mother figure. Jones said he looks forward to seeing her each day.

"She greases the wheels of your day with a smile," he said.

Prior to working at UI, Hatheway spent almost nine years involved with child protection under the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The branch was focused on giving aid, such as provision of foster care, to children from abusive homes and other dangerous environments.

When she came to the university, Hatheway said, she saw the students differently from the children she used to work with: these were already successful, she said, for having arrived at college, and she viewed everyone as having a chance at a good life. The students, said Hatheway, have since become her passion; she believes they are the future, she said, and she enjoys watching them grow throughout their education.

"Their success makes me as happy as they are," Hatheway said.

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This week: Lillian Hatheway

SenateREPORT

Open forum

Matthew Weibler, chair of the Idaho Commons and Union Board, spoke about the 2008 Arts Festival that will be held the week of March 24. The festival will include a fashion show, displays of student art and a free drawing class. The board will meet Friday to finalize plans and form a more detailed agenda for the event. Weibler said he will e-mail the senators with more information so they can take the details to their assigned living groups.

Katie Scott, director of academics, said she has been busy with activities with the Teaching and Advising Committee. The Excellence in Advising Award winners have been determined but have not yet been announced. The committee is also working to review the policy for class and teacher evaluations. Scott said the committee wants to make evaluations more beneficial to everyone and hopes to make some changes to the current status of the evaluations.

They are making recommendations for policy changes, which would include keeping the electronic evaluations open and available to students through finals week, instead of closing during dead week. Another change would make it impossible for students to view their final grades until the period for evaluations is closed. Scott said these should be positive changes to the current system. The ASUI student achievement award nominations are due on Friday and Scott said she needs help delivering packets to the judges on the Monday and Tuesday following Spring Break. Scott asked for volunteers from the Senate because no one else had volunteered.

Jo Seely, director of advancement, announced senior Brooke Anderson as the winner of the Sen. Larry Craig Leadership Scholarship. Anderson is a chemistry and math major at UI. Seely said there are plans for a luncheon with members of Craig's staff, UI officials and representatives and Anderson in the near future.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said election petitions are currently available at the front desk of the ASUI Office. There are eight open seats in the Senate and the positions for president and vice president are also open to interested students. The petitions are due at 5 p.m. March 21.

Gaffney said he is also looking for an elections coordinator and encouraged students to contact him if interested in the position. Gaffney thanked the senators for their participation in the pre-session and said the university is currently requesting proposals from businesses concerning the bookstore. The Selection Committee will listen to these proposals and decide if any would benefit UI. Gaffney announced policy advisor Justin Doble was appointed to Selection Committee.

Unfinished business Bills

S08-20, an act amending the Senate bylaws to provide ways the Senate president pro-tempore additional responsibilities

concerning the university communication, was immediately considered and unanimously passed. The bill will establish the pro-tempore as the Senate's liaison to the university administration and provide the means by which to effectively communicate with UI officials.

Resolutions

S08-04, a resolution expressing the ASUI's gratitude to Dee Dee Brown, was immediately considered and unanimously passed. The resolution highlights Dee Dee's dedication to ASUI and summarized the Senate's appreciation for all that she did while working as the administrative assistant for ASUI.

New business Bills

S08-21, an act appointing Rob Chalkley to the position of ASUI Commons and Union Board Lounge Committee Coordinator, was sent to the government operations and appointments committee for further examination.

— Liz Virtue

NewsBRIEFS

Institute sponsors event Saturday

On Saturday the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute will be taking interested volunteers to the Rose Creek Preserve.

The day will consist of aspen restoration, trail maintenance and weed control. People interested in volunteering should meet at 10 a.m. outside of the preserve. Remember to wear work clothes and sturdy shoes. Be prepared for both sun and cold weather and bring sun-block, hat, water bottle, snacks, sunglasses, etc.

PCEI uses community organizing and education to assist in its mission to make an environmentally sound

and economically viable decisions that promote a sustainable future.

Please contact Courtney Rush at 882-1444 with questions.

School partners with environmental quality

It was a perfect fit when the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality joined with UI's McCall Outdoor Science School to take a closer look at Idaho's environmental issues.

During the program, students become scientists for three- to five-day sessions, first learning the basics of terrestrial and watershed ecosystems science.

According to Steven Hollenhorst, associate dean of outreach for the university's College of Natural Resources and executive director of MOSS, students demonstrated a 48 percent increase in

science knowledge after attending the residential programs. Also more than 90 percent of attending teachers agree that programs like MOSS are a valuable addition to Idaho's science curriculum.

To learn more, visit www.moss-uidaho.org.

College of Law offers way to ease tax burden

Fears about taxes can be put to rest, the College of Law has come to save the day through a student run tax clinic.

Law students, under the supervision of attorney faculty members, provide legal aid and representation for most forms of disputes, including those that have problems receiving refunds, disputes over the accuracy of returns, appeals and offers-in-compromise.

An opportunity for those in need,

it is also an educational experience for law students. The clinic represents low-income clients, as well as people for whom English is a second language. They do not off tax preparation.

Operating since 1999, the clinic is made possible through grants that are in response to the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998.

For more information about the Tax Clinic, call 885-6541. To apply for representation by the Tax Clinic, call 887-200-4455 year round.

University hires new vice president of research

After a year-long search, UI has hired physicist and laser expert John McIver as the university's vice president of research. McIver, who is the interim vice president for research and

economic development at the University of New Mexico, will begin at UI on June 1.

The position provides leadership to UI's various research areas. McIver will oversee the Research Office and all policies and procedures relating to research, technology transfer, regulatory compliance and economic development. UI attracts around \$100 million in research grants and contracts each year.

When McIver takes over the position, current Interim Vice President of Research John Tracy will return full time to directing the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute.

"We are indebted to John. He served very capably as our vice president for the past year, and we thank him for his service to the university and the state," President Time White said.



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DEPRESSION

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"A lot of people couldn't tell I wasn't normal," Ren said. "I can't sympathize with people. I can fake it pretty well. That's because I've had 15 years of practice. I can even fool myself some times."

Ren said his depression has made him suicidal before and he would cut his wrists and engage in dangerous activities such as base jumping. His activities have caused him to dislocate every major joint in his body.

Since his last suicide attempt, with the help of his mother and friends, Ren has been receiving counseling from the University of Idaho's Counseling and Testing Center. He has also been keeping a regular schedule with Dr. William Cone, a psychiatrist in UI's Student Health Center, who recently lowered the dosage on Ren's medication, Celexa.

"Dr. Cone's whole purpose is the prescription of certain kinds of drugs," Rensaid. "He does have a tendency to say, 'Well, if you don't want this one, how about this one.'"

If the gradual reduction in Ren's Celexa medication doesn't work, he said he may switch to Wellbutrin. He said the lowering of the dosage in his body can cause "jumps" in his emotions. He can feel drunk, suffering a loss of balance, depth perception and suffer severe headaches.

"That's just a side effect of coming off the meds," he said. "You're f---ed six ways to Sunday. My symptoms are unique."

Ren said it is not just the medication, but the counseling has also helped him to cope with his depression.

"I love counseling. I can just start ranting and raving," he said. "You have to go in with the entire intent to be honest. You have to be honest with yourself most of all. It took me five or six sessions before I could finally open up. I dug into things that I really wouldn't have gotten into before."

While Ren's depression may be severe, depression of all forms is common in college.

UI completed a National College Health Assessment last fall, gathering statistics from 2007, said Sharon Fritz, a licensed psychologist at the CTC. According to the assessment, 20 percent of students reported experiencing depression at least once in the 12 months prior to the survey and 15 percent had been diagnosed with depression before.

Depression is a disorder caused by an imbalance of neurotransmitters in the brain, said Jim Trivelpiece, a clinician for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and a UI graduate.

Signals are transferred between cells and picked up by the receptors in the brain. When the receptors can't function, depression can occur.

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system with a bit of a short in it," Trivelpiece said.

Depression can cause anxiousness, change in perceptions of the world, sluggishness and fatigue, despite a possible increase in sleeping patterns.

"A person may sleep 12 hours and not feel refreshed," Trivelpiece said. "They may lose interest in things they would typically enjoy."

Causes of depression can include the loss of a support system such as parents and friends, alcohol and substance use, family history, sleep disturbances, improper eating, lack of exercise and loss of a loved one or the ending of a relationship.

"Those are the problems I think are unique in college students," Fritz said. "It can come on quickly. Usually, if it comes on quickly, it could be a precipitating event."

During college, some students face the transitions of moving into a new social setting, meeting the expectations of instructors and family pressures to succeed. Depression can be offset by failure and even success, Trivelpiece said. Those who do better in school face the challenges of continuing to improve.

"Losing that sense of failure can be very stressful for some people," Trivelpiece said. "We have to reformulate the way we think of ourselves if we keep succeeding."

Depression is diagnosed after someone displays symptoms for more than two weeks. It can be, but is not always, the result of a stressful event.

"College is packed with stressors," Cone said. "College is one stressor, but people are still going through some early life stressors. Depression is often triggered by stress in a person's life and certainly the transition to college."

According to the NCHA, 46 percent of UI students reported feeling depressed at least once to the point of being unable to function and 92 percent reported feeling overwhelmed by pressures related to college life.

"Depression can impair concentration and decision making so that certainly can affect their school work," Cone said. "What we know helps people are certain kinds of counseling or therapy and there are medications, as well. I try to work with the person to decide what would be best for them."

All counselors at the CTC

are licensed psychologists, Fritz said, and are available for appointments where depression can be diagnosed. It is not uncommon for people with depression to not realize that they are depressed, she said.

"We have certainly seen an increased demand in counseling services," Fritz said. "I think there are a lot of people who know there is a counseling service, but a lot of people might not know."

The CTC is free and available to all students. Each student's treatment is on a case-by-case basis and all information is confidential.

"Those are the outreach words we use a lot, 'free and confidential,'" she said. "We would see somebody on a weekly basis. If it's more than that, we're available too."

The CTC provides a stress management program, psychological assessments, biofeedback and clinical interviews to determine the severity of a student's depression.

"You can't go around and spot people who are depressed," Fritz said. "What we look for is a sign, an impairment in your life. I think it's about being in this environment. I think it's just the lifestyle, the developmental age the student is in."

Cone said he also works with students on a case-by-case basis, using screening methods and self-reports to come to a diagnosis.

"It's really a clinical diagnosis. It's based on having a number of symptoms over time," Cone said.

One unavoidable stress factor for students are midterms and finals, Fritz said, which can increase depression. If depression is not treated, however, students will suffer an impact in their grades. Fritz said counselors can work with instructors with the student's consent in order to decrease the stress of school.

"They're feeling more stress, it's impacting them more," Fritz said. "They're saying, 'Now I need to seek help.' It's not uncommon for us to provide some communication with a professor a student is dealing with."

Because depression sufferers do not always realize they are suffering from depression, Fritz said it is important for family and friends to take an interest in anyone who exhibits a change in behavior. Irritability and social withdrawal are good indicators.

"I've had friends actually bring friends to the counseling center and make an appointment," Fritz said. "I think that is a role that family and friends can play."

The fact that many people do not recognize their own depression could be the result of

stigmas about seeking help for mental health, Cone said, but that this is a fading trend as more people seek treatment.

"More women identify with depression and I think more women seek help," Cone said. "And I think there's more of a stigma for men to seek help."

"The stigma has reduced significantly," Fritz said. "As they get more comfort with seeking help and getting the benefit, they become more comfortable talking about it."

Trivelpiece said depression remits over time, but can be sped up through psychological treatments and possibly through antidepressants. Medications act on the brain's receptors, increasing serotonin levels that can affect mood and "removes the short circuit."

"Depression, including suicidal feelings of thought, are treatable," Cone said. "There is no doubt that people can move past those feelings of depression. I see it all the time."

"There might be people that I think would do better to go to counseling for the treatment initially to see if things would change without medication. There are times that, with more severe depression, that I am more likely to recommend that medication be used."

Cone said he is also an advocate for aerobic exercise, which helps balance neurotransmitters and endorphins related to well-being and said he is cautious about medications in a "just take a pill" type of culture.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in college students, Fritz said, and 59 percent of UI students who responded to the NCHA reported at least once feeling as if things were hopeless, with 10 percent having seriously considered suicide and 1 percent having attempted suicide. Trivelpiece warns that if someone notices a friend is showing symptoms of depression and possible thoughts about suicide, they should not be afraid to address the issue.

"Asking people if they are suicidal will not increase the chance that they will do it," he said. "In most cases, it might reduce it if it's followed by a persuade (to seek help) and refer to a helping network."

The CTC is equipped with

a Suicidal Behavior Response Team, a program created by Vice Provost of Student Affairs Bruce Pitman, Fritz said. Students can fill out a form in CTC that the team will evaluate. The student will then undergo three sessions of assessment. Fritz said she has just finished training resident advisers on dealing with students living on campus who are feeling suicidal.

"You want to ask them specifically, 'Are you thinking about killing yourself?'" Fritz said.

Cone said many people can function with depression, and that it is hard to predict how a person might react to thoughts about suicide.

