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Presidential search begins

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Alexiss Turner Argonaut

Tom Bitterwolf sat at down with the University of Idaho Faculty Council during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, notepad in hand.

As a member of the UI presidential search committee, Bitterwolf joined faculty to note characteristics they would like to see in its leader before the committee's first meeting Thursday. Along

with the suggestions, several issues surfaced.

The search committee, formed by the Idaho State Board of Education and announced in June, consists of 16 members, none of whom are staff members.

Bitterwolf said the failure for staff to be represented on the committee was a "problem of numbers." He said getting a group of that size together and finding a room for all constituencies can be difficult. He said he has hope in

the current selection.

"There's not a person on the committee that doesn't feel very strongly about the university," he said.

Dan Noble, staff affairs committee chair, said he understood the miss as unintentional. In an e-mail conversation between Noble and ISBE Executive Director Mike Rush, Noble said Rush's reply expressed a genuine interest in staff playing an active role during open forums.

Bitterwolf said there will be several open forums during which staff can give input. He said the committee will attempt to hear all concerns "to the best of their ability." Planning for these sessions is still in the works.

Noble said almost half of the staff was in attendance during the forum to discuss interim presidential candidates. He said he expects staff to also have a strong voice in the current presi-

dential search.

"It's important to articulate what our role is in the governing structure," Noble said.

Bitterwolf will be in attendance to note staff input during the UI Faculty and Staff Affairs meeting at 2 p.m. on Oct. 2 in the Idaho Commons Horizon Room.

Bitterwolf said he is unsure how much of the search process will be disclosed to the public. It

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Highlighting hazing

Hazing Prevention Week provokes questions and ideas

Sarah Yama Argonaut

Hazing Prevention Week, mostly centered around the Greek system, is happening this week and though most see the importance behind the week-long event, some feel the University of Idaho has less of a problem compared to other campuses and have different own ideas as to what hazing can actually be.

Delta Chi President Joe Church and Pi Beta Phi President Samantha Hauger said they understand the value of the event and they both feel strongly about cutting hazing out of Greek life.

"The event is great," Church said. "It brings attention to the problem, makes people aware and protects incoming freshmen."

Hauger agreed.

"It gets the word out," Hauger said. "It reminds us to stick together and protect people from hazing."

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Idaho medical education program may grow

Will McWilliams Argonaut

Expansion may be on the horizon for Idaho's medical education program.

Andrew Turner — director of the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho Education Program or WWAMI — said Idaho is falling behind in terms of the number of physicians per population.

"The number of physicians we have is growing pretty thin, but the population is really booming," Turner said.

A couple of years ago, Idaho was somewhere between 47 and 49 in the nation for the ratio of physicians to population, Turner said.

WWAMI is a medical education program based out of University of Washington's medical school. The program is run on both UW and University of Idaho campuses with UI students starting their education in Idaho followed by attending UW and then finishing their last year in Idaho if they choose to.

Turner said Idaho has 20 seats for the program.

In 2007, the Idaho State Board of Education issued a study on medical education in Idaho stating they must increase the number of students in the program.

Turner said the study offered four options for the state to do this.

"(We can) get our own medical school, expand our existing programs like the WWAMI program, develop our own consortium between major schools," Turner said. "The fourth option (is) related to residencies. Develop more residencies in the state so that students can complete their training in Idaho and stay in Idaho."

Turner said the SBOE continues to look into the issue and the Idaho Legislature has started a committee to research the options for the program as well.

"The debate's getting pretty hot and heavy right now because there are certainly proponents of the idea that Idaho should start its own medical school, and there are those who think it's more cost effective to stay with a successful program and grow it," Turner said.

Turner said starting a full four-year branch campus in Idaho would be the most cost effective method for Idaho's medical education program. UI would be considered a branch campus of UW.

"We'd have to do two things to do this," Turner said. "We'd have to develop a secondary of medicine here in

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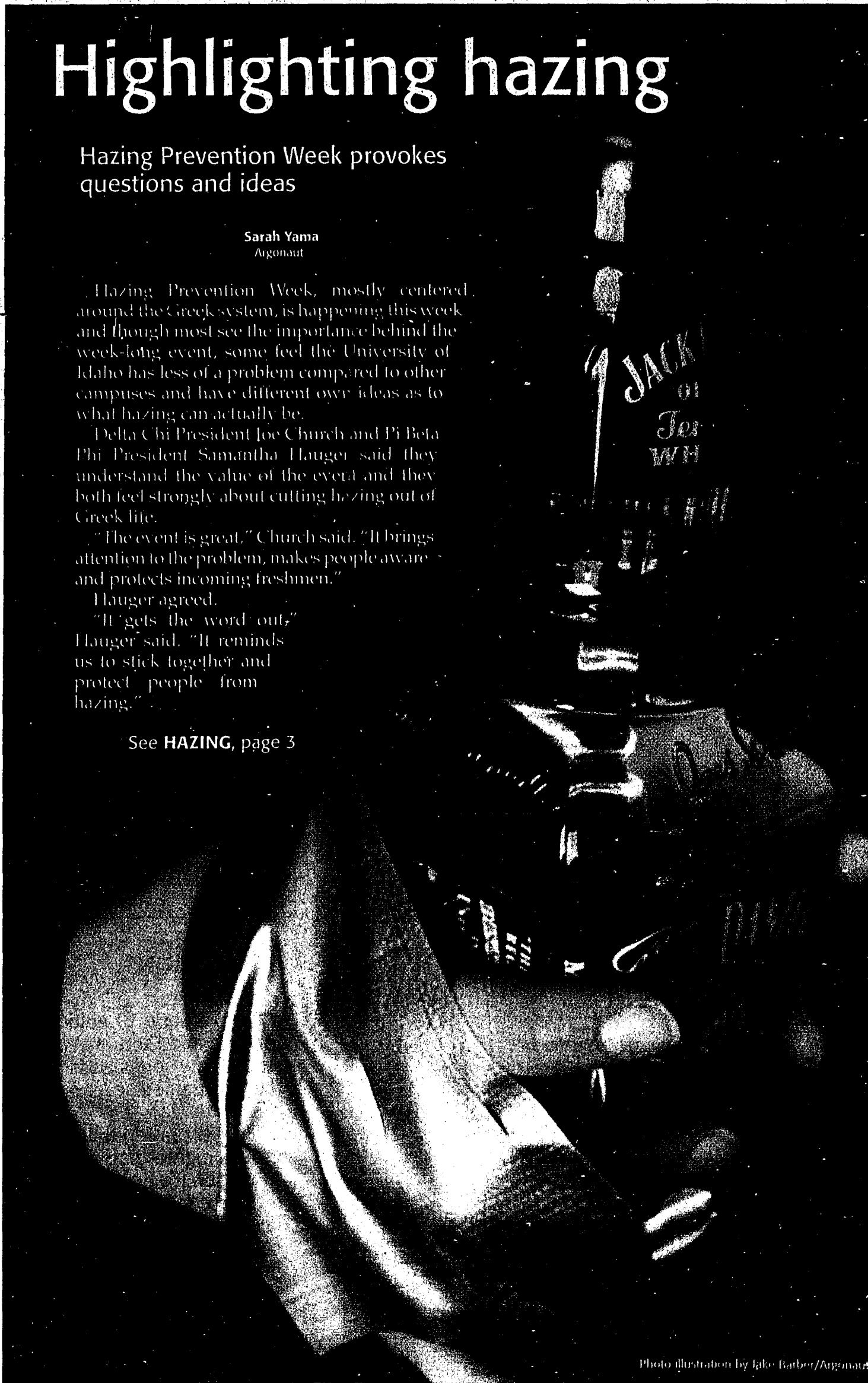
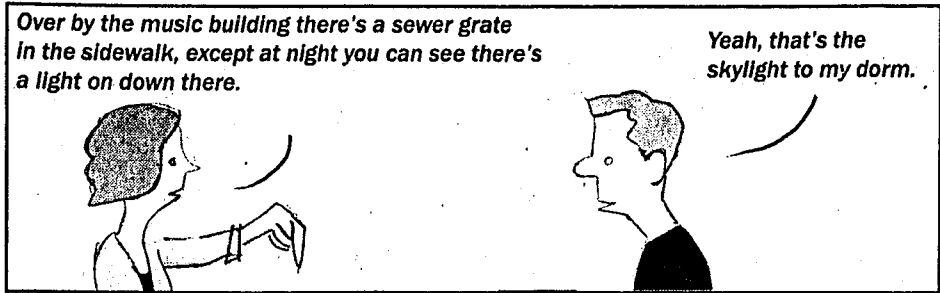
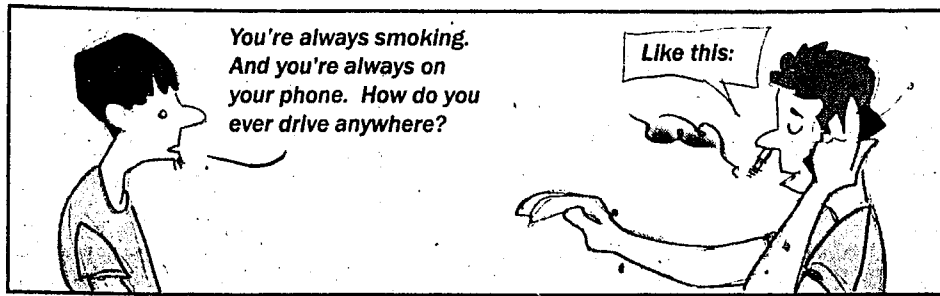


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Britnee Tank
sophomore

I have already joined three Facebook groups that are against it.




Christina Morgan
freshman

I liked the old Facebook better.



Courtney Winzeler
freshman

It's complicated, but like any thing new, it will be fine once you get used to it.



Nikki Lanier
sophomore

It's alright, but I like the old one better.

WEB POLL RESULTS

How do you feel about Moscow's proposed plastic bag tax?

I think it's ridiculous: 30
I think it's a good idea: 23
I don't care either way: 4

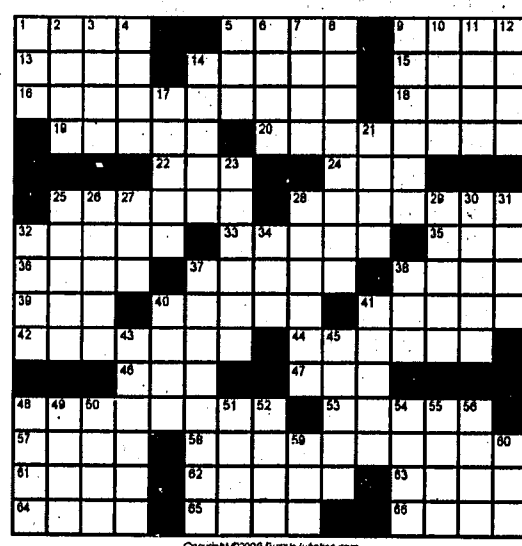
How has the closing of the Student Health pharmacy affected you?

I never used it: 14
I get my prescriptions from another pharmacy: 5
I can't afford to get my prescriptions now: 2

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Crossword

- Across**
- Launching sites
 - Ferry
 - Weapons
 - At the apex
 - Cattle spread
 - Cleanser
 - Affectionate missive
 - Food fish
 - Reporters, e.g.
 - Mileage recorder
 - Grippe
 - Asphalt
 - Grave
 - Wasp weapon
 - Frogman
 - Will
 - Vow words
 - Singles
 - Eliminate
 - Sundowns
 - Raced
 - Curt
 - Before de cacao or de menthe
 - Fail to detonate
 - African desert
 - Printer's marks
 - Oolong or darjeeling
 - Ovation
 - Rituals
 - Possible
 - Field game
 - Flair
 - Tango
 - Highway
 - Disclaim
 - Was (Let.)
 - Wager
- Down**
- Buddy
 - Molecule
 - Pigeon
 - Hastened
 - Baseball item
 - In the know
 - Played in one stroke
 - Choke
 - Abaf!
 - Defeat
 - Lion's headdress
 - Mast
 - Kingdom
 - Inmate without parole
 - Letters
 - Doubtful
 - Red Sea peninsula
 - Kilns
 - Miserables
 - Wisest
 - Donor
 - Dropsy
 - Showy flower
 - Student residence
 - Time periods (Abbr.)
 - Sway
 - Time period
 - Louise or Turner
 - Constraint
 - Serious crime
 - Bird's nest
 - Mocked
 - Rod
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 - Gone with the Wind location
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 - Dutch commune



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CORRECTIONS:

In the Sept. 19 edition, the Arts and Culture section story "New songs classic feel" contained several misprints.

