

UI seeks new VP for enrollment



Bruce Barnes

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

With the University of Idaho heading into the fall semester at full speed, an integral administrative position is up for grabs.

Bruce Barnes resigned as assistant vice president for enrollment management Aug. 1 after accepting a teaching position at a Las Vegas high school. Barnes had held the position for a year and half.

Until the position can be filled, Vice

Provost for Academic Affairs Jeanne Christiansen has taken the lead. She said her former position as vice provost adequately prepared her to take on the responsibility.

The position will be filled at an interim level. Christiansen said the university is looking to span the gap as quickly as possible. The chosen applicant will work with the understanding that a national search could be done on a later date.

"The university is very interested in continuing its momentum and finding

a lead person," she said. "(UI) will give (the search) its undivided attention."

Despite the vacancy, Christiansen said Barnes' absence should have no effect on final enrollment numbers.

Census results will be released the tenth day of the fall semester. Although the numbers are still being processed, Christiansen said she expects a "somewhat larger" freshman class compared to last year.

"We're feeling good about it," she said. "We're just tracking where we are."

Overall enrollment was down less

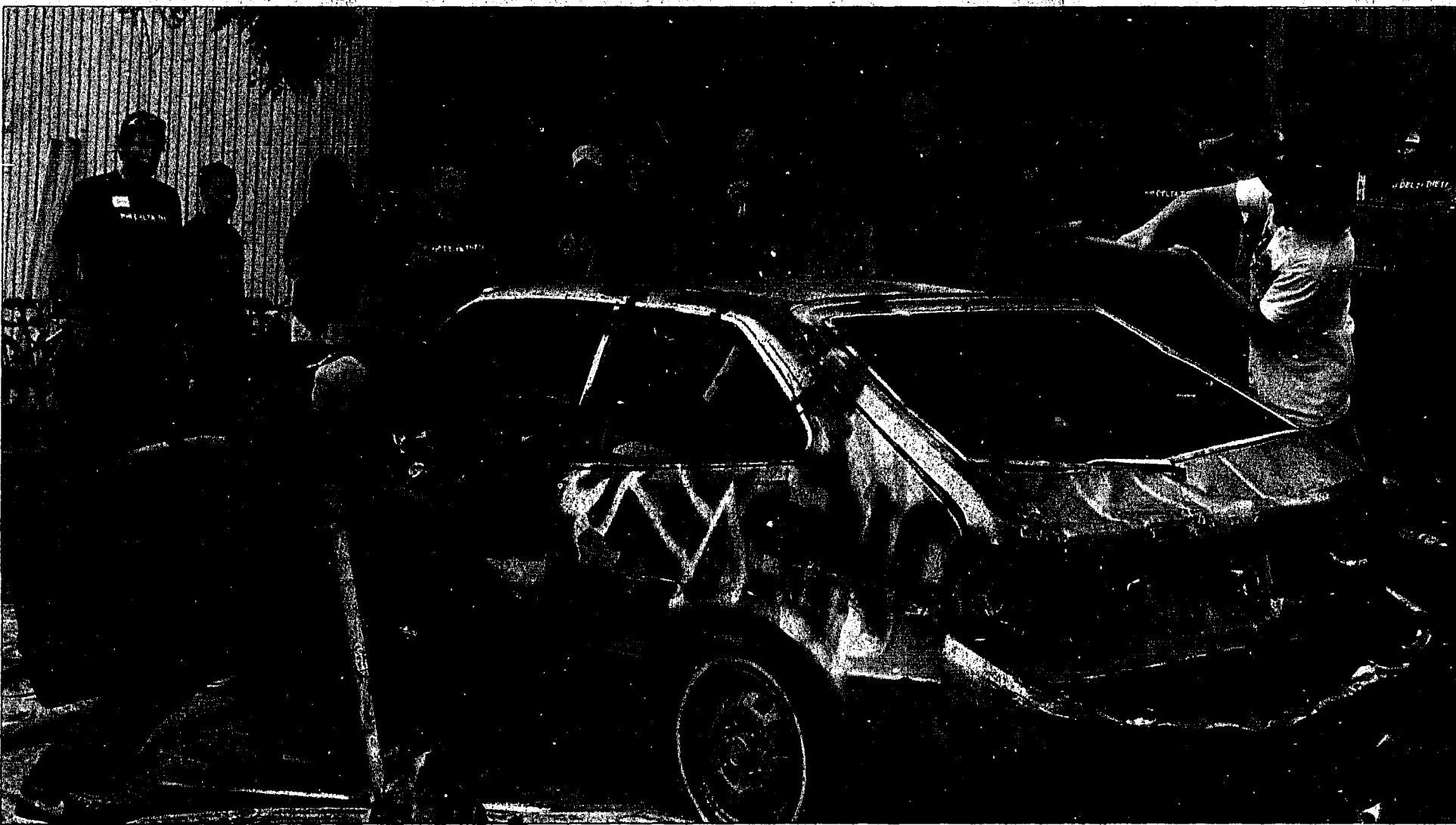
than 1 percent last fall. The number of incoming freshmen rose from 16,012 in 2006 to 16,032 in 2007, said Dan Davenport, director of admissions.

The university is currently searching for applicants before beginning the screening and interview process. A final decision is expected by mid-fall semester.

There is a number of minimum requirements applicants must meet. Christiansen said the position works

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SMASHIN' IT OUT



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Chris Doudy, left, and Eric Sprague take a swing during a car smash at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house on Wednesday. The activity was part of Rush Week, an opportunity for incoming freshmen to learn more about different houses.

Renovated Greek houses prep for semester

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Standing erect as his eyes proudly survey the plush room that surrounds him, Sam Larrondo — the Sigma Alpha Epsilon president, gestures toward the leather sofas and grand piano across from him.

"Does this look like any other fraternity you've ever been in?" he said.

Recently renovated, the SAE house is modeled after a hunting lodge with deep red wood surrounding the newly furnished formal room. In addition to the new living areas, the kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, study area and back brick wall have all been updated. The cost was \$2.3 million and the project has taken 8 years.

Larrondo has been a member of SAE for four years. His cousin was a pledge before him, and he said he was drawn to the organizations' emphasis on brotherhood and its legacy.

He said the remodel should provide future members with a better experience that translates into a better year.

"The last major remodel of the SAE was in 1932, so it was defiantly due," Larrondo said. "I think overall we want to make this feel like home to the people coming in and I think we've achieved that... those coming can look forward to a more comfortable experience."

Last semester, the members of SAE moved out of their facility and rented the vacated Phi

Kappa Alpha house for the remainder of the year.

In addition to the aesthetic changes, SAE refurbished the plumbing and electrical systems.

"Our house wasn't quite up to par, but we're also trying to stay ahead of the game... we aren't the only Greek house making changes," Larrondo said.

SAE is one of three houses that have undergone major renovations over the summer, which according to Larrondo, created a competitive atmosphere.

"You gotta keep up with the Jones'," he said.

Joe Church, president of Delta Chi, agrees that there is a desire among the fraternities to be on the top, but he said that the nature of fraternities is to be aggressive.

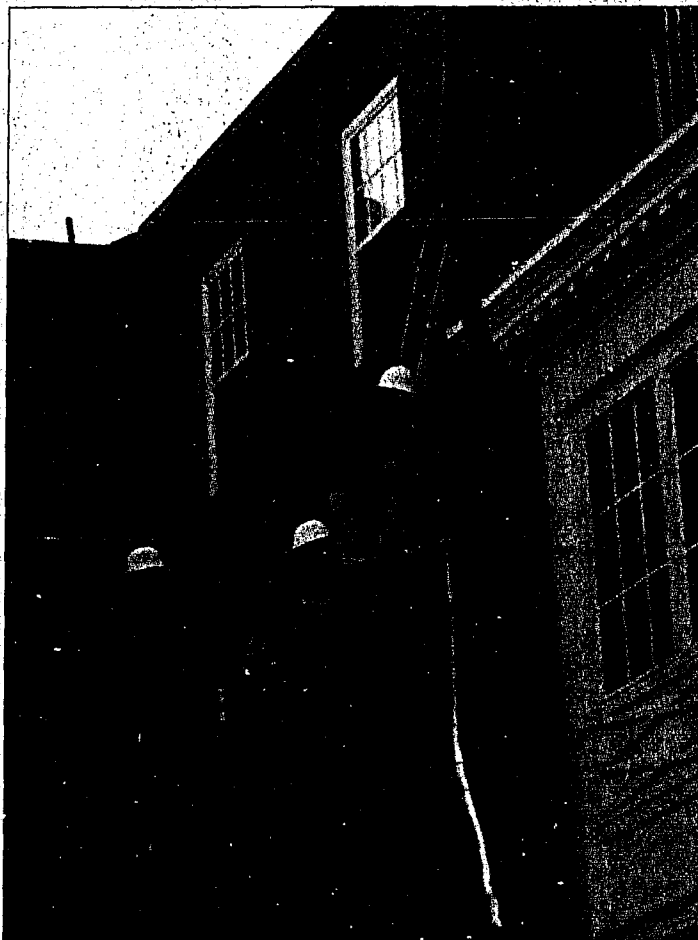
"A lot of what we do in Greek life is competitive. Intramural sports and grades... it's natural for us to work to win," Church said.

Delta Chi's project cost more than \$800,000 and has included a new first floor, kitchen, bathrooms and an overhaul to make the building more wheelchair accessible.

Adrien Loehring, Greek Adviser, said that as the houses age these projects become more important. She also said that renovations on Greek Row have been taking place as far back as two years ago.

Loehring said that updating could have an influence on a fraternity's membership.

"It's because anytime you update a facility, people are



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Kevin Schaefer, left, Todd Wilson, center, and George Figgins of Henkels and McCoy Construction hook up cables to the newly renovated Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house on Thursday.

more attracted to it," Loehring said. "But more than recruitment, it helps with retention."

But to Church, the house itself holds little bearing on who joins a fraternity — instead, he said it's about the organiza-

tion. "These changes were necessary, but we don't associate what we've done in our house to recruitment," he said. "It's not the house that makes the guys, it's the guys that make

State board approves law school scale-down

Original plan rejected for simplified model

Associated Press

Pocatello — State Board of Education officials say they aren't ready to approve everything the University of Idaho wants in its plans for a law school branch in Boise.

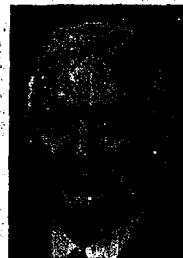
But the board agreed to a scaled-down version of the university's proposal during a meeting Thursday in Pocatello.

The trustees voted to allow the law school to offer a full program for third-year law students in Idaho's capital city in 2010.

The board also voted to ask the Legislature next year for the \$1 million university officials say is needed to expand legal education at a Boise branch.

Law School Dean Don Burnett says the amended proposal is acceptable.

During the meeting, Burnett said it would be disappointing if trustees voted to shut the door entirely on the proposal to open a full-scale law school branch in Boise.



Don Burnett

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WEB POLLS

Will you read '1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina'?

Huh? Why would I? 21
 Yes, already have the book 17
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 Yes, will buy the book soon 4

How do you feel about the beginning of fall semester?

Can't wait — I'm excited 20
 Dreadful — summer don't go 10
 Summer or school, it's all good 7

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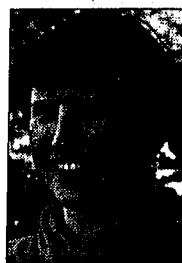
Speak Out:

What's the strangest thing you've seen in Moscow so far?



Tyler Chen

Tri-Cities, Wash.
 Answer: The sign at the crosswalk across the highway that says, "Vehicles may not stop."



Elizabeth Ehram

Coeur d'Alene
 Answer: The Vandal card line.



Mary Ellen

Omak, Wash.
 Answer: It snowed in April while I was here for Vandal Friday.



Nick Gallegos

Auburn, Wash.
 Answer: I met someone that drove all the way from Ohio.

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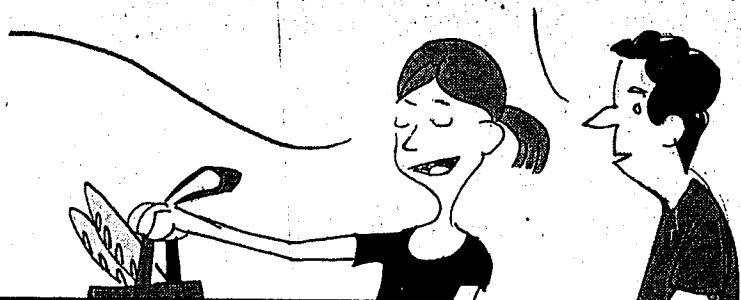
PeopleWeKnow

K. Ray Johnson/Argonaut

I finally feel like a native Moscow-ian:

I took my re-usable grocery bag, rode my bicycle downtown, chained it to a flower-shaped bike rack, and bought two baguettes at the coop.

Except the natives say it "CO-op."



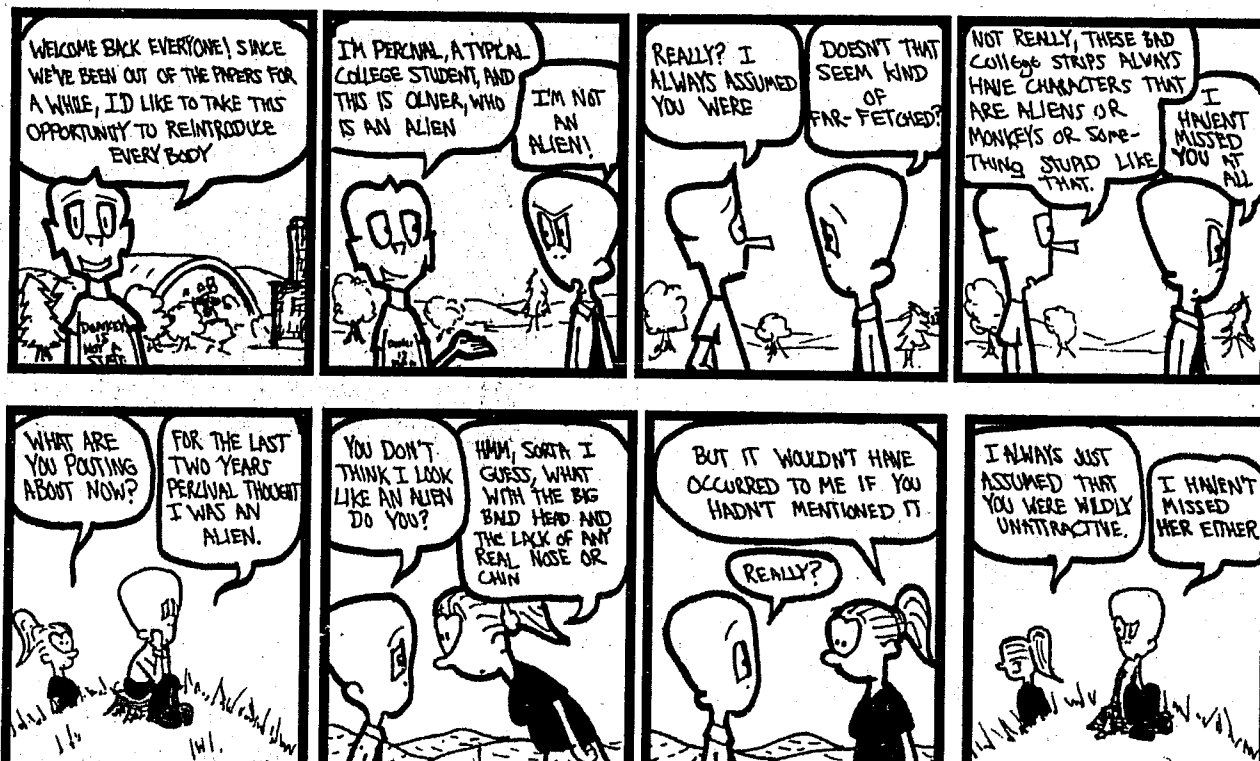
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UniversityAVE.

Paul Tong/Argonaut



Race to benefit local rider

University of Idaho graduate, Justin Lowery, paralyzed during a rafting trip over the summer

Reid Wright
Argonaut

After a successful raft trip, three men dove into the river for one more swim. Two of them resurfaced.

After a frantic search, friends found 24-year-old University of Idaho graduate Justin Lowery floating limp in the water. Lowery had hit the bottom of the river, resulting in fractured vertebrae in his neck. He was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

Seven weeks after the July 6 accident, Chris Caylor — Lowery's roommate of two years — wants to hold a downhill mountain bike race to raise money for Lowery's medical expenses.

Caylor said that Lowery is a mountain biker and is dedicated to everything he does.