"People can be chronically depressed at low levels for a long period of time and not be suicidal," Cone said. "If somebody is suicidal and presents an imminent danger to themselves, the first plan of attack would be to help them get into a safe place."

The CTC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. There is an emergency call center for late night assistance.

"The majority of our jobs are dealing with people in distress," Fritz said. "That relationship that you build is different from a friend or relative."

With students currently facing midterms, another cause of depression could come from the time of the year.

"Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression that has to do with available daylight," Cone said. "The classic is people become more fatigued. They may have low energy, sleep more (and) may even eat more and have weight gain."

The shortened periods of daylight during winter can cause SAD, which can be compounded by the stresses of college to affect depression in students.

"They feel in the winter, 'Boy, it's dark and dreary,'" Cone said. "It's hard to discount that that may be a factor."

The CTC is working with light therapy that Cone and Trivelpiece said has been documented to be successful in alleviating SAD through the use of the right spectrums of light.

Depression may not be

depression RESOURCES

The University of Idaho and Moscow offer several resources for people seeking help.
Student Health Services clinic: 885-6693
Student Health psychiatrist: 885-6693
Counseling and Testing Center: 885-6716
Depression Support Group: Meets from 6-8 p.m. Mondays in the second floor board room of the Gritman Conference Center. Call 883-2232 for information.
National Suicide Hotline: 800-784-2433 or 800-273-8255

avoidable, but it is treatable. The key lies in the individual's ability to seek help.

Some sufferers of depression do not always see the benefits of counseling.

By Jessica Chick's best guess, she has been depressed since the third grade. The freshman animal and veterinary science major said she has attempted suicide several times before. She has gone to the CTC, but said she has trouble accepting help.

"(The counselor) just sat there and listened to me," she said. "Didn't give me any feedback or anything. Sometimes you just need feedback from other people."

Chick said she feels tense, stresses a lot and never feels relaxed. She stays quiet and is antisocial most of the time. She also refuses to take medication.

"I don't want to be addicted to those things. I'd rather just deal with it the way it is. I don't want people to feel bad for me. This is the way I am. I'm used to it. If there are pills around, I have this tendency to overdose on them."

Chick said she is giving counseling another chance and had a session last week. She said her next session won't be until a day before her birthday because the CTC is booked past Spring Break.

"I want to be me," she said. "Not wandering around wearing a mask."

While college may not be a healthy atmosphere all of the time, and may cause depression to occur in many college students, UI offers the type of assistance students need to continue to function and move toward the ultimate goal of higher education. Depression, Trivelpiece said, can be an educational experience in itself.

"If we didn't feel sad, we wouldn't appreciate the full range of emotions," he said. "We do have a great deal of control over our nervous system."

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Hawkins agreement spills controversy on Moscow

Will McWilliams
Argonaut

Residents of Moscow had the opportunity to express their concerns about the recently made Hawkins agreement Tuesday at a forum titled "The Hawkins Agreement: What does it mean and where do we go from here?"

The forum was held to discuss the agreement City Council made in a 5-1 vote early in February with Hawkins Companies to sell 65 acres of water rights to build a 700,000 square-foot shopping mall just across the state line between Pullman and Moscow.

The forum consisted of four panel members: City Council members Wayne Krauss and Tom Lamar, Wine Company of Moscow owner Dennis Baird and Tri-State owner Gerard Connelly.

During the forum, residents expressed concern toward the Council for taking part in a closed door meeting held in Spokane to settle the agreement in February.

Lamar was the only Council member to vote against the agreement.

"Legally I think we didn't run into problems with the meetings, morally I think we did them wrong," Lamar said. "I felt that with such a strong change in poli-

cy we were making that night we needed to have some public discussion."

Lamar also said that he that with such a strong change in policy the Council was making that night they needed to have some public discussion. He said that he would have liked to see some sort of retail study done before the agreement.

"We simply lose Moscow business out to that location," Lamar said. "Will businesses in the Palouse Mall want to move out there?"

Baird said that the city agreed to keep their mouth shut.

"The City Council could learn a lesson to not move so fast and be so secret."

According to Baird, the City Council made an agreement that was bad for Moscow.

"I have problems with the substance of the agreement," Baird said. "It moves scarce resources out of the state forever."

Tom Handy, president of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, said he believes that with respect to the planned development and its proximity to Moscow it will continue to fuel retail sales from Pullman people.

"A significant number of people from Pullman will spill over into Moscow retail (because of the agreement)," Handy said.

One of the concerns people who attended the forum had was whether or not the city's waste water treatment plant was capable of treating the waste water that the city had agreed to treat in the agreement. Krauss said that right now Moscow's waste water treatment plant can treat four million gallons, and that currently it treats two million gallons of waste water.

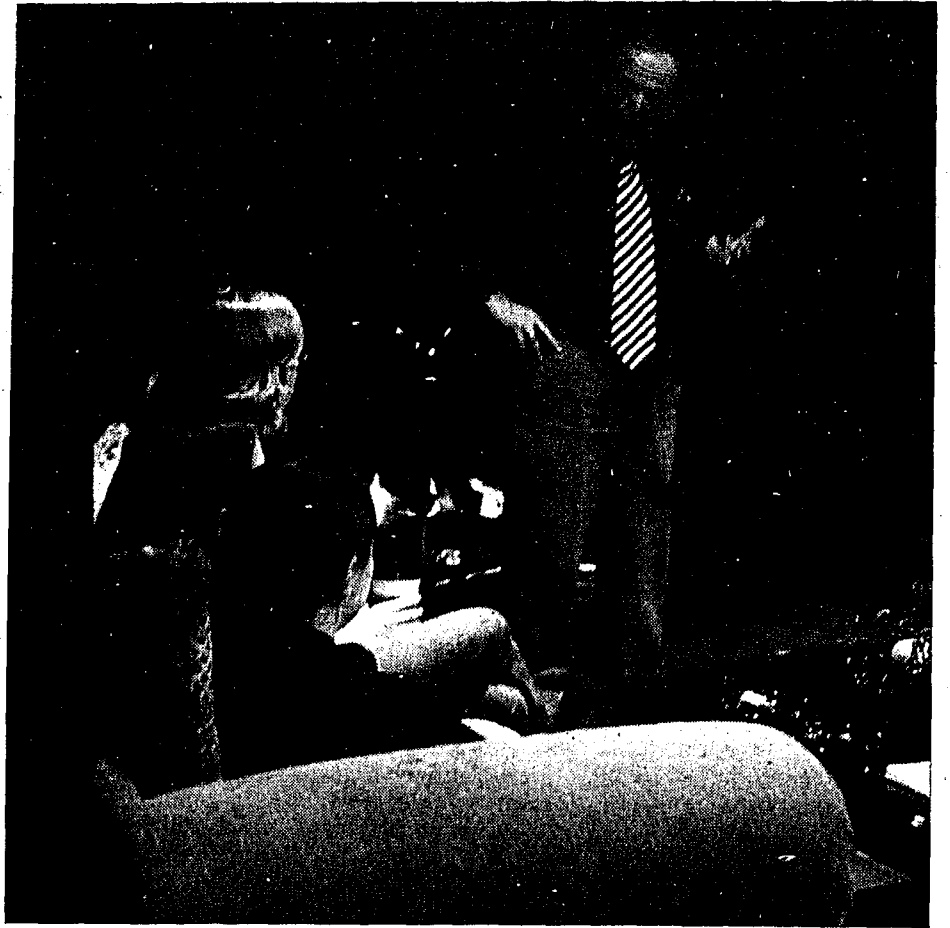
Kevin Brackney, a Moscow resident, said that he does not like the idea that the city of Moscow is subsidizing a private developer's water and sewer in Whitman County. "It's a goldmine that we're supplying infrastructure that they don't have to provide the capital to develop the water and sewer," Brackney said.

According to Lamar, the next step is the Idaho Department of Water Resources needs to supply a permit allowing the city of Moscow to grant the water rights transfers.

Krauss said that the council has learned a lesson from all of this.

"We learned that there should be more public comment," Krauss said.

The forum was sponsored by the Moscow Civic Association, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Community Development Committee and the Palouse Water Conservation Network.



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut
Bruce Pitman discusses the future of Steel House with its members in the Phi Tau fraternity house on Wednesday evening.

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said Muriel Oaks, a 1965 alumna. "It's (cooperative) a good alternative for a lot of people and I'd hate to see it go away all together."

Tecla Blood ('68) said she took half of her classes in music and the other in what was then called "home ec" She recalled when the pipes froze one winter at the old Steel House.

"Then it warmed up a little bit," she said. "We had waterfalls coming out the doors."

Some previous residents of Steel House have already signed contracts with dormitories and said they needed reassurance that the cooperative would be coming back. Pitman told them that they would have to double their numbers first, and that there is a 90 percent chance he could get them out of their contracts.

"I need old Steel House girls to know how the house used to be run," Cooke said. "I feel very strongly that Steel House should be back at UI."

Pitman said he started working with Steel House in April and had hoped to bring the

cooperative back fall semester, but ran into technical issues and several changed minds.

"You didn't have a Del Hungerford that was your fearless champion," Pitman said. "There is some real genuine enthusiasm from undergraduates. Spirits are somehow higher than I expected."

The Phi Tau house is currently housing the Pi Beta Phi sorority until its house has been remodeled after a fire caused significant damage. However, this means that potential members of the new Steel House have to wait until Spring Break to tour the house.

Pitman said the delay on finding new housing was a "mixed blessing," because Phi Tau was able to discover and fix many problems that Steel House will now avoid.

"They took care of a lot of problems upstairs," Pitman said. "They've tested the plumbing and found it wanting. It's been fixed."

With tax issues and a formal recognition paper under wraps, Steel House now needs the commitment of 25 or more female students to join the 8,000-square foot community and give it life again.

Students interested in joining the Steel House women's cooperative can contact Pitman 885-6757 or Cooke at saracooke@vandals.uidaho.edu.

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Darfurians: a genocide.

Since 2003 the Janjaweed have invaded about 4,000 villages, murdering the men, raping women and children and burning whatever ruins remain. Since the events hit mainstream media in 2004, no country has stepped up to defend these people.

Adam said China gets an estimated 70 percent of their oil from Sudan, a commodity they are not willing to give up in order to eliminate the bloodshed. Russia supplies much of the weaponry used by the Janjaweed, a source of income they too are not willing to part with.

In 2003 Adam received a 4 a.m. phone call from his cousin with the

news that his home village, Jadara, had been demolished by Janjaweed forces.

"Could you sleep?" Adam asked the crowd. "It was very difficult for me to sleep that night."

Adam received three phone calls from his family, updating the situation. Fifteen members of his family had perished. His sister was separated from her family.

"Everyone had a different story," he said.

Talking to his 6-year-old niece, Adam explained he had money to give. He asked her if there was anything she needed to which she answered simply, sleep and food, an obvious request having spent the last three weeks running and hiding from the Janjaweed.

"We need to believe that we have a duty to protect others as human beings," Adam said. "We have a responsibility. I believe you can

save my family."

Both Adam and Abdelrahman's said their goal is to create enough disturbance in other countries to get people writing and talking to their government representatives so the United Nations has no choice but to react.

"The imminent danger is still there unless the world communicates," Abdelrahman said.

"Without help we are not able to make a breakthrough."

Lewis-Clark State College student Galen Dail said the lecture gave him much needed understanding and motivation.

"I can't relax now," he said. "I'll definitely log on and do what I can."

UI senior Aaron Dail said the lecture was a success.

"We just need to spread the word a little bit further for people to do something," he said. "I hope this will drive people to take action."

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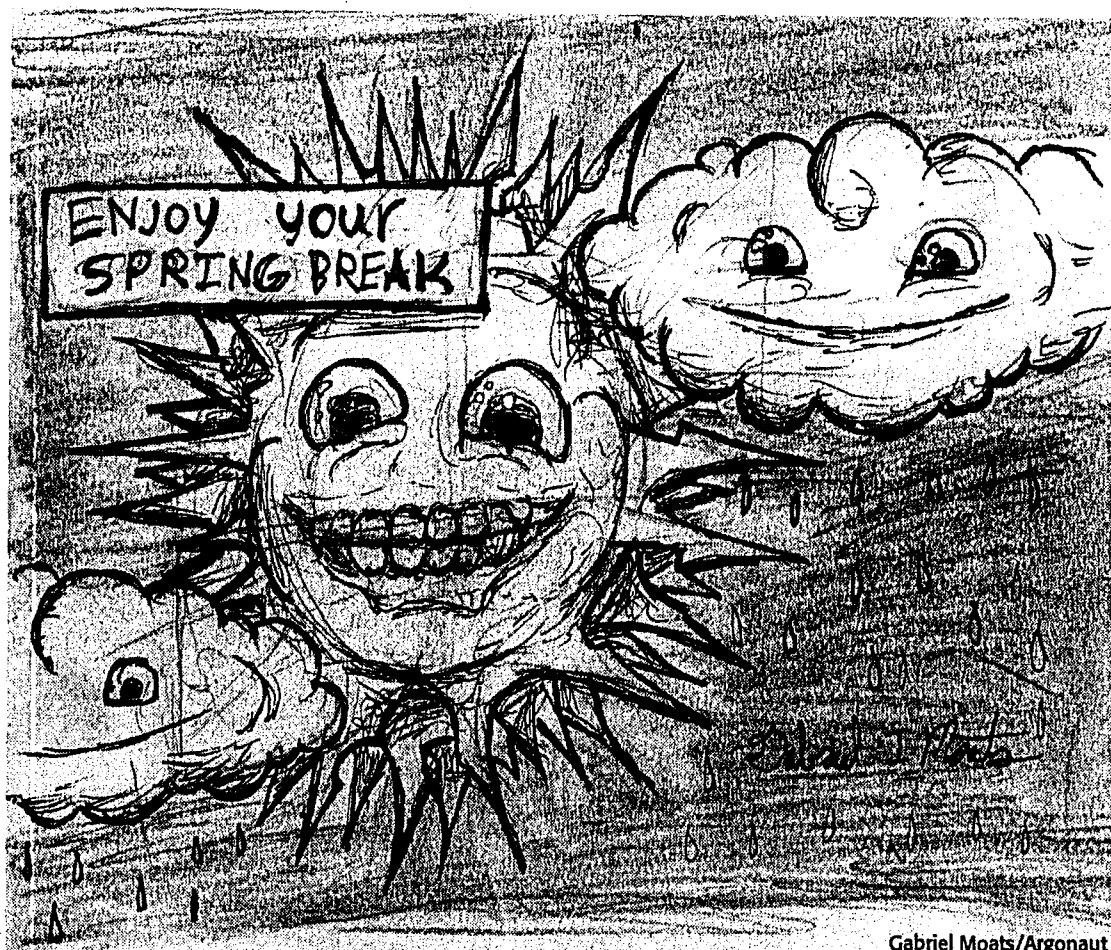
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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Where's me gold?