It was printed that the group "eighth blackbird" is a trio when it's actually a sextet. Also, the group's name is intentionally not capitalized, as in "eighth blackbird." They were both editors' errors.

The Argonaut apologizes for any confusion.

Minnick pays visit to campus

Carl Dighton
Argonaut

Idaho Congressional candidate Walt Minnick made a stop at the University of Idaho on Thursday to promote his campaign and get to know some of the students on campus.

"I am drawn to colleges because I have had a career-long interest in education," Minnick said. "Campuses are a great opportunity for me."

Kenton Bird, the director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media, originally contacted the candidate to speak to a class on mass media and public opinion.

"It wasn't scheduled as a campaign appearance," Bird said. "He spoke on the use of polling in political campaigns."

Minnick is the Democratic nominee challenging Republican incumbent Bill Sali for Idaho's First Congressional District.

Minnick has lived in Idaho since 1974 and was raised on a wheat farm in Walla Walla. He is a self-described Army veteran, gun owner and successful businessman.

John Foster, communications director for Minnick's campaign, said running for the congressional seat is not all about a certain party or Republicans versus Democrats for Minnick, it's about making the right choices about the things that matter.

"I have spent my life in an environment where you are es-

entially negotiating common-sense solutions to problems that move the ball forward," Minnick said. "I think Washington is broken right now. The politicians of both parties have gotten so ideological and so partisan that problems aren't getting solved."

One area Minnick said he is especially interested in improving is education. He has served as chairman on the board at the College of Idaho and is a co-founder and board member of the Idaho Business Coalition for Education Excellence, a group dedicated to improving education in the state.

"Young people are taking an interest in politics right now because of the presidential campaign," he said. "And I need to attract young people if I am going to be successful."

Besides his classroom appearance, Minnick was interviewed by KUOI, spoke with the College Democrats and greeted people in the Idaho Commons.

According to Foster, Sali has voted against numerous programs that would help make higher education more affordable and easily accessible.

"The contrast between Walt and Bill Sali could not be more clear, especially when it comes to things that directly impact college students," Foster said. "From how much school research your professors are able to do, to how much you pay, to how easy you can get a loan, Sali votes against all of those



KUOI reporter Beau Baker interviews Idaho Democratic Congressional candidate, Walt Minnick, in the Idaho Commons Thursday. Courtesy Photo

programs, and Walt would be an advocate."

According to Foster, it's vital that students are informed about their political choices.

"I can say with a lot of confidence that there won't be a better advocate for higher education in Congress than Walt,"

Foster said.

Overall, Minnick said he wants to make sure Idaho gets all the same opportunities he has been given.

"After a career in business, I have raised four kids here, and they have received a great education," he said. "This state has

been very good to me — I think about the number of employment opportunities that I've had and how I love the outdoors, and I would like to have my kids and grandkids have the same opportunities. I am going to do what I can to help create that environment for them."

Degree program gets simplified

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

The degree audit system is being made over by the University of Idaho Registrar. New changes will be introduced Friday.

The new system is designed to be clearer and more understandable for students, said Registrar Nancy Krogh.

"The current system wasn't user friendly and people weren't using it the way we wanted them to," Krogh said.

The university has used the same degree audit program for 10 years.

Krogh said the format will be updated. Business major and President of Vandal Solutions Taylor Hardman said the current degree audit program is confusing, and a lot of students don't understand it.

"It's hard to read and understand," Krogh said.

Next to each course requirement completed there will be a check mark that will show which classes still need to be taken to complete the student's degree.

When the degree audit lists a class, it will not only list the CNR number but also the class title, so students and advisers don't have to switch back and forth between screens, said Susan Hess, assistant director at the Lionel Hampton School of Music and adviser.

"(The new system) is a huge improvement over the old one," she said. "It will empower students to be more in charge of their curriculum."

Students will be able to see what requirements they would need if they wanted to switch their major or add a minor. "What if" will be the new name of degree shopping.

Another feature the new degree audit

is a GPA calculator. If a student wants to see what grades he or she needs to get to receive a certain GPA, he or she can calculate it.

"The GPA calculator will be really helpful for those students who are at risk," Hess said.

Hess said she hopes students and advisers will use the new degree audit as a tool.

The registrar is updating the layout of transcripts. The new look will be simpler, cleaner and easier to read.

"(The new system) will take a lot of stress off advisers," Hardman said. "The old system was stressful compared to the new system."

It is simple enough that students will be able to figure it out, he said.

"Registering for a new semester is important; however, it should be easier than it is," Krogh said.

The registrar has shown the new system to ASUI and Vandal Solutions.

Students who have seen it are excited to see it made available to other students, Krogh said.

On Friday the current degree audit system will be shut down, and when it comes back, it will be the new system, Krogh said.

Advising for Spring semester will begin Oct. 20, and Krogh said it will give students and advisers time to become familiar with the new system.

The registrar's ultimate goal is that the system will help students understand their progress and make the advising period easier.

Vandal Solutions created a marketing plan for the new degree audit system; it is helping get the word out and promote the new system, Hardman said.

HAZING from page 1

Even though the value of the event is still recognized, some students said hazing is not as big of a problem as it used to be at UI.

"I don't feel it's a huge problem," said Jill Smith, Panhellenic vice president of programming. "I think it's a lot less of a problem here than other campuses."

What qualifies as hazing differs depending on who is speaking.

"Hazing is a broad term," Hauger said. "Almost anything can be used as hazing, even something as simple as being required to go to a meeting."

The UI student code of conduct does not directly define what hazing is. Article three — "Physical Abuse, Hazing, or Harassment" — states living together in a university community requires respect for the rights of fellow members of that community to pursue their academic goals and to participate in lawful campus or UI activities and lists.

It also lists harassment, hazing, detention, threats, intimidation, coercion, physical abuse and similar actions, undertaken knowingly are violations of the code.

All of these things are commonly associated with abuse but still leaves a broad idea of hazing.

Scott Smith, Interfraternity Council president, is currently working on a new hazing policy specifically, in reference to the student code of conduct

and Idaho laws.

"Hazing can be anything from paddling to sleep deprivation, excessive drinking, scavenger

hunts, random pointless tasks, yelling or even chores," Scott Smith said.

"I see hazing as more of anything such as embarrassment, or mental and physical abuse," Hauger said.

J. D. Schmidt, a junior and Delta Chi member said he thinks anything a student feels pressured into doing is a form of hazing.

"We have a thing called date dash where you go out and grab a date," he said. "This can make people uncomfortable, but you won't be pressured into doing it."

The stereotype linking Greek life with hazing is why Church said this event is so important.

"I've heard terrible sto-

ries of hazing," Hauger said. "Sororities stripping girls down and marking with marker where they should lose weight, but these things really don't happen here anymore."

According to Schmidt, Delta Chi and other fraternities have a strict no hazing policy.

"Anyone here can talk to another member or the president if they feel uncomfortable," he said.

Hazing Prevention Week will continue through Friday. There will be a booth set up Monday through Tuesday in the Student Union Building. Information such as Idaho hazing laws, hazing hotlines and ribbons will

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Scott SMITH
Interfraternity Council president

be given out. Wednesday will feature speaker David Stollman with "Buy In or Get Out" who will go over the values and ideals of Greek Life.

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Signatures to remember

UI students get the opportunity to sign the constitution

The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later ratified by conventions in each U.S. state in the name of "The People" — it has since been amended 27 times, the first 10 amendments being known as the Bill of Rights.

The U.S. Constitution has 4,400 words. It is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.

Only 12 of the 13 original states actually took part in writing the U.S. Constitution. Rhode Island did not attend the Constitutional Convention though they eventually were the last state to ratify the document in 1790.

Patrick Henry was elected as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, but declined because he "smelt a rat."

The only other language used in various parts of the Constitution is Latin.

Dara Barney
Argonaut

More than 200 years ago, the U.S. Founding Fathers signed the Constitution and the University of Idaho Library is celebrating the anniversary. The library gave students the opportunity to sign alongside the Founding Fathers on a copy of the Constitution.

Since 2005, schools have been given federal funds to increase awareness and education relating to the Constitution. UI also rose to the task.

Library assistants Barbara Jordan and Christine Gray have set up a display of different sorts of media as well as the copy of the Constitution available for anyone to sign.

"Every year, the library receives depository for United States documents. We get everything; through the process we have collected over 1.7 million government documents," said Mike Pollastro, head of U.S. Government Documents in the UI Library.

"This is a day to celebrate the birthday of our government. Also, it is a celebration of the rights we enjoy," he said.

With this immense number of documents, the library is encouraging students to become more informed with displays.

Jordan has set up a room for reading U.S. documents, the Constitution as well as the library's Special Collections

and Archives.

"It is a way to participate and make it interactive," Pollastro said. "It can signify who agrees with it and who does not."

Pollastro said there had been some illegitimate signing happening.

"Some signatures have not been of students. Someone signed John Hancock's name," he said.

But the joke was on the mischievous individual, Pollastro said.

"There is a common misconception that John Hancock did in fact sign the Constitution. But he was ill that day and ended up not signing it," he said.

If the occasion arises to sign the copy of the Constitution in the library, Pollastro said to be sure the individual's name is signed and it is correct.

Constitution Day is an important observance of the signing of this historical document and the journalism department supports it as well.

"In the School of Journalism and Mass Media, faculty members mentioned the anniversary but didn't have any special commemoration," said Kenton Bird, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media.

In the spring, the department will celebrate the birthday of James Madison, who is considered the author of the First Amendment, guaranteeing Freedom of the Press.

They are also working on an obser-

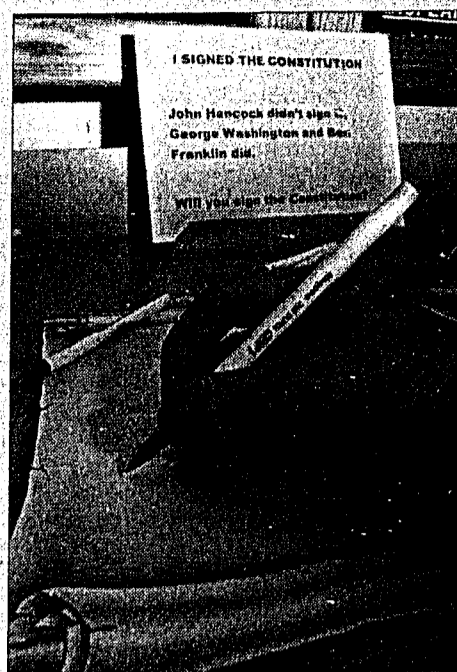


Photo Illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut
Visitors to the University of Idaho Library had the opportunity to "sign the constitution" to celebrate Constitution Day on Sept. 17.

vance of Constitution Day in the fall of 2009 to call attention to all of the freedoms provided for under the Constitution.

The oldest person to sign the Constitution was Benjamin Franklin (81). The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey (26).

The word "democracy" does not appear once in the Constitution.

The median age in America by the end of the 18th century was 16 years of age (today it is around 34 years of age), 19 of every 20 citizens lived off the land, and 70 percent of the land was worked by its owners (30 percent by tenants).

The delegates involved debated from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. six days a week with only a 10-day break during the duration of the convention.

NewsBRIEFS

UI Law School brings in panel of tribal judges

The Native American Law class will have the opportunity to listen to four tribal judges at 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

Professor Angelique Eagle-Woman's class is welcoming Fred Gabourie Sr., Cynthia Jordan, Earl McGeoghengan and Mary Pearson.

Students will have the chance to ask questions at the forum.

The four judges will also visit at NASC at 11:30 a.m. for soup Friday.

For more information contact EagleWoman at eaglewoman@uidaho.edu or at 885-7634.

Borah Symposium speaker announced

The Borah Symposium's keynote address has been chosen.

Former Prime Minister of Norway and former director of the World Health Organization Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland will give the keynote address at this year's Borah Symposium March 29 through April 1.

Her speech, "Building Health, Building Peace," will provide in-

sight on her international leadership in sustainable development and public health.

Brundtland was the first and has been the only female prime minister in Norway. The Financial Times (U.K.) named her the fourth most influential European in the last 25 years.