"The first time I met him," he said. "I was up on Moscow Mountain and there was this step jump ... He was just hitting it over and over again just trying to get it right. He just wouldn't quit."

Richard Lowery, Justin's father, said that as of Tuesday Justin was still in intensive care and was starting to breathe for longer periods of time without a respirator.

"He's had quite a few setbacks," Richard Lowery said. "He's had several bouts of pneumonia and his lungs filled with fluid."

Justin Lowery's spinal cord was damaged, but not severed. He is able to contract his biceps some, however there is still no movement in his legs, Richard Lowery said.

"I'm hoping for a full recovery," he said. "And [Justin] being able to walk again."

Richard Lowery said that he is still unsure whether his son's medical care is covered by insurance.

"It's been about \$1,000 a day since he's been in there. One bill was almost \$25,000 ... hopefully Medicaid will cover it."

The cheapest price he could get to fly his son from the Boise hospital to Coeur d'Alene was \$11,000.

The benefit race takes place at noon on Aug. 30 at the "four corners" area of Moscow Mountain.

Caylor said he is accepting donation checks at the race and online through his PayPal account, which is listed as his e-mail — chrisaylor@gmail.com.

"If I could even make \$200 ... that would be great," he said.

Peg Hamlett is Fitness Manager at the UI Student Recreation Center where Lowery worked as a personal trainer. She said that she recently visited him in the hospital, and he was talking and smiling.

"I was really surprised at how upbeat he was," Hamlett said. "He was so excited about the race. He couldn't believe that people would do that for him."

Prizes for the race include gift certificates that were donated by Paradise Creek Bicycles, Folletts Mountain Sports and Hodgens Drug.

Lowery will be in intensive care for eight more days, then moved to rehabilitation.

Hamlett was confident that Lowery will recover.

"He'll just keep working hard



Justin Lowery worked as a personal trainer at the Student Recreation Center before he was paralyzed from the shoulders down in a swimming accident July 6. Courtesy Photo

until he's back here training for us," he said. "He'll be back here one of these days."

Hamlett said that Lowery was good humored, fun to work with and he always did everything "to the max." She said that he taught a fitness class called "Hardcore."

"He's got a lot of energy," she said. "He's always trying to get

me to go out and have fun."

"People think that he's some crazy hippie punk," Hamlett said.

"But he's just a unique personality who tries to help people out. He really cared for people ... sometimes more than himself."

Registration for riders begins at 10 a.m. the day of the race and is open to all ages. Helmets are re-

quired. Racers under 18 must sign parental consent forms. A map of the racecourse is available at www.stinkmouth.com.

Volunteers for the race are welcome.

"I'm so happy about this race," Hamlett said. "The whole Rec Center is behind it. There's a ton of people pulling for him."

how to DONATE

Justin Lowery's family is accepting donations at the race and online through PayPal.

If you are interested in donating online, the PayPal account name is chrisaylor@gmail.com.

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EASTSIDE Marketplace

JAMM works to be cutting edge

Lianna Shepherd and Amy Yao
Argonaut

The transition in news from newsprint paper to digital media has been a gradual process and the University of Idaho is making necessary changes to keep up.

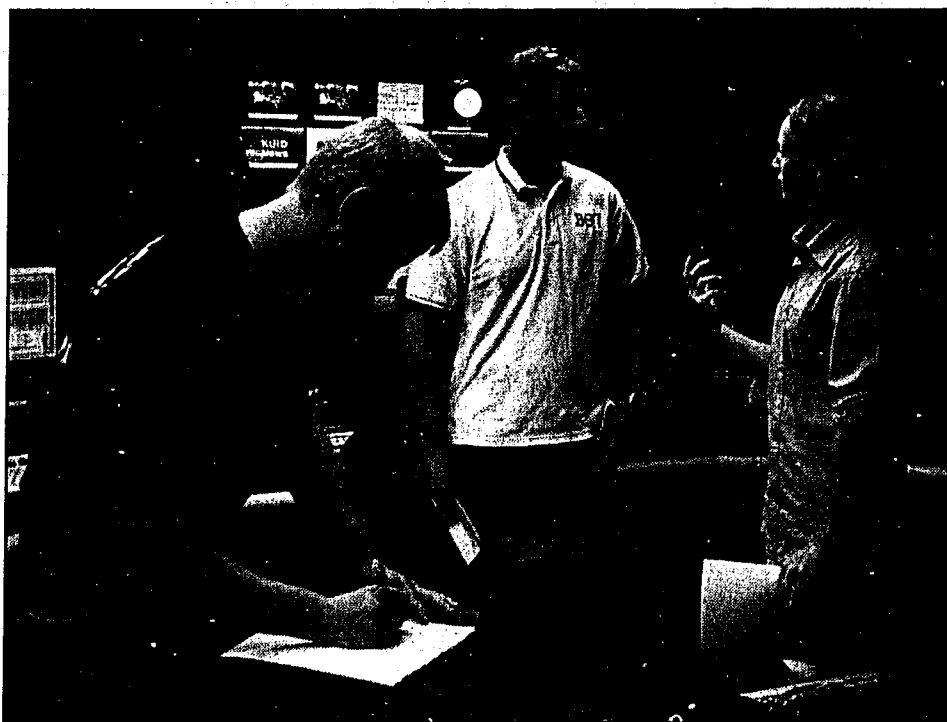
This fall, students studying broadcasting will be able to use a new digital television station after a renovation project, which has taken years to come to full fruition.

KUID station manager, Kris Freeland, said that transition was necessary after the FCC mandated that starting Feb. 2009, the 1,760 full-power broadcast stations in the United States must go entirely digital, eliminating the analogue signals picked up by antennas.

"We have a lot of students come through here and this will be a great opportunity for them," Freeland said. "This will make them more marketable because now they can walk into the job with experience using equipment their competitors may not have."

Broadcast teacher Denise Bennett said teaching students to use HD technology doesn't change the basic rules of broadcast, but it does require students to approach their shots differently.

"Everything from the size of the screen to the makeup has to be considered. The resolution is great so that if you do something to close up you can see every pore in their face," she said. "The most important thing is the person behind the camera, not the camera itself. You can teach a monkey



Professor Julie Scott, right, discusses a sports journalism class with students Mark Morgan, center, and Chris Riddlemoser in the new control room at the KUID TV station on Thursday.

to type Hamlet, but that won't make him Shakespeare."

In compliance with the regulation the television station has cleared out its old video equipment, some which was more

than 40 years old, for digital.

In addition to the new station, broadcast students will also have access to cell phone-sized camcorders, which can be used to capture video quickly.

Julie Scott, a journalism teacher, said that the recording device is another example of the "new wave in journalism... where reporters are being asked to shoot and photographers are being asked to write."

Scott said that as media innovations continue to evolve, both reporters and editors are being asked to take on an escalating load of responsibilities, which involve both taking crash courses in web design and meeting shorter deadlines for online publications.

"There was a time where the idea of something this small, something you could buy at a department store, was ridiculous," she said. "Now whole news spots are being shot this way and we are able to get our news faster than ever before."

Reporters are not set back by these new requirements and now consider it routine to pack an arsenal of technology that includes a variety of recording devices and satellite phones for instant communication.

According to A.L. Alford, the editor and publisher of the Lewiston Tribune and the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, keeping up with the changes can be a daunting task, but he said it has been beneficial to the news business.

"As time goes by, as years go by, we presume we'll see more and more interest in and reliance on the electronic online newspaper, and that's good, not bad," said A.L. Alford. "More will read us, in part or in the whole, on mobile devices, and others rely on laptops."

American Indian inmates granted visits

Rubell Dingman
Special to The Argonaut

Under an agreement with the state of Washington, members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville who are in state prison may return home on escorted visits to see dying family members or attend funerals.

The Washington Department of Correction allows furloughs for some minimum and medium security inmates to make deathbed visits or attend funerals of close family members.

According to Associate Superintendent James Key, this privilege was previously not awarded to American Indian inmates because of a question of jurisdiction on reservations.

"There have been requests that have been denied because of a question over who would have arresting power should the inmate try to escape," Key said.

Leave is typically granted within the state of Washington on the basis of the severity of the crime, behavior while in prison and mental competency.

"It's not like there's been a huge hue and cry that we haven't been doing it, but we needed to establish some parameters," Assistant Secretary Scott Blonien told the Native American Times.

In the agreement an inmate's family may request leave on behalf of the inmate and either the family or the inmate must cover the

costs of the trip including mileage, meals, lodging and salary for the escort.

Visits can be no longer than 48 hours, including travel time, and inmates must also stay in a city or county jail, state facility or another supervised custody.

Local law enforcement agencies must also be notified.

"There is a collaboration between the DOC and the Tribal Law enforcement to escort inmates on the reservation," Key said.

"Essentially the Tribal officers would delegate the arrest to the DOC," Key added.

The state of Washington and the Colville tribes hope that this agreement can serve as a model for other tribes, not just within the state of Washington but around the country.

"We have received several calls about the agreement from other tribes and not from just those in the state of Washington," Reservation Attorney Alice Koskela said.

Colville Councilman John Stensgar told the Native American Times that Washington agreed to consider allowing leave for an inmate who may not meet its definition of an immediate family member if the family can show that the inmate was very close to the deceased.

"It takes into account that fact that our definition of family is not the same as the states," Stensgar said.

"It recognizes and respects our cultural differences."

NewsBRIEFS

Software available to students for new school year

In preparation of the upcoming school year, the campus community may want to be aware of software now available to enrolled students.

As part of the Student Technology fee, the Microsoft Campus Agreement has been extended to license all students. This includes the latest version of Microsoft Office (Office 2008 for Macintosh and Office 2007 Enterprise for Windows) and Windows upgrades (Windows XP Professional only — at this time).

Starting in mid-August, students will be able to download free Endpoint Protection (Antivirus/Antispyware/Firewall) software to help protect their computers from the latest security threats.

For more information contact Information and Technology Services at (208) 885-HELP (4357).

College of Law has increase in women and minorities

A 1999 study of the University of Idaho College of Law found the lowest percentage of women in any law school in the country with about four percent racial and ethnic minorities.

By 2007, the most recent count, the representation of women in the College of Law's incoming classes had climbed to more than 49 percent, exceeding the average for all—

American Bar Association—accredited schools, which was 46 percent in 2006, the most recent year reported.

"Students of the University of Idaho College of Law have always been welcomed into a distinctly collegial community," Dean Don Burnett said.

"Today, this collegiality embraces diversity in all its forms, including a wide-open appreciation for multiple perspectives and backgrounds. Idahoans can be proud that their law school links excellence with diversity, providing a complete education and genuine opportunity for all."

Open field trip to Emerald Creek and Hobo Ceder

A 10 a.m. on Saturday there will be a field trip to Emerald Creek area and Hobo Cedar Grove with Dr. Bill Rember. The morning will be spent at Rember's fossil beds, about 10 miles west of Clarkia, where Rember will describe the paleohistory of the area and lead us in exploring for fossils. The area is abundant with fossilized leaves, from an era when the region was warmer and wetter, with a climate and ecology similar to that of the current southeastern U.S. Participants will then travel to the nearby Hobo Cedar Grove for lunch, followed by an easy walk through the big trees.

Those interested should bring lunch, water and fossil collecting materials (old pocket knife or butter knife, newspapers and bags.)

For more information contact Margaret Ely at mpely@lmi.net.

POSITION

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closely with a number of campus entities including the registrar's office, financial aid office, student affairs and a number of academic colleges.

"It is a position that helps the university in a lot of ways," she said.

Marilyn Pope, enrollment management assistant, said the position requires a person with good

communication skills. The vice president would also work closely with recruiters and assuring their methods and information is up-to-date.

She said Barnes was always busy working with faculty and staff, checking e-mails and welcoming new students. He attended several recruiting fairs and assisted with marketing efforts in others.

Barnes' leaving was understandable considering his personality, she said. Pope said Barnes always

had an interest in teaching at the high school level.

"He found an opportunity and took advantage of that," she said. "He is following his heart." She said the university has been working overtime to insure the open position would not slow the transition into the new academic year.

"We have focused attention across our university," she said. "Everyone is busy welcoming our students, families and faculty. Largely UI is focused on a successful academic year."

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McCain forgets own house count

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John McCain forgot to mention that the Republican McCain may have created his own housing crisis.

The presidential nominee-in-waiting didn't know how many homes he and his multimillionaire wife own, Democratic rival Barack Obama launched a national TV ad and a series of campaign stops aimed at portraying McCain as wealthy and out of touch.

With the economy ranking as the top issue in the race, Obama sought to turn McCain's gaffe into one of those symbolic moments that stick in voters' minds.

Think John Kerry sailboarding or the first President Bush wowed by a grocery store checkout scanner, Michael Dukakis riding in a tank or Gerald Ford eating a tamale with the husk still on.

"I think — I'll have my staff get to you," McCain told Politico when asked Wednesday how many houses he owns. "It's condominiums where — I'll have them get to you."

Later, the McCain campaign told Politico that McCain and his wife, Cindy, have at least four in three states — Arizona, California and Virginia. Newsweek recently estimated the two owned at least seven properties.

Last week McCain cracked that being rich in the U.S. meant earning at least \$5 million a year. With most Americans feeling the pinch of a worsening economy, the remarks allow Democrats to suggest that McCain cannot relate to ordinary voters.

It's also another example of how McCain, nearly 72, can be fuzzy and forgetful on some facts.

Campaigning in Chester, Va., Obama told voters, "I guess if you think being rich means you've got to make \$5 million and if you don't know how many houses you have, it's not surprising you might think the economy is fundamentally strong." He returned to the McCain remark later, saying of teachers: "Most teachers hold themselves accountable. They didn't go into teaching to make money. They don't have seven houses."

The Obama campaign also announced 16 campaign events across the country to highlight the comment and try to turn the tables on McCain's effort to cast him as an elitist.

While both sides are trying to cast the other as too rich to understand the needs of the working class, it's all about image. In modern politics, presidential candidates don't struggle to pay the mortgage. They don't often stand in line at the grocery store or frequent tamale stands either — unless accompanied by hoards of traveling reporters.

The truth is, neither candidate is hurting for money. McCain's tax returns showed a total in-

come of \$405,409 in 2007. According to her 2006 tax returns, Cindy McCain had a total income of \$6 million. Her wealth is estimated by some at \$100 million, based on her late father's Arizona beer distributorship. She has not released her 2007 returns, which she files separately from her husband.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, reported making \$4.2 million in 2007.

In the 2004 campaign, Republicans tried to use wealth against Kerry even though President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were multimillionaires themselves. In 2005, Kerry reported a net worth between \$165 million and \$235 million, most of it controlled by his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry.

Underscoring how seriously the McCain campaign takes the house controversy, the Republican National Committee responded with a Web site highlighting Obama's ties to Chicago businessman Antonin "Tony" Rezko, a friend and contributor who was convicted in June on more than a dozen felonies in a corruption scandal.

Obama and his wife bought their home in Chicago in 2005 for \$1.6 million after getting advice from Rezko. The corrup-

tion case had no connection to Obama, and Obama has said it was a mistake to work with Rezko on buying the house.

"Does a guy who made more than \$4 million last year, just got back from vacation on a private beach in Hawaii and bought his own million-dollar mansion with the help of a convicted felon really want to get into a debate about houses?" McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers asked. "Does a guy who worries about the price of arugula and thinks regular people 'cling' to guns and religion in the face of economic hardship really want to have a debate about who's in touch with regular Americans?"

However, the McCain campaign got one thing wrong: Hawaii has no private beaches. Obama, who was born in Hawaii and spent most of his youth there, visited relatives during a recent vacation and joined the public swimming and surfing in the ocean.

In a forum last week with the Rev. Rick Warren, McCain was asked to define the word "rich" and to give a figure. After promoting his tax policies, McCain said "I think if you are just talking about income, how about \$5 million?" The audience laughed, and he added "But seriously, I don't think you can — I don't think seriously that — the point is that I'm trying to make here, seriously — and I'm sure that comment will be distorted — but the point is that we want to keep people's taxes low and increase revenues."

Obama, asked the same question at the forum, said those making \$250,000 and higher are in the top 3 to 4 percent and "doing well."