Since St. Patrick's Day will be over by the time we return from break, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you to be aware that just because someone is short and has red hair, does not make that person a leprechaun. Don't expect any gold just for capturing one. And we don't grant wishes, either.

—T.J.

Off to Arkansas

Today I leave for my first big college adventure: A week spent in Little Rock, Ark. with the Alternative Spring Break crew. Sad that it's taken me until my senior year to get involved, but better late than never, I always say. So look out, Southerners! Here comes Idaho.

—Savannah

Communication breakdown

Today I got the e-mail from ASUI stating that they are now offering students the option of getting a weekly newsletter about the happenings of campus and ASUI. After covering the ASUI beat for a long time, I think ASUI does some great things for this campus but communication has been a breakdown in their system in the past.

Increasing communication between the student body and ASUI is always a talking point during ASUI elections and I'm happy to see visible action taking place. I commend them for

attempting something new to inform students. Meet the people of ASUI halfway and select to receive the e-mails, or place blame on your own uninvolved self and quit complaining that ASUI doesn't do anything productive.

—Christina L.

The last one

Next week is going to be my last Spring Break as an undergraduate, but I'm not, that sad. I've had some great times and I'm going to enjoy my last weeks of college freedom all I can. Now if only I had money to go on a real vacation.

—Ryli

Spring Break, eh?

This will also be my last Spring Break as an undergraduate and plan on fully living it up in Vancouver, Canada next week.

If I get lost, or have too much fun and never come back — blame Canada.

Also, don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead this Sunday for Daylight Savings.

—Christina N.

Trash Eaters

I saw a great film the other day on gleaners. In some agricultural areas, there are still individuals who enter the fields after harvest and subsides on whatever is left. In urban areas, they pick through trash cans outside grocery stores for recently expired goods. At first I was grossed out, but that makes a lot of sense, especially if it's that or starve. I may need to conduct a social experiment some day.

—Alec

OurVIEW

You're not alone

It is more likely that you know someone who has been or is depressed than not. It is also quite likely that you may have gone through a bout of depression or at the very least, "the blues."

Much of the written literature is on depression aimed at the depressed person: How to recognize symptoms, how to get help, what medications and treatments are available and "how to cope." These books and pamphlets can be helpful and direct a person to the right sources to get the help they need.

What is often overlooked is how a person's friends and family can be the greatest help of all.

Depression sufferers tend to exclude themselves from basic activities such as class discussions, afterschool activities and general socialization. The feeling that being depressed is a shameful thing, and that other people are to be avoided, contributes to the social stigma associated with the condition.

There is something that a depressed person needs more than pills and therapy. Those things are very important in treating the illness, but also come with a certain amount of stigma.

What is needed is for the individual to know that they won't be shunned by society. They need to know that they are welcome to participate in activities

whether they choose to or not. They need to know they are still a part of the community.

It starts with family and friends. In other words, it starts with you making the effort to extend the invitations to a study group, to say hello in the Commons, to offer a seat in class and to make the other person feel welcome.

If the person in question is to the point of needing treatments such as medications and therapy, offering rides or being willing to sit in a lobby and wait, send messages that the person is cared for, that all is not lost.

You are not responsible for anyone else's happiness but you'd be surprised how good it could make you — and that other person — feel.

No one in this world is alone but not everyone is sure of it. With all the other symptoms associated with depression, that sense of being alone, of being an outsider, of having no one, is the one that friends and family can most help to alleviate.

It can be as easy as saying hi to a stranger or a "Thinking of You" card to a friend. Minimum effort for a maximum result.

You never know, you might only be brightening someone's day but you might be saving a life.

—TJT

Diversity above all?

Diversity is not, on its own, a worthy ideal. Do not mistake me; diversity is not bad, and there is nothing wrong with it. Personally, I happen to like diversity. I find that culturally and religiously diverse cities, towns, organizations and groups can be very enjoyable and fascinating. However, while there is nothing wrong with diversity as a state, there is something wrong when diversity becomes a rallying cry.

Diversity cannot hold its moral ground when it becomes a broadly sought-after ideal because it places subjective social engineering above the value of individuals. It tells us that our statistical position in society is more important than who we are. It says that someone of a comparatively or locally rare race or religion is worth more to society. It focuses a person's value on that person's race, religion or gender, rather than character, actions and abilities. It fosters discrimination against unoffending majority groups, simply because they are the majority.

Not only does the cause of diversity gauge a person's value based on religion or race, it determines value depending on where the person is. Someone who is valuable for contributing to diversity in Moscow, Idaho may be perfectly average in Delhi, Lagos or Taipei. Are we really willing to make our measure of an individual's worth dependant on where they live or who their neighbors are?

What does the cause of diversity tell us? It tells us that some people are worth less than others because there are too many of them. I am a white, Christian man. I realize that I will probably not be asked to speak at events showcasing multiculturalism, but in the battle for diversity, there is a sense that

it is almost immoral for me to be who I am. White Christians (especially men) are not exotic at all; we are too common, and we therefore hurt the cause of diversity simply by existing. Perhaps the goal is to make us feel bad enough for being non-diverse that

we just leave, increasing the relative diversity. However, I do not feel bad for being who I am, because I am not championing the cause of diversity (on the contrary, I write columns against it). If the university wants to be honest in pursuing diversity, then it should instruct recruiters to tell most prospective students "We'd rather you weren't white."

The western world made great strides in the past 100 years away from racial discrimination, and now we seem to have found our way back to it from the opposite direction. The message of the Civil

Rights Movement was not that each business and school should have a certain proportion of each race, it was that race should not be considered a factor. Martin Luther King, Jr. did not dream that one day skin colors would be distributed evenly, he dreamt that one day we would not be judged by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character.

The Bible teaches us to love diversity but to remember our equality before God. We look forward to the day when those from every nation, tribe, people and language come to worship Christ, but we also remember that in Christ there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Greek, slave nor free. Diversity looks nice in the brochures, but we should not find our value in our race, for while man looks at the outward appearance, God looks at the heart.



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TEEJOCRACY

Look out, it's chupacabra

A search for weasels and martens in the Sierra Nevada mountain range has turned up something rare for the area. Kathy Moriarty, an Oregon State graduate student caught the elusive wolverine with a motion detecting digital camera.

Wolverines were thought to have been driven out of the area completely years ago.

While this is great news for wolverines and wolverine lovers, it doesn't look good for seekers of more elusive animals.

That's right, Sasquatch followers. Get out your motion detecting gear and get back out to the woods and await your trophy. He's out there, somewhere.

Just be careful. Maybe Mitch Hedberg is right. Bigfoot is hard to see because he is blurry. It isn't your camera that causes the problems.

Perhaps this technology will filter down to Central and South America, so that we can have pictures of chupacabra.

What's that? You've never heard of chupacabra, the goatsucker? You are missing out. While Bigfoot is often seen as a benevolent missing link, chupacabra is the opposite. It eats goats and other cattle. More specifically, it takes huge chunks of flesh out of its victims and then sucks all the blood out.

How is that for accuracy in naming? A mystical creature that sucks the blood of goats called "suck-goat."

Wait. My bad. Direct Spanish to English translation, one must reverse the word order. Still, goatsucker is a hell of a name.

Just watch out for it if you visit Costa Rica, Panama or any of the other Central American vacation spots.

If you tune into the SciFi Channel at any given moment, you might hear about Bigfoot or chupacabra. You might see some ghosts, too. SciFi channel is where that stuff belongs. Like that Sierra Nevada wolverine, unbelievable creatures are showing up on

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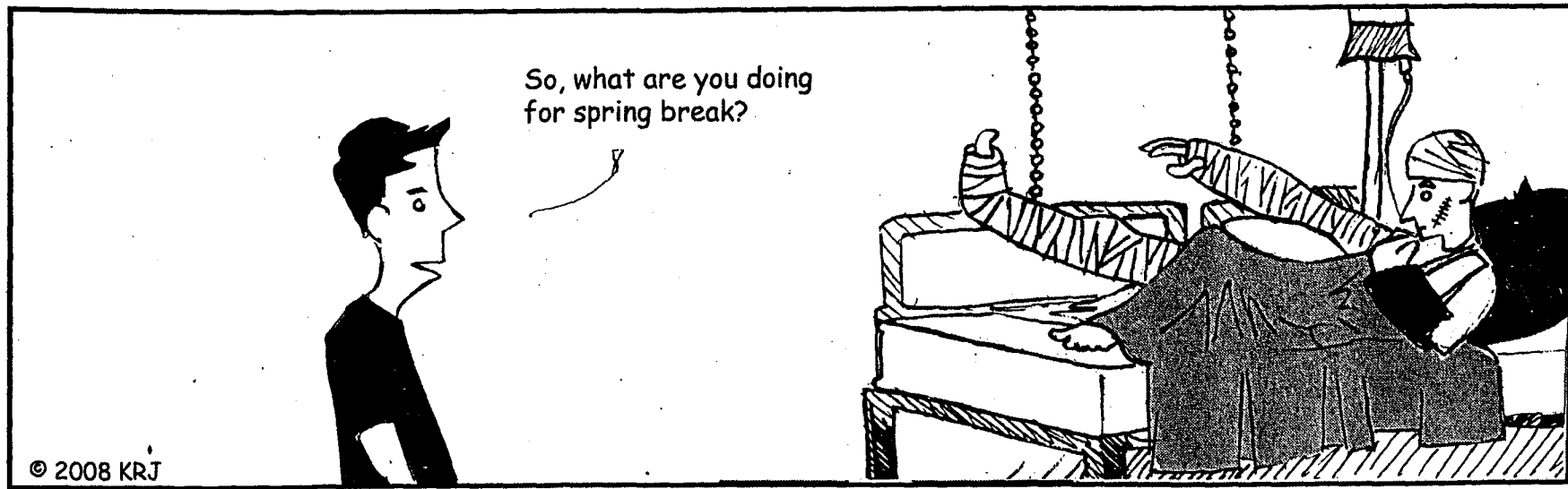
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otherwise respectable cable networks. You can watch "State of Fear" on A&E, "Monsterquest" or "UFO Hunters" on the History Channel or "Cash Cab" on the Discovery Channel. So that last one isn't quite the same. But seriously, a cab that gives away money to people just for answering questions that are smarter than "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" but not good enough for "Jeopardy" — I'd like to see more proof on that before I make a decision.

Moriarty getting the photo of the wolverine was dumb luck, she wasn't looking for it, it just happened to walk right by her camera. Getting on "Cash Cab" works the same. It takes diligence, determination, luck and good old Boy Scout preparedness.

If takes being able to answer the questions when they come up. If Moriarty didn't know what she was looking at when the wolverine photo came up, she might have thought it was something else. Bigfoot maybe. Or chupacabra.

Goodbye 4th Amendment

John Sharkey
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

MINNEAPOLIS — Every so often, it's nice to pull out the old pocket-size U.S. Constitution, just for a bit of a refresher. In particular, you might want to take note of the 4th Amendment, because it might not be there much longer. Fans of probable cause look to be in for a tough week, because Congress is getting ready to finally legalize the entirety of the White House's warrantless wiretapping program. If you value your privacy, now is a good time to invest in some alternative communication techniques - like smoke signals, or perhaps a new breed of carrier pigeon. Once the House of Representatives passes the comically-named Protect America Act, as they plan to do within the next few days, the precedent will be set: any surveillance is fair game.