The keynote address will be on March 31. For more information, visit www.martin.uidaho.edu/borah.

Be healthy and eat the vegetables

The University of Idaho Sus-

tainability Center gives tips to students about more food choices.

The Moscow Farmers Market provides local produce. It takes place from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays at Friendship Square in downtown Moscow.

The Co-op's Grower's Market from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the store's parking lot is another place to buy local produce.

Every Thursday at the Student Union Building, there is an organic farm stand from 4 to 6 p.m. The Soil Stewards organic farm club sells their surplus good at low prices.

Calendar

Tuesday

Blood drive
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
TLC 143

University Interdisciplinary Colloquium
12:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons

Auditorium Chamber Music Series
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

Wednesday

Special Talk by Dr. Sarah Nelson
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Women's Center

Blood drive
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
TLC 143

Gay-Straight Alliance meeting
8:15 p.m.
Women's Center

Getting to your destination of a graduate degree
5 p.m.
Idaho Commons

Peace One Day film and discussion
7 p.m.
SUB

Thursday

Buy In or Get Out: David Stollman
7 p.m.
SUB

UI volleyball vs. New Mexico State
7 p.m.
Memorial Gym

Performance: One Flea Spare by Naomi Wallace
7:30 p.m.
Kiva Theatre

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Tuesday 9/23

Shugo Tokumaro, Exit

Wednesday 9/24

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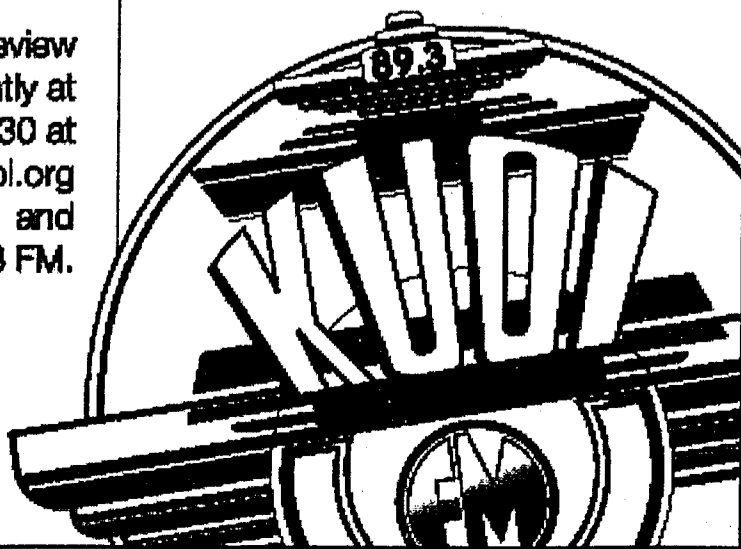
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Jenny Lewis, Acid Tongue

Friday 9/26

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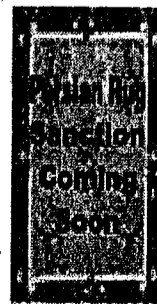
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Debate focuses on God, morality

Dustin Smith
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More than 200 students and families packed the University of Idaho's Student Union Building ballroom Friday to hear two speakers argue the topic whether the Christian God exists.

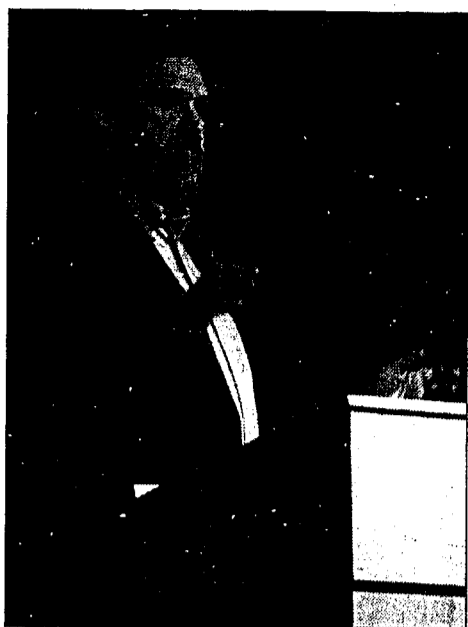
Collegiate Reformed Fellowship, a campus organization that promotes the ministry of Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church to college students in Moscow, sponsored the debate.

Arguing in the affirmative was Douglas Wilson, the pastor of Christ Church and author of several theological books and writings, including "Letter from a Christian Citizen," a direct response to atheist Sam Harris' New York Times bestselling book "Letter to a Christian Nation." He has debated prominent secular author Christopher Hitchens in an online format.

Wilson holds a B.A. and an M.A. in philosophy from UI.

His opponent was Edward Tabash, a constitutional and civil rights lawyer, political activist and a member of the California State Bar Association. He chairs the First Amendment Task Force for the Council for Secular Humanism, a committee of lawyers and academics who monitor actions that might violate the separation of church and state, and the national legal committee of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The event was a repeat of a similar debate



Tyler Macy/Argonaut
Doug Wilson argues for the belief of a Christian God in the debate "Does the Christian God Exist?" in the Student Union Building Ballroom on Friday night.

that occurred six years ago in which Wilson debated Tabash on the same subject.

Speakers were given 20 minutes to form their arguments in relation to the debate topic and then 10 minutes for a rebuttal. Following this was a 15-minute cross-ex-

amination period in which both speakers were allowed to ask the other three questions. Finally, the debate concluded with a 30-minute audience participation segment where members of the audience asked the speakers questions relating to the theme of the debate.

The debate was not officially judged apart from an informal audience survey. Results from the survey were not available.

The points of debate ranged from radiometric dating as evidence to the age of the universe, the reliability of biblical eyewitness testimony, the literal or natural interpretation of the Bible and the role God serves in creating moral standards.

Many points centered on the treatment of the Jews during the Holocaust and the Christian interpretation of these events, a personal topic for Tabash whose father was an orthodox Rabbi and whose mother was an Auschwitz survivor.

Despite both men's acknowledgement of the seriousness of these issues, the debate produced incidences of laughter from the audience as the speakers poked fun at each other on their positions.

"We are both on a horse; his horse is dead, and I am going to beat it some more," Wilson said.

Another topic of debate was the presence of miracles in modern times.

"Why can't we have miracles today?" Tabash said. "When I go back to Los Angeles, let me find no traffic."

According to Matt Gray, campus minis-

ter and director of Collegiate Reform Fellowship, the audience was composed primarily of Christian supporters.

"I've attended these things before, and it is probably about 85 percent Christian," Gray said.

Tabash reiterated his position about debating in front of a Christian majority.

"Unless debates like this occur frequently... unless atheists like me bring our arguments to bear, we will not be able to get our arguments out," Tabash said.

Some Christian audience members attended the event primarily to hear Wilson, while others came to hear the opposing point of view.

"As a Christian, I thought it would be interesting to hear the atheist side," said Nancy Charles, a freshman. "It is a lot of information... both of them had really good points, but it is repetitive."

Reactions from the audience included support and criticism for both men.

"I feel that overall they both did a really good job," said Abbey McDonald, a freshman at New Saint Andrews College in Moscow. "I feel that Tabash lacks logic in his arguments, but also Wilson could attack him more on the issues."

Others offered a reflection on the issue as a whole.

"There definitely was a dichotomy in the room," said Jacob Sellen, co-president of the Free Thought Society, a secular student group. "When you are dealing with the extremes such as this, there are certain dispositions about our reality that need to

PoliceLOG

Sept. 15

5:48 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported a black puppy followed her to the gym. Officer responded and transported the puppy to the shelter.

7:29 a.m. West Third Street: Caller advised the windows had been broken out on some construction equipment on Third Street.

10:09 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Report of a small sedan parked in the bus stop. The car was gone when officers arrived.

3:31 p.m. Elm Street: While parallel parking, one car hit another. The drivers exchanged information.

3:42 p.m. Rayburn Street: Report of someone spray painting a building.

5:13 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported his bicycle stolen.

Sept. 16

9:31 a.m. West Third Street: Caller reported a van with blacked out windows. It appears that someone is living in it.

11:23 a.m. Elm Street: Officers told two males they must have permits before selling magazines door to door.

5:26 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller witnessed a black Mitsubishi hit a Ford Mustang and then drive off.

8:54 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said an intoxicated male was harassing her at the front desk. Now he has gone back to his room.

Wednesday

11:26 a.m. Campus Drive: Report of a dog running around near the Administration Building. Animal Control was unable to locate.

2:35 p.m. South Line Street: Caller came out of class and found his bicycle was locked to another one.

11:34 p.m. Rayburn Street: Officers responded to intrusion alarm. No evidence of anyone breaking in was found.

Thursday

5:27 a.m. West Third Street: Caller found spray paint on the side of the building.

3:09 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Report

of two men on skateboards weaving in and out of traffic.

4:33 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Law, Fire and EMS responded to someone who had fainted.

7:43 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Report of a car accident involving two cars. No injuries reported.

Friday

10:02 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller backed into a car in the post office parking lot. Information exchanged.

12:46 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller said stop light is malfunctioning. Officer responded and found that it's working fine.

3:41 p.m. West Sixth Street: Report of a car hitting a bicyclist and then taking off toward Perimeter Drive. The bike rider appears injured.

5:02 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reporting a stray dog.

5:41 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a report of domestic abuse.

10:01 p.m. West Third Street: One male arrested for DUI.

Saturday

12:11 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a marijuana smell. Unable to locate source.

12:49 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller said he or she has been receiving some disturbing text messages from an unknown number the last 10 or 15 minutes.

9:19 a.m. College Avenue: Report of a broken window on the Fine Arts Building.

12:44 p.m. West Sixth Street: Water is flowing down West Sixth Street at about a gallon a minute.

7:30 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Burglary alarm went off.

11:59 p.m. West Sixth Street: One female arrested for DUI.

Sunday

12:28 a.m. West Sixth Street: Arrested one male and cited and released two others for alcohol offenses.

4:18 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers responded to a female who said she was sexually assaulted.

2:11 p.m. Rayburn Street: Officers responded to a report of a parking meter

SEARCH

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could be possible university members will know nothing until the final decision is made.

Noble said he would stand behind a selection process that would allow faculty, staff and students to be aware of those in the running. However, he said he understands why the committee would be hesitant to use this method.

UI Faculty Council member Patrick Wilson said applicants can be cautious to "throw their hat in the ring" if they are aware that their names will be known.

Although he understands that fear, he said having a more open system would allow the new hire to create relationships during the selection process and spend less time forming those bonds during the school year.

"It does put someone sort

of back a step if you don't (have an open system)," Sullivan said.

Council member Sharon Fritz said she hopes the committee can find a method that melds candidates' right to privacy with the university's right to be informed.

Bitterwolf said he understands faculty concerns about keeping close tabs on the presidential search. After the sudden departure of Tim White, he said faculty are more aware of how easy it is to slip out of the loop.

Bitterwolf said faculty are now searching for a president who will stick with UI for the long haul and also respects the work that goes on within the university.

"When you get to the 10,000 foot-tall level," Bitterwolf said. "You no longer see the work that goes on in the university."

Noble said he would like to see the search committee's choice be someone with an awareness of all on-campus constituencies.

"I've spent too much time in my leadership position advocating that (need)," he said.

Bitterwolf said he is personally looking for a candidate with strong leadership skills. Having been in the military for 23 years, Bitterwolf said leadership is something for which academia cannot prepare a person.

"It's not rocket science," he said. "But the most important thing people have to understand is that you are here for them."

Bitterwolf said he will be looking for candidates with a good idea of how UI runs as a research and land-grant university, someone who is "broadly trained."

"I'm not looking for a Renaissance man or woman," he said. "But that would be nice."

The search committee will have several meetings before reaching their decision. There is no set timeline for the process.

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the state of Idaho, and that would have to be down in Boise because it has to involve major medical centers ... and we'd have to expand the number of students in the class at least double, maybe triple."

John Rusche, Idaho State Representative, said Idaho should expand the WWAMI program by adding more seats to it.

"My feeling is that WWAMI has been an excellent partner," Rusche said. "It was designed particularly to train and promote primary care positions."

Rusche said Idaho needs to stop and look at what it needs to do.

"Are we trying to fund (more) medical school seats, or are we trying to address the physicians' supply needs or are we trying to do both?" he said.