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Fraternity recruitment
All day

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Multicultural Welcome BBQ
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Shattuck Amphitheater

Recreation Fair
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Student Recreation Center

Palousafest

5:30 p.m.
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Sunday

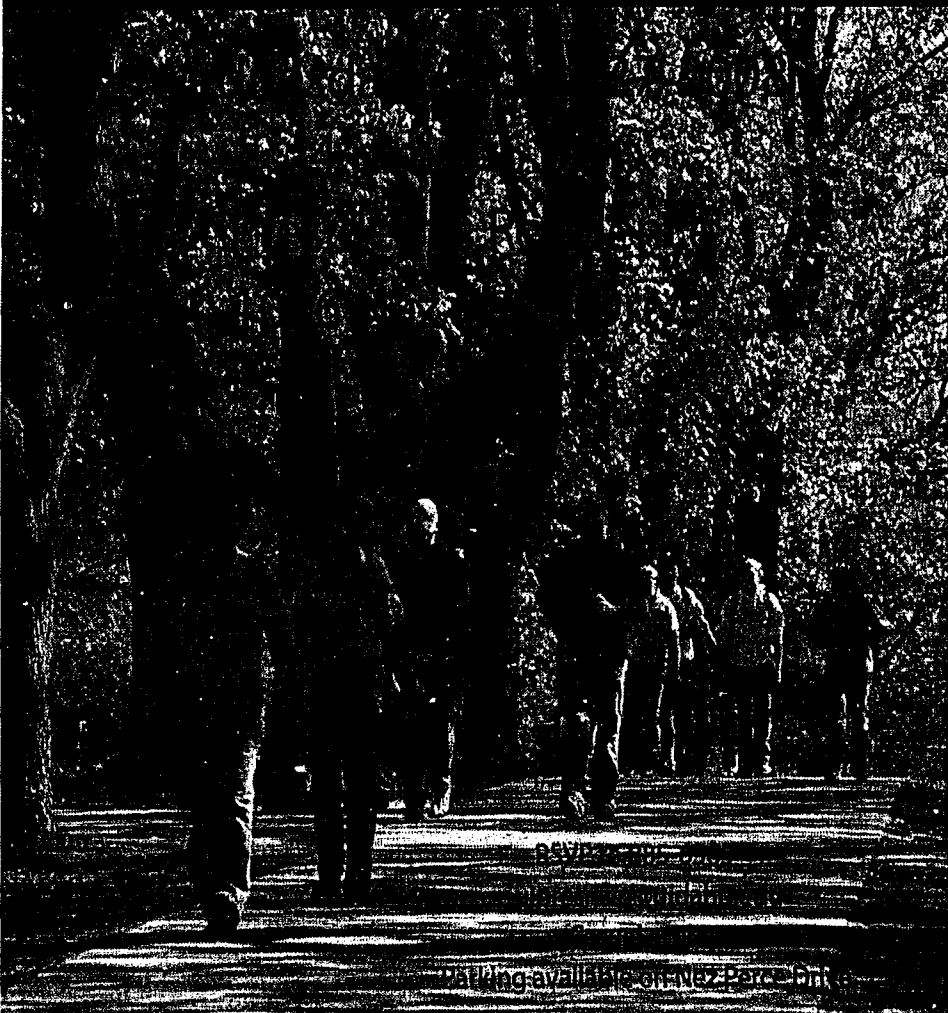
New Graduate Student Orientation
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Administration Auditorium

Vandal Walk

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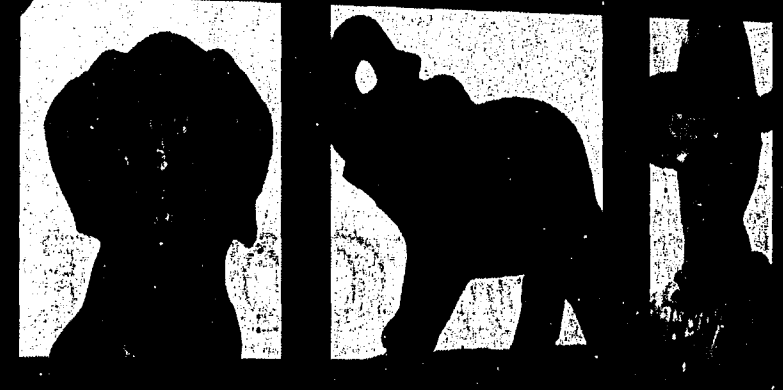
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U.S., Iraq have talks to pull U.S. troops out

Associated Press

BAGHDAD—Iraq and the U.S. have reached preliminary agreement to withdraw American forces from Iraqi cities by next June, six years into the increasingly unpopular war, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said Thursday after meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The negotiations over a withdrawal timetable follow long insistence by President Bush that setting any schedule for U.S. troops to leave would be dangerous. The draft agreement with Iraq would link troop reductions to achievement of certain security milestones, although the details have not been made public.

Time has become ever more important in discussions between U.S. and Iraqi officials with Bush heading into its final months and

the presidential candidates tussling daily over how and when they would move to end the war.

Democrat Barack Obama has said he would begin pulling troops out immediately upon taking office and have all combat forces out within 16 months. Republican John McCain has said the situation in Iraq will dictate any pullout schedule, not a timetable set up without consideration of how the war is going.

Rice and Zebari, appearing together at a news conference, asserted that the proposed deal reflects growing confidence in the ability of Iraqi forces to secure the country. A final agreement would require endorsement of the proposed deal by top Iraqi leaders and the Iraqi parliament.

Zebari said the draft would be presented to top leaders, includ-

ing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Some members of al-Maliki's Cabinet are known to oppose some aspects.

"What we have accomplished in this agreement is the most advanced version of any" such deal between the United States and other countries where U.S. forces are based, Zebari told reporters, "because the U.S. negotiators indeed showed a great deal of flexibility and understanding."

Rice spoke optimistically of completing a deal but stressed that it still needs top-level Iraqi approval.

"We think it's a good agreement," she said. "We recognize that the government still has to review this agreement ... and we'll await that process, and then it obviously has to go to the Council of Representatives." She was referring to the Iraqi parliament;

the Bush administration does not plan to submit the deal to Congress for approval.

The Iraqis have demanded specific timelines for the departure of American forces, and initially the Bush administration resisted.

"We have agreed that some goals, some aspirational timetables for how that might unfold, are well worth having in such an agreement," Rice told reporters after meeting with Iraqi officials, including the prime minister. The two sides had come together on a draft agreement earlier this week and Rice made an unannounced visit to Baghdad to press officials there to endorse it.

Zebari, asked about fears expressed by neighboring countries over such a pact, said in Arabic: "This decision (agreement) is a sovereign one and Iran and other neighboring countries have the

right to ask for clarifications. ... There are clear articles (that) say that Iraq will not be used as a launching pad for any aggressive acts against neighboring countries and we already did clarify this."

A key part of the U.S.-Iraqi draft agreement envisions the withdrawal of American forces from Iraq's cities by next June 30, according to Iraqi and American officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the proposed deal's details have not been publicly announced. A related issue is setting additional timelines for troop withdrawals, including a date by which all U.S. forces would be gone.

Said Zebari: "This agreement determines the principle provisions, requirements, to regulate the temporary presence and the time horizon, the mission of the U.S. forces."

Measles increase linked to vaccine rejection

Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA—Measles cases in the U.S. are at the highest level in more than a decade, with nearly half of those involving children whose parents rejected vaccination, health officials reported Thursday.

Worried doctors are troubled by the trend fueled by unfounded fears that vaccines may cause autism. The number of cases is still small, just 131, but that's only for the first seven months of the year. There were only 42 cases for all of last year.

"We're seeing a lot more spread. That is concerning to us," said Dr. Jane Seward, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pediatricians are frustrated, saying they are having to spend more time convincing parents the shot is safe.

"This year, we certainly have had parents asking more questions," said Dr. Ari Brown, an Austin, Texas, physician who is a spokeswoman for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The CDC's review found that a number of cases involved home-schooled children not required to get the vaccines. Others can avoid vaccination by seeking exemptions, such as for religious reasons.

Measles, best known for a red skin rash, is a potentially deadly, highly infectious virus that spreads through contact with a sneezing, coughing, infected person.

It is no longer endemic to the United States, but every year cases enter the country through foreign visitors or Americans returning from abroad. Measles epidemics have exploded in Israel, Switzerland and some other countries. But high U.S. childhood vaccination rates have prevented major outbreaks here.

In a typical year, only one outbreak occurs in the United States, infecting perhaps 10 to 20 people. So far this year through July 30 the country has seen seven outbreaks, including one in Illinois with 30 cases, said Seward, of the CDC's Division of Viral Diseases.

None of the 131 patients died, but 15 were hospitalized.

Childhood measles vaccination rates have stayed above 92 percent, according to 2006 data. However, the recent outbreaks suggest potential pockets of unvaccinated children are forming. Health officials worry that vaccination rates have begun to fall — something that won't show up in the data for a couple of years.

The vaccine is considered highly effective but not perfect; 11 of this year's cases

had at least one dose of the vaccine.

Of this year's total, 122 were unvaccinated or had unknown vaccination status. Some were unvaccinated because the children were under age 1 — too young to get their first measles shot.

In 63 of those cases — almost all of them 19 or under — the patient or their parents refused the shots for philosophical or religious reasons, the CDC reported.

In Washington state, an outbreak was traced to a church conference, including 16 school-aged children who were not vaccinated. Eleven of those kids were home schooled and not subject to vaccination rules in public schools. It's unclear why the parents rejected the vaccine.

The Illinois outbreak — triggered by a teenager who had traveled to Italy — included 25 home-schooled children, according to the CDC report.

The nation once routinely saw hundreds of thousands of measles cases each year, and hundreds of deaths. But immunization campaigns were credited with dramatically reducing the numbers. The last time health officials saw this many cases was 1997, when 138 were reported.

The Academy of Pediatrics has made educating parents about the safety of

vaccines one of its top priorities this year. That's partly because busy doctors have grown frustrated by the amount of time they're spending answering parents' questions about things they read on the Internet or heard from TV talk shows.

In June, the CDC interviewed 33 physicians in Austin, suburban Seattle and Hollywood, Fla., about childhood vaccinations. Several complained about patient backlogs caused by parents stirred up by information of dubious scientific merit, according to the CDC report.

Questions commonly center on autism and the fear that it can be caused by the measles shots or by a mercury-based preservative that used to be in most vaccines. Health officials say there is no good scientific proof either is a cause. Also, since 2001, the preservative has been removed from shots recommended for young children, and it was never in the measles-mumps-rubella combination vaccine. It can still be found in some flu shots.

Brown said she wrote a 16-page, single-spaced document for parents that explains childhood vaccinations and why doctors do not believe they cause autism. She began handing it out this spring, and thinks it's been a help to parents and a time-saver for her.



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Hallmark creates gay marriage cards

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Most states don't recognize gay marriage — but now Hallmark does.

The nation's largest greeting card company is rolling out same-sex wedding cards — featuring two tuxedos, overlapping hearts or intertwined flowers, with best wishes inside. "Two hearts. One promise," one says.

Hallmark added the cards after California joined Massachusetts as the only U.S. states with legal gay marriage. A handful of other states have recognized same-sex civil unions.

The language inside the cards is neutral, with no mention of wedding or marriage, making them also suitable for a commitment ceremony. Hallmark says the move is a response to consumer demand, not any political pressure.

"It's our goal to be as relevant as possible to as many people as we can," Hallmark spokeswoman Sarah Gronberg Kolléll said.

Hallmark's largest competitor, American Greetings Corp., has no plans to enter the market, saying its current offerings are general

enough to speak to different relationships.

Hallmark started offering "coming out" cards last year, and the four designs of same-sex marriage cards are being gradually released this summer and will be widely available by next year. No sales figures were available yet.

"When I have shopped for situations like babies or weddings for gay friends I have good luck in quirky stores," said Kathryn Hamm, president of the Web site gay-weddings.com.

"But if you are just in a generic store ... the bride and groom symbol or words are in most cards," she said. "It becomes difficult to find some that are neutral but have some style."

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law estimates that more than 85,000 same-sex couples in the United States have

entered into a legal relationship since 1997, when Hawaii started offering some legal benefits to same-sex partners.

It estimates nearly 120,000 more couples will marry in California during the next three years — and that means millions of potential dollars for all sorts of wedding-industry businesses.

Hallmark, known more for its Midwest mores than progressive greetings, has added a wider variety lately. It now offers cards for difficulty getting pregnant or going through rehab.

It pulled a controversial card that featured the word "queer" in the punch line after it was criticized by some customers and gay magazine The Advocate last year. At any given time, Hallmark has 200 different wedding cards on the market, including some catering

to interracial or inter-religious marriages and blended families.

The Greeting Card Association, a trade group, says it does not track how many companies provide same-sex cards but believes the number is expanding.

"The fact that you have someone like Hallmark going into that niche shows it's growing and signals a trend," said Barbara Miller, a spokeswoman for the association.

Rob Fortier, an independent card maker who runs his company, Paper Words, out of New York, added same-sex wedding cards to his mix after thinking about what he would want to receive.

"A lot of people think a gay greeting card needs a rainbow on it," Fortier said. "I don't want that."

But for some time, it was difficult to even find the words for what anyone wanted to say, he said. His first card poked fun at the challenge. On the outside it featured lines that had been scratched out: "Congratulations on being committed!", "Congratulations on being unionized!" and, finally, "Congratulations on being domestically partnered!" The inside wished the couple con-

gratulations on choosing to be together forever.

"It really comes down to language," he said.

John Stark, one of the three founders of Three Way Design in Boston, which makes gay-themed cards for occasions from adoption to weddings, has several new designs sketched out and ready.

But he has hesitated adding more wedding cards to his mix until after the November election, when California voters will decide a constitutional amendment that would again limit marriage to a man and a woman in the state.

"What is scary is to produce a marriage line and then November comes and it's recalled, then we have thousands of dollars of inventory waiting," he said.

The gay-friendly business can be challenging, companies said.

Hamm said although she has found many vendors willing to work with her company, some have asked to be removed from the Web site because of hate mail or some other backlash.

Hallmark says all of its stores can choose whether they want to add the latest offerings.

"It's our goal to be as relevant as possible to as many people as we can."

Sarah Gronberg KOLLELL
Hallmark spokeswoman

China hopes to attract more U.S. college students

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — China is hoping that American college students watching the Summer Olympics will want to travel there, providing a bump similar to what Australia and Greece enjoyed in 2000 and 2004.

But even before the 2008 Games, China was already on its way as the hot new destination for study abroad.

There are almost 10,000 U.S. students now enrolled annually in programs in China, up fivefold from a decade ago. China is the seventh most popular destination for U.S. students, according to the Institute of International Education. But it's growing so quickly that, if trends continue, it will soon pass countries like Britain, Spain and Italy and become the most popular.

After a sharp dip in 2002-2003 during the SARS scare, some U.S. colleges have seen surges in interest. At the University of Southern California, 343 students went to China last year, more than double the total five years ago. At Purdue University in Indiana, the number has doubled in four years, and last year China became the No. 1 study abroad destination.

"There's a sense that it's a cutting edge destination, where they can be among the first to learn firsthand about another culture," said Brian Harley, Purdue's associate dean for international programs. "There's something about being one of the first in your generation to really have a deep understanding."

While study abroad generally is growing,

China's particular popularity has a range of explanations. It's cheaper than Europe, whose currencies have pummeled the U.S. dollar. There's a supply of American-trained Chinese academics who help bridge the language and culture gap. China has become more welcoming, hoping to emulate how the United States has used its universities to extend its global influence.

But most of all, students see China as the future, and they want a firsthand look.

They're also looking for a challenge. Benjamin Zilnicki, a senior at Holy Cross in Massachusetts, had never left the United States when he departed for a semester in Beijing. He's an economics major but says he wasn't focused on improving his resume for a business career. Rather, he wanted to understand a new culture and push himself.

"It's probably the most different and most unorthodox place I could think of," said Zilnicki, who chose Beijing over a year-long program at Oxford. "I kind of wanted that as opposed to England, where the prestige is there but the life experience is kind of similar."

For decades, Chinese-American educational exchange has been a one-way street. Just a few years ago, there were 25 Chinese students in American universities for every American studying in China, according to IIE.

Now, that ratio has plummeted to about 5 to 1 as studying in China has become substantially easier, with at least 220 programs

in place — some by independent providers and some run directly by colleges.

When the first programs began emerging in China in the 1980s, they attracted mostly hardcore language students. Now, there's a wider range of opportunities. Many programs now offer coursework in programs like business and journalism, and some, like IES — a nonprofit offering study abroad in Beijing and expanding this year to Shanghai — have offerings that require no previous language study. All but a handful of the Purdue students are taught in English.

Still, the experience often isn't quite as cozy as Americans are accustomed to. And that's one reason programs in China tend to attract a different kind of student.

"I think that's one of the real divisions between studying abroad in Europe and studying abroad in Asia," said Melissa Scoryers, a recent University of Texas graduate who studied abroad in both France and

China. "The students in Asia are serious."

American educators hope to double the number of students abroad by the end of the next decade. China, with its rapidly expanding higher education system and commitment to attracting more international students, will play a big role.

Still, like so much associated with rapid growth in China, it's not clear if the current growth rate can continue. Some universities have put the breaks on expansion plans for their Chinese partnerships. There are concerns about quality, and programs admit there's a long list of challenges — lining up local staff, host families, and issues like health care.