It has been more than two years since the New York Times broke the story about the government's illegal wiretapping program. The Times revealed that the government had been spying without warrants on the phone calls and e-mails of "hundreds, perhaps thousands" of people who were on U.S. soil at the time, in blatant violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. FISA requires the government to take its domestic wiretap requests to a secret court for approval. That secret court, from 2001 to 2004, approved over 99 percent of all such requests. Of course, that wasn't good enough for the Bush administration, so they started spying on people without even bothering to notify the rubber-stamp secret court.

The fight in Congress now comes down to what we should do about the legal status of those phone companies who participated in that illegal wiretapping. Various revisions to FISA over the last few years have stripped away nearly all of the remaining civil liberty provisions (for example, the Attorney General himself can now approve wiretap requests, without even having to bother with the secret court); that battle has sadly been lost. Having already signed away our future civil liberties, Congress is now ready to do the same for our past.

Many of the major telecom companies, like AT&T and Verizon, participated in the illegal wiretapping program following Sept. 11. President George W. Bush and his allies in Congress now argue that those phone companies should be legally protected against any lawsuits from disgruntled citizens. At the same time, of course, the President continues to maintain that there was nothing illegal about his wiretapping program. Apparently the phone companies need to be protected against their own legal actions.

Like they always have, Bush and his allies found Congressional Democrats ready to give the White House everything. In this case Vice President Dick Cheney allied with John Rockefeller, the Democratic chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee. Together, they pushed through the Senate the bill to ensure immunity for the telecom companies. A few senators (notably, former presidential candidate and all-around progressive superstar Chris Dodd) tried to block the legislation, and even succeeded in delaying its passage last December. In the end, too much power and influence was aligned behind the retroactive immunity, and the legislation passed the Senate. Now that the House is on board, the game is over.

Currently, there are about 40 in-progress lawsuits from customers complaining about the illegal wiretapping program. Those lawsuits were already struggling to gain footing in the courts, because various federal courts had previously ruled that the plaintiffs lacked standing — because they could not prove they had been wiretapped. Of course, the government is in no hurry to release the names of those who were illegally spied upon, so one is left to wonder how anyone could ever prove their legal standing. But now that the House of Representatives is preparing to grant the phone companies blanket immunity, even these long-shot lawsuits will be dead in the water.

These lawsuits are important for a few reasons: obviously, citizens should have legal recourse when the government breaks the law. More importantly, these lawsuits are the only method by which we can learn specifics about the illegal operations of the last

few years. Bush has framed his arguments in favor of the retroactive immunity in a few ways. Sometimes, he says we should be rewarding the phone companies for doing their patriotic duty. But we all learned how patriotic those phone companies are when they started cutting off FBI wiretaps — because the government's payments were late. Other times, Bush will claim that the phone companies will not want to cooperate with the government if they fear litigation. But according to the ACLU, "FISA orders and Protect America Act (PAA) directives are compulsory. Telecoms must comply with lawful orders. Telecoms only had discretion when they decided to cooperate with illegal government requests." The real reason Bush wants this immunity is simple: he doesn't want details of his illegal spying program to be released.

Neither do Congressional Democrats. Over the past seven years, the progressive wing of the Democratic Party has reacted to each congressional capitulation in the same basic way: "oh, those spineless Democrats are folding under pressure from the White House." In some cases, that may have been true. Here, on the other hand, it seems quite clear that many Democrats in both the House and Senate simply think that retroactive immunity is a good idea.

The president's approval ratings are abysmal, and those of Congress are just as bad. Presumably, the public despises Congress so much because those on Capitol Hill have done nothing to fight the White House. There has never been a more politically safe time to oppose this president. If Congress actually thought dragging the rule of law through the mud was a bad idea, they would be quite capable of stopping it. Instead, they are lining up with the White House. It's not a lack of courage — it's a lack of basic respect for all of us.

Sadly, most of us don't seem to care. The House will vote on the bill, the president will sign it, and we'll all go on with our lives. Just try not to say anything too embarrassing over the phone — you'll never know who is listening.

Can Obama fill his own big shoes?

Michael Phillips
Massachusetts Daily Collegian (U. Mass.)

AMHERST, Mass. — Wherever there is hope, there is the possibility of disappointment. The past eight years of President Bush have resulted in an impressively low presidential approval rating (about 31 percent) and a new height of public distrust for the government. The country is searching with heightened enthusiasm for a replacement and a quick fix to a wide array of problems.

The Democrats are closing in on their answer. The answer packages a young man with what some describe as a cult following that has propelled a no-name candidate past arguably the biggest household name in politics: Clinton.

Barack Obama has attached his candidacy and presidential hopes to an idea of renewed hope. His lofty campaign ideas describe some of the most smiled-upon political personas in American history, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

With sights set so high for a pos-

sible Obama presidency, the thoughts of the past eight years continue to ring loudly in the ears of Americans. However, what happens if Obama does not fulfill those promises. People must be reminded of just how lofty his goals are.

From defeating partisanship, fixing the health care system, ending the war in Iraq, pulling the economy out of a recession, and uniting a divided America, Obama's not only promising he will hit a home run but he is pointing to where the ball is going to land before the pitch is even thrown. To heal the wounds that have ripped through the middle class, causing anger and mistrust will be difficult. John Edwards, during his latest presidential run brought up a valid criticism when he faulted Obama for an unwillingness to fight.

Maureen Dowd of the New York Times dubbed Obama "Obambi" during some of the earlier months of the campaign. Dowd knew that for Obama to fix the problems that he promised to correct, he would have to confront such embedded Washington interests, and a simple everyone-should-get-

along approach would not be enough.

Lately, Obama has shown an ability that John Kerry in 2004 never demonstrated — the political backbone to defend his character in the face of attacks. The subtle comebacks and quips during the debates give the electorate hope that Obama will not simply accept the status quo.

If Obama does succeed, and Jan. 20, 2009, is the day America watches the candidate of hope become the 44th president of The United States, there will be an incredible excitement before the sobering experience of a president's first 100 days in office.

Undoubtedly legislation will be placed on the desks of the members of Congress and debate will ensue. The Republicans, however, may — even though their power has considerably been weakened — put up a determined fight to make Obama a lame duck.

The Republican Party knows how to press pause on a Democratic presidency, and if the GOP were to lose two branches of government, the animosity of the right may boil over.

Bills will be shot down, compromises ignored and parliamentary procedures abused in order to make the public view an Obama presidency as a failing one. These were the tactics that were used against a moderate Democrat like Bill Clinton throughout his entire tenure as commander in chief.

Budgets were overly haggled over, minor scandal after minor scandal was unearthed and investigated past the extent of the scandal and a demonization effort by the right was used to turn a public hostile towards the Clintons. These tactics are largely the reason that Hillary Clinton entered the presidential race with disapproval rating that approached 45 percent throughout the country.

While Obama's charisma may in fact exceed the political genius of Bill Clinton, Obama will be leading a nation in unnaturally delicate times against a bitter party that he is doubtful to find cooperative. History has shown that in politics, after a crisis or disappointment, the leader who promises the most, whether possible or not, is often elected.

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Spring Break or bust

Sarah Quallen
Argonaut

Spring Break is notoriously a time for large parties in southern oceanside towns.

But to many University of Idaho students, Spring Break simply gives them a chance to get away from the stress of studying.

Shauna Bartow, a senior general studies major, thinks of typical Spring Break activities as MTV with its big parties and concerts.

This year, the MTV party is in Panama City Beach, but Bartow will not be attending.

She is staying in Moscow and working because she said it's not worth it for her to give up the money she will be making over the break.

She said she is not going to miss out on anything by not leaving Moscow.

"If I went home to Boise, I'd just be sitting around," Bartow said. "Everyone there has a different Spring

Break, so there is nothing exciting to do." Ellen Toevs, a sophomore in elementary education, said many people are excited to go home because it's been a long couple of months.

"To most people, Spring Break is a time to go blow off steam — party it up," she said.

But for her, it is a relaxing break halfway through the semester.

"Everyone is talking about their huge Spring Break plans," Toevs said.

She said they are going to warm places, such as Lake Havasu and Mexico, which, to Toevs, sounds especially nice since it just snowed in Moscow.

She said she thinks the idea of "getting wasted" and "Girls Gone Wild" as Spring Break activities are just stereotypes because she doesn't really know anyone who does it.

"I think the media portrays it as such," she said.

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Ellen
TOEVS
UI sophomore

An Afgani bride's dream comes true



Courtesy photo
A blushing bride, Sossan Razaee strikes a pose at her wedding in Kabul, Afghanistan on December 31.

My sister Sossan wasn't an American bride, but she was the bravest and most beautiful Afghani bride I have ever seen.

To describe her might sound like she was a traditional bride — but that is here in the U.S.

She was an out of the ordinary Afghani bride.

In the Afghani culture, brides don't plan or even talk about how they want their wedding to be.

They go shopping with aunts, cousins and moms of both the groom and the bride, but stay as calm as they can and don't comment about what is being bought for them.

They wear and do what the elders tell them out of respect, which is a sensitive matter in Afghani culture.

As it gets closer to the wed-

ding, the bride gets to relax more.

Shy and naive, the bride sits at home and enjoys her last days being single.

The elders and mothers and sisters of the bride and groom do everything that needs to be done, but my sister and brother-in-law organized every single plan of their wedding themselves.

We got to Kabul, Afghanistan on Dec. 25 and the wedding was on Dec. 31.

We had five days to prepare and that includes finding a salon for the bride to get her makeup and hair done, finding hotels for the henna night and wedding night, finding costumes for the henna ceremony, buying the groom's suit, making dresses for the bridesmaids and ordering cake.

Then finding a photographer and videographers, having

decorated cars with flowers for the groom and bride to go from the salon to hotel and from the hotel to home — all the little things that one might need for the wedding.

She planned it all, but not what happened to me and the groom on their wedding day.

While we were at the salon getting our makeup done someone stole my purse thinking that there was a lot of money in it.

Unfortunately my ID, passport, ticket and jewelry for the night were in my purse, but no money.

I had to apply for a new passport which I was lucky enough to get in seven days.

Then I had to buy my ticket from Kabul to Dubai, which cost about \$250.

Now I don't know which one was worse — me losing my ID, or the groom not fitting in

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Beyond Glass: Breaking out of the mold

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

The Prichard Art Gallery is preparing to push studio tradition into the art world thanks to money raised from their auction on Feb. 9.

The gross profit was \$26,742.05, a 94 percent profit from the 2006 auction, which grossed \$13,759.

Roger Rowley, Prichard Art Gallery director, said that the people who came made the difference.

"Twice as many people attended," Rowley said. "There was standing room only."

Nara Woodland, assistant director of the gallery, said that the atmosphere was lively and people enjoyed themselves.

"The live music made a difference," Woodland said. "It was jazzy and entertaining, just classier than last time."

After expenses, the gallery raised approximately \$15,000.

Rowley also said that without some of the patrons who came, some larger and more expensive art pieces would not have sold.

Artist income also saw an increase in this year's auction.

"That we could give them so much is fantastic," Rowley said.

Some artists donated anywhere from 50 to 90 percent of

their profits while others donated 100 percent.

"That's an important amount back into the creative community," Rowley said.

There was a 262 percent increase from 2006, from artists receiving \$2,338 previously to \$6,127 this year.

The money raised is going toward an exhibit that Rowley has been working on for about four years.

The exhibit, titled "SLAG, the Anti-Art Glass," will be an international exhibit of artists who use glass as part of a mixed media approach to their work and is set to show fall of 2009.

Woodland said that this exhibit will be exciting.

"It is something that is unusual for this area," Woodland said.

Rowley said that up until recently, studio glass was more aligned with the high end of craft art, not fine art, even though Europe has been creating glass as fine art for centuries.

"(This exhibit) will take glass some place completely different," Rowley said.

The exhibit will start with some traditional ideas and then throw in mixed media.

Cast bronze objects and

houses made of glass with text built in, a sort of house of words, will be part of the mixed media.

"Glass is often thought of as glowing colorful objects of all shapes," Rowley said. "This exhibit builds on that, what other ways glass can be presented, in a more integrated approach using glass in concert together."

There will also be work with glass having medical connotations, like a hospital tray and flesh.

"The medical organic look is interesting on one level, drawing you in, but also on a creepy and repulsive (level)," Rowley said.

Rowley said that there is an interplay of light and material that glass breaks with.

Glass can make it seem like flesh or that the object is alive," Rowley said.

"It can take on other physical qualities that one doesn't associate with a glass vase," Rowley said.

A big part of the evolution of glass art is getting away from the conventional glass vase or corning ware.

"(Glass art) makes an expressive comment on emotions or ideas that go beyond the notion of a beautiful object," Rowley said.



Illustration courtesy of Noah Kroese

To each its own: Three artists showcase different styles at Above the Rim Gallery

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

From mixed media to watercolors and oil pastels on sheet rock, the new exhibit at the Above the Rim Gallery showcases different styles of art from three very different artists.

The gallery shows a wide variety of works from different artists, allowing experienced artists to showcase their work and newer ones to get their career started.

"It's a perfect place for an emerging and established artist in Moscow," said Gerri Saylor, director of the Above the Rim Gallery.

Two years ago, Saylor met up with Roger Rowley from the Prichard Art Gallery and the two of them decided to sync their schedules, that way they were opening exhibits on the same nights.