Rusche said after figuring out what the state is trying to do, it will then be able to figure out how to address the issue and what kind of program the state needs.

"I think we need to support primary medical care through financial and social support," Rusche said. "Hopefully the legislature will come up with some recommendation, but when you come to the bottom line, there's no money this year for new programs."

Rusche said talking about producing a medical school or even buying new seats is something that will be difficult given the way the economy is right now.

"It is time to really plan — identify what vision is for the future and plan for a way to achieve that," Rusche said.

He said he thinks the governor of Idaho understands the successes of WWAMI.

"(When) you consider that we provide 20 seats a year, and we get 15 to 16 doctors in Idaho from the program, that's amazingly good," Rusche said.

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Stock market status

Last major investment banks change status

Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was the end of an era on Wall Street, as the Federal Reserve granted permission for the last two major investment banks — Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley — to become bank holding companies in order to stay in business.

The Fed announced late Sunday evening that it had approved the request, which will allow Goldman and Morgan Stanley to create commercial banks that can take deposits, bolstering the resources of both institutions.

The change is the latest seismic shift on Wall Street as the financial system tries to cope with mounting problems that began more than a year ago with the subprime mortgage crisis.

The Fed had originally said Sunday night that the change in status from investment banks to bank holding companies would not take place for five days, pending review on antitrust grounds. The Fed announced Monday, however, that after discussions with the Justice Department, the status change for both institutions could take place immediately.

After weekend meetings where the Treasury Department, Fed and congressional staff ironed out the program's details, Sen. Christopher Dodd said Monday it's equally important to act responsibly as it is to move quickly on the legislation needed to stabilize the country's troubled financial markets.

Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking committee, said on CBS's "The Early Show" that many members of Congress believe a legislative relief package should be tailored to protect taxpayers in the best way possible.

Democrats in Congress said they will add provisions in the bailout measure to protect people in danger of losing their homes and measures to cap executive compensation at firms who get to unload their bad mortgages debt onto the government.

But the proposal is still expected to win quick congressional passage because both parties are concerned about the adverse reaction in financial markets should the measure look like it is being delayed.

The Fed's board of governors granted the investment banks' requests by unanimous vote during a late Sunday meeting in Washington.

The change of status means both companies will come under the direct

regulation of the Fed, which oversees the nation's bank holding companies. The banking subsidiaries of the two institutions will face the stricter regulations that commercial banks are required to meet. Previously, the primary regulator for Goldman and Morgan Stanley was the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Shares of both institutions had come under pressure ever since the bankruptcy filing last week by investment bank Lehman Brothers and the forced sale of investment bank Merrill Lynch to Bank of America.

Three people familiar with the matter said Monday that Japan's largest brokerage, Nomura Holdings, is buying Lehman's Asian assets. Britain's Barclay's Bank received bankruptcy court approval early Saturday morning to purchase Lehman's North American brokerage operations.

Shares of Morgan Stanley rose 3.5 percent on word of a possible investment by a Japanese bank, while Goldman's fell 3.6 percent in afternoon trading on Monday. Overall, U.S. stocks pulled back Monday. In early afternoon trading, the Dow fell 245.71, or 2.16 percent, to 11,142.73. Broader stock indicators also declined.

Investors feared that the last remaining independent investment banks would not be able to survive in their current form, especially after hedge funds saw some of their funds at Lehman Brothers frozen as part of its bankruptcy. There had been speculation that both institutions would be acquired by commercial banks, whose ability to take deposits would give them a stable source of funding.

In the surprise announcement late Sunday, the central bank said Goldman and Morgan Stanley would be allowed during a transition period to get short-term loans from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York against various types of collateral.

The decision means that Goldman and Morgan Stanley will be able not only to set up commercial bank subsidiaries to take deposits, giving them a major resource base, but will also have the same access as other commercial banks to the Fed's emergency loan program.

After the collapse of Bear Stearns and its forced sale to JP Morgan Chase last March, the Fed used powers it had been granted during the Great Depression to extend its emergency loans to investment banks as well as commercial banks. However, that extension was granted on a temporary basis.

Democrats want pay limits, loan aid in bailout

Julie Hirschfeld and
Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Judges could rewrite mortgages to lower bankrupt homeowners' monthly payments as part of congressional Democrats' proposal for a \$700 billion financial system bailout.

Also, companies that unloaded their bad assets on the government in the massive rescue would have to limit their executives' pay packages and agree to revoke any bonuses awarded based on bogus claims, according to a draft of the plan obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The proposal by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the Banking Committee chairman, gives the government broad power to buy up virtually any kind of bad asset — including credit card debt or car loans — from any financial institution in the U.S. or abroad in order to stabilize markets.

It would end the program at the end of next year, instead of creating the two-year-long initiative that the Bush administration has sought. And it would add layers of oversight, including an emergency board to keep an eye on the program with two congressional appointees, and a special inspector general appointed by the president.

The plan also requires that the government get shares in the troubled companies helped by the rescue.

Wall Street didn't seem comforted by developments as the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 200 points while the credit markets remained nervous. Not only that, oil prices rose by more than \$7 a barrel, indicating the fractiousness still present in trading after a week of huge volatility.

Investors were uncertain just how successful the administration's plan will be in unfreezing credit markets, which many businesses depend on to fund day-to-day operations, and for propping up the still-weak housing market.

Congressional aides said the House could act on a bailout bill as early as Wednesday. President Bush earlier Monday issued a statement saying "the whole world is watching" how the U.S. government moves on the legislation that has come in response to business turmoil that has roiled markets at home and abroad.

"Obviously, there will be differences over some details, and we will have to work through them. That is an understandable part of the policy making process," Bush said.

But he also said, "it would not be understandable if members of Congress sought to use this emergency legislation to pass unrelated provisions or to insist on provisions that would undermine the effectiveness of the plan."

The proposal Dodd sent to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson would let judges modify the mortgages of homeowners in bankruptcy to allow them to keep their homes.

It would require the government come up with "a systematic approach for preventing foreclosure" on the mortgages it acquires as part of the bailout. That would include the home loans

held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the troubled mortgage giants now under the control of a government regulator.

Asked about Democrats' demands, Treasury spokeswoman Brookly McLaughlin said, "There are lots of issues, but the discussions we are having are good."

Asked if the negotiations could slow down passage of the measure, she said, "We are confident that we can get a bill done this week."

Dodd, interviewed on CBS "The Early Show" on Monday, said taxpayers should be "first in line" to get money back once conditions in the industry stabilize and recover.

"We want oversight," he said, adding, "It's important that we act quickly, but it's more important that we act responsibly."

Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services panel, said Paulson "is being entirely unreasonable" to expect that Congress will pass a bill right away without examining the proposal thoroughly and adding provisions Democrats want, such as the curbs on executive pay.

"We want to limit those as a condition for giving them aid," Frank, D-Mass., told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"If Secretary Paulson would agree to that," he said, "we could move quickly."

Meanwhile, the Group of Seven, an organization of the world's leading economic powers, pledged Monday to do all it could to help ease the crisis. The group said in a conference call that it welcomed the extraordinary steps the United States has taken so far.

The fast-moving negotiations between the administration and Congress unfolded a day after the government approved a request by investment houses Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley to change their status to bank holding companies.

That change will allow the two venerable institutions to set up commercial banks that will be able to take deposits, significantly bolstering the resources of both institutions. It will also grant them permanent access to emergency loans supplied by the Fed rather than the temporary loan status they have had since last March when the Fed moved to prop up investment banks following the forced sale of Bear Stearns.

Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke kept up their outreach with Congress, holding meetings over the weekend aimed at convincing lawmakers to move quickly to approve the relief package.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who serves on Frank's committee, said members "need enough time to debate this" and echoed Frank's concerns about executive pay. "We don't have these great golden parachutes and so on. In the end we're doing it for the taxpayers."

Frank said that lawmakers "are building strong oversight" into the measure.

"The private sector got us into this mess," Frank said, "The government has to get us out of it. We do want to do it carefully."

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, speaking Monday morning on NBC's "Today" show, said, "We are in the most serious crisis since World War II."

"It's important that we act quickly, but it's more important that we act responsibly."

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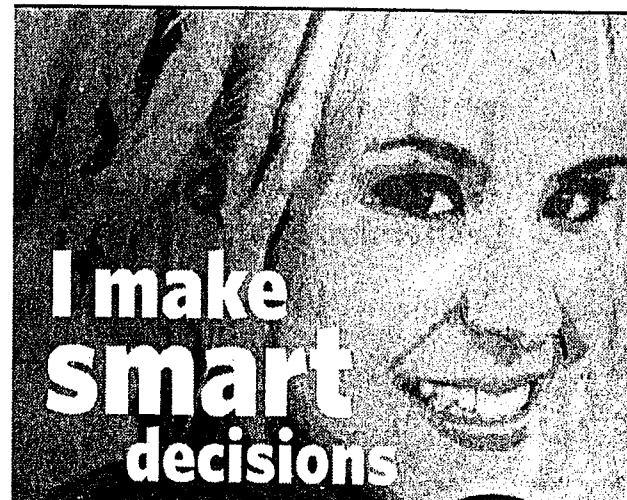
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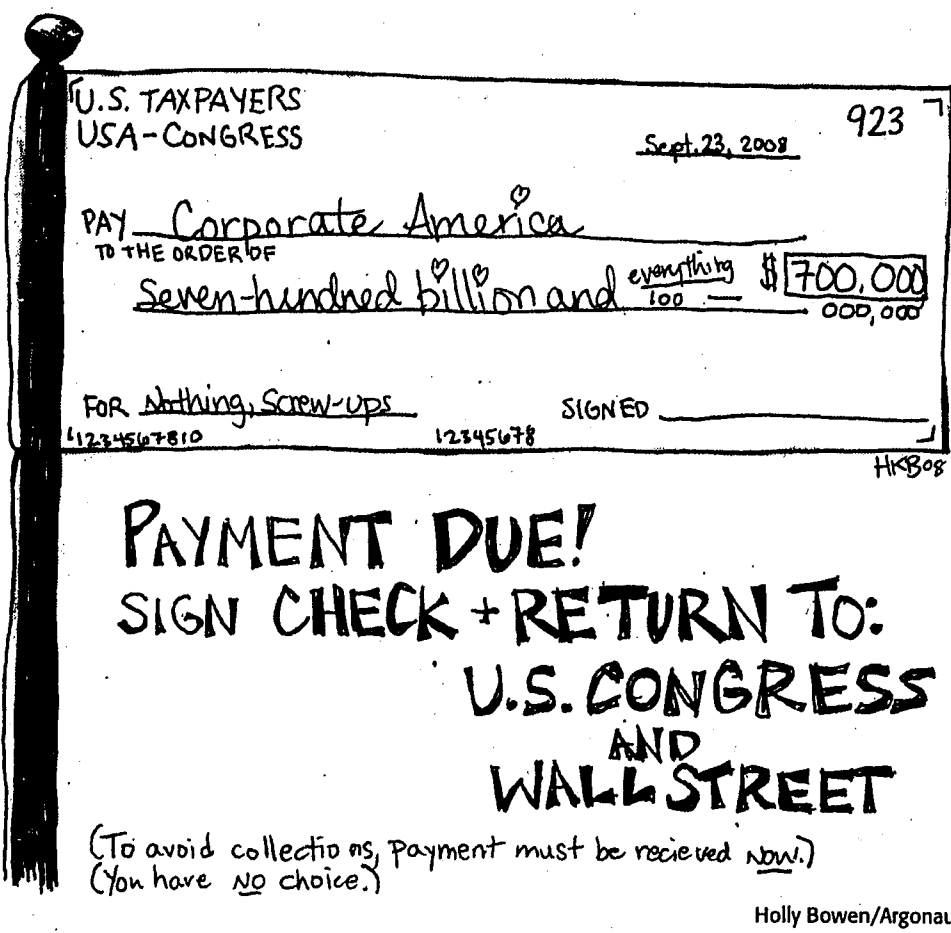
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OurVIEW

Use good sense with finances

The nation's current financial woes are too serious to be ignored, but college students shouldn't panic yet. There are steps we can take now to ensure or at least better the chances of financial security in the future.

Don't withdraw your money from the bank because you're scared the bank will collapse. The government insures deposits made to checking accounts.