Part of what's driving the numbers is the growth in short-term programs, often business-focused, that some educators complain aren't exactly cultural immersion. But they're better than nothing.

But anyone serious about learning the language will have to stay much longer.

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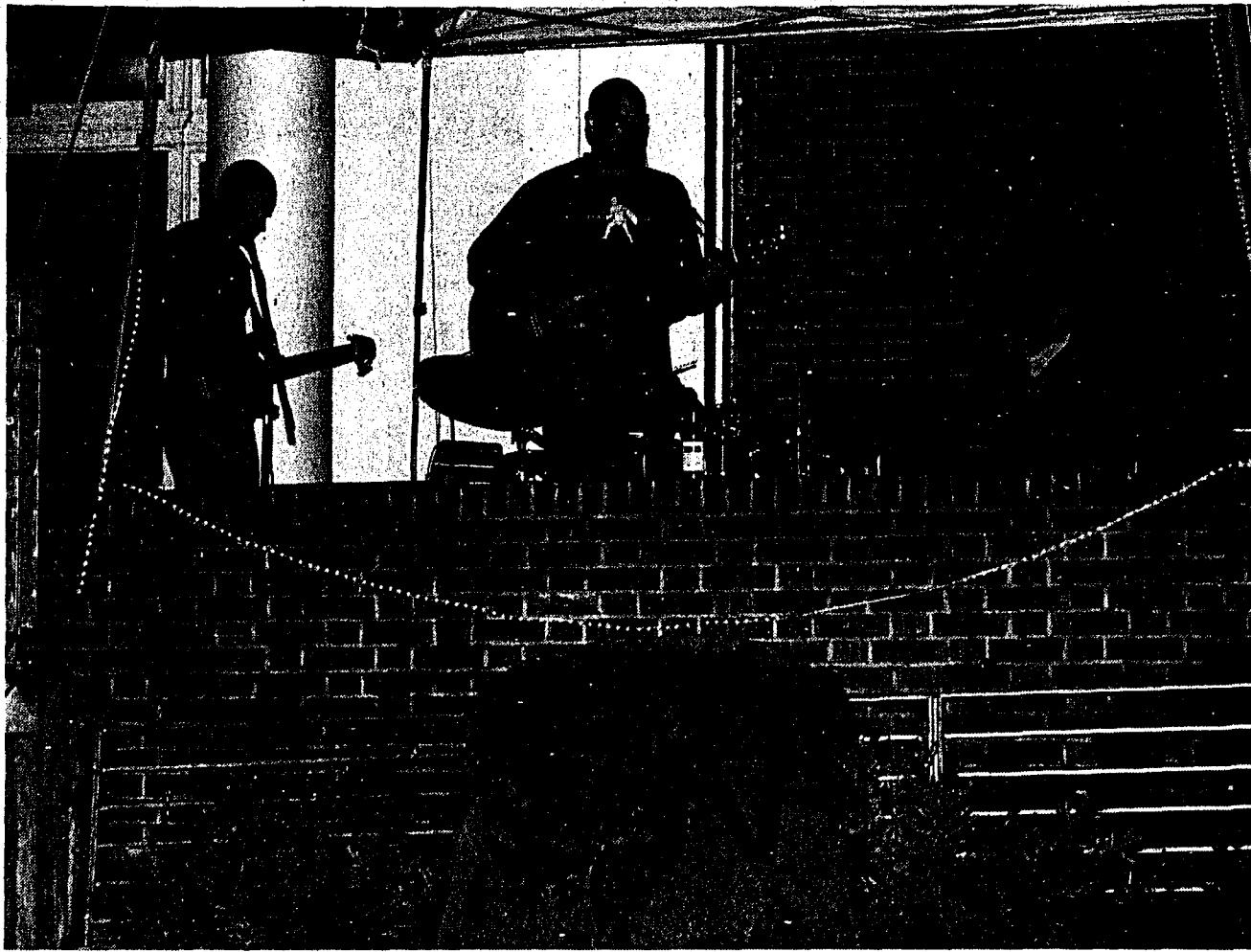
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Melting Arctic opens new shipping frontier

Associated Press

Barrow, Alaska—Rapidly melting ice on Alaska's Arctic is opening up a new navigable ocean in the extreme north, allowing oil tankers, fishing vessels and even cruise ships to venture into a realm once trod mostly by indigenous hunters.

The Coast Guard expects so much traffic that it opened two temporary stations on the nation's northernmost waters, anticipating the day when an ocean the size of the contiguous United States could be ice-free for most of

the summer.

"We have to prepare for the world coming to the Arctic," said Rear Adm. Gene Brooks, commander of the Coast Guard's Alaska district.

Scientists say global warming has melted the polar sea ice each summer to half the size it was in the 1960s, opening vast stretches of water. Last year, it thawed to its lowest level on record.

The rapid melting has raised speculation that Canada's Northwest Passage linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans could one day

become a regular shipping lane. And there is a huge potential for natural resources in a region that may contain as much as 25 percent of the world's undiscovered oil and gas.

But scientists caution that it could be centuries before the Arctic is completely ice-free all year round.

Still, conservative estimates indicate the Arctic Ocean will be ice-free in the summer within 20 years, although some scientists believe that will occur much sooner.

As it thaws, the receding

ice has made ocean travel along Alaska's northern coast increasingly alluring, but ships can still be trapped by ice.

Earlier in August, three oil industry vessels bound for Canada became stuck in ice about 60 miles north of Point Barrow. The Coast Guard sent the icebreaker Healy to help, but before it could arrive from 300 miles away, the wind shifted and pushed the ice apart, freeing the vessels.

"They were able to get away," Brooks said. "The problem with this ice is it's very unpredictable."

Because of such risks, the Coast Guard established temporary bases this month in Barrow, the country's highest-latitude town, and at the North Slope's Prudhoe Bay, the nation's largest oil field. The bases will operate for a few weeks while Guard officials evaluate the need for the agency's services.

The Northwest Passage is also increasingly popular with tourists.

Gators among those fleeing

Associated Press

Melbourne, Fla. — As if a fourth straight day of rain from Tropical Storm Fay wasn't enough, weary residents are now dealing with quintessentially Floridian fallout: alligators, snakes and other critters driven from their swampy lairs into flooded streets, backyards and doorsteps.

National Guardsman Steve Johnson was wading through hip-deep water Wednesday night when his flashlight revealed an alligator drifting through a neighborhood of flooded mobile homes.

"I said, 'the heck is that?' and there was an alligator floating by," Johnson said. "I took my flashlight and was like, 'you've got to be kidding me, a big old alligator swimming around here.'"

The erratic and stubborn storm has dumped more than 2 feet of rain along parts of Florida's low-lying central Atlantic coast this week. The system continued its slow, wet march Thursday by curving back from the ocean to hit the state for a third time.

Alligators live in all 67 Florida counties, and state officials say they receive more than 18,000 alligator-related complaints each year. But the floodwaters heighten the risk of an encounter with people because the creatures search for a safe place to wait out the storm.

"They are trying to find dry land, someplace to hide," said officer Lenny Salberg of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The threat of alligators, snakes and other creatures is one more problem confronting weary residents as they clean up their waterlogged homes. At least two alligators were captured in residential neighborhoods, and several others were spotted near homes.

In Carla Viotto's backyard in Indialantic, outside of Melbourne, snakes were swimming around in 4 inches of water.

"It looked just like a junk yard," she said.

Flooding was especially acute along the Atlantic coast from Port St. Lucie to Cape Canaveral, with water reaching depths of 5 feet in some neighborhoods. Gov. Charlie Crist visited the area Thursday and President Bush issued a federal disaster declaration for the affected parts of Florida to help with the storm's costs.

Brevard County officials estimated building damage would cost \$12 million, mostly from flooding, and \$2.6 million in damage from beach erosion.

"This is the worst I've absolutely ever seen it," said Mike White, 57, who was rescued by the National Guard as water crept up to the door of his mobile home.

Fay, which was responsible for at least 23 deaths in the Caribbean and two in Florida, is just the fourth storm in recorded history to hit the Florida peninsula with tropical storm intensity three separate times. The most recent was Hurricane Donna in 1960, according to Daniel Brown, a specialist at the National Hurricane Center.

Police said an Indiana tourist drowned after going swimming in rough waters churned up by the storm at Neptune Beach. To the south in Volusia County, authorities reported a second woman also drowned in Fay-generated waves.

Flooding was also possible in Georgia, where the southern half of the state's Atlantic coastline was under a tropical storm warning. Some parts of Georgia could get up to 6 inches of rain.

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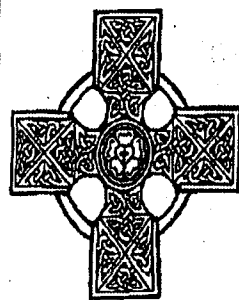
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OurVIEW

Look forward

Last year former University of Idaho President Tim White stood on stage in front of the incoming freshman class to welcome them to campus for Freshman Orientation. Today, Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen will do the honors. Who will make the speech next year is still unknown.

In less than four months the University of Idaho has lost two high-level leaders: White and Bruce Barnes, vice president for enrollment management. The university lost the person responsible for bringing in money and the person responsible for bringing in students — two things the university needs most to function.

White began his career in 2004 by stepping into problem after problem, including University Place — a plan for a branch of the Idaho campus in Boise that was never completed. White's predecessor, Bob Hoover, resigned when it was disclosed the project had large quantities of misappropriated public funds.

White made efforts to fix Idaho's problems for the four years he was here. He was forced to look back on

old problems instead of being able to advance the new interests of the institution.

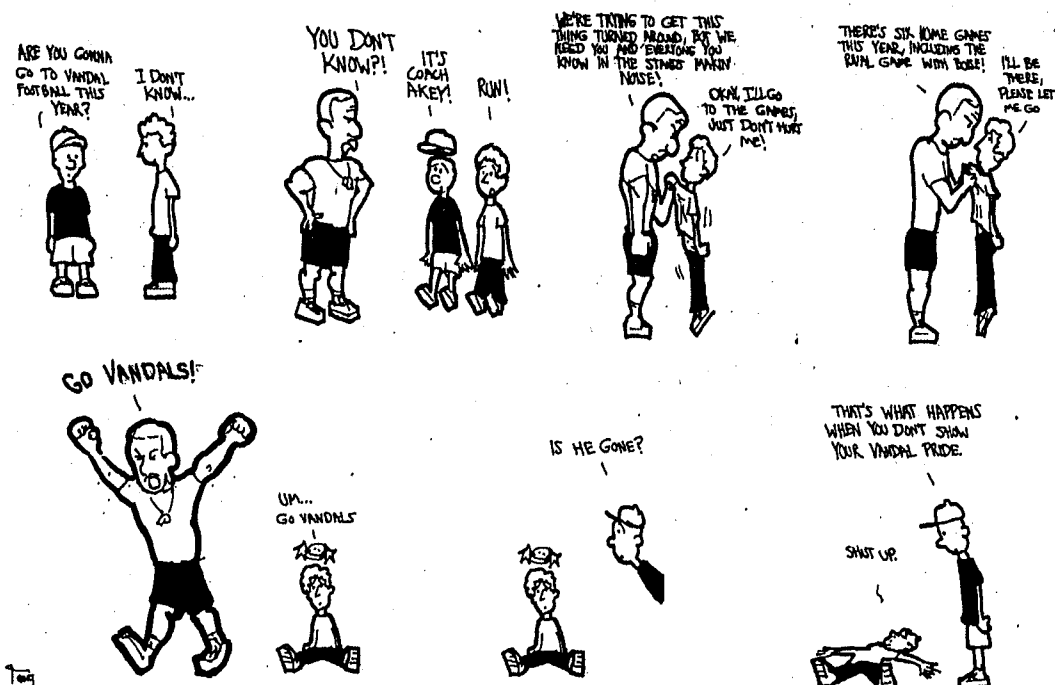
Now is the time for UI to move forward. Idaho must make an about face, find an effective balance and move along one step at a time. Prominent problems from the past have been resolved, and now it's time for a new sense of stability and direction.

Daley-Laursen is an appropriate choice while the university seeks new administrative leaders. He is an Idaho alumnus and dean of the College of Natural Resources since 2002. He is a hopeful presence at UI because he has put his time in at the university. He must set a positive example of commitment.

For students to get a well-rounded educational experience, the administration needs to be a forward-thinking cohesive and long-term unit.

It is time for UI leaders to move from the roles of repairing old setbacks to becoming catalysts for new changes.

— CL and AR



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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Phone-y friendly

I called to cancel my freecreditreport.com service the other morning, and my call was redirected to a human in less than 20 seconds.

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— Alexis

No humans here

After a 4.0 spring semester and a year in which I was pleasantly surprised to receive more than \$1,000 in residual financial aid, I spent the summer assuming that my tuition and fees this year would be covered once again.

Not the case. The University of Idaho wants \$850 from me this semester, money that I don't exactly have in my pocket or bank account.

I e-mailed the Financial Aid Office, asking if I could accept a loan that I already declined, or if I could set up a payment plan, but I never got a reply.

Maybe I could pay off my debts by teaching the office staffers some customer service skills.

— Holly

It's your duty

At 21, I have just registered to vote for the first time. I'm embarrassed it took me this long to get involved in what is my right and duty as an American citizen,

but I did it because I realized the weight of my vote. I care about what happens in this country and in my state. People, if you're over 18, get registered. It's quick. It's painless. This upcoming election is a big freaking deal. If you care about what goes on in this country, make your voice heard. It's a cliché, but it's true.

— Sydney

Whew

I always get kind of excited when school is about to start, but this year it is especially a relief to get classes going. My schedule during the school year will be significantly slower than it was during the summer. That feels kind of backward, but I guess that is what I get for trying to work four jobs. I might have time to think and breathe once in a while now... or maybe just think. I don't want to be too ambitious.

— Jake

Hey good lookin'

I don't understand all the hub-bub surrounding Michael Phelps being the original Hotty McHotterson of swimming. Have you people never watched the Olympics before? The games have been a hotbed of ogle material for years now. Where else can you find a Speedo-clad guy with lean, defined muscle and minimal body hair?

— Christina

Olympic dreams

Watching the Olympics this year made me think I should have played a more obscure sport. I could have gone out and shot trap in the morning instead of double days in football. Instead of practicing free throws I could have been in the backyard playing badminton. Lift weights? No thanks, I'll spend my time playing table tennis. See you in four years on the podium.

— Rob

Welcome to college, now don't embarrass yourself

Welcome incoming students, one and all. No doubt Moscow will barely be able to contain the joy of so many newly liberated young souls. Enjoy yourselves; after all, there is no longer anybody watching you or telling you what to do. You are your own person.

You are free to be independent, unique and to do whatever you want to do. If you want to stay out all night, nobody cares. If you want to skip your classes, nobody cares. If you want to eat ice cream for breakfast, nobody cares. Not only this, you are also now in a place which allows you to pursue an incredible variety of interests. Attending the University of Idaho gives you access to almost limitless opportunities to develop your interests. Here you have art studios, theaters, athletic facilities, libraries, parks, concert halls and experts ready to teach you whatever it is you want to learn. Such liberation and opportunity should lead to a blossoming of a veritable plethora of exciting and diverse student personalities.

However, I have some predictions. Based on the history of college students, I predict that most of the university's facilities will be used far below their potential. I further predict that for

most students, developing their personal interests will involve late night parties, lots of alcohol and premarital sex. Not only this, but I predict that for most students, becoming their own independent, unique people will mean doing exactly what they see everybody else doing.

Of course this is not going to be true for everybody, but as a general rule I think it is a pretty safe bet. Don't get me wrong — college does involve lots of worthwhile exploration and creates an exciting diversity of interests, but not nearly as much as it could. My guess is that about half of the time, money and effort students spend is wasted on things that are empty and ultimately unfulfilling.

Let's be honest. The image that most have of college students is that they are loud, lazy, irresponsible, obnoxious and often drunk. If you think that stereotype is unfair, then don't be loud, lazy, irresponsible, obnoxious and drunk. Why is it that when we are given so much freedom and opportunity we choose to use it to embarrass and make fools out of ourselves? And why is it that when we have the chance to be unique, we choose to act just like everybody else?

Hopefully, by the time you leave college you

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MailBOX

Sali says no to taxes

As the state treasurer for the state of Idaho, I am encouraged by the fiscally responsible role Congressman Bill Sali has taken in the U.S. Congress. His attempts to reign in wasteful government spending and eliminate the deficit have not gone unnoticed by me as a taxpayer.

In Bill's 18 years as an elected official, he has never voted in favor of a tax increase. Low tax-

es are meaningless in the long term unless we also cut government's insatiable appetite for spending our money. That is why Bill Sali has my enthusiastic endorsement and will get my vote in November.