"We synched calendars and since then have had a highly successful partnership," she said. "All of our openings are scheduled for the same nights and the patrons really enjoy it."

Jim Gale, one of the artists whose work is currently on display at the gallery, said that he likes the Above the Rim Gallery because it's democratic and run by Saylor.

"Gerri is open minded, has good tastes in art, and knows what she's talking about," he said.

Gale, who has been living



Jake Barber/Argonaut

The Above the Rim Gallery is displaying a new exhibit featuring watercolors by Chris Berdoll, mixed media collages by Jana Brubaker, and pastels on sheetrock by Jim Gale (shown).

in Moscow since 1989, said the Above the Rim Gallery appeals to a wide variety of artists, which makes the different exhibits neat.

"Artists of all abilities can show their work there. Top artists from the area can show

there, as well as less known ones," he said.

Gale's pieces, which are oil pastels on sheet rock, are bright and colorful, and he said he likes using the pastels because it gives him the ability to overlap colors.

"Oil pastels are intense and immediate," he said.

As for using sheet rock as his canvas, Gale said that he enjoys working on it because it's nice and stiff, inexpensive and has a nice texture and quality.

Jana Brubaker, whose art is also on display at the gallery, said she likes the gallery because it helps out the arts community in Moscow.

"I appreciate that it's owned by a local business owner, and he's making a contribution to local arts," Brubaker said.

Brubaker's displayed pieces are a part of her series of prints that are titled "The Golden Plates: A Feminist Remembers Her Mormonist Roots," which were inspired by her childhood.

"Since my first year of grad school I've been examining growing up Mormon, and looking back on that since taking feminist classes," she said.

Brubaker's next display will be her thesis, "Wild Child," and will take place on April 11 at the Prichard Art Gallery.

The gallery, which is located on Main Street and above Paradise Creek Bicycles, opened a little more than three years ago and has established itself as a successful art gallery in the area.

The current exhibit at the Above the Rim Gallery will run until April 5.

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DDD tickets go on sale today

Tickets for Dancers Drummers Dreamers are on sale now at TicketsWest or UI's Ticket Office.

This year's show, titled "shoe-be-shoe-be-do," is a collaboration by dancers, percussionists and other musicians.

The show will include original works by students and faculty with a cast of more than 50 dancers and musicians.

Showtimes at the University of Idaho Hartung Theatre are 7:30 p.m. on March 20-22.

There will also be a matinee on March 21 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 to \$11. For more information, contact Greg Halloran at 885-2184 or halloran@uidaho.edu.

Wawawai Canyon releases new wines

Wawawai Canyon will release a new wine each Saturday beginning this Saturday and running through March 29.

There will be live music from 6-8 p.m. each Saturday evening and both the tasting and concerts are free and open to the public.

However, visitors may also buy wines by the glass during the concerts for \$6 each.

For more information, contact Christine Havens at (509) 336-9316 or visit www.wawawacanyon.com.

WSU presents Battle of the Bands

The Washington State University Student Entertainment Board is looking for bands to compete in the 2008 Battle of the Bands at 7 p.m. March 30.

The event will take place at Ensminger Pavilion on the WSU campus.

Any unsigned bands from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana are encouraged to apply to compete.

The submission application and criteria can be found at www.mediafire.com.

SEB will accept eight finalists and will announce them on March 19.

Competing bands must post-mark submissions by Tuesday or drop them off in person at the SEB office, 101J Administration

Annex, by 3 p.m. on March 17.

SEB will award prizes to winners, including an invitation to play a set at WSU's annual music festival, Springfest, on April 19.

General information about Battle of the Bands can be found at www.mediafire.com.

'Seussical the Musical' at RTOF

Regional Theatre of the Palouse will feature "Seussical the Musical" April 10-12 and April 17-19 at the new RTOF Theatre at 122 N. Grand Ave. in Pullman.

The show will incorporate bits and pieces of 14 Seuss classics including, "Horton Hears a Who," "Horton Hatches the Egg," "Gertrude McFuzz" and "The Cat in the Hat."

More information on the cast and show is available on the RTOF Web site at www.RTOFtheatre.org.

For information call John Rich at (509) 334-7033.

Break for Irish Tea and Step Dance

An Irish Tea event will take place between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Lewis-Clark State College Center for Arts and History Galleries.

Tickets cost \$17 per person and can be purchased at Centerpiece Museum Store in the LCSC Center for Arts and History on Main Street at 792-2243, Owl Pharmacy on Southway at 743-5528, or at LCSC Campus at Community Programs in Sam Glenn Complex No. 51 at 792-2282.

A menu of seven items will include Shamrock Tea Sandwiches, Sweet and Savory Ham Tea Sandwiches, Corned Beef Canapés, Carrot & Rosemary Scones, Pot of Gold Tea Cakes, Pistachio Cutouts and Irish Mint Dreams.

An Irish Step Dance performance will be provided by Festival Dance and Performing Arts.

Proceeds from the Irish Tea will benefit the Center for Arts and History, a department of Community Programs at Lewis-Clark State College.

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The quintet Imani Winds starts off with the piece "Six Bagatelles" by Romanian composer Gyorgy Ligeti in the University Auditorium as part of the Auditorium Chamber Music Series on Tuesday. Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Prom fashions move away from classics and go vintage

Amanda Kwan
Associated Press

Neev Zaiet has the dress and shoes ready and the hairstyle picked out. She's had a run-through in the entire ensemble, right down to the makeup, and has posed for a photo shoot with a friend.

There is still the small matter of finding a boy to escort the 16-year-old junior to the Valencia High School prom. But the big night is still two months away.

In this age of savvy teens, the annual high school dance has taken on an aura of breathless anticipation rivaling a wedding. With attendees, their parents and schools getting involved to plan one night of formality for teens who usually slink to class in jeans and scuffed sneakers, students see the dance as a fashion show to unleash their inner divas.

"You search for months for the perfect dress and spend more time trying to find the

perfect accessories," says Dominique Marinello, 15, of Santa Clarita, Calif. "The truth is that no one, your date especially, realizes what it takes to prepare for the big day, but it's great to feel like the most beautiful girl in the room for the night."

And it's no longer as simple as taking a trip to the tried-and-true formal dress departments at their local department stores. Members of Teen Vogue's "It Girls" focus group of fashionable readers say they're just as

likely to scour vintage stores or create their own looks.

"They are ready to break the rules," says Gloria Baume, fashion director of Teen Vogue. "They will take only what they like from those stereotypical looks that have dominated the market since the 1950s and reinterpret them in their own magical way."

That approach also helps them avoid showing up as someone else's dress twin. Laura Hammer, a 17-year-old member

of the Teen Vogue group, will be wearing a 1960s shift purchased from an online vintage retailer.

"I chose vintage because I had the option of going through the racks at the same stores every teenage girl in my school will be picking through — you know the usual: Betsey Johnson, Nordstrom, Saks — and cross my fingers and hope that no one buys the same dress," Laura says. "But by going against the majority and buying vintage, I had the guarantee that I will show up in

a one-of-a-kind design." Cady Fontana, 17, is so concerned about being unique on her special night that she's making her own dress. The senior at Ithaca High School in Ithaca, N.Y., wants to duplicate the reaction she received for her self-made peach satin cocktail-length dress at last year's event.

"Prom is an awesome opportunity for me to show my peers what I can do, sewing-wise," she says.

Breaking with other traditions, such as donning a full-length gown, was also a popular and practical idea. Cristina Ruiz, 18, of Marietta, Ga., recalled her experience at the junior prom in a floor-length dress: "It was impossible to dance in, and I kept tripping all over the place."

Dress designer Jessica McClintock, whose fashion career started in 1968 by making dresses for San Francisco's hippie generation, says 80 percent of her prom collection last year were full-length dresses, and she plans to decrease that amount to 70 percent this year.

McClintock, who wore a long white strapless organza dress inspired by Grace Kelly to her own prom in 1950, says she visits four to five high school dances in her San Francisco neighborhood each year to gauge trends. This year, McClintock says her short dresses will have "a lot of tulle, so girls can wear them with their spike heels, which they love to do."

Some even considered abandoning dresses altogether. "Girls have this misconception that if you are not wearing a big dress, you are underdressed," explains Christine Sirois, a 17-year-old from Toronto. "There is no reason why a young woman cannot wear a wonderfully tailored suit if she chooses."

If parents are concerned that their daughters may be seeking a too-mature look, they can rest easy. Though television shows and music videos may boast overtly sexualized images of young women, these girls just want to look their age.

"Even though I love people thinking I'm 18, I think that a high school prom isn't the place to look more mature," says Devan Elmore, a 16-year-old junior at Hamilton High School in Sussex, Wis. "I think that for prom, it should be about dancing with your friends and guys, and not caring how old you appear to be."

Despite the level of expectation that teens have for their big night, many girls stressed that status is no longer about money.

"The perfect dress could be \$1,000 or just out of a friend's closet," says Ellen Kim, a junior at Flintridge Preparatory Academy in the Los Angeles suburbs. "Either way, you won't be wearing a price tag on the night of prom so spending more money won't make you look any better."

Neev, the 16-year-old with everything but the prom date, will be channeling the 1980s in a teal blue strapless dress from Betsey Johnson. And to match her pink heels, her lucky man will have to wear a hot pink tie.

"I will find a hot pink tie, no matter what," Neev says. "My date will be ecstatic to know that he can stand out at prom and have a hot pink tie and a date in one of the most unique dresses."

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Yes, you're an adult and you have acne but you have options

Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Acne isn't a problem that magically disappears when you turn 20. Even though it's thought of as a teen skin problem, many adults — in fact, most adults — suffer from at least occasional outbreaks of acne.

The dermatology and beauty industries have taken notice of those blemishes over the past few years and are increasing the number of adult-acne products they offer. The ingredients aren't that different from those in treatments aimed at teens, but manufacturers say adults are willing to spend more money even if they have fewer pimples.

Clinique last fall launched its Acne Solutions line, a three-step system similar to its classic skin-care sets, but containing anti-acne ingredients.

"In talking to our own consultants at the (retail) counter, mature customers complain of acne ... and that led us to one of our major endeavors of the last five years," says Tom Mammone, executive director of research and development at Clinique, who says several studies backed the concept that more adults say they have acne.

Peter Scocimara, CEO

of Therative, the company that makes the ThermoClear heat-based, anti-acne device, says he initially thought the product would be marketed primarily to teenage boys, but that adult women have turned out to be the primary consumer. "The teen market is huge but the more sensitive market to the individual pimple is the adult woman."

Adult acne is more common on the jawline, neck, chest and back, while teen acne tends to cluster on the forehead and cheeks, says Dr. Katie Rodan, one of the two dermatologists behind the skin-care brand Rodan + Fields.

"Pimples move south with age," Rodan says. "They'll be fewer in number but bigger in size."

Teen acne is typically blamed on hormonal changes, while stress can be a more likely factor for adults, she says.

But bacteria can be the real culprit, and adults can allow heated bacteria to fester on

their skin anytime they do an activity such as bikram yoga or 30 minutes on the stationary bike at the gym and enjoy their smoothie before showering.

"You stew in your own sweat," Rodan says. "That heat you generate helps the bacteria and adults tend to do more heavy, sweaty, gym-intense exercise."

"Pimples move south with age, they'll be fewer in number but bigger in size."

Dr. Katie RODAN
Dermatologist

Dr. Mary Lupo, clinical professor of dermatology at Tulane University, who also consults for beauty brand Philosophy, says occasional acne can be treated

with over-the-counter products that include benzoyl peroxide to kill bacteria or salicylic acid to unclog pores.

But for anything consistent, she recommends prescriptive treatments that will treat an existing outbreak and could help prevent future ones. The estrogen and progesterin

in the Yaz birth control pill — an option only for women — and the anti-androgen action of the hormone-therapy drug Spironolactone, which suppresses oil output, are effective, says Lupo, as is Accutane. All of those, however, should be taken while under a doctor's care because there are potential side effects.

Laser treatments also can help active acne and acne scarring by stimulating collagen — a bonus is that they also can help with fine lines and wrinkles, she adds. But treatments average \$250-\$500 and patients typically need three.

The best treatment might be to accept that adult acne happens — and to know you're not alone, says self-esteem adviser and blogger Jess Weiner, who is featured in Seventeen magazine among other media outlets.

She is no stranger to an outbreak, she says, and she used to do her best to cover it up with topical treatments and makeup.

"The blemish becomes magnified, at least in your own mind," Weiner says. "It impedes you from feeling sexy, or fresh, or clean. ... Just like when you were in junior high, a bad case of acne can completely level your confidence for the day."

What you think you know about acne

Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

The first myth to bust about acne is that it can't happen to you, no matter your age, gender or skin type.

"When I say the word 'acne,' people treat it like an ugly four-letter word. It's not always a teenager full of zits. One big zit on a woman's chin also qualifies," says Dr. Katie Rodan, co-founder of the Rodan + Fields skin-care brand. "Almost everyone has it, what varies is where you have it and the intensity."

What else do people think?

"A very common misconception is that you should stop moisturizing. Sebum is part of the problem, but that's about it being oily in the glands, not oily on the

skin," says Tom Mammone, director of research and development for Clinique.