If you have credit cards, pay them off as soon as possible so debt doesn't snowball. Take another look at the interest rates you're paying, and pay off, cancel and cut up any cards that charge high fees. If you need a credit card, try to find one that won't charge interest the first year so you can pay it off over the course of that year without extra pressure.

Most importantly, don't buy what you don't need or can't afford.

It's one thing to get a new credit card to replace a broken computer that's used for school, but use common sense, and don't waste it on luxuries like video games.

Most banks offer online banking. Enroll so you can get e-mail notifications of when your bills are due, and you can pay immediately without having to keep track of postage. Late fees add up — there's no reason to accrue them, and they reflect negatively on your credit score and your ability to get a loan later.

If you have a job, continue to do your best work — not everyone is lucky enough to be employed, and not all students have time to earn extra income.

Put aside some money each month in case a financial emergency does happen. If you're laid off, you'll have a small cushion to carry you until you get a new job.

In the meantime, make yourself a monthly budget. Use a spreadsheet, financial software or pen and paper. Estimate how much you make in a month, and don't spend more if you can avoid it.

Don't be afraid to spend money, but spend it wisely.

— HB

Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Don't forget

All the talk in the news about financial troubles is a great distraction from the election. Don't forget about the joys of Obama-McCain silliness — their first debate is Friday.

— Holly

The plague

I'm sick, and everyone keeps treating me like a leper. Isn't it bad enough that I feel completely disgusting; is it really necessary to ostracize me from society as well? Someone actually crossed the street early so I wouldn't walk behind them. Would Jesus do that? I don't think so.

— Lianna

Stop the spread

I think the school should have mandatory fever checks for all students before they walk into class. It's great some have the dedication to show up when they're sick, but then they give it to me, and I can't afford to miss anything this semester.

— Alexis

Vice President Schrute

John McCain spoke in Scranton, Penn., Monday and joked that he had originally hoped to pick The Office's Dwight Schrute as his running mate. Even in hypothetical fantasy, McCain would run with someone with a weak concept of women's lib. That's consistency you can count on.

— Kevin

Overwhelmed

Anyone who is a literature major and planning to take the GRE literature subject test has my mammoth empathy. That thing is a beast. Are you reading all the Norton Anthologies too, effectively sacrificing your social life for an acceptance letter? I feel sorry for both of us.

— Sydney

Crocheting isn't easy

I recently decided to pick my crocheting back up, and I realized that I'm still pretty bad at it. I suppose practice makes perfect, but I piss myself off with my lack of skill.

— Lulu

Hugs from home

This weekend I traveled to and from Boston for a conference at Harvard, but nothing was as educational all weekend as what I saw as I stepped off my last flight.

A mother in my terminal was holding up a welcome home sign for her veteran son returning from Iraq. As soon as she saw him, she threw down sign and ran straight for him, crying as she held him for the first time in two years.

I can't describe how moving it was to see someone come home to a family that had missed him so much. It reminded me of how much sacrifice some people go through, and I can only hope we can soon find a way to bring all of our women and men home quickly and safely.

— Christina

All jammed up

They should put a sky-bridge on Sixth Street where all the crosswalks are in front of the Marketplace. Every time a car or bus drives through they have to wait forever for the endless stream of pedestrians to cross before they can move forward a few more inches to the next crosswalk. It works great on the Washington State University campus. We should really give it a try.

— Jake

Death to the man

By man, I mean the garbage man. There is one dumpster within three blocks of my apartment, yet this garbage man insists on driving back and forth by my window a minimum of 15 times per morning. The result? Awakening me from my slumber far too early. Figure it out, garbage man. I know you couldn't possibly know this, but I need my beauty sleep.

— Levi

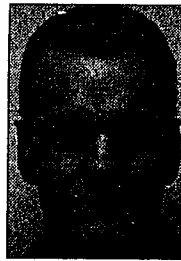
Women's rights versus universal human rights

There is a difference between a good thing and the best thing. For example, a meal served with a delicious dessert

is a good thing, but a meal in which every course is delicious is the best thing. Getting an A in one class is better than getting no A's but not as good as getting all A's. I think we can all understand this pretty easily. However, whether we understand it or not, sometimes we treat the good things as though they are actually the best things.

Where am I going with this? I'll tell you. When we talk about women's rights, we should consider whether they are good things or whether they are the best things, because many people

treat them as the best things. Of course, I will say it is better to have women's rights than not to have women's rights, but



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the only way to put women's rights first is if we are willing to say — which I am not — that women are better and more important than humanity as a whole.

If we agree human rights are actually better, then what does it mean for how we think about current issues? Well, there is one major implication which comes to mind immediately: abortion.

Whether we want to call them people or not, embryos are human, and they are a separate organism from their mother, not a part of her body. From its conception, an embryo

is alive, has a different DNA structure than its mother and is of the species Homo sapiens.

In other words, it is a human being, albeit in the early stages of development. If someone doesn't want to call an unborn child a human, that is his or her right, but it is only a sort of odd, arbitrary preference, nothing more. It is as if I didn't want to call Idaho a state — no one could stop me, but that doesn't change the fact that Idaho is, in fact, a state.

If we are truly concerned about human rights, then it should trouble us deeply it is legal to kill a human being in the U.S. as long as it is small enough. Not only this, but in the name of independence, they are being killed in vastly larger numbers than any other group in history. However, because

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MailBOX

Please stash your trash

Cigarette packs and butts, plastic water bottles, candy wrappers, coffee cups, McDonald's bags with yucky contents, beer and pop cans, cookie packages, keg cups, napkins, ketchup packets. This is just some of the trash I see strewn all over as I ride my bike through campus every day.

Today I noticed somebody had emptied a full ashtray beside his or her car. What's going on here? Do the people who do this think it's cool to have our campus look like a dump? Maybe they should hang onto their garbage and pile it up in their home if they enjoy looking at trash. Shame on you.

Please stash your trash in your pocket, backpack or hold it in your little hand until you find

a trashcan. Here's a thought: maybe some of the living groups could do a campus "adopt a street" program. Have some pride in our beautiful campus, and don't be a litterbug.

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Columnist was wrong

The column by Johnathan Sharkey of The Minnesota Daily that ran in the Sept. 16 Argonaut is just sad.

It's sad he is blasting Sen. John McCain for lying, while he is either blatantly lying himself or is just lazy and failed to check his facts.

The story about McCain's ad claiming that while in the Illinois Senate, Obama supported a bill that would teach sex ed to kindergartners has

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BEYOND THE SHEETS

Alcohol, sex don't mix

The other evening I watched what can be considered a socially normal form of mating. Individuals were gathered together to mingle with one another. Flirtation occurred in various forms, from simple conversation to more intimate actions drawing interested parties to one another. Another component involved in more than moderation was the consumption of alcohol.



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As I watched I was filled with many thoughts as to the connection between sexual desire, sexual activity and drinking.

I am not going to say, "never drink." Many people drink for many different reasons (few of those reasons being any good). For many of you, it is a well-known fact that I never advocate mixing alcohol and sexual activity. I feel compelled to further explore this combination because your safety is compromised the most.

Leaving a party with someone you barely know is not a great decision. By doing so you are allowing yourself to go to an unknown location with an unknown individual. There are so many problems with personal safety in that scenario it is not even remotely humorous. Instead, if you feel so motivated to see this individual again, provide your phone number. While it may not be as much fun for you to wait, knowing where you are (especially in relationship to where you live) is more important than 15 minutes of fun. Knowing the other person's name is not only safer but better social etiquette.

Another safety aspect involves protection. It is also a well-known fact I love condoms. High intoxication levels convince individuals condoms are not necessary. That is wrong. Condoms are always necessary. I reiterate this from last week because it is important to note that drunk logic (telling you that condoms are frivolous) fails in comparison

to sober logic (reminding you of personal safety and health).

Sex should be enjoyed and remembered. Waking up the next morning in a strange bed unable to remember what you did the night before is not a sign of a good time. If you are going to go through the motions of having sex, you should remember it because if you do not, you wasted your time and put yourself at great risk (and most likely made bad decisions). Not to mention the fact sensation was

most likely decreased if not completely void.

One of the side effects of being drunk is a person does not have the same level of sensation. If you are too drunk to feel anything happening to your body, that is a sign you should not be having sex.

Most important is the matter of consent. Sex must be consensual for all individuals involved. Furthermore, it should involve informed consent (all parties know what will happen and agree to those activities). Intoxicated consent is not informed consent.

Rather, it is miscomprehended, confused, illogical and uninformed "consent" (it is more like unknowing compliance). The chances of being hurt and put into a compromising situation (involving but not limited to physical safety and health and wellness safety) are increased.

Most people know that drinking and driving do not mix. Why would drinking and sex be any different? The same side from the alcohol exists, and the risk is about the same (instead of possible immediate death from a car accident, you can get a STI to last the rest of your life).

Decide before you go out if you are going to get drunk or going to have sex.

Have fun, be safe and do not drink and have sex.
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a whole, he or she would at least object to aborting women before birth. Incidentally, about half of all the children aborted in the U.S. are girls.

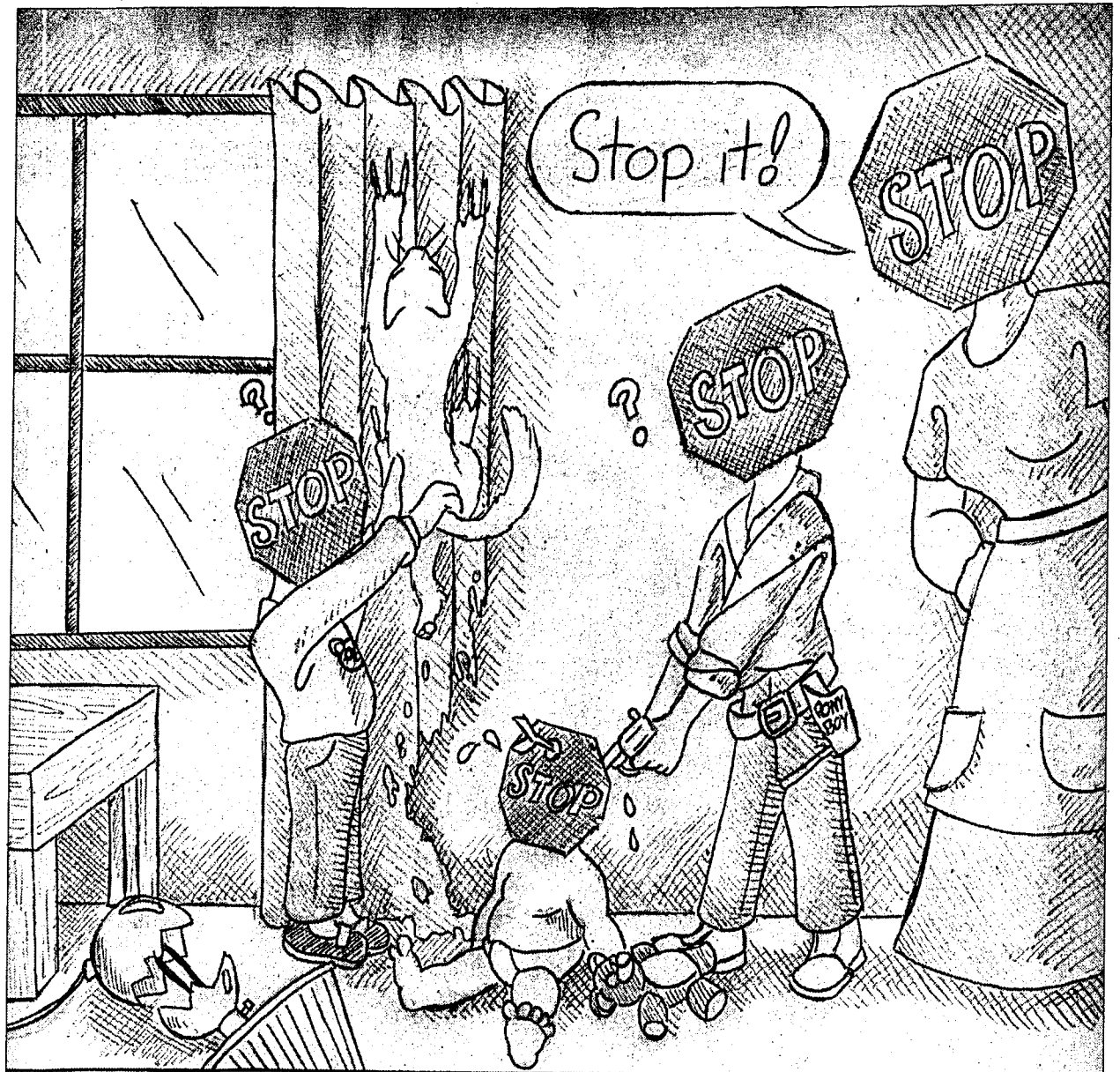
Why aren't women's rights groups lobbying for them?