As a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Bill has consistently fought for the small government principles he promised to champion when we first elected him. He has called for an end to secret earmarks, and he has sought to hold Congress accountable for the

big-spending agenda of Speaker Pelosi (D-San Francisco) and the Democrat leadership.

In politics, actions speak louder than words. Congressman Sali's legislative record is absolutely consistent with promoting fiscal responsibility, and it serves as a beacon of hope for those who wish to see government return to a manageable size.

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Wombmates to roommates

While other freshmen and transfer students generally come to the University of Idaho alone and bewildered, I arrived with my best friend.

The morning we left home, we brushed our similar teeth, put on our shared clothes and looked at our identical faces in the bathroom mirror. After saying goodbye to her parents (who are also my parents) we made the curvy drive 84 miles south to our suite in the Living Learning Community.

My twin and I went from wombmates to roommates to surprise suitemates.

I was assigned to my room in the LLC while she was condemned to Wallace, which simply would not fly since we're juniors. Needless to say, she requested to be transferred to the LLC. About a month later, I asked her which building she was in. Huh, I thought, we're in the same building. She said she was on the second floor. Wow, me too.



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She led me in a sprint to the computer, where she frantically logged onto Vandal-Web to see which room she was in — the one next to mine. Apparently, the University Housing gods believe it is not yet time to cut the cord.

We're not those homebody twins that dress identically, have the same hair and are never separated. You won't often spy us skipping through campus with our arms linked.

On the other hand, we've never been in porn. My sister and I don't hook up when we're drunk, and we don't appreciate perverts asking us if we do.

People seem to misunderstand the meaning of "identical." In some contexts it does mean alike in every way, but with twins, it's a scientific term. We don't look exactly the same, but we are very similar in many ways. People say, "Of course you're not identical then."

Scientifically, we are. We came from one single sperm and chilled in the same placenta, giving us extremely similar DNA. We are identical.

She towers over me by three inches with her 5-foot-8-inch frame, and her hair may be longer. Still, we are identical.

Almost every time we go out together, we get what is called the twin stare; people don't think we notice their eyes flying back and forth from one twin to the other in disbelief.

When we introduce ourselves, nine times out of 10 we're asked if we like being a twin.

You don't see me asking normal people what it's like to not be a twin.

Usually I answer the question generically saying that it's fun. Do we look alike? Yes. Do we act alike? Yes. Do we read each other's minds?

Kind of, but that's a different matter altogether.

We can't feel each other's pain, nor can we tell when the other is upset when we're hundreds of miles away from each other. My twin and I are just close siblings. We'll have a lifetime bond that will withstand possibly living across the country from each other and starting our own families.

Until then, we'll chuckle to each other at twin stares in the laundry room and say hi back to people that are acquaintances of the other sister.



Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf resigns to avoid facing impeachment

Now if only our Congress was semi-competent

Gabriel J. Moats

Gabriel Moats/Argonaut

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will have done many things you can look back on and be proud of, but I can almost guarantee that, just like the rest of us, you will have done even more stupid things which you will regret.

My advice to you: don't do the stupid things.

If you are still reading this and you happen to be one of those unique students who are swimming against a strong current and trying to be a mature, responsible adult even though it is not expected of you, then keep it up and feel free to ignore this column. However, if we want the image of the college student to change, and if we want to be truly independent individuals, then a lot more of us are going to have to start acting like responsible adults rather than bigger, more dangerous middle schoolers.

If what I've said offends you, then prove me wrong, please.

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Support Sali

I was delighted with the opportunity to become a co-chair for Bill Sali's re-election campaign because he stands up for the issues I have championed over my career. Bill Sali believes in limited government and fiscal responsibility — a stark contrast to the Democratic leadership in Congress. Bill Sali believes in our Constitution and that the role of government established by the Founding Fathers is the right one for our country. He has shown he will fight for Idaho values in Washington, D.C., that he has the backbone to stand up

to the San Francisco liberal agenda. Mr. Sali votes his values and refuses to give in to special interests.

The tax and spend Democrats have caused near irreversible damage in Washington by supporting vast increases in entitlements, and we need a congressman like Bill to lead the opposition. Bill Sali has received awards from the National Taxpayers Union and Americans for Tax Reform — two leading organizations which promote fiscal responsibility in Congress. He even signed a pledge to oppose raising taxes. For these reasons Bill Sali has my vote, my confidence and my strong support in his bid for re-election.

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Courtesy photo: the Sklar Brothers have appeared in films and television shows including Comedy Central Presents, It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Grey's Anatomy, and Sports Center (ESPN)

In the spotlight

Blue Scholars and Sklar Brothers to perform at Palousafest

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Compared to last year, Saturday's Palousafest is set to be less of an information fair and more of a concert.

ASUI Vandal Entertainment Program Advisor Christina Kerns said that the main difference with this year's Palousafest is that the organizers have shifted their focus away from games and "inflatables" and toward bigger stage acts.

Kerns said this is the first time Palousafest has brought both a band and a comedy act together. Organizers have also condensed the time period to make it more of a late evening event.

"One reason is that we duplicate stuff — we set up the same booths at different events so we didn't think we needed to table so long," Kerns said.

This year's headlining acts are stand-up comedians the Sklar Brothers, who will perform at 7 p.m., and the Seattle-based hip-hop group Blue Scholars who will be playing at 8 p.m.

Blue Scholars have ultimately penetrated the scene within the past year, touring with popular West Coast rap group Hieroglyphics and setting up future tour dates with GZA of Wu-Tang Clan.

The group released three full-length albums and one digital EP in 2007. In December, Blue Scholars conducted the first ever all-northwest hip-hop festival called The Program. They headlined a five-night run of sold-out shows at Seattle's Neumo's.

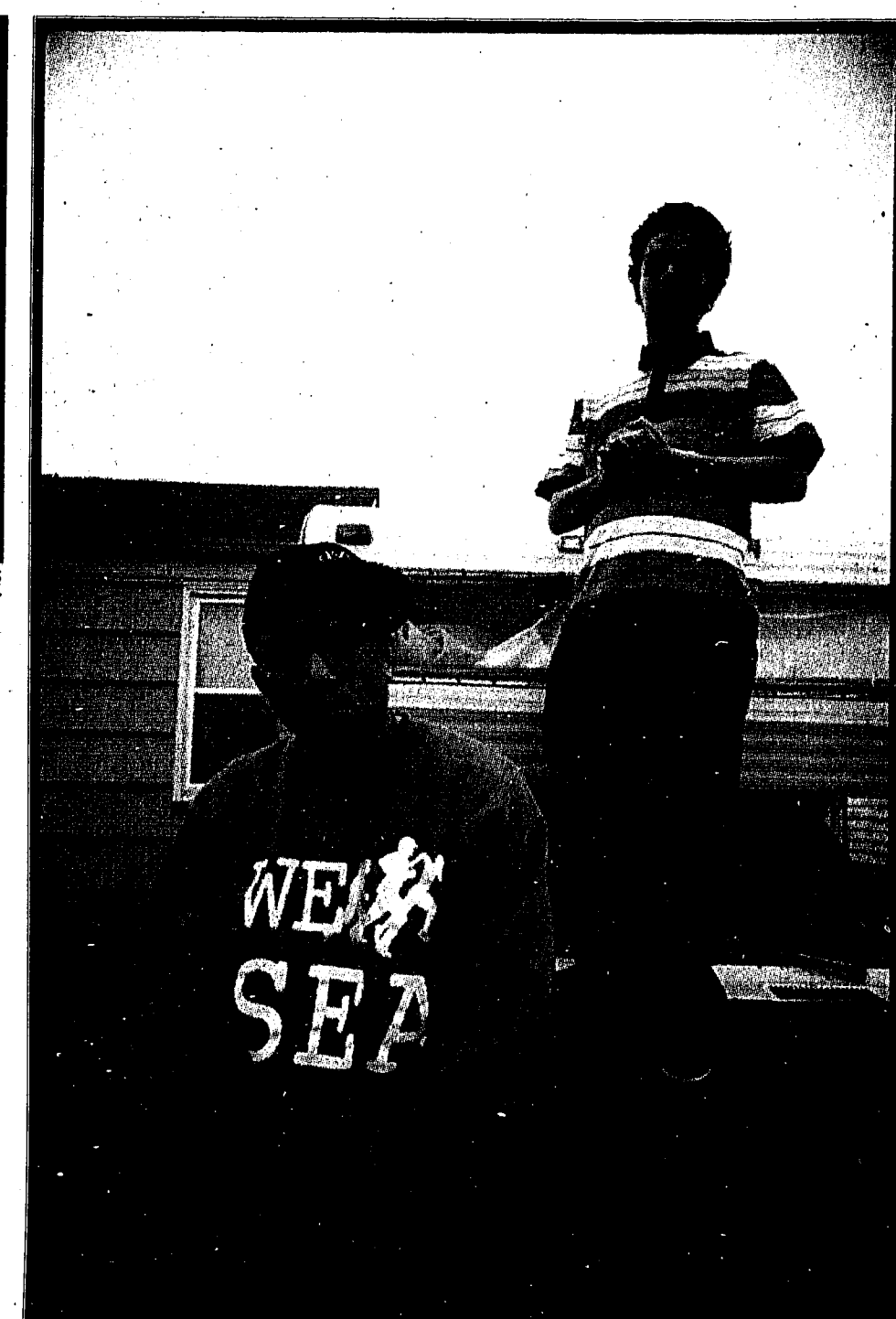
"It's nice to see when we can start the year for everybody with a really good band."

Padrhig
HARNEY
ASUI summer intern

"They're doing some pretty new stuff," said Padrhig Harney, an ASUI summer intern. "They're all about social change and political action."

Immediately following Palousafest, Blue Scholars will be traveling to Denver, Colo. to perform at a historic progression demonstration during the Democratic National Convention. They will be joining bands like Rage Against the Machine and Flobots.

Harney said that ASUI has been trying to book Blue Scholars since last



Courtesy photo: Geologic (left) and Sabzi (right) of the Seattle hip-hop group Blue Scholars. The group will perform at Palousafest on Saturday before playing at the Democratic National Convention on Sunday.

winter. Harney has been interested in the group since he saw them live at the 2007 Bumbershoot Festival in Seattle.

"This show really works for Palousafest since we already have the people there," Harney said. "It's nice when we can start the year for everybody with a really good band."

Harney said that the student body has been enthusiastic about the concert. Along with strong word of mouth, students have already created a Facebook group to attract attention to the event.

Kerns said the band had originally discussed performing at Washington State University a week before Palousafest but had changed their plans.

"That's why we'll probably see some people coming over from Pullman too," Kerns said.

The Sklar brothers (Randy and Jason Sklar) have appeared in numerous primetime sitcoms, HBO comedy programs and network TV shows since the mid-90's. The brothers starred in a 30-minute Comedy Central Presents special

in 2001.

While the event may have shifted its central focus this year, the overall purpose of the event is still for local organizations to reach students and community members who are on campus for the weekend.

Clubs, businesses and organizations from around the community will be running booths along Sixth St. from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Kelby Wilson, an ASUI summer intern said that there are more than 130 organizations registered to host more than 140 tables. There will also be free pizza and soft drinks available.

ASUI summer intern and event organizer Jo Seely said that the event will also feature free giveaways, live radio station contests and a raffle for an undisclosed major prize.

"All I can say is freebies, freebies, freebies," Wilson said. "Also, there'll be a ton of information on student organizations and how to become involved on campus."

Idaho: the music capitol of the Pacific Northwest

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

Though I am the scion of Californians, I was born in Boise and have only ever lived in Meridian, Jerome and Moscow. I have often felt that living in Idaho is a lot like living in a vacuum.

It should not be controversial to declare that Idaho is a funny state. As great as our University is—and it is, go Vandals!—the 43rd state in the union is the 42nd in gross domestic product. Though Idaho is eight times their combined size, we are outstripped in this metric by both New Hampshire and Delaware.

I believe many Idahoans, growing up, felt a gush of excitement any time Idaho popped up in popular culture, in national news, in sports: from Picabo Street to Jake Plummer, from "My Own Private Idaho" to "Napoleon Dynamite." Musically, however, Idaho is much more refreshing than might be supposed.

The looming figure in the Idaho music scene is Built to Spill. It warms my heart that the one thing our state is known for in the indie rock circuit is agreed by everyone to be not only great but among the greatest. Doug Martsch, the band's founder and for a time the band's only constant, grew up in Twin Falls and founded BTS precursor Treepeople as a Seattle transplant around the time Nirvana started to break. Eight albums in, the band is as great as ever. A ninth album of the band's patented three-guitar, epic assault on the senses is expected through long-time label Warner Brothers by spring 2009.

But one thing that some (especially East Coasters) don't realize is that Idaho is a great state, in terms of breadth. Occasionally I'll get calls from

promoters asking me to promote events in Boise, or invitations to concerts around that City of Trees. An international musician more local than Built to Spill is Moscow's own Josh Ritter. Ritter is on Sony BMG and first gained great success (even more improbably than in Idaho) in Ireland. His latest, "The Historical Conquests of Josh Ritter," was released in Aug. 2007. Ritter maintains a home in Moscow, rumored to be somewhere east of Main Street.

Questions remain regarding Mikey's Gyros as a venue, following a BMI/ASCAP dispute but in the past it has served as one of the keystones of the greater Latah-Whitman musical scene with shows from local legends Max Von Mandrill, The Flying Eyes, Milo Duke and many others.



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One Mikey's fixture to have survived graduation is Finn Riggins, led by husband-and-wife team Eric Gilbert and Lisa Simpson and augmented by Cameron Bouiss on percussion. Finn Riggins moved from Moscow to Halley a few years ago, logging tens of thousands miles on the road since. They've got two shows coming up in Moscow in mere weeks—the Moscow Food Co-Op's 35th Anniversary Party on Sep. 7, and a show at John's Alley with Low Red Land the night after.

Since the time I've first come to Moscow, the city has seen, on campus and off, Calvin Johnson, Death Cab for Cutie, Del tha Funkee Homosapien, The Roots, and New Found Glory (regrettably) among many others including Finn Riggins, Josh Ritter and Built to Spill. Saturday at Palousafest Seattle's Blue Scholars will be added to this historical roster. I expect they will be as worthy of the distinction as anyone

A catchy cure to the headline blues

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

With this album, Blue Scholars have allowed coffee shop activism and well-refined mixing ability to define their early career.

The self-titled album, released in Jan 2007 by MASSLine Records, marks the first full-length album by the group who has since produced three full-length CDs and a digital EP in less than two years.

The group has modified their general tone and style a bit with each album but have not ventured too far from their sharp-tongued Northwest rap roots.

This first release was a bold display of what Blue Scholars has to offer, initiating their string of recordings with something fast-paced, quick-witted and inexplicably classic.

The CD holds true to the

traditional elements of an aggressive but thoughtful hip-hop record while advancing the genre enough to be worth some attention.

The group's lyricist and emcee, "Geologic," is clearly a well-read and insightful writer who remains deeply in touch with the earthy reality of the environment that the band pulls influences from. The group's producer and DJ, "Sabzi," does a beautiful job of deconstructing classic swing and jazz recordings into intricate but tight samples.

The culmination of the two artists is a CD with an indie-rock quality to the background composition and a lyrical pace that breathes more like musically-adapted slam poetry rather than traditional urban pop.

The backbone of the record is a snappy, jazzy foreground laid over a timeless, lo-fi hip-hop rhythm section. The lyrics are cutting liberal opinions on America's place

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Get your snow fix

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

When I was a kid I lived to collect snow globes — big ones, small ones, size didn't matter. I just loved peering into that tiny little world inside the magic bubble. Some prefer Christmas and holiday scenes in their globes, but they can also be a cool way to show off your super-sweet toy collection you've had stashed in your closet for ages. They could also be just a creative way to get rid of all your old pickle jars.

What you'll need:

1. A glass jar with a lid. Any size or shape will do. Just make sure it is big enough to accommodate whatever you're going to be putting inside of it.

2. "Snow" This can be made out of whatever you want it to be. Glitter, beads, it doesn't matter.

3. Characters for your winter (or glitter) wonderland.

4. Goo Gone or rubbing alcohol. This is for getting that pesky label residue off your old jar, if necessary.

5. Strong glue. I'm talking about super glue, the kind that bonds your fingers together in an instant. You definitely don't want a leak or your scene to be floating around in your jar.

6. Baby oil or mineral oil. They're both clear and look like water. Plus, glitter is a little more graceful in these oils than in water. But you can still use the good old' h2o if you want.

7. Paint, ribbon or other decorative necessities. These are optional, just in case you want to spruce up your base or add a little flair.