"You can have really dry skin and have acne," he says. Moisture can actually help protect against bacteria, he says.

What can hurt is trying to pop the pimples yourself, even if it feels like you are speeding recovery.

People want to feel like they're doing something, says Dr. Jeanie Downie, the dermatologist-author of "Beautiful Skin of Color," but touching a blemish will only extend the recovery.

"One of the main reasons people pick is to get rid of it, but the bacteria under the fingernails doesn't help — it can even lead to permanent scarring."

Recently she decided to change her approach and she has seen an improvement. She goes out without concealer — and no one else seemed to notice, Weiner reports.

"I also figured out how to

dress around my zits. I wear hats! Hats became the great distractor. I also wear my glasses a lot, scarves or cleavage-baring shirts because then people weren't looking at my face."

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Tyrone Turner, a junior in business marketing is planning a trip to somewhere warm: his hometown of Corona, Calif.

He will be making the 20-hour drive to visit his family and hang out with friends he doesn't get to see much.

Since Corona is only two hours from Mexico, he has been there several times, but has no plans to go for Spring Break.

"Mexico — Cancun" is

where people go for Spring Break, Turner said. "It's what society instills in us."

Some students, such as Mitch Porter, a senior studying Linguistics, have specific goals.

Porter plans on getting his applications for graduate schools done because he expects to get his letters of recommendation this week.

What people do for Spring Break depends on their age group, Porter said.

"Midterms are over for college (students) — it's kind of a release," he said. "I'm more

reserved now because it's my fifth year."

Other students are ready to get outside and be active.

Elise Clausen, a sophomore studying theater is driving to Red Rock State Park near Sedona, Ariz. to go rock climbing.

She and her climbing partner are going there because the rocks are "huge" and offer a lot of variety.

To Clausen, Spring Break is a time to do something that one would enjoy — a time when one doesn't have to work and a time to relax.

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his tuxedo pants.

Apparently when they bought his tux, the pants were a little too tight on the waist so he asked the shopkeeper to make them fit more loosely.

Instead, he accidentally made them even tighter, only my brother-in-law didn't know it until he was changing and getting ready to pick the bride up from the salon.

Luckily, he managed to get another pair from the same store and made it to the salon and, the hotel.

I did too, only without any jewelry.

Every time my mom asked about it, I just said that I forgot the jewelry at home.

I didn't want her to freak out because there was a possibility of me getting stuck there.

Now if you look at it from and older Afghani woman's perspective, they would say things went wrong because

a young and emotional bride planned everything.

They would consider her somewhat disrespectful and selfish.

But I think every wedding has its own dramas.

What my sister did is almost not acceptable in Afghani culture.

There is so much respect and advantage given to brides that sometimes it seems like they are the boss of everything.

But I think what mattered most in the end was that my sister's dreams came true.

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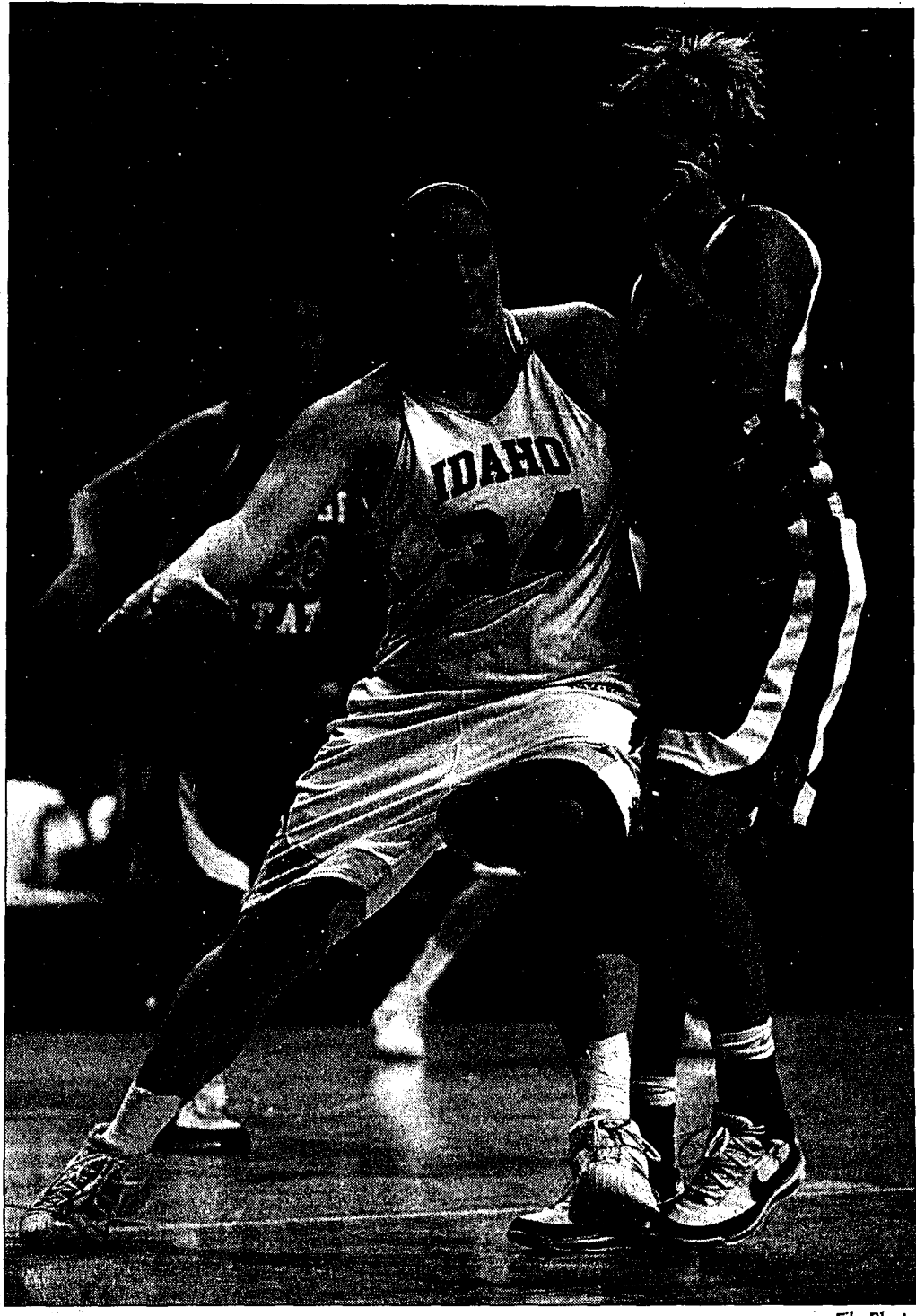
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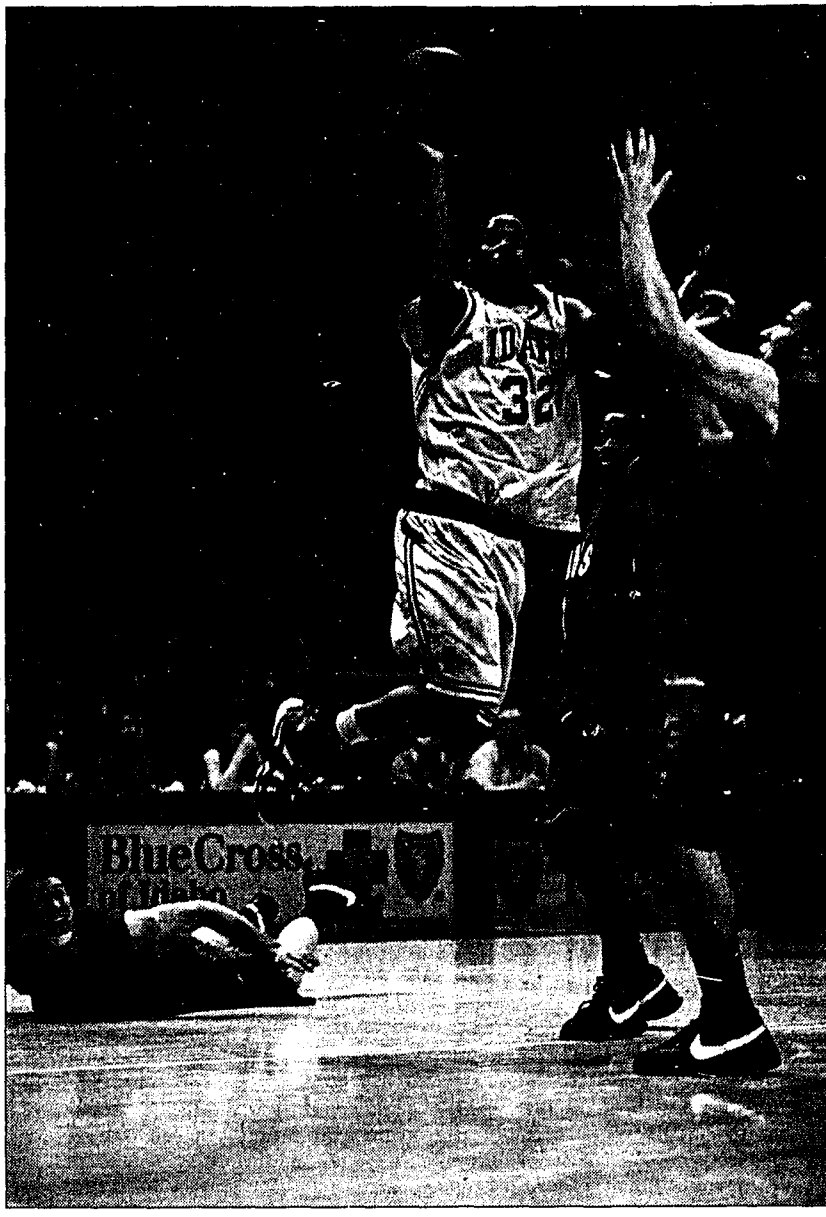
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Gearing up for tourney time



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Katie Madison shoves a Boise State Bronco player aside as she steps into the key in a 65-60 loss in the Kibbie Dome on Feb. 2.



File Photo

Jordan Brooks soars over his opponents during a game against Fresno State on Feb. 14. The Vandals won 79-74.

Saturday's game determines who Vandals play in WAC Tournament

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

With Saturday's game against Utah State and the WAC Tournament still left on its plate, the University of Idaho's men's basketball team has doubled the win total of any other Vandal basketball team since Idaho joined the WAC three years ago.

For some people, the team's 8-19 record would appear a minor success at best, but Idaho picking up eight wins is a landmark for rebuilding.

Before the season began, Idaho was ranked to finish ninth in the WAC for the third consecutive season in a poll of coaches and media professionals — Idaho coach George Pfeifer expressed his wish to disprove the poll shortly thereafter.

"I understand why we are ranked where we are and our goal is to change that perception," Pfeifer said. "We don't put much stock in polls."

As the Vandals look at a possible sixth or seventh place WAC finish, some may say this goal has been met.

All the Vandals need to set their



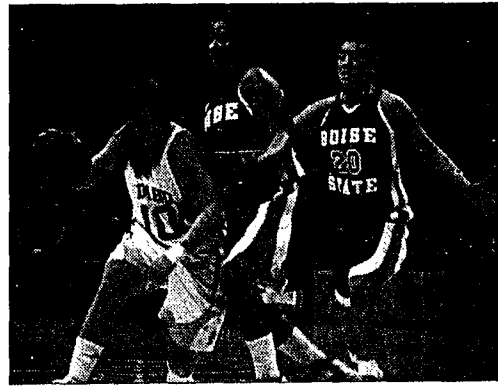
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Clyde Johnson backs up against several Nevada opponents during a game in the Cowen Spectrum on Feb. 16.

No. 7 WAC ranking in stone is a win against Utah State on Saturday night. While seventh place is right under Idaho's nose, sixth place is not far from reach either. The team is just one-half game behind Fresno State (5-9 WAC) with Idaho holding the tie-breaking advantage over the Bulldogs after its sweep of San Jose State.

The road has not been an easy one for Idaho. The season's 19 losses have taken their toll on the Vandals.

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File photo

Carli Bakondy moves past a couple defenders during Saturday's game versus Boise State. The Vandals lost 65-60.

Women meet San Jose State in first round

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

According to Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss, there are three sections to a season of Western Athletic Conference basketball.

On Tuesday, the University of Idaho women's basketball team will begin its last leg of the three-section season.

"You know, you start WAC play and it's a new season," Divilbiss said. "There are three seasons and it's a new season and everybody starts again. We will just go do the best we can."

Saturday's win over San Jose State has given Divilbiss a fresh outlook going into WAC tournament play.

"I hope we continue to do what we did on Saturday. I was really proud of the girls and how we played against San Jose," Divilbiss said.

Ironically, the WAC Tournament will open for the Vandal women in a game against San Jose State at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

Last year's play-in game was also against San Jose, but after beating the Spartans in both regular season games, the Vandals lost in the opening round of the tournament.

Despite last year's upset, Divilbiss has confidence in his team this year. After just coming off of a win against San Jose, if the team can keep up the aggressive nature that they showed on Saturday, there shouldn't be a big problem, Divilbiss said.