Women's rights are good, but they don't excuse killing. Standing up for the rights of all people young or old, male or female, big or small, strong or weak, especially when they cannot speak up for themselves — now that's the best thing.

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we think that women's rights are the best, rather than good, we allow this killing because it expands a woman's choices. We love the right to choose for ourselves, but what about the right not to be killed in infancy?

It seems to me even if someone were concerned exclusively with women's rights and didn't care at all about human rights as



Mrs. Octagon wondered why her children never listened to her.

Rachel Dugger and Hunter Snevilly/Special to the Argonaut

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been all over the media. Sharkey has clearly only been paying attention to CNN or NPR and has never actually looked at the bill.

"The only part of the bill that had anything to do with kindergartners was a section designed to protect young children from sexual predators," Sharkey wrote. That is a complete lie. Sharkey would have known this if he had seen the bill.

Lines 13-17 of SB 0099 read, "Each class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any grades K-12 shall include instruction on the prevention of sexually transmitted infections including the prevention, transmission and spread of HIV."

The bill does not mention unwanted sexual advances until section four.

I am not disappointed in Sharkey because it was his uninformed opinion. I am disappointed in The Minnesota Daily for running his article and The Argonaut for picking it up.

Mark Morgan
journalism

Sali opposes Obama-Minnick plan

I support Congressman Bill Sali because he supports the best form of early childhood education — loving parents. Sali wants to protect families through seeking lower taxes, limited federal involvement and common sense. Walt Minnick, on the other hand, supports Barack Obama's early childhood education plan that represents the largest intrusion of the federal government into intimate family issues American has ever seen.

Research shows that Head Start, daycare and pre-kindergarten are all poor substitutes for the loving, individualized instruction and interaction that responsible parents give. The Obama plan which Minnick supports relies on the failed standard of government daycare — a downward spiral which leads to higher government spending and higher taxes, forcing more parents into the workforce and taking additional time from their children. Couple this discredited state-child model with Obama's desire to have the federal government teach sex education to kindergartners, and we can start to see the radical shift the Obama-Minnick plan really is.

Sali supports motherhood and families by wanting to lower government spending so they can perform the important work of early childhood education. Sali supports the institution of the family. He has my vote.

Rep. Steve Thayne
Emmett, Idaho

Student voices missing from article

I was happy to see The Argonaut finally profiled the Residence Hall Association and Campus Dining's joint efforts to change the name of Wallace Food Court to Bob's Place. While the article ("Back to Bob's," Sept. 16) does a nice job of detailing the process the Residence Hall Association went through to work with Campus Dining, I felt it lacked any information or opinions from students themselves.

Having had the responsibility last year to meet with Campus Dining representatives and Mike Jolly, the assistant vice president of Auxillary Services, and hammer out our differences, I have personal experience with the process of changing the name. I know other student leaders, such as Katie Boudreau and Sarah Reichman, as well as the previous year's hall presidents and vice presidents worked hard to make their opinions known and urged those in charge to make the name change.

In addition, I'm sure while the reporter was walking around Bob's Place, he or she could have asked any number of student workers or diners their opinions about the whole thing and quoted them in the article. In the future, maybe reporters can make a more concerted effort to ask the students their opinions about things that affect them.

Finding a student living in the residence halls or on the Residence Hall Executive Board isn't that difficult. Maybe they could be quoted every now and again instead of being referred to in the abstract.

Emmalee Kearney
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Get informed about money

"Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies." — Thomas Jefferson

"The capitalists, in their subconsciousness ashamed of the mean greed motivating their own conduct and anxious to avoid social disapproval, encouraged their sycophants, the economists, to proclaim doctrines which could rehabilitate them in public opinion." — "Human Action," pg. 78

Dear University of Idaho community, I strongly encourage you to learn more about our current financial crisis.

Listed below are some Web sites to get you started. My only agenda is concern for the welfare of your family and friends.

- <http://www.shadowstats.com>
- <http://www.dollarcollapse.com>
- <http://www.financialsense.com>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nkZ3eHeXlc
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afMA_v-142I
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Hunter S. Snevilly
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Look behind the brand for social truths

Emily Glauser
The Post, Ohio University

Anyone familiar with basic marketing strategies knows there are a lot of practices that corporations can exercise to stay on the good side of their customers. The trend among the biggest corporations is to keep morality at the front of consumers' minds through their commercials.

What's the hottest public relations technique to make an evil multinational corporation look good? The one tactic that gives a face to the conglomerates comes in the form of "social responsibility." Of course I'm referring to those few billionaire CEOs who can't hide how much money they're worth any longer and must give something back. At that status, it is important to make a difference to the world around you using the vast amounts of cash you have available. Not all humanitarian efforts are with-

out a face. We're all familiar with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and it can be predicted that their money will cure a world epidemic like malaria. And Oprah? Everyone from disadvantaged kids in sub-Saharan Africa to the members of her studio audience get hooked up. But these philanthropists are real people with real identities, not just a legally backed registered logo. And a word to the wise: never, under any circumstances, trust a registered logo to care about humanity. Case in point — Dove.

Dove hit the ground running as far as social responsibility goes. With its most recent "Campaign for Real Beauty," the women of Dove reach out to the everyday women — not just the supermodel with perfect skin and hair. They promote women to be strong and powerful, no matter what size, shape, age and color they may be. With their commercials and anti-Photoshopped images of women, this is unarguably a great

trend to be promoting toward the women of America. Seems legit and whole-hearted — but don't forget the logo.

The company that owns the Dove brand (and all the Dove brand advertising) is called Unilever. While it's a company I'm sure most have never heard of, many would easily recognize the brands they own. The epitome of a faceless corporation, Unilever hides behind familiar brands like Lipton, Slim-Fast, Vaseline and Ponds as it controls the world. Sure, no one can really argue that Bertolli frozen dinners are ruining society, but let's look at one key footnote — Unilever owns not only Dove, which tries to promote a healthy body image for women, but Axe deodorant, which promotes, well, nothing. Except perhaps smelling your roommate from down the street.

Obviously, nothing about Axe deodorant advertisements preach socially responsible. Scantly clad supermodels falling head

over heels for the simulated scent of a man teaches us nothing. The advertisements teach men that women are idiots, and a spray of that famous Axe effect will undoubtedly get you laid. But the Axe internal counterpart, Dove, makes the consumer think that someone behind the mask of money is actually human and possibly cares.

Only in America can one company simultaneously promote a healthy female body image and all the while be encouraging them to dispose of their brains for their noses. Thank you, Unilever, for making that possible.

When it comes down to it, don't fall for the registered, trademark corporate whatever that claims it's helping. Just unmask the logo and see that while you may think you're supporting women's rights and respect, really, you're just supporting Hellmann's Mayonnaise.

Making it big:

two Moscow-bred music acts chase dreams

Jazz singer Michalangela returns home

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Homegrown talents always return to their roots at some point.

For jazz singer Michalangela, that point was Friday at Bucer's Coffeehouse Pub. Michalangela, whose real name is Michal Wilson, grew up in Moscow and graduated from the University of Idaho in 2006.

Since then she's moved to Portland and become the treasurer of a label she helped create, Blue Whisper Records. She said the label helped her "get off the ground as an artist."

Part of that included the debut of her first album, "Portland Rain," an 11-track release that includes jazz standards, original compositions, rhythm and blues and even a country track.

"The CD was coming together, and it was perfect timing," Wilson said of her release party at Bucer's.

Pat Greenfield, owner of Bucer's, tells a slightly different story. Using the contact list on her phone, she accidentally dialed Wilson's name. When she discovered what Wilson was working on musically, and her upcoming album, she requested Wilson make a performance stop at her establishment.

"I was really thrilled that I stumbled across how wonderful things are going for her," Greenfield said. "She's got a

real following around here."

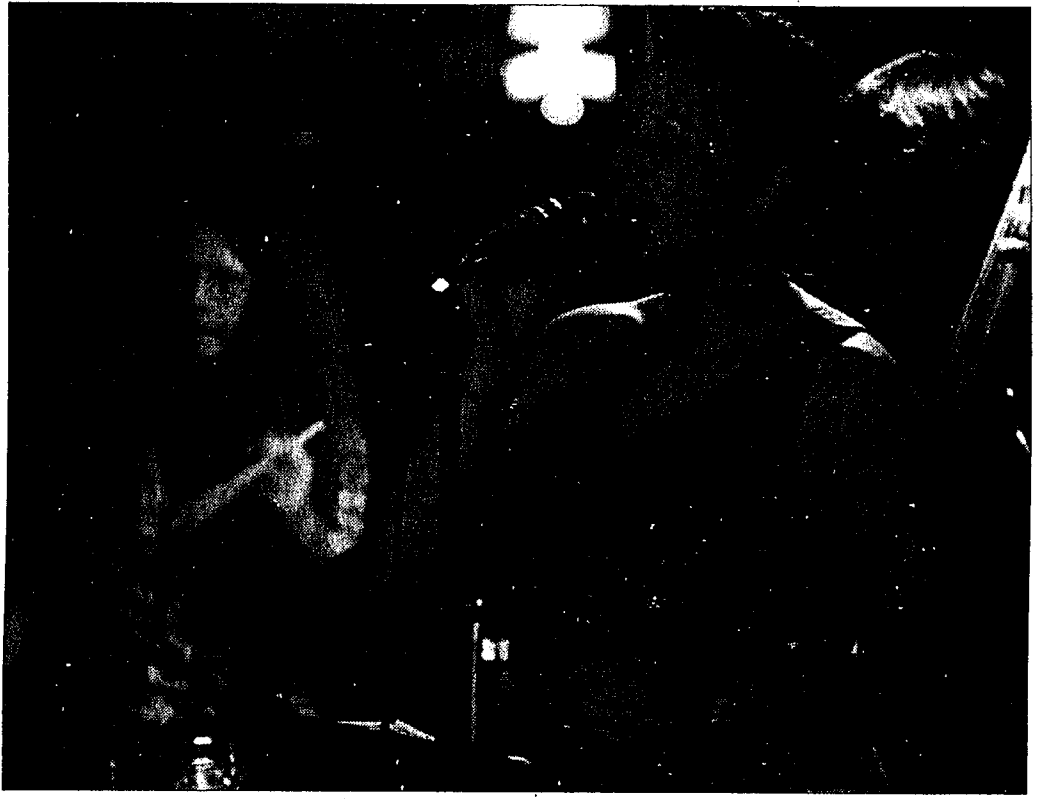
That seemed apparent with the crowd packing the front room where Wilson was performing. Mixing smooth vocals with a classic jazz sound, Wilson showed true skill with both standard pieces and the ones she'd crafted. Able to toss off words in rapid-fire succession, Wilson contrasted that with the sultry tones of "Black Coffee," which she dedicated to Bucer's.

"I love her voice," said Tami Storm, who was the first to purchase the new album. "It is so smooth and mellow. There's a strength in it."

That strength showed through on the title track, "Portland Rain," one of Wilson's compositions that states: "I am stuck here with my soggy feet / the Portland rain has had its way with me / why do I have to tolerate this weather?"

"I love to, when I'm writing, to listen to so much music that my music is a combination of these," Wilson said. "Whatever I hear and whatever I love comes through."

Wilson will be holding another release party Oct. 18 at The Cave, a jazz club in Portland. She said she hopes to sell the album through the iTunes service soon. In the meantime, the album will be selling at Bucer's as a small piece of Wilson staying in the town where she first started singing.



Michalangela performs at Bucer's during her CD release debut Friday.

Tyler Macy/Argonaut

artsBRIEFS

Foundation winner to read from his work

Joshua Ferris will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University of Idaho's College of Law Courtroom. The event is free and open to the public.

According to a UI press release, one reviewer described Joshua Ferris' debut novel, "Then We Came to the End," as "The Office' meets Kafka," and another lauded it as "The 'Catch 22' of the business world."