Step 1:

Picking a jar:

Make sure to get a jar that is big enough to hold your scene and still have room for snowfall. If you're using an old jar you definitely want to get it thoroughly cleaned, both on the inside and the outside. If you're having trouble getting the label off without leaving a mess, try soaking it in water or rubbing alcohol. With a little elbow grease it should come right off. Also, don't forget to clean the inside of the lid.

Step 2:

Setting the scene:

This is the part where you paint your painting. Arrange your characters or whatever goodies you're going to be immortalizing in the globe the way you most fancy. Once you've got them where you want them, use that super glue to secure them to the inside of the lid. Let them sit long enough for the glue to dry completely.

Step 3:

Preparing for the snowfall:

Now that you've got your scene attached to the base, you're almost ready to screw the lid onto the jar. Fill the jar almost to the top with your desired liquid and add your snow. Don't use too much unless you're anticipating a blizzard, and don't use too little.

Step 4:

Close that sucker up:

Once you've got the right liquid to snow mixture figured out, you're ready for the final step: closing it up.

Take some of the super



glue and spread it around the inside of the lid for an extra secure seal. Carefully place your scene into the liquid and slowly screw the lid on as tight as you can.

Once you've got the lid on apply a second layer of glue around the seal, just for extra leakage protection. Let the glue dry completely and then flip it over and shake it up.

If you want to add a little something special to your snow globe, you can always glue ribbon around the base or even paint it.

Adding a little extra flair isn't necessary, but always fun. Now you've got a hand-held winter wonderland to tide you over until November when the real snow comes.

DeVotchKa: a mad and faithful interview

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

MK: So you just wrapped up the tour?

One hour before DeVotchka took the main stage on day two of the Capitol Hill Block Party (Seattle's hip namesake neighborhood), I was led backstage and downstairs at Neumo's. There I met Nick Urata, frontman for Denver, Colorado's DeVotchKa. Seattle's own Throw Me the Statue had just wrapped up, and because DeVotchKa needed a trumpet player, Throw Me the Statue lent one out to them. Just as I hit record on the tape, our conversation was drowned out by horn practice in the Neumo's basement lobby.

DeVotchKa is most well-known for their Grammy-nominated work on the film "Little Miss Sunshine." Though they were co-headliners at the Block Party on July 26, I didn't anticipate the band to whip up a frenzy in the crowd—or the crowd to be so receptive to music less known for being rocking as it is for being Eastern European.

Instead of an electric bass, DeVotchKa's basslines are performed on an upright (double) bass or sousaphone. Nick Urata does traditional frontman duties of guitar and vocals, but he also gets behind a theremin, a bouzouki, piano and trumpet. The rest of the four-piece band works on strings, percussion, brass and keyboard.

MK: What strikes me about the album is that there are a lot of rock bands that just go out and play a song, but your songs—they have really clear arrangements. You could score out the horn parts, the drum parts, the strings. How do you go about starting to write a song with the group?

Urata: I started the band, so I'm sort of responsible for it. I'm kind of the keeper of the torch, so I'm always feeling like I have to present new ideas, which I do in the form of songs. And sometimes they'll be fully realized and arranged, and other times I'll just have the bare bones and give it to the band and let them construct it. So it's definitely a collaborative effort, and we try to be as spontaneous about it as we can.

Urata: We just wrapped up the mass of it, we're just going to do some scattered dates for the rest of the year.

MK: How was the Boise show?

Urata: The Boise show was fun. Actually, it was one of our best shows. I know everybody always says that, but we kind of dragged ourselves in there on a Sunday afternoon, we didn't expect anybody to come out, and, as always, the Boise people showed us a great time. And we actually were... I don't know what I think it was kind



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of midway through on the tour, so we'd just hit the stride on a bunch of the numbers and we'd had a string section with us. It was one of the most memorable shows of the tour. We've played a bunch of times in Boise. I have a story about Boise, actually. We were then in December of — what is that — 2006? We stopped by in Boise, doing some shows after Little Miss Sunshine wrapped up, and I was sort of stumbling around the streets of Boise around 11 a.m. trying to wake myself up with some coffee. And I got a phone call from a friend of mine in New York, and he's like "Dude, you guys just got nominated for a Grammy." So you can imagine my shock, on the streets of Boise.

MK: So we're two years later, now that we've had "Juno" supplant "Little Miss Sunshine"'s hype... Did some genius exec push DeVotchKa into scoring it? Looking back, what have been the effects of the picture?

Urata: In terms of the movie and the music and everything, it was all done independently. The film wasn't produced by any studio or anything, it just became what it was. One of the great effects that we've seen is, certainly people in the U.S. that would probably never hear of us might have heard of us, but overseas the movie was a big hit in a lot of places. Subsequently we'd show up in places we've never been, like Spain and Turkey, and everyone knew our songs. So it's been a great thing that way.

MK: Two things that people often mention in the same breath as DeVotchKa is Denver and Eastern Europe. You even have a couple instrumental numbers on the last album, and you can definitely hear Béla Bartók and such is that on your mind? I hate to use the word influence that gets tossed around, but

Urata: I've always been fascinated with it and I'm glad you brought up Bartók because it's been going on for hundreds of years people being influenced by this. And when someone from another place delves into an area's indigenous, music I think the results can be really interesting. And the same thing happens in opposite a lot of people in other countries are fascinated by rock'n' roll, and when they put their hands on it, it becomes something completely different.

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Taking it outside

SRC will use friendly competition to show off their goods

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Students will have a lot of groups competing for their attention this weekend, and the Student Recreation Center wants to show what it has to offer.

Saturday's Student Rec Fair will feature food, games, activities, giveaways and prizes for those interested in learning a little more about campus recreation.

Bruce Mann, Marketing and Special Events Coordinator for the SRC, said that the event has taken place for the past four or five years and it's a good time for students to have fun while learning about the Rec Center.

"We have the outdoor programs and intramurals and clubs, and there's a lot of different recreation options for everyone," Mann said. "They'll get a good taste of what we have to offer."

The event will include activities such as an obstacle course, corn tossing and a football accuracy test, each with their own competitive element.

The obstacle course, a revamped version of the "Soak Your Roommate" activity that was offered last year, will put two teams of four against each other while competing to win a prize.

Some of the obstacles will include a raft ride through some rapids and a trip over a 12-foot climbing wall.

Stationary bikes and the gravity machines will also be moved out onto the lawn for students to try out.

"It's a great chance for everyone to get a taste of the different programs and services we offer while being outside

and having fun," Mann said.

Mike Beiser, the SRC's Outdoor Program Coordinator, said that the Student Rec Fair is a great opportunity for students to recognize what kind of activities that are available to them.

"The UI campus on any given day can have over 350 different things to do. A student can take part in something extracurricular and never duplicate that activity. Yet, one of the things I hear the most is that there is nothing to do in Moscow," Beiser said. "This is proof that there are things to do here, and that there is a reason why these things are provided for them."

Beiser said that the SRC averages 2,000 visits a day and that studies have shown that students who visit the SRC three or four times a week have higher GPAs.

He said that not only are they helping to make students healthier, but also helping them relax and blow off steam.

"A lot of people think we're just a building but we're so much more. We have these programs that serve thousands of people," Beiser said.

Peg Hamlett, Fitness Manager for the SRC, hopes that people who are unfamiliar with the Rec Center will learn that it's a place that welcomes all.

"It's a place that has something for everyone, whether you're fit or unfit," Hamlett said.

Hamlett said that just last week she had girls come in for sorority recruitment and that it was fun to see them get up, move and get excited about what they were doing.

"I love it when they say 'I can do this.' I knew they always could," she said.

The Student Rec Fair will take place from 1-3 p.m., Aug 23, on the SRC lawn. The event will be moved indoors in the event of poor weather.

Vandals on the march

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

At 5 p.m., Sunday Aug. 24, incoming freshmen from around the country will be taking their first steps as Idaho Vandals.

Freshmen are invited to take a symbolic walk from the front of the ASUI Kibbie Dome, past the library, Idaho Commons and Memorial Gym to the Administration Lawn.

"It's encouragement to get involved while you're here and really enjoy four years at UI along with leaning the traditions and the faces of U-Idaho like the president, the coaches, alumni director, and older students," said Jo Seely, an event organizer and ASUI summer intern.

The event will begin with learning the traditional Idaho Vandal fight song, and end with a free barbeque in front of the Administration building.

There will also be free Vandal gear handed out and administrators, upperclassmen and alumni will speak to the incoming new students.

Seely said the list of speakers includes head Vandal football coach Robb Akey and Director of Alumni Relations Steven Johnson. The Vandal marching band will perform as well.

"The idea is that freshmen walk from the Kibbie Dome to the Admin lawn at the beginning of college, and then as seniors they walk back from the Admin to the Kibbie Dome for their commencement," Johnson said.

Organized living

groups have heavily attended past Vandal Walks, but all freshmen are urged to attend.

"In the past there's been a pretty great turnout. Not only are the residence halls there but also the Greek houses and other living groups," Seely said. "It's a great chance to meet your freshman class."

Seely said that after a weekend of larger campus events, the Vandal Walk makes them feel like part of a more exclusive University community.

"The Vandal Walk is really more just for the new students," Seely said. "It's a little more personal whereas Palousafest is sort of open."

The event is hosted by a group of 89 students on campus called the Student Alumni Relations Board (SARB).

Associate Director of Alumni Relations, Tim Helmke, said that the Vandal Walk has been done on campus for the past seven or eight years after SARB attended a national conference and heard about the University of Missouri's "Tiger Walk." The group decided to adopt the idea in Moscow.

This year, SARB is launching a program called Tradition Keepers, modeled after the alumni organization at the University of Florida. The program aims to preserve time-honored campus traditions through freshmen training.

"We want to bring back things like big tug-of-war games and freshman dunk tanks at orientations," Helmke said.

BAND

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in international conflicts, local social injustice and the individual pursuit of self-worth.

The CD maintains a consistently upbeat sound, but takes a short break

with the soft and dark track "Burnt Offering." The rhythmic high points of the album are the songs "Blink" and "The Ave."

Blue Scholars have essentially produced something between a def poetry jam and a West Coast skateboarding soundtrack.

Many of the themes in Geologic's lyrics are geared toward the problems

and inspirations that he has grown up with as a Filipino youth in Seattle. The subject matter may be particularly compelling to fans in the Northwest.

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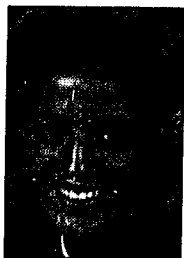
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QuickHITS

Vandals to Watch

Desirae Hull
Soccer



The Vandal freshman scored 23 goals in her senior season at Los Alamos High School in New Mexico and was named District 2 Player of the Year. She helped her club team win four straight state titles and was a New Mexico Olympic Development Program invite.

Last Sunday, Hull scored the team's two goals in the exhibition tie to Central Washington.

"She just has an infectious winning mentality that will help us grow as a program," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

Virdell Larkins
Football



The Laney Junior College transfer strong safety totaled seven tackles in the final scrimmage for the Vandals. Larkins initially signed with Cal Berkley, but transferred to Laney Junior College and went 10-1 in the Mid-Empire Conference Championship season. Larkins is the cousin of Buffalo Bills' running back Marshawn Lynch.

Vandals by the Numbers

4 Number of tennis players, two men and two women, who earned recognition from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association as Division I All-Academic honorees for the 2007 season.

9 Number of Idaho Vandal football games to be aired on TV.

426 Yards totaled by the Vandal football receiving corps in three summer scrimmages.

469 number of yards totaled by second year starting quarterback Nathan Enderle. Enderle was 33 of 46 in the three summer scrimmages.

Vandals in Action

Friday
Vandal soccer travels to Cal State-Bakersfield for a rematch after last year's 2-1 overtime loss.

OlympicBRIEFS

Kristin Armstrong, 1995 alumni, became just the second American woman cyclist to win gold when she won the 14.6-mile time trial in 34 minutes.

Joachim Olsen, a 10-time all-American and UI NCAA Champion in 2000 went to Beijing for the men's shot put representing Denmark in his third straight Olympic games. In 2004, Olsen won the bronze but wasn't able to make the finals in Beijing.

Angela Whyte, a four-time all-American and holder of 13 UI records, went to Beijing for her second Olympic Games in the 100m hurdles. Whyte slipped on the sixth hurdle and slipped from third to fifth and just missed qualifying.

Summer scrimmages end

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The University of Idaho football team has been preparing for its 2008 season with summer practices and scrimmages throughout August. The team will see its first kick off of the 2008 season in Tucson against the University of Arizona.

The Vandals are looking to improve upon last season's 1-11 record and ESPN's pre-season ranking as the worst team in Division I football.

The biggest improvements seen this summer have been in Idaho's receiving corps.

"They've all improved over the summer and during camp," starting quarterback Nathan Enderle said of the group. The receiving corps totaled 426 yards during the August 12th scrimmage.

"They're running their routes more precisely, coming up with the big plays and getting their ball skills back. That's good to see," Enderle said.

Enderle himself is also looking better in his second season as the lead arm for the Vandals. Enderle totaled 469 yards during the three scrimmages in 33 completions out of 46 attempts.

Idaho coach Robb Akey has also noticed his team's improvements.

"Both sides of the ball are going to look at things they did well and they're going to look at things that they need to do better," Akey said.

Idaho's running backs are looking good this year with the addition of two true freshmen to the depth chart, Troy Vital and Kama Bailey. Though Idaho has retained the entirety of its offense from last season, the freshmen are looking to make their mark on the program and see the field this year.

This is the first season in the past four that Idaho has retained its coach with Akey's second season.

Many new faces have seen action in the summer scrimmages, as some starters like Deonte Jackson and Shiloh Keo have been on the bench due to soreness.

One of these faces is junior safety Jeromy Jones, who started in place of Keo in the team's third scrimmage on Aug. 19.

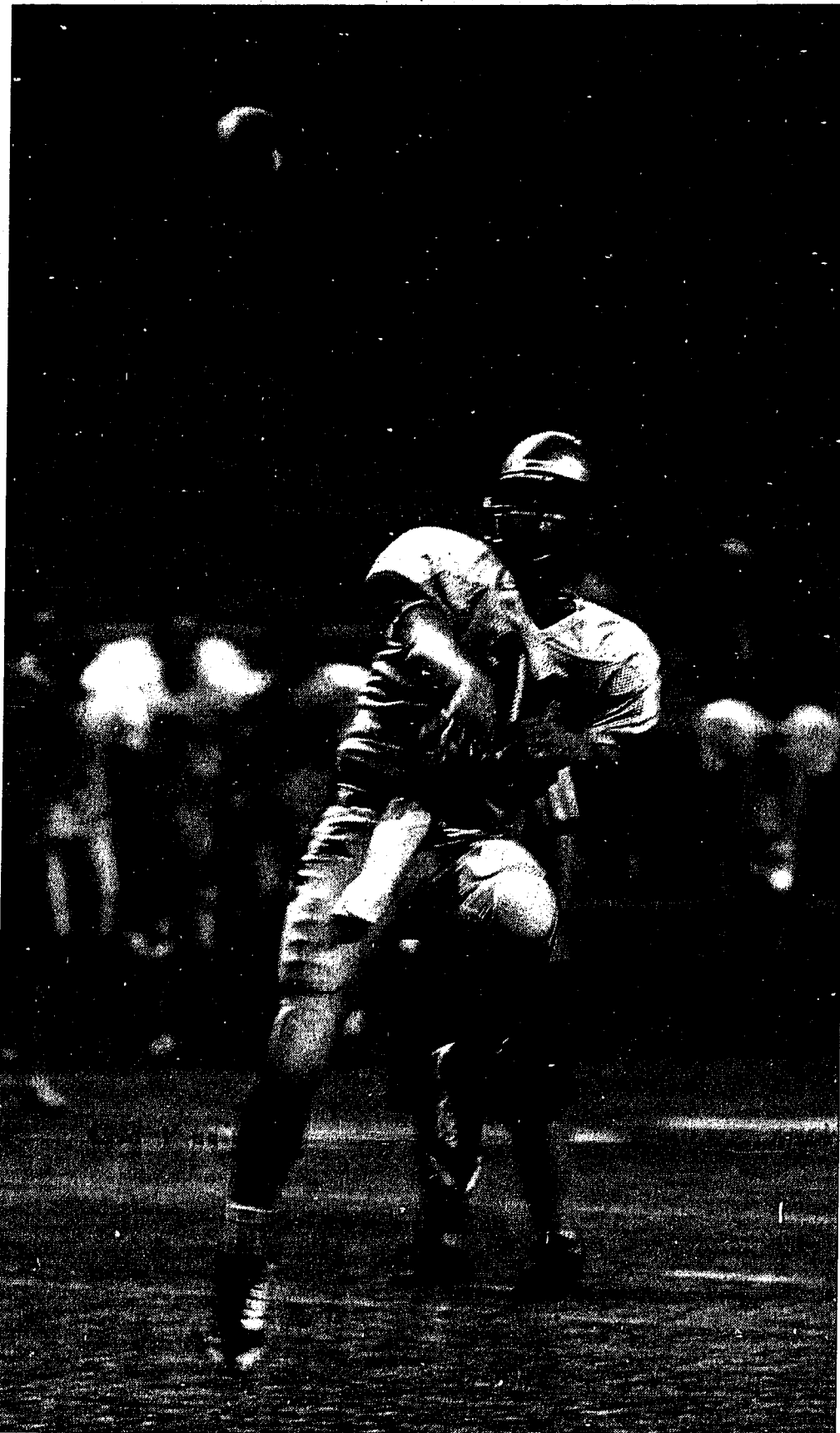
"Jeromy Jones got more opportunity with Shiloh being on the bench," Akey said. "He showed up a lot today on the football field."