"I just hope that we just stay aggressive offensively and attack — play with an attack mentality like we did Saturday," he said.

Pleased with the performances of players coming off the bench against the Spartans, Divilbiss said he will continue to look to them for contributions in the team's

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DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

There's pain in Packersville: Favre is the last of his kind

My brother's roommate, a die-hard Packers fan from Wisconsin, called in sick for work Tuesday morning after learning of Brett Favre's retirement.

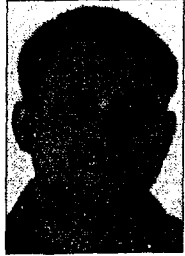
He couldn't possibly handle a day of work knowing Favre was leaving the NFL. In fact, my brother told me he didn't come out of his room until the afternoon.

I thought it was funny when I heard news across the country about Packer fans going berserk.

This happens in sports. Players bolt from team to team, asking for more money, demanding to be traded while blaming everyone but the player.

Not Favre, which is one of the many reasons why he was so revered among sports fans everywhere. Favre will be missed by a world of

football fans. He was John Wayne — a man's man. He wasn't perfect and fought off a drug addiction early in his career. He was a humble superstar, which is very rare today. All these reasons are why his recent retirement has many disappointed football fans remembering his legacy.



Johnny Ballgame
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I'll take a shot at it, too. When Brett Favre started his first game in 1992, George Bush was in the White House, not the current Bush — his daddy.

Since week four of 1992, Favre has been Green Bay's starting quarterback, never missing a game.

He had 17 backups throughout his career and not one of them ever started a ballgame. It's tough to imagine Favre never missing a single game. This is football, guys get ankles broken, knees

rolled-up. Things happen that make it virtually impossible to play 253 consecutive games.

That's John Wayne stuff. Most Idaho students can't remember the NFL without Favre. He's been playing since many of them were 3 years old.

One of the greatest treats sports fans receive is getting to witness careers like Favre's. Seeing him grow from a kid with a cannon arm to a polished passing technician was a joy football fans will cherish and pass on to others during their lives.

Players like Favre make that possible.

In the process of his streak, Favre set every major passing record along with a win in one Super Bowl.

I don't think of Favre as the greatest quarterback of all time, but he's definitely on the Mt. Rushmore of QBs along with Joe Montana, John Elway and Johnny Unitas.

This departure truly marks the end of an era for passers.

He was the last of the throwback gunslingers the NFL saw during the 1980s — the golden era for quarterbacks. He reminded people of guys like Elway and Dan Marino, or Jim Kelly, Warren Moon and Montana — the Tecmo Bowl video game era that got me hooked on this game.

Favre was one of those guys, and the NFL will have to find a new niche with its quarterbacks because right now all you've got is the Manning brothers and Tom Brady.

If a young quarterback set out to break some of Favre's records, he would have a long, curvy road ahead. If someone played 20 seasons in the NFL and threw for 3,000 yards exactly each season, he'd still fall short of Favre's all time yardage record of 61,665.

Another amazing fact about Favre's career is that it had no twilight. Most aging quarterbacks slow down during

their final years and their stats decrease for the worse. Not Favre.

He threw for over 4,000 yards, completing over 60 percent of his passes and tossing 28 touchdowns in 2007 — his last season. That's a career-year for most guys, Favre did it when he was 38 years old.

I'm going to miss Brett Favre. I'll miss him on Monday Night Football, passing his team to another victory or converting a crazy play that only he could pull off.

I'll miss John Madden sucking up to him and commending his mistakes. I'll miss seeing him destroy the Raiders less than 48 hours after the death of his father.

Hell, I'll miss him beating my Seahawks. Damn, maybe I should call in sick today.

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Elvie Williams, a Vandal runner from Tacoma, Wash. settles in his blocks before running the 60-meter hurdles during practice Thursday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome.

Last chance to qualify for Vandal athletes

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

After a disappointing third place finish for the University of Idaho men's and women's track and field teams at the Western Athletic Conference championships last week, athletes who have not qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships will have a final opportunity at the Husky Last Chance meet in Seattle on March 8.

The Husky Last Chance meet is not just for athletes who have failed to make a qualifying mark, however.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said that a number of athletes from UI have already hit provisional qualifying marks, but that doesn't always mean a guarantee into the meet.

"They accept around 16 to 18 of the top marks in the nation so if you're sitting 12 or 13 on the list, you could get bumped out easily," Phipps said. "We have some guys that are sitting between 20 and 30 right now, so they are in the position to get there."

Idaho's only automatic qualifier is Russ Winger in the shot put. Winger is ranked fourth in the world in the event.

Matt Wauters and Winger are both provisional qualifiers in the weight throw and both have a good shot at making the NCAA Championships.

"We've got a couple that are on the provisional list that can go," Phipps said. "Russ and Matt in the weight throw and K.C. Dahlgren in the pole vault has a good chance too."

Dahlgren, who is also a provisional qualifier in the event is only the second UI women's athlete to clear 13 feet in the indoor pole vault. Her vault of 13 feet, 1 1/2 inches was a lifetime best in the event.

"K.C. will only have to improve on her best by about four centimeters to qualify, so she's got a good shot," Phipps said.

Mykael Bothum, who broke an Idaho record with her effort in the shot put, is another Vandal athlete who could go to the NCAA Championships, even though her road may be a little more difficult.

"Mykael is in the 30 range (among) provisional qualifiers," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "She needs quite a bit more to qualify, maybe 2 or 2 1/2 feet, but I think she can do it."

The Vandals, who have been plagued with injuries during the indoor season, will have athletes competing who are looking to rebound.

David Holmon, who has spent much of the regular indoor season battling a knee injury, hit a provisional qualifying mark in the triple jump and will try to improve on his season best leap of 50-10.

"Right now David is 25th or 26th in the event and he probably needs to bump up about six to eight inches to make it," Phipps said. "He's another one that has been nursing a knee injury all season, and if he's healthy he's got a pretty good chance."

Two UI 800-meter runners will look to break through at the meet as well. Bastien Tardy, who won the 800-meters at the 2007 WAC Championships meet will try for a qualifying mark after being literally tripped up at the WAC Championships last week.

"Bastien had a tough race, someone actually tripped him but I think he's ready to run a qualifying time," Phipps said.

Cesar Barquero is another Idaho runner in the event. Barquero only competed in the final meet of the year, but seems to be ready to run a good time in the event, Phipps said.

Other Vandal athletes competing in the meet include pole men's pole vaulters Lucas Pope, who won the WAC Championships in the event, and Mike Carpenter, true freshman Paul Dittmer in the men's 60-meter hurdles, and Heather Bergland in the women's 60-meter hurdles.

TENNIS

Vandals fall to Eastern Washington

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The men's tennis team lost a close battle Wednesday when they took on Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.

It was a tight match all evening, starting with doubles where Vandal players Andrey Potapkin and Stanislav Glukhov won the No. 1 spot, but couldn't secure the doubles point losing at the No. 2 and No. 3 positions.

The excitement carried into the singles matches where Potapkin started it off by defeating the Eagles' No. 1 player, Pannhara Mam, and tied the match at 1-1.

The Eagles responded with two more wins of their own — knocking off Chalkley and Tim Huynh at 3 and 4 to gain a 3-1 lead over the Vandals.

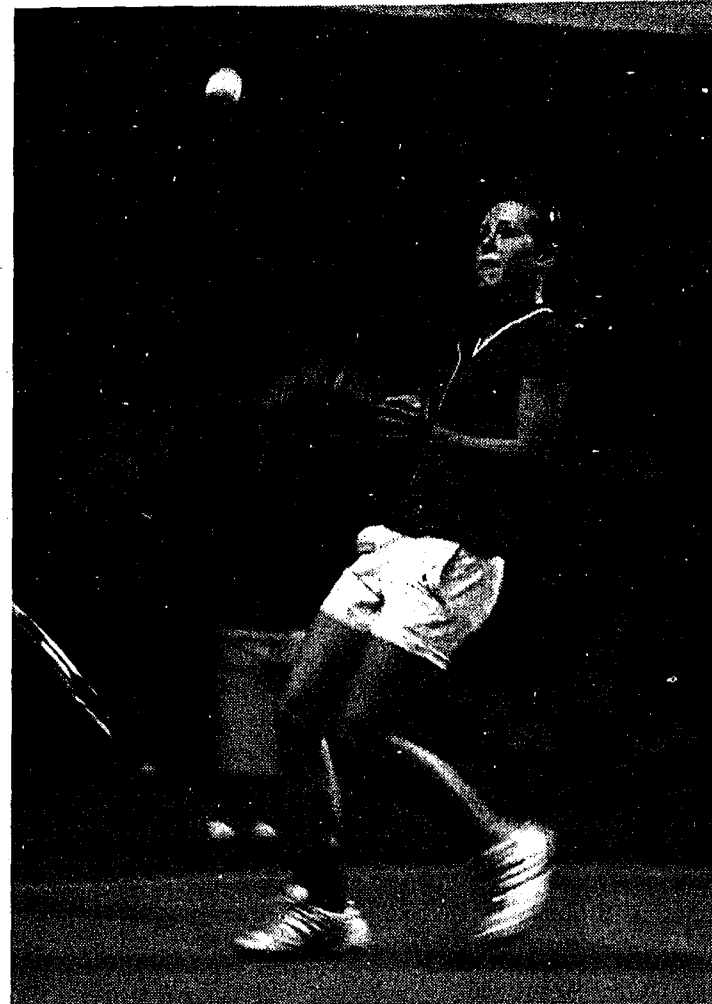
But the Vandals didn't give up and won two in a row at 2 and 6 with Glukhov and Andrew Dobbs to tie the match at 3-3 with one match to go.

The final match came down to Hugh McDonald of Idaho against Daniel Pez of EWU. After three long sets, the Eagles took the final point needed to gain the win, over the Vandals.

With this loss, the Vandals are still holding onto a winning record of 10-8 and have only seven more matches before the Western Athletic Conference Championships in April.

The men will travel to Boise today to take on San Diego State and head back to Cheney on Sunday with hopes of defeating Northern Colorado.

Coming off of their big win against Idaho State on Sunday, the women's tennis team will travel to Cheney today to take on Northern Colorado before they begin their busy schedule of 13 matches in just five weeks.



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Sophomore Vandal tennis player, Basio Maciochaz, practices in the Kibbie Dome Thursday afternoon.

Singles

1. Andrey Potapkin (UI) def. Pannhara Mam (EWU) 6-2, 6-0
2. Stanislav Glukhov (UI) def. Nico Reigo de Dios (EWU) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
3. Kenneth Norling (EWU) def. Robert Chalkley (UI) 6-3, 6-3
4. Art Karas (EWU) def. Timothy Huynh (UI) 7-6 (7-4), 6-1
5. Daniel Pez (EWU) def. Hugh McDonald (UI) 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3

6. Andrew Dobbs (UI) def. Patrick Millican (EWU) 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

1. Potapkin/ Glukhov (UI) def. Mam/ Norling (EWU) 8-6
 2. Davis/ Millican (EWU) def. Chalkley/ Huynh (UI) 8-6
 3. Karas/ Riego de Dios (EWU) def. McDonald/ Dobbs (UI) 8-6
- Order of finish: Doubles (2,3,1); Singles (1,3,4,2,6,5)

FOOTBALL

Vandals showcase talent to NFL

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

Draft-eligible Vandal football players stretched and strutted through racks of weights before Pro Day in the Kibbie Dome Tuesday.

They slapped hands, holered nicknames at each other and cracked jokes. That was until the NFL scouts had had enough.

"Hurry up. I don't want to have to wait," an NFL scout shouted as he'd called a player's name for the second time to the weigh-in.

The voices around Pro Day became whispers and the players went straight to business with the humility of a freshman in high school trying to make the cut.

Scouts arrived to the dome Tuesday from the Canadian league, Seattle Seahawks, Jacksonville Jaguars, Washington Redskins, Cleveland Browns, Miami Dolphins, San Diego Chargers, Pittsburgh Steelers, St. Louis Rams and this year's Super Bowl participants New England Patriots and New York Giants.

Their team logos were

tagged to their chest. They hovered over athletes with clipboards, marking the test numbers as they were read aloud, appraising player's values.

Next season's Vandal team peered through the windows and over the balcony of the weight room. They used their cell phones as stop watches for the 40-yard dash and rallied behind their former teammates.

Similar to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis, scouts measured height, weight, wingspan, hand measurements, flexibility, vertical and standing broad jumps, bench press, "L" drill, shuttle run and the 40-yard dash.

Scouts organized the 10 to 15 UI football players from the 2007 senior class and a couple from the 2006 class.

The players filled out the NFL paperwork that may someday lead to earning an NFL paycheck.

David Vobora's name and face was familiar to every scout. They knew him from Indianapolis last week at the invitation-only NFL Combine and they had come to Idaho to get a closer look.

Vobora, who led the WAC in tackles for the second consecutive year, impressed scouts and proved his NFL value once again.

In the 40-yard dash, Vobora went from 4.7 seconds in Indianapolis to 4.59 in the dome. His vertical jump was 35.5 inches — a six-inch increase from his test in Indy. He sat out the remainder of tests.

Vobora said it was good to come back to Idaho after the "chaotic" combine last week.