John's Alley to host John Shipe

John Shipe recently released his new album, "Yellow House," and will be celebrating with a CD release concert 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at John's Alley.

"Yellow House" features "mostly scaled-down semi-acoustic performances, augmented by Shipe's friends from the Eugene, Ore., music scene."

Izabella to play at John's Alley

At 9:30 p.m. Thursday and 10 p.m. Friday, the Bay Area band Izabella will be performing at John's Alley. The band will be unveiling its "jungle groove a-go-go" theme. The group's sound is self-described as "primal rhythm and soulful jams blended with dance rock to create a musical, visual, sensual experience."

Smooth Old-Fashioned High: still playing since graduation

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

At college graduation, worrisome changes loom — careers, locations and life — bringing questions about what things will remain.

For the five members of Smooth Old-Fashioned High, two things remained with them: music and friends.

Smooth Old-Fashioned High formed in 2002 when the members were attending the University of Idaho. Despite their slow start and many changes in band members and sound, they quickly earned a reputation for their energetic, rambunctious live performances where the band and the crowd partied side-by-side.

They did well in various Battle of the Bands contests over the following two years, went into the studio to record some demos and meanwhile continued to play at bars and parties around Moscow.

"They're good on CD," former Smooth Old-Fashioned High member Zack O'Connor said, "But they're so great live."

After graduation, when the members went on to do their own thing, the future of the band was unsure, but when all the members ended up with jobs in Boise, they continued to play.

Like the members themselves, the group's sound began to mature and refine with each member honing his own talents and taking the band more seriously.

"We all have full-time jobs now," vocalist Patrick Crozier said, "But if we could make money by just playing and going on the road, I think everyone would drop their job."

On Sept. 6, after nearly a year of writing, playing and experimenting, Smooth Old-Fashioned High released its second CD, "What's Good?"

They said it's their best recording to date and have sent it to various record labels in an effort to find one that will give them a deal.

"We don't really know what we're doing, so we're just sending CDs out, hoping to get picked up," Crozier said.

The 13-track CD is a compilation of 10 new songs and three taken over from their first record. It can be heard in the detail of this album that these former frat boys playing for alcohol-induced fun have become men who have realized their talents. They have welcomed mandolins, banjos, organs and violas into their sound as well as a female back-up singer on selected tracks.

"Their sound is a lot tighter. It is really clean, plus they added some cool new elements," O'Connor said. "I think they're going to make it if they keep doing what they are doing."

It is difficult to put a finger on how to classify their sound. With Crozier's soaring voice and Nick McDowell's bluesy guitar, the jazz and blues influences are evident. Yet there's an overtone of solid rock and the rhythm of old funk.



University of Idaho alumni make up the band Smooth Old Fashioned High, who are currently living in Boise and trying to get a record deal.

Courtesy Photo

hear the band

Listen for yourself at
www.myspace.com/smootholdfashionedhigh

It's dynamic and distinct, far from the standard drums, guitar and bass band. Crozier defines it as "booze-rock."

Up next for the band is the Think Pink's Concert for the Cure Nov. 8 in Boise. The breast cancer research benefit is a cause they have supported before and for which MacDowell's wife sits on the committee.

"I have a vested interest in saving the boobs," said Crozier.

The band plans to make a trip to Moscow to perform some time this fall.

Plague play opens Thursday

Andrew Priest
Argonaut

As the curtains are pulled, the girl lifts her tattered dress, concealing her young face and talking to someone else hidden in the dark room. Her first words reveal the sinister nature of the show ahead.

"What are you doing out of your grave? What are you doing out of your grave? Speak to me."

Thursday will be opening night for the University of Idaho's production of Naomi Wallace's play "One Flea Spare."

The play, written in 1997, is set in 1665 during the historic outbreak known as the Plague that killed 100,000 people. The small cast of five characters spend the entire play quarantined in a home in Westminster, London.

The play has been in production since last spring when the theater department's Play Selection Committee chose it.

Seraphina Richardson, the director, has a BFA and has directed several other plays for UI, including "Bent" and "Fat Pig." She said she looks forward to a few

things on opening night.

"The actors' hard work paying off, that they feel the same satisfaction, that they feel like the audience is being receptive, and also seeing, hopefully, audience members being moved by (the play) and taking it in and being affected," Richardson said.

"One Flea Spare" is a noteworthy choice for the department. The play is a fairly obscure work in America, and no one involved in its production at UI has seen it performed before.

However, after having read the play, everyone involved said they had fallen in love with it.

"It is an extraordinary script," said David Eames-Harlan, playwright and actor who plays Mr. Snelgrave, the cantankerous patriarch of the family.

"It's extremely tight," he said. "It's complex, yet accessible ... it's truly an amazing script."

The play is shadowy. It deals with hierarchies and classes in society, all forced to interact while trapped together in a boiling, claustrophobic atmosphere. It poses significant questions.

"What is good and what is evil? What is good and what's bad?" Giuseppe Romano, who plays Kabe, the family's corrupt guard, asked.

"Do not let the subject matter deter you from this play," Eames-Harlan said. "This is a play that is dark, absolutely. It's not a happy play, but it's a play... that has a slice of redemption at the end. If (the actors) do justice to it, it will be gorgeous. That's our job and we're going to give it our best shot."

"One Flea Spare" opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Kiva Theatre and runs through the weekend, as well as the next week on the same days, with a 2 p.m. matinee on both Sundays.

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Jake Barber/The Argonaut
Theatre and film major Nicole Serham plays the role of Morse in the play "One Flea Spare."



Election year iPod coverage

If we were to choose the president of the United States by music cred and not by the Electoral College set forth by the Constitution's Article II, I believe the victor would be clear.

Between the two major party candidates, Barack Obama has the iPod ready to lead the nation on Jan. 21.

John McCain's appellation of "McSame" could be extended to this metric, beyond the more common accusations of similarity to the incumbent re-economic policy, Social Security privatization and so forth.

News junkies will recall that George W. Bush's iPod contents were revealed some years ago. John Fogerty's atrocious "Centerfield" was featured. This is the guy who traded Sammy Sosa while he was managing general partner. The Argonaut's own Johnny Ballgame would note that as one of the worst deals in baseball, and I would note that song as one of the worst in Fogerty's catalog.

Among many other things, fraties have a favorite song in

common with George W. Bush—"Brown-Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison (as reported by the New York Times in 2005). The Archies (of "Sugar, Sugar") and the Beach

Boys also appear, according to a Brit Hume interview from the same year.

John McCain has quoted from the Beach Boys on the stump, infamously changing "Barbara Ann's" chorus to "bomb-bomb-bomb, bomb-bomb Iran." What a joker.

Seriously though, as reported by Blender Magazine, McCain has two ABBA songs in his top-10-best-ever. Neither "Mamma Mia" nor "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)" are among the selections.

McCain, or his campaign, ranked "Dancing Queen" at No. 1. Obama chose "Ready Or Not" by The Fugees.

Obama gets points off for listing U2 and especially for listing a track from its atrocious 2004 effort "How to Build an Atomic Bomb."

McCain establishes himself as the candidate of the establish-

ment, with picks like "Sweet Caroline" and "What a Wonderful World" (Louis Armstrong) — nobody is saying these aren't great songs, but they're about as obvious as picking the Beatles as your favorite band. The Beatles, notably, did not make either list.

In his cover interview with Rolling Stone, Obama was quoted as being "partial" to "Blood On the Tracks," by Bob Dylan, but reserving the title of most-preferred Dylan song for "Maggie's Farm," from "Bring it All Back Home."

If I were more snarky, I might note here McCain's campaign has been asked to cease and desist its employment of songs by John Mellencamp ("Pink Houses"), Heart ("Barracuda"), Jackson Browne ("Running on Empty") and Van Halen ("Right Now").

Mellencamp, Heart, and Browne all have endorsed Barack Obama. Heart, apparently powerless to force the GOP to stop using its song, has pledged to donate all royalties from its use toward the Obama campaign.

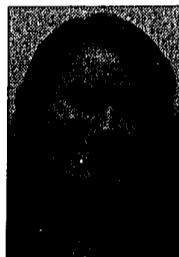
Fugees vs. ABBA. Um, I'm going to vote for change.



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Ten reasons for 'The Office' excitement

Thursday night will be a special night. It will be for anyone who is into "The Office," anyway. NBC's hysterically funny prime-time comedy will be returning for its fifth season this week. Set eight weeks after the tear-jerking final five minutes of last season's finale, Michael Scott and his Dunder Mifflin crew will be bringing back the funny. In celebration of this event, I've compiled a list of the top 10 reasons why you should be excited for this Thursday's premiere.



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10. Goodbye Toby, hello Holly

Holly Flax, Dunder Mifflin's new HR rep., is cute and quite possibly the perfect match for Michael Scott. Not only is she replacing Toby, whom Michael hated with a fierce passion, she's quirky like Michael, and during her introduction in the season four finale, she and Michael really seemed to hit it off. Oh no, but what about Michael's ex, Jan? This

should be interesting.

9. Jan's having a what?

Jan should not be allowed to have a baby. While it's a relief the child isn't a spawn of Michael, it's still damaging to humanity that she will reproduce. Jan is a self-centered woman who is completely insane and possibly unfit to have children. Hopefully starting a family will chill her out. What I want to know is whether Michael will stay true to his word and stand by his ex-woman.

8. Can somebody please kill Andy Bernard?

Andy is annoying, and I still don't understand why Angela agreed to marry him. From his usual stupid antics to ruining Jim's attempts at proposing to Pam, I hope Dwight gives him what's coming to him. Plus, I could live without ever hearing Jim referred to as "Big Tuna" ever again.

7. Dwight versus Jim, round 1,768,392,134

The battle between Jim and Dwight is both epic and classic. From staplers in Jell-O to mysterious notes from the future, those two sure know how to keep things from getting boring. Well, Jim knows how to keep things from getting boring. Dwight is just entertaining because he gets so incredibly mad.

6. Ryan got in trouble, Ryan got in trouble

What will happen to Ryan, the temp-turned-big-man? Last time he was seen it was on a video of him being taken away from the head Dunder Mifflin office by police in handcuffs on YouTube. Is he ever going to hear the nasty message Jim left him on his phone? Is he done for? He ended up becoming such an arrogant piece of crap that I kind of hope he is. Or maybe not, just because it would be fun to watch him get beat up by Darryl for being a jerk to Kelly or something.

5. Dunder Mifflin, this is — Pam went where?

Pam Beesley, the lovely little Dunder Mifflin receptionist and love of Jim's life, is going to New York to go to art school. Who's answering the phone now? Is Jim OK? Are they still together? I want to know what happened to Pam.

4. My life is incomplete without Jim's awkward faces

One of the best things about "The Office" is Jim Halpert's weird faces he makes at the camera. His happy faces — his "swoon" face, his worried face, his awkward face, his scheming face — they're all classic.

3. Don't cry Dwight, don't cry

Dwight Schrute's love, Angela, is now engaged to Andy. Or is she? The closing scene from last season's finale was Phyllis walking into the office to find a shocked Dwight and Angela doing a naked dance. Dwight was pretty emotionally destroyed after he lost Angela to Andy, but is he the winning man in the end?

2. What will Michael Scott do next?

Michael is an idiot, but he's a funny idiot. He does ridiculous things, most of the things that come out of his mouth end up being classic one-liners. He's Michael freaking Scott. He said he's going to be a daddy, so hopefully that doesn't make him grow up. I've grown fond of his silliness.

1. "J-A-M"

Whether they're together or pining away for each other when they're single, Jim and Pam are almost as irresistible as Mulder and Scully. I desperately hope they get their happy ending. If not, I'll stop watching the show. Actually, I probably won't because their unresolved sexual tension was pretty addicting.

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Hangin' tougher

NKOTB is back on the block

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

The New Kids on the Block are back and smiling. The pop teen icons of the late '80s and early '90s took a short 14-year hiatus to shed their parachute pants and high tops for wedding rings and 401-k's.

Donnie Wahlberg (Marky Mark's little brother), Danny Wood, Joey McIntyre, and Jordan and Jonathan Knight are back to show they can still make people move.

"The Block" is the group's first album since 1994, and while it's clear the members have gotten older and grown up (Donnie talks to his 6-year-old son on the beginning of one track), the fun is still there. Lyrically, the group's new songs are incredibly sexual but packed with classic pop-style club energy.