Jones racked up a field goal block, a red-zone interception that he returned for 66 yards, and three tackles in the scrimmage.

Akey mentioned that most of the starters who sat on the bench were there as a result of minor bumps and bruises.

"I think we culminated pretty well with a physical third scrimmage, and I want to make sure those bodies are feeling good and they're ready to hit somebody else by the time we play Arizona," Akey said.

Kick off against Arizona on Aug. 30 will be at 6 p.m. and will be covered on the Vandal Radio network (106.1 FM in Moscow).



Vandal quarterback Nathan Enderle passes the ball during the last full scrimmage in the Kibbie Dome before the opener against the Arizona Wildcats Aug. 30. Nick Groff/Argonaut

VOLLEYBALL

Preparing for the season

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

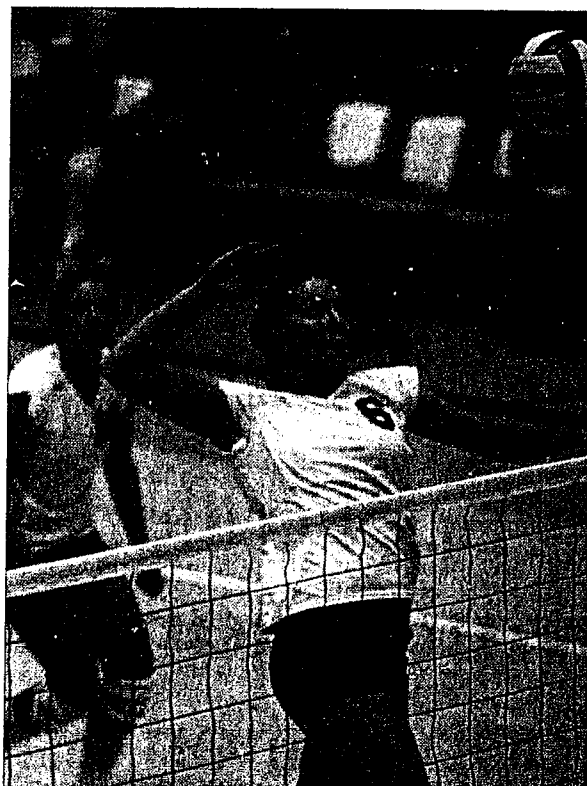
The University of Idaho's volleyball team, picked to finish No. 3 in the Western Athletic Conference by a preseason coach's poll, is preparing to stretch its legs in 2008.

Idaho was awarded 42 points in the poll behind New Mexico State with 57 and Hawai'i, who was chosen to defend their 13-year reign on the regular season title, with 64.

"We're heading into this season better than we have been in the last few seasons," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We are fundamentally and athletically better and this season we possess more depth, which is the one thing we have been missing. That depth adds more competition within the team and pushes every player to improve throughout the season."

In the past five seasons, Idaho has maintained a winning conference record, but in the past two seasons the team has failed to break .500 in all games.

The Vandals have retained all of the last season's roster, including senior Haley Larsen, who was selected to the pre-season all-WAC team for



Debbie Pederson leaps over the net to send a spike ball towards New Mexico State in Memorial Gym Nov. 3. File Photo

the second consecutive season.

Larsen averaged 5.39 kills per game and ranked seventh in the country in 2007. The Santa Clarita, Calif. native wrapped up last season with a grand total of 593 kills and 378 digs.

"This could be a turning year for us," Buchanan said. "With the core group of players we have returning and the depth we have added with the incoming players, we have an opportunity to have a really great season."

Assistant coach Steve

SOCCER

Team takes early strides toward improvement

Jaimee Myers
Argonaut

The Vandal women stepped onto Guy Wicks Field Aug. 1 for day one of two-a-day practices. The team has been practicing and preparing following its most successful season since 2001.

Idaho coach Pete Showler found it important for his team to "shake off the rust" and also found it equally important that the players get acquainted and build strong team chemistry early on.

The staff added assistant coach Katie Schoene and goal keeping coach Stephanie Beall.

"The captains took it upon themselves to ask all the girls to come here a little early," Showler said. "They've been doing some team bonding, they've been working out together and playing together and it showed a little bit today. There was a little bit more communication than usual on day one."

Captains Aimee Goss and Kelsey Manning took the initiative early to rally the players together before the two-a-day practices began in order to start a good balance of team chemistry and unity.

"I think everyone put their best foot forward today," Goss said. "Everyone wanted to come out and prove themselves and compete and I think we had a healthy level of competition. We want that, because the more we push each other, the more we prepare each other for the season and the better we'll be as a team."

After a week of focus and team bonding during their two-a-day training sessions, the Vandal women traveled to Ellensburg to face the Central Washington Wildcats for a preseason scrimmage.

Last year the two teams faced one another in Moscow, when they sent the Wildcats back to Ellensburg with their first loss of the season. Vandal Ali Buswell scored a pair of goals in the 2-1 victory.

This year's scrimmage was played differently. Instead of competing in the standard regulation of two 45 minutes halves, the team played three 30 minutes periods in order to benefit most out of the trip to Ellensburg. It enabled both teams to see the strong sides of their game, as well as highlight the areas that need

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Olympic Schedule

Friday

21

11:30 p.m. (8/21) - 1 a.m.

Latenight
Men's volleyball semi-final: U.S. vs. Russia (LIVE ET/CT). Also, Georgia

plays Brazil for the men's beach volleyball bronze medal and women's javelin.

1 a.m. - 4 a.m.

Primetime Replay
Americans Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser play a team from Brazil in the men's beach volleyball gold-medal match. Also, coverage of several marquee track and field gold-medal finals and the conclusion of the women's 10m platform diving competition.

10 a.m. - Noon

Daytime

At the Athens Games, the U.S. "Dream Team" failed to advance to the men's basketball final, falling to eventual champion Argentina. Now, in Beijing, the two teams again meet in semifinal play with the winner moving on to the gold-medal final. Also, the final day of track and field's two-day decathlon.

Noon - 1 p.m.

Daytime
Coverage includes rhythmic gymnastics qualification and the women's singles table tennis gold-medal final.

Sunday

23

11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Latenight
Women's volleyball bronze-medal match — Cuba vs. China (LIVE ET/CT). Also, team synchronized swimming and men's singles semifinals in table tennis.

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DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

New York's \$200 million may not guarantee spot in playoffs

Most incoming University of Idaho freshmen were three years old the last time the New York Yankees missed the baseball postseason. In 1993 baseball fans such as I had pin-stripe-free playoffs.

It's becoming an ever-present possibility it could happen this season and a Yankee team with a \$218 million payroll may fail at something sports fans have grown accustomed to seeing them do — win.

If you're not up-to-date on MLB payrolls, please allow me to enlighten you.

The Los Angeles Angels have the fifth highest payroll in baseball at \$111 million. This means the separation from first to fifth in terms of payroll is \$107 million dollars. The Yankees spend double what the fifth highest team spends.

And that's just first to fifth. Tampa Bay, currently ahead of the Yankees, began the season with a payroll of \$31.8 million.

It's hard to imagine teams competing in the same league having such a disparity in payroll.

With all its money spent on players, the Yankees should win the World Series about every other year. But they haven't won a Series since 2000 when most incoming freshmen were around eight years old. It's been a while.

I've said this before, but rooting for the Yankees is like rooting for Wal-Mart to come into town and put all the small "mom and pop" shops out of business.

Instead of grooming their own crop of minor league players, the Yankees let other teams do the grooming for them by offering crazy amounts of cash once they become free agents. Teams like the Royals, Pirates and Marlins simply don't have the budget to stay financially competitive with the Yankees, Red Sox and Mets.

I for one will be hoping the Yankees miss the playoffs this season. I think it would be a breath of fresh air to see some new blood in the post season.

I like the Tampa Bay Rays. How can you not? They're pretty much the biggest underdog in baseball history and have a chance not only to make the playoffs, but to beat out the two highest payroll teams, the Boston Red Sox and the Yankees, and win the AL East division.

I've heard Yankee fans tell me all summer their team was plagued by injuries and that is the sole reason for them possibly missing the playoffs.

Seriously Yankee fans, every team in baseball deals with injuries each

season. It's part of the game. I don't hear Tampa Bay complaining about losing their two best players Carl Crawford and Evan Longoria to injuries. And Tampa Bay can't replace those players like the Yankees can.

When Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada were injured this season, the Yankees simply went out and bought all-stars Xavier Nady and "Pudge" Rodriguez.

As things currently stand, the Yankees trail the division leading Tampa Bay Rays by 10 games. (Holy hell, I never thought I'd ever write that. Please let me write it again.) The Yankees trail the Tampa Bay Rays by 10 games.

I was under the impression this could never happen. I figured the Yankees missing the playoffs was like Brett Favre getting injured — it just doesn't happen.

That being said, there is still a full month remaining in this baseball season, and the Yankees trail the Red Sox in the wild card standings by 5.5 games which means they're still alive for a postseason birth as long as they can pass up Boston, Minnesota and the Chicago White Sox.

That won't be easy. If I had to guess right now, I'd say the Yankees will be home in October.

I'll keep my fingers crossed.

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Whitaker has been added to Idaho's volleyball coaching staff this season. Whitaker replaces former Assistant Coach Mike Bryant, who left the team to accept an assistant coaching position at the University of Pittsburgh in mid-July.

Whitaker comes to Idaho from the University of Washington where he was a volunteer assistant coach. Highlights of Whitaker's career, which includes time at every level from club to Division I, include an NCAA championship in 2005 and a trip to the final four in 2006.

"This opportunity is exciting in multiple ways," Whitaker said. "Coach Buchanan is a great coach to work for and work with, and I am ex-

cited about all of the great aspects of Idaho's volleyball program."

Other new faces on the Vandal bench include four freshmen and one redshirt freshman.

The Vandals' season will begin with Middle Tennessee at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, in Murfreesboro Tenn. at the Middle Tennessee State Tournament.

The Vandals' first home match will be against Washington State at 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the Memorial Gym.

SOCCER

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improvement.

The Vandals jumped ahead early with a 2-0 lead after the first 30 minutes, but with thirty seconds remaining in the game, the Vandals gave up a second goal, ending the game in a 2-2 draw.

"We kind of threw the game away

a little bit," Showler said. "You've got to play the full 90 (minutes). It only takes a second to score, so hopefully we learned something from this."

Last season the women ended their season with a 5-12-1 record — the best record since 2001.

Their final opportunity to qualify last fall for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament ended in a heartbreaking loss to Hawai'i in Honolulu.

The game was called early due to

bad weather conditions.

Both captains are making it a point to encourage the team's ultimate goal — the WAC tournament.

"We were so close (to qualifying) last year," senior Britta Rustad said. "To go into our last game and have that be the determining factor was tough. I think one of the main goals will have to be to win those early games in WAC play to set ourselves up so that it doesn't have to come down to that last game."

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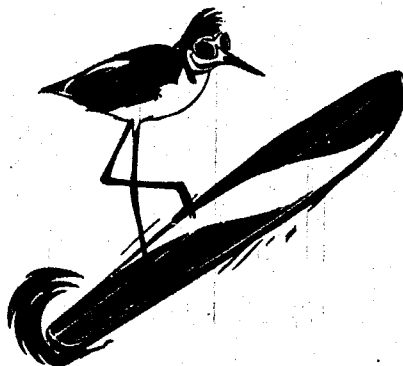
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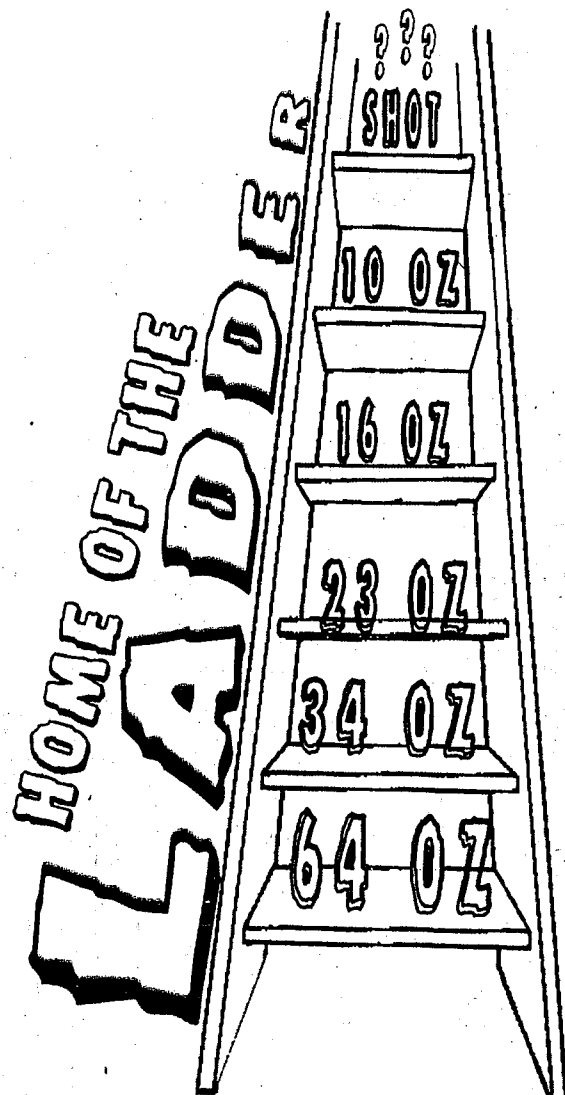
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U.S. beats Brazil 1-0

Nancy Armour
Associated Press

Beijing - They came to the Beijing Olympics as a team trying to find its way, still adjusting to a new coach and each other, still smarting from a loss that brought humiliation on and off the field.

They dropped their first game, hardly an auspicious start for a country that had lost only one other in three Olympics. But bit by bit, game by game, they came together, figuring out what it would take to win.

On Thursday night, the U.S. women's soccer team stood as one, Olympic gold medals around their necks, champions once again.

"Vindicated? I feel great, I feel amazing, I just won a gold medal," said goalkeeper Hope Solo, whose banishment at last year's World Cup symbolizes the struggles these Americans have had and without whom they wouldn't have won this game.

Solo made save after save to keep the United States in the game, and Carli Lloyd scored in the sixth minute of extra time to give the United States a 1-0 victory over Brazil and the gold medal for a third time in four Olympics.

It was the first victory in a major tournament for new coach Pia Sundhage, who took over less than nine months ago.

"It was hard, and this win wasn't just down to my goal," Lloyd said. "It was only achievable with the team we have and that we played for each other."

United now, the Americans were ripped apart at last year's World Cup, also in China.

Though Solo had allowed only two goals in four World Cup starts and had a shutout streak of nearly 300 minutes going, then-coach Greg Ryan decided to sit her for the semifinal against Brazil and play veteran Briana Scurry. The move was a disaster, and the United

States — a favorite to win the tournament — was humbled 4-0, its worst loss ever at a World Cup.

Solo lashed out at Ryan, and was banished. A month later, Ryan was fired.

"I went through hell. A lot of people did," Solo said. "But I feel stronger in the end. I know it sounds crazy, but I'm glad I went through it. I learned a lot about myself."

And she has a gold medal as the result.

After the game ended, Solo sprinted back out onto the field, a gaudy imitation gold medal around her neck, a phone to her ear and a bright smile on her face. She closed her eyes when the national anthem began playing, and bounced proudly and gripped her medal when the team posed for pictures afterward.

A few fans in the crowd chanted, "We want Hope! We want Hope!"

"I asked two questions: Do you want to win? Yes. Do you need goalkeepers to win? Yes," Sundhage said. "We had to move on, and this day you could see that we did it."

Emotion poured from the Americans at the final whistle. They charged to the middle of the field, screaming in celebration. A few grabbed American flags and sprinted to the U.S. fans in the stands, those long months of tension and uncertainty suddenly far away.