"The RCA dome was full of 800 plus scouts," Vobora said.

With doctors poking and prodding him, he said he was running everywhere he was told to go.

While Vobora stood out in the Kibbie Dome with his NFL Combine workout gear and improvements in his tests, he wasn't the only Vandal linebacker turning heads.

Brandon Ogletree lifted 225 pounds 27 times and ran the

fastest 40-yard dash time with 4.41 seconds. As soon as he crossed the line, scouts turned to each other and asked if their stop watch was accurate.

Not only did he beat everyone in the dome, Ogletree's time was the fastest compared to any other linebacker timed at the combine in Indianapolis.

Stanley Franks ran the day's second fastest 40-yard dash time at 4.43 seconds. He jumped 38 inches, for in the highest vertical jump of the day.

Mike Cox, a scout for the St. Louis Rams, hadn't been in the Kibbie Dome since he'd coached with the Vandals from 1987-1994.

"They ran real good times and both improved," Cox said about Vobora and Franks.

A native of Coeur d'Alene, Cox helped the Vandals to four Big Sky Conference Championships before leaving to coach at Utah State, Michigan State and Louisville. He still ranks among the Vandals' all-time leaders in tackles from when he played for Dennis Erickson and Keith Gilbertson.

"Vobora's change of direction was the most impressive thing in Indianapolis," Cox said.

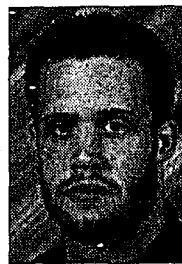
He said NFL teams have about seven scouts who are "well aware" of every prospective professional player in the nation.

Idaho junior Shiloh Keo sat in the stands with players from next season's team timing with cell phones for the 40-yard dash.

At the end of time trials, he came down on field to congratulate his former teammates. Keo said it was good to see teammates come back after they had left last semester.

He smiled at the mention of showcasing himself at Indianapolis in the future. Keo was named the John Friesz Most Valuable Player for last season and still has two years of eligibility left.

"This gives me something to look forward to and strive for," he said.



David Vobora



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Favre rules out return to football

Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Sitting by himself on an airplane ride up to Green Bay on Thursday morning, Brett Favre struggled to find a sincere and graceful way to say he was finished with football.

In the end, his tears told the story.

"It's been a great career for me, and it's over," Favre said, his voice cracking with emotion during a news conference at Lambeau Field two days after he announced his retirement. "As hard as that is for me to say, it's over."

Wearing an untucked collared shirt, blue jeans and several days' worth of stubble, Favre said he was convinced he could still play on Sundays, but had lost his passion to practice and prepare the way he would need to lead the Packers to another Super Bowl.

Given that fact, he could draw only one conclusion: it was time to hang up his helmet.

"I have way too much pride," Favre said. "I expect a

lot out of myself. And if I can't do those things 100 percent, then I can't play."

After a farewell news conference that lasted just over an hour, Favre put his arm around his tearful wife, Deanna, and left the stage — presumably for good.

He takes with him a Super Bowl victory, virtually every quarterback record worth having and the widespread admiration of his peers and fans.

The 38-year-old Favre also leaves with graying hair and a deliberate gait — signs that the years were quietly taking a toll on the man who was celebrated for playing a serious and precise game with the carefree joy of a little boy.

He cried Thursday as he discussed his decision.

"I promised I wouldn't get emotional," he said. But as the tears flowed, he added, "I've watched hundreds of players retire and you wonder what that would be like. You think you're prepared ..."

Favre thanked the Green Bay Packers for letting him play.

"I hope that with every penny they've spent on me,

they know it was money well spent," he said. "It wasn't about the money or fame or records. I hear people talk about your accomplishments and things. It was never my accomplishments, it was our accomplishments."

Favre is the NFL's only three-time MVP, and leads the league with 442 touchdown passes, 61,655 yards passing and 160 career victories. He started 253 consecutive regular-season games, more than any other quarterback in history.

Favre also holds the more dubious mark of 288 interceptions — an indication of the wild streak that only made him more human to the fans who adored him.

The same was true of Favre's highly publicized struggles with an addiction to prescription painkillers, his support of his wife through a battle with breast cancer and a memorable Monday night game against Oakland after he lost his father.

Favre's exit comes after a remarkable 2007 season, but his final pass was one to forget: An interception in overtime of

the NFC championship game, a mistake that set up the New York Giants' field goal that sent the Packers home instead of to the Super Bowl.

Most folks figured Favre couldn't exit that way, especially when he had at least one more good year left in him.

But barring a change of heart in the upcoming weeks, months or years, the final chapter in his storied football career began Monday night.

Favre called Packers coach Mike McCarthy and told him he planned to retire, then finalized his decision in a conversation with Packers general manager Ted Thompson on Tuesday morning.

But until the news conference, Favre hadn't explained his decision to his fans. He said Thursday there was nothing left to prove.

"I'm going out on top," he said. "Believe me, I could care less what other people think. It's what I think, and I'm going out on top."

Favre's retirement came as a surprise to Packers executives, coaches and teammates, virtually all of whom expected him

to return. And it was a shock to fans who sat patiently, year after year, while Favre flirted openly with retirement — because, of course, he never really meant it.

To a generation of fans who watched Favre start every game since taking over as the Packers' starting quarterback during the 1992 season, it didn't make sense. He wouldn't just decide he was too tired to play and walk away.

Would he?

Recent comments by Favre's agent, Bus Cook, stirred suspicions about the "real" reason Favre was retiring.

Had the Packers' front office not done enough to talk him into coming back?

Was Favre's retirement a knee-jerk reaction to the fact that wide receiver Randy Moss, a player Favre lobbied the Packers to sign a year ago, had resigned with the New England Patriots without an apparent effort from the Packers?

Favre's comments Thursday indicated the decision was much simpler.

"I did it, but it got hard," he said. "I don't think it would

get easier next year or the following year. It hasn't up until this point. It's only gotten tougher and something told me 'You know it's gotten too hard for you.' I could probably come back and do it. Suck it up. But what kind of a toll would that take on me, my family or my teammates? At some point it would affect one of those if not all of them. Maybe it has already. I don't know."

Some who know Favre have doubts that he will be able to spend Sundays on the couch when he still has the ability to play.

Favre said Thursday he had no definite plans for the future and did not know whether he would be involved in football or with the Packers, but ruled out a return to the field.

"I don't even want to think about next year," he said. "Will I watch games? I'm sure I will. Will I be involved? I always made the joke I'd be here for an honorary coin toss. Well, that time may come, so I may be back for something like that. But as far as giving advice, I don't think that will happen."

Iditarod veteran beats front-runner to Cripple

Associated Press

TAKOTNA, Ala. — DeeDee Jonrowe was flabbergasted to learn she had beaten front-runner Paul Gebhardt to Cripple in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race early Thursday morning and was now in the lead.

"No, no, isn't Paul here?" the popular veteran musher from Willow asked race volunteers as she arrived at the tent checkpoint at 6:22 a.m., followed eight minutes later by Gebhardt, 50, last year's runner-up.

Jonrowe, 54, had passed a musher going the wrong way. But she never expected it to be Gebhardt, who was lost for at least six hours, wasting crucial time in the 1,100-mile race.

By midmorning, 10 teams were parked at Cripple, the official halfway point and 609 miles from the finish line in Nome, on Alaska's western coast. They included

four-time champion Martin Buser of Big Lake and his 18-year-old son, rookie Rohn Buser, also of Big Lake.

Earlier Thursday, defending champion Lance Mackey left Takotna, two checkpoints back, where he had taken his mandatory 24-hour layover to rest his ailing dogs. The 37-year-old Fairbanks musher said his team is used to running in much colder temperatures than the unusually warm weather that has marked the trail so far.

The long rest obviously revived the team. Mackey, who last year became the first ever to record back-to-back wins in the 1,100-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod, left Takotna at 5 a.m. for the 25-mile stretch to Ophir. His team arrived there at 7:16 a.m., bounding out four minutes later for the 59-mile run to Cripple.

Back at Takotna Wednesday, Karen Ramstead of Perryvale, Alberta, was taking her 24-hour rest with all 16 of her Si-

berian huskies.

The 42-year-old veteran musher scratched in last year's race because she was devastated after a female leader on her team, Snickers, died of a bleeding ulcer.

Ramstead is dedicating this race to Snickers and carrying the dog's ashes to Nome. She plans to scatter the ashes at Cape Nome overlooking the old gold rush town — a place where she always stops to pet and privately thank her team.

"I've always said that's my favorite spot," Ramstead said as her team slept on straw scattered over the snow. "You know you're going to finish, but you're still in the adventure."

Jason Barron of Lincoln, Mont., scratched in McGrath Thursday morning. The 36-year-old veteran cited ill dogs.

Five mushers have scratched since the start of the race. A record field of 90 mushers remains on the trail.

Private eye helps clients 'discredit' famous rivals

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former baseball player Matt Williams testified Thursday that he refused an offer from private investigator Anthony Pellicano to wiretap the phone of his second wife.

"It's an illegal act," Williams testified.

Williams was the first prosecution witness called in the wiretapping trial of Pellicano and four co-defendants.

Prosecutors said Pellicano, 63, was the architect of a thriving criminal enterprise that raked in more than \$2 million by spying on Hollywood's rich and famous then supplying the dirt to their rivals.

Clients "would pay a premium fee to discredit, and in some cases destroy, their adversaries," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Lally said in his opening statement.

Among those allegedly targeted by the scheme were Sylvester Stallone and comedians Garry Shandling and Kevin Nealon.

Williams, whose 17-year baseball career was spent mostly with the San Francisco Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks, testified that he paid Pellicano \$25,000 in December 2001 to investigate his first wife because he was concerned about the safety of their three children.

Within a month, Williams and Pellicano talked about the possible monitoring of his then-wife, Michelle Johnson, who was living in Los Angeles, apart from her husband.

Prosecutors played a recorded conversation between the two men in which Pellicano suggests he could "keep an eye" on Johnson by listening to her private conversations. Williams said he didn't know he was being recorded by Pellicano.

In the portion of the tape played, Williams didn't explicitly say he didn't want to wiretap the phone.

Instead, at one point Williams tells Pellicano: "I need to think about it."

Williams said Thursday he didn't know he was being recorded by Pellicano.

Williams, a five-time All-Star who retired in 2003, is among dozens of players named in December in the Mitchell Report as having used performance-enhancing drugs. He now works as a broadcaster for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The recording is one of more than 70 audio recordings prosecutors intend to introduce as evidence against Pellicano, who is accused of wiretapping phones and bribing police and telephone workers to intercept conversations that could give his clients an advantage in legal disputes.

Lally called Pellicano a prolific snoop who also taped his own discussions with clients. He said a treasure trove of recordings seized during a 2000 FBI raid on Pellicano's office paint a "clear and crystal" picture of the detective's shady dealings.

In that sense, "he's the biggest government informant in this case," Lally said.

Pellicano, acting as his own attorney, spoke for only 10 minutes during his opening

statement, contending he recorded and encrypted his own calls only as a way to create a referencing system.

Because he was acting as his own lawyer, Pellicano was told by the court to refer to himself in the third person when he addressed jurors.

"His presumption was that these conversations would be made available to no one but him," Pellicano told the panel. He also said he prided himself on being a secretive person who treated the problems of his clients as his own.

Lally said Pellicano took extreme measures to cloak his alleged illegal activities, recruiting senior law enforcement officers and telephone company employees who didn't need much supervision, then talking to them in code.

In addition, he rigged a wiretapping software program known as Telesleuth so no one else could access the recordings, Lally said.

Omerta, an Italian word meaning code of silence, was used as a password.

Among those allegedly enlisted by Pellicano were retired Los Angeles police Sgt. Mark Arneson and former telephone company employee Rayford Earl Turner. Other co-defendants in the case are Kevin Kachikian and Abner Nicherie. All have pleaded not guilty.

Seven people have pleaded guilty to a variety of charges including perjury and conspiracy. Six of the seven, including film director John McTiernan and former Hollywood Records president Robert Pfeifer, are expected to be called as witnesses.

Attorneys for Arneson and Turner told jurors the evidence won't show that their clients were part of a criminal enterprise, and that they didn't even know each other before they were arrested two years ago.

Arneson may have crossed a line by providing a "shortcut" for Pellicano in searching government databases, but he wasn't a corrupt officer and was paid by the private detective for legitimate private security work, attorney Chad Hummel said.

Adam Braun, who represents Kachikian, said in his opening statement that Pellicano hired his client to develop the eavesdropping software.

Braun said Kachikian thought the software would be marketed to law enforcement agencies: "He didn't know it was going to be misused on wiretaps."

Pellicano could provide some fireworks when he cross-examines some of his former clients and employees. Federal prosecutors filed a list of 127 potential witnesses that included Stallone, Chris Rock and Shandling. It was not clear, however, how many people would actually testify.

Other prominent Hollywood players on the potential witness list include one-time Walt Disney Co. president and agent Michael Ovitz; Brad Grey, chairman and chief executive officer of Paramount Pictures; and Ron Meyer, president and chief executive officer of Universal Studios.

The trial is expected to last about 10 weeks.

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