"This is such a reward for nine months of hard, hard work and soul-searching after the World Cup," Kate Markgraf said.

For the Brazilians, it was yet another bitter disappointment, the third consecutive time they've been the runner-up at a top event. They outplayed the Americans in the 2004 final, too, and lost in extra time. They also fell to Germany in the World Cup final last year.

As jubilant as the Americans were, the Brazilians

were just as despondent. Goalkeeper Barbara lay on her back when the game ended, sobbing, while Cristiane sat on the ground crying.

"I have no idea why we can't win a final," said Marta, who sobbed when she got her silver medal, her lip quivering. "It's something I'm gonna keep asking myself for a long time. You keep asking what you did wrong."

The two-time FIFA Player of the Year has nothing to regret. Her speed and control mesmerized the American defenders, and her cat-like quickness allowed her to get to balls no other player would have come close to. She was credited with six shots on goal, but she seemed to be in Solo's personal space more often than a pickpocket.

"I'm more mad than sad," Marta said. "Again we had a chance to win the gold and again we let it slip away. It's hard to say why that keeps happening to us."

Though the Americans arrived in Beijing as the world's top team, they were far from favorites for gold. They lost top defender Cat Whitehill in June, when she tore up her left knee. In the final tuneup before Beijing, leading scorer Abby Wambach broke her leg. Then they lost their opener, giving up two goals in the first few minutes to Norway.

This was not a team like the United States had grown accustomed to in the days of Mia Hamm and Julie Foudy, who played together so long, they knew each other's every move.

But Sundhage's calming presence bolstered the Americans. Their offense wasn't always a thing of beauty, but they found ways to win games.

"We are not looking at the results, but on how we play," Sundhage said. "Soccer is not a matter of 1-0 or 2-0, it's the way to find out the rhythm. The

match against Norway is our key point in the tournament. ... We found out our weak points and improved it. That's why we stand here with the gold medal."

The Americans were outclassed for much of the game by Brazil's dazzling speed and control, but Solo kept them in the game, making at least a half-dozen big saves. In the 31st minute, Lloyd lost a ball to Formiga, who passed to Cristiane. Cristiane was the tournament's leading scorer, and she ran full-speed looking for another. But Solo came off her line and dove at Cristiane's feet to collect the ball, upending the Brazilian in the process.

Even more impressive was Solo's save in the 72nd minute, when Marta lost the ball behind Heather Mitts and Markgraf and then picked it back up for a close-range shot that looked certain to be in. But Solo leaned out, threw up her right arm and sent the ball flying out of harm's way.

"I think I was leaning to my left waiting to dive to the left because the whole goal was open," Solo said. "And she ended up going right, and I luckily kept some of my weight on the right."

Said Marta: "I don't understand why the ball wouldn't go in. In so many games before we were able to score easily, but today it wasn't the case."

The rest of the Americans picked up the slack in the last five minutes of regulation, nearly scoring three times — twice in the 86th minute alone.

Then, in extra time, Amy Rodriguez held off two Brazilians and put the ball up for Lloyd who gave it a light touch with her right foot and then left-footed it from a yard outside the area. Barbara dived, but the ball scooted past her and settled in the far bottom corner of the net.

Olympic round-up: Bolt's double vs. Phelps' feats?

Jaime Aron
Associated Press

Beijing - Move over, Michael. Make way for Usain.

The Beijing Olympics will no longer be remembered only for what Michael Phelps did in the pool. Usain Bolt made sure of it on the track Wednesday night.

Already the champion at 100 meters, Bolt whizzed through the 200, too, making him the first winner of both Olympic sprints since Carl Lewis in 1984.

Yet Bolt one-upped Lewis, Jesse Owens and the other guys who've pulled off the 100-200 double. The long, lanky, joyous Jamaican also set a world record in both races, and that's never been done at an Olympics.

"I blew my mind," said Bolt, "and I blew the world's mind."

So now it's time for a new debate, sports fans. Which is more impressive: Phelps' eight gold medals and seven world records or Bolt leaving no doubt that he's the fastest man in the world, the fastest man ever?

Bolt's victory made memorable a day that was supposed to be a bit of a lull before the big finish this weekend. Only 11 medals were decided, fewest since the first day of competition.

There was other notable news, though, like the U.S. softball and men's basketball teams getting tested before moving closer to playing for gold. There also was the first-ever medal of any color at any Olympics for Afghanistan (a bronze in men's taekwondo), the debut of BMX cycling and another doping case, this one involving a medal winner.

The first-ever BMX medal, however, will be postponed a day as heavy rain Thursday morning forced a number of changes to the schedule. Olga Kaniskina of Russia

flashed a huge smile as she won the women's 20K race walk, a marked contrast to the competitors in the men's javelin who struggled in slippery conditions.

Later, Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh won their second consecutive gold medal in beach volleyball, playing through a steady and sometimes driving rain to beat China in straight sets and extend their winning streak to 108 matches in a row.

"The rain makes it better," Walsh shouted afterward, unable to contain the California girl enthusiasm that earned her the nickname "Six Feet of Sunshine." "We felt like warriors out there. The pressure of playing China made it pretty intense."

The International Olympic Committee said it is investigating Ukraine's Lyudmila Blonska. If found guilty of a doping offense, the 30-year-old Blonska would lose her silver medal in heptathlon and be expelled from the games.

Another piece of news is that these Summer Games are on pace to be the most-watched in history, a figure skewed by how many of China's 1.3 billion residents were tuned in.

Then again, Phelps — and now Bolt — are making for must-see T.V.

The United States still leads the medal count, up only 82-79 over China. The hosts bumped their gold count to 45, with a first-ever sailing victory joining the list.

China already has won more golds than the United States won when it hosted the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, and has tied the number won by the Soviet Union in 1992. The Soviets won 55 in 1988, which is now within range for the Chinese, especially with 86 more golds to be decided through Sunday.

North Korea tops alt. medals table

John Leicester
Associated Press

BEIJING — Don't believe the Olympic medals table. Runaway leaders China and the United States are not the best performers of these games, not even close.

No, by far the most successful of the 204 teams is ... North Korea. Break out the hammers and sickles; let the goose-stepping celebrations begin.

That, at least, is the result you get by factoring the size of countries' economies

into the medal count — in short, calculating not just the number of medals won but also how poor or rich the countries are that won them.

Doing it that way puts the major economies down a peg or 20, and propels economic minnows like Mongolia, Armenia and North Korea toward the top.

Thank Bill Mitchell, an economics professor in Australia, for doing the math.

A caveat: Mitchell does have a teeny ax to grind. He hates the Olympics ("the jingoism is unbelievable. It's gone so much

beyond the idea of an amateur pursuit, where all is fair and you do it for the love and run your heart out and you shake hands"). He also hates that the games went to China ("I can't stand repression of individual freedoms") and thinks that Western media are giving China's communist authorities a free ride, "covering the games as if China is a darling and a clean-skin and that's just total nonsense."

But from his base at the University of Newcastle, in Australia's state of New

South Wales, he is having a whole bunch of fun crunching Olympic numbers.

As Mitchell rightly points out, the "official" tables — ranking nations simply by golds, silvers and bronzes won — do not take into account how big and rich they are, how many people they have, how big their Olympic teams are, or factors such as standards of living or education.

Given those deficiencies, Mitchell's take is that national preening — or misery — based on medal standings is short-sighted.

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Stylebook

What is your goal for the The Argonaut? *not to be a poop catcher in a bird cage*

What would you do to people who miss deadlines? *Chop off necessary appendages*

Alcoholic beverage of choice: *h fear no beer*

Current stress/worry: *gettin' old*

Coollest trip you've taken: *climbing a waterfall in Jamaica*

If you could go back in time how far back would you go? *One word: Woodstock*

On my iPod: *Janice Joplin + Ray Charles*

My favorite ringtone: *no song, just a series of beeps*

Strangest thing you ever did: *Jumped off a bridge. Nabel.*

What do you do when vending machines steal your money? *Things too obscene for print*

Celebrity crush: *Bush, Jimbaugh*

Superpower: *to be able to sleep w/ my eyes open*

Siblings: *only child*

Dream dinner date (dead or alive): *Jesus Christ to see how crazy he really was*

Favorite smell: *incense and plastic bags*

Earliest memory: *my cousin falling in a grave*

Pet peeve: *hearing people chew food*

What would you do with \$100,000? *buy a Harley and my mom season tickets to home labor games*

Three wishes: *smaller tips, money*

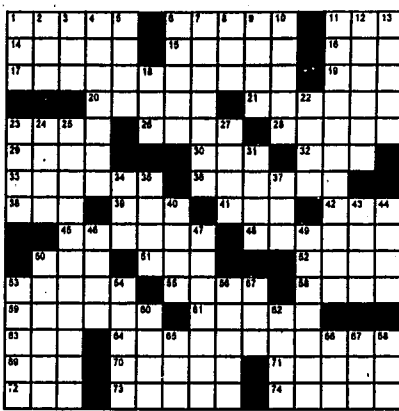
The last thing you cooked: *McDonald's. Before that? Ramen.*

Name three drinks you drink regularly: *Beer, Dr. Pepper, Beer.*

Crossword

Across

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- 6 Vitriols
- 11 Prayer word
- 14 Get up
- 15 Inert gas
- 16 Modern
- 17 Wyoming park
- 19 Compass pt.
- 20 Negatively charged particle
- 21 More spooky
- 23 Sod
- 24 Mosquito
- 28 Wanders
- 29 Retired
- 30 Burst
- 32 Via
- 33 Baseball's Doubleday
- 36 Wave rider
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- 42 Distress call
- 45 Fears
- 48 Pour
- 50 Sp. girl
- 51 Golf item
- 52 Cookie
- 53 Use up
- 55 Scruff
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- 59 Adhesives
- 61 Witchcraft trials locale
- 63 Conjunctions
- 64 Some cartoons
- 69 Shoshonean
- 70 Dwelling
- 71 Coral reef



- 11 Special date
- 12 Ornamental coating
- 13 Pitchers
- 18 Penick
- 22 Lasso
- 23 Path
- 24 Garden offspring
- 25 Looking good!
- 27 Tipster
- 31 Goad
- 34 Lyric poem
- 35 Coati
- 37 Fixed charge
- 40 Promised land
- 43 Ace
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- 46 Lease
- 47 Coastal
- 49 Travel back and forth
- 50 Ancient Greek city
- 53 Gush
- 54 Transfer paper
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- 57 High note
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- 65 Decompose
- 66 Fish eggs
- 67 Time of life (Poet.)
- 68 Cunning

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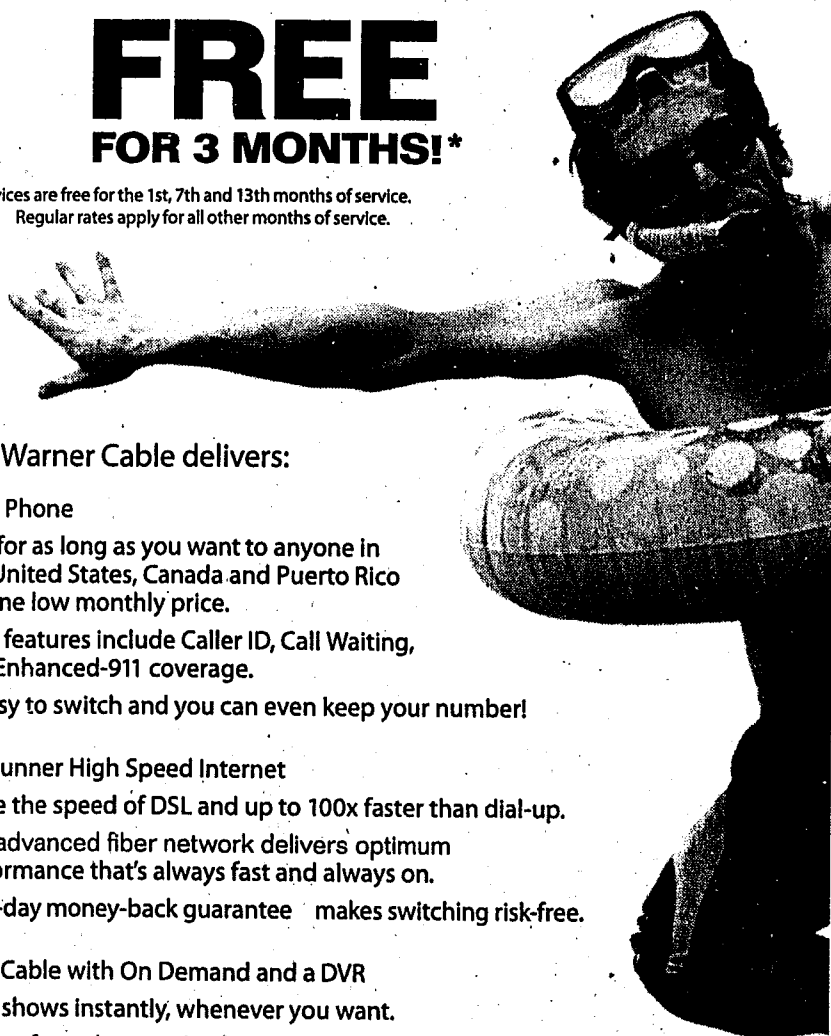
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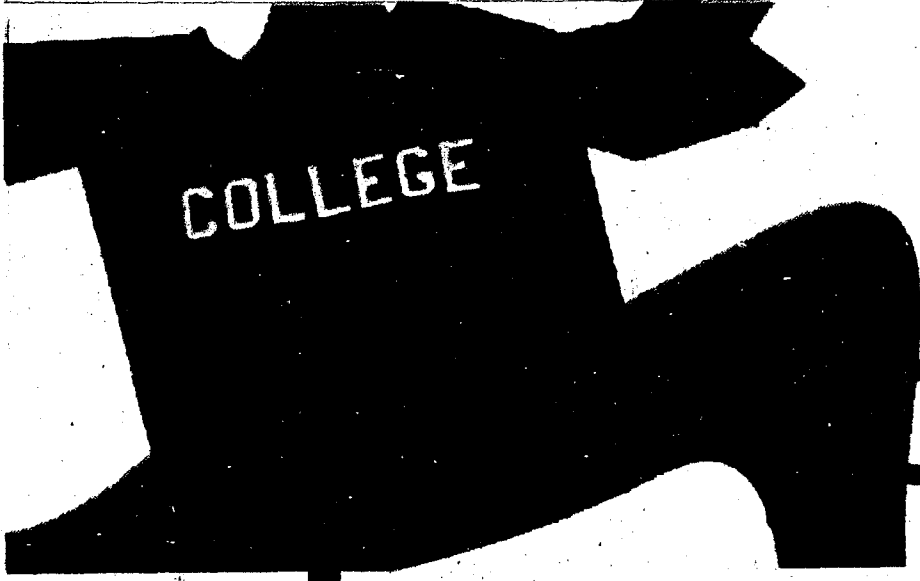
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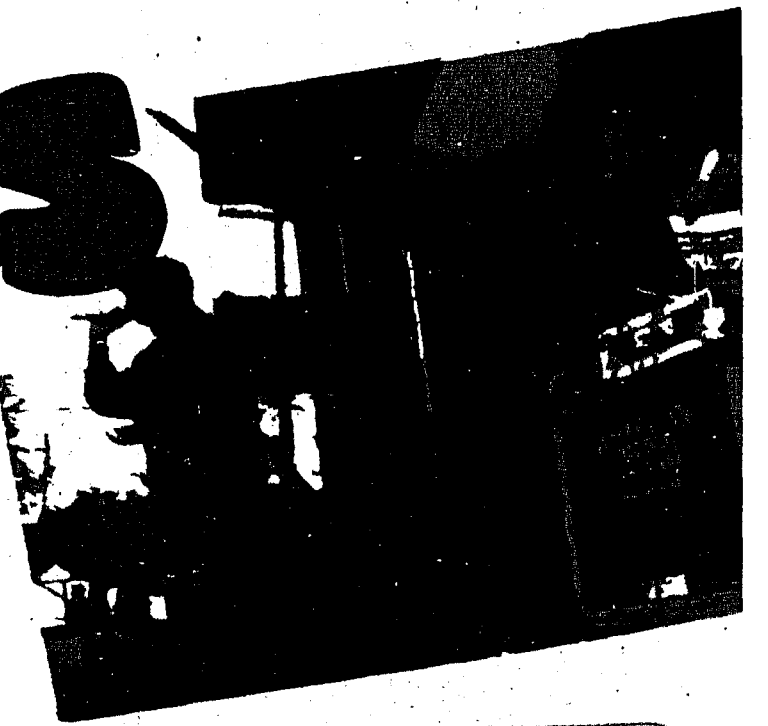
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