What else is expected from NKOTB? A great dance song. Tracks like "Full Service," featuring fellow veteran boy band New Edition, proves no one is safe from the lately popular voice synthesizing, also known as "T-Paining." The trend train sure doesn't stop there.

Renaissance man Akon, who seemed to be featured on every 2007 radio hit, makes an appearance on "Put It on

My Tab" and Ne-Yo stops in on "Single." While the Kids' apparent obsession with the female form is somewhat tiring by the end of a few tracks, "Big Girl Now" with Lady Gaga seems to represent the entire album and possibly the NKOTB as a whole. The song declares: "Back in the day when I was young (kinda dumb) / but I always knew I'd be the one (girl here you come) ... gonna give you something you ain't ever gonna forget."

This is a good pop album. The mix of saccharine sweet love songs and pulsing boy band grooves makes "The Block" an acceptable novelty throwback.

In no way does this album represent what is good and whole in music other than making you smile and feel good. This is a "girl's night out" kind of album. These tracks are for dancing in the shower and singing while you brush your teeth. This is a reminder of music can still be fun and New Kids on the Block — who certainly are not new and have been around the block a few times — can still make the girls scream.

Sometimes not everyone or everything in the music business needs to stand for something noble or serious. Sometimes all listeners need is to hear the Pussycat Dolls or NKOTB singing about something ridiculous. "The Block" fills the need for silly, ridiculous fun.



New Kids on the Block
"The Block"
★★★★(of 5)
Interscope
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A worthy follow-up for the Coens

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

Joel and Ethan Coen have a distinguished pedigree, having produced more great films than Jamaica produces mangoes.

Their last film would lend high expectations for this one: "No Country for Old Men" won Best Director, Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor at the 80th Academy Awards.

Its "lighthearted" follow-up, "Burn After Reading," stars Brad Pitt, George Clooney, John Malkovich and Frances McDormand. Pitt and McDormand are employees at a gym called Hardbodies

who stumble upon a CD with a manuscript and data from Malkovich — an employee of the CIA who quit when faced with a transfer.

The plot of my favorite Coen film, "The Big Lebowski," is about as simple (spoiler alert): a girl is kidnapped, but then it turns out she isn't. Sure, decorations abound, but "Lebowski" and "Burn" are both fundamentally character pieces that lampoon their genre and make the entire narrative a red herring.

In "Burn After Reading," the opening scene is the familiar satellite-to-building zoom we've all seen in the Bourne trilogy, in "National Treasure" and a hundred other Jerry Bruckheimer pieces of garbage and in any given spy movie since at least "Enemy of the State." The film pokes fun at the pettiness of our lives, at the absurdity of the spy game and at the small events that trigger larger ones (the so-called "Butterfly Effect").

The film is most effective during the moments featuring J. K. Simmons and David Rasche as "CIA Superior" and "CIA Officer." They dissect the banal machinations of the protagonists with an unanticipated, hilarious perspective.

"Burn After Reading" is as funny as "No Country for Old Men" wasn't; at the showing I attended, the audience clearly got both the subtle and the broad comedy of the original script by the Coens. After the relative artistic failures of "The Ladykillers" and "Intolerable Cruelty," this film reestablishes the pair as a serious comedic force and a serious artistic one.



"Burn After Reading"
★★★★(of 5)
Brad Pitt
Now available

G-Unit's "Terminate On Sight" holds no hits

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

G-Unit, made up of hip-hop icon 50 Cent and his sidekicks Tony Yayo and Lloyd Banks, has hit a stalemate with its newest release, "Terminate On Sight." The album doesn't speak to the group's previous successes, "Beg For Mercy" released in 2003 or even the wildly popular clothing line attached to the group's moniker. "T.O.S." is simply generic with unimaginative beats, lazy hooks and lack of lyrical diversity. More was expected from the "In Da Club" 50 Cent.

"Straight Outta Southside" booms as the first track and starts the album off with energy. But it feels as though listeners are catching the middle of a song instead of getting a

beginning, middle and end. The tracks revolve around aggression and mockery. 50 Cent has been infamous for feuds with other gangsta rap aficionados, including former G-Unit MVP, The Game, as well as Ja Rule, Fat Joe and Cam'ron. On "You So Tough," the boys from southside Queens take a stab at "The King of the South," T.I.'s recent gun charges. When will 50 Cent and his fighting friends realize that hip-hop is more than attacking tracks and beefing?

The only obvious singles are "Rider Pt. 2" and "I Like The Way She Do It." By no means are these tracks exceptional in any way, but they are simply better than

the rest of the album. "Rider" has a catchy hook that will stick in the minds of listeners for days and features another G-Unit alum Young Buck, who is featured on many of the "T.O.S." tracks.

"I Like The Way She Do It" is a strip club depiction of a typical booty shaking rap song female. The rhymes are slow and easy to follow, also featuring Young Buck, and will most likely only be heard in the club when it's time to drop it like it's hot. The most honest track on T.O.S. is "Money Make the World Go Round," but it still lacks heart and creativity; the Wu Tang Clan's "C.R.E.A.M." got burgled on this one. "T.O.S." is forgettable. It

appears 50 Cent and his revolving cast of G-Unit members have nearly nothing left to rhyme about and diversity will only come from a change in featured artists. G-Unit and 50 Cent fans have been waiting five years for a new G-Unit CD, and they give them this? G-Unit, and dare I say it 50 Cent, are over now. This album proves 50 Cent isn't making music anymore. G-Unit is relying heavily on 50 Cent's much used equation of "beef plus other rappers equals publicity and dollar signs." At one time, it was entertaining to see hip hop power houses go at it in a battle of wits and swagger. This novelty has worn off as the high profile cat fights never seem to be resolved and the list of those affected seem to grow like the weeds 50 Cent, Yayo and Banks used to sell on the corners.



G-Unit
"T.O.S."
★(of 5)
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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Vandal Volleyball takes on New Mexico State at 7 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Gym.

Vandals by the numbers

5 Wide receiver Eddie Williams caught five passes for a total of 70 yards in Saturday's football game against Utah State.

43 Place kicker Tino Amancio kicked a 43 yard field goal towards the end of the third quarter on Saturday's football game with Utah State.

74 Punter T.J. Conley kicked a 74 yard punt in Saturday's game with Utah State — that is the third longest punt in Vandal football history.

28 Number of unanswered points allowed by the Vandals this week against Utah State. The team lost the game 42-17.

Vandals to watch

Annamaria Gould
Tennis

Gould advanced to the semifinals of the No. 4 draw in the Cougar Classic tennis tournament this weekend.

Desirae Hull
Soccer



Hull scored the first goal of her college career last weekend when Idaho took on Robert Morris in the UNLV Rebel Classic Sunday.

Jennifer Hull
Soccer



Hull led Idaho's offense with nine shots on Sunday, one more than the entire Robert Morris team managed to get off.

Did you know ...

•Former UI track and field athlete Melinda Owen has been nominated as one of the NCAA's 30 women of the year nominees. Owen's top-30 selection is the furthest any Vandal woman has advanced in the NCAA Woman of the Year nomination process.

•The UI basketball team has five returning players from last year's roster and 11 newcomers. Of the new players, eight are junior college transfers, two are Division I transfers, and one is a high school signee.

•Vandals basketball has made a 3-pointer in 312 consecutive games. The last time UI failed to make a 3-point basket was in 1997 against Long Beach State.

•UI basketball team will play a record 30 games next season. Three of the games will be against opponents that made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament last season. The teams are Michigan State, Gonzaga, and Washington State.

CROSS COUNTRY



The University of Idaho women's cross country team celebrates taking the WAC championship title Oct 26, 2007 at Utah State. Courtesy Photo

Vandals set goals

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

The women's Western Athletic Conference cross country defending champions started the season strong at their first competition.

Despite competing without three of their strongest runners, the women's team came away with first and second place finishes at the Clash of the Inland Northwest competition Sept. 6 in Spokane.

Allix Lee-Painter took first in the women's 4k course with a time of 15 minutes 20.4 seconds and true freshman Teegan Schoch took second in her collegiate debut running in at 15:42.6.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps' women have begun to make winning the norm.

"They've made it look easy over the last little bit," Phipps said. "They win more often than they don't."

Phipps said he doesn't have to do much to motivate the returning championship team.

"It hasn't really been an issue or a factor for the returners, Phips said. "They come in each year knowing that's what they want to do. We have our team goals set out at the

beginning, and it's always to win a conference championship."

Phipps' coaching efforts will be focused more on training the new freshmen.

"Even though you've got some background information, you just don't know your athletes yet," he said.

Phipps said the hardest part is not knowing how the freshmen are going to respond to certain types of training and said it's about finding out how they're feeling about practice.

"It's exciting having a whole new team of men and women," Phipps said.

Junior Steven Potratz said all the new faces set this year apart.

He and the veterans said they're passing on to the new members the same traditions of working hard and having fun.

"It's tough losing a bunch of guys like we did, but we do have quite a few new guys and I could see us up there at the top," Potratz said.

The expectations after finishing first in women's competition and second in men's competition last year hasn't taken its toll on the Vandals.

Senior Matt Racine said there's

always pressure going into the season to finish where you did the year before but he said the success is more a motivator than anything.

"There's always expectation to do well and at least finish where you did last year," Racine said. "No matter where we think we're going to finish, no matter where we're projected to finish, we're always thinking the top two or three in the conference," Racine said.

Junior Melissa McFadden said she's excited with the future of the young team and doesn't think there's a reason why they can't be one of the top teams in conference.

"I think we have really great teamwork and I've seen improvement since they've been here," McFadden said. "Even though we're young I think we have a really good chance to have a really strong team and be really competitive."

Allix Lee-Painter said she's become more comfortable despite the mounting success, pressure and expectation over the last years.

"Every year I've been here, I've settled more and more into it and I really feel like I've settled into the runner that I've become," Lee-Painter said. "I'm having a lot of

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Ninety miles of relaxation

Scott Stone
Argonaut

Lace up your kicks, put your iPod on repeat and run 810 laps around the Student Recreation Center track. Sound crazy? Take a look at Matt Racine, the cross country team captain who runs 90 miles, the equivalent of 810 laps, per week at the peak of his season.

Racine's all about staying relaxed and preserving his energy. A typical race day includes waking up about 5 hours before the meet, eating some food and then staying calm until the race.

"I really don't worry too much about the race or get too nervous before races until like 10 minutes before," Racine said. "Then I'll get really excited about it."



Matt Racine

He keeps his mind clear and focuses on his pace during a race, but sometimes they last a long time and Racine just looks ahead for motivation.

When he looks up and sees a Boise State Bronco or a conference opponent it gives him a lot of motivation to pick up his pace, Racine said, but his teammates help him the most.

"The biggest motivating thing for me I guess is when my teammates are around," he said.

The team has worked together for so long they know one another's abilities and they know how to motivate one another.

Racine earned the 2nd team All-Western Athletic Conference honors the last two years in a row and said he hopes that this year he can continue that with another All-WAC honor.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said he believes Racine has a very good chance of being 1st team All-WAC this season.

"He's got an incredible work ethic. Whatever you ask of him he accomplishes," Phipps said.

Besides running, Racine's also an expert in the water as he's spent the last year earning his degree in biology by researching the swim performance, behavior and genetics of zebra fish.

He's enjoying the research and said he hasn't decided

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FOOTBALL

Vandals can't hold lead against Aggies

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho football team played three quarters of solid football this weekend against Utah State but couldn't hang on to win.

The game went back and forth for the better part of three quarters and the Vandals held the lead at 17-14 with 2 minutes to play in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was a different story altogether as the Aggies went on to score 21 unanswered points en route to a 42-17 loss.

"This football team has to play better than it did," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "The defense has to stop people. You tackle the guy who has the football. You be where you're supposed to be even if the guy who's usually there isn't."

The Vandals didn't come out of the game unscathed on the injury front either as co-team captain Shiloh Keo went down with a shoulder injury in the first half.

"Shiloh hurt his shoulder early in the ballgame and I think we certainly felt that impact a little bit and not only in his playmaking ability but his leadership ability too," Akey said.

Keo could be out with the inju-

ry for anywhere from two to four weeks.

Another notable injury was sustained by receiver Maurice Shaw, who went down with a high ankle sprain early in the second quarter.

"Those things sometimes are worse than breaking a leg I swear," Akey said. "The formula is telling us it could be as many as three weeks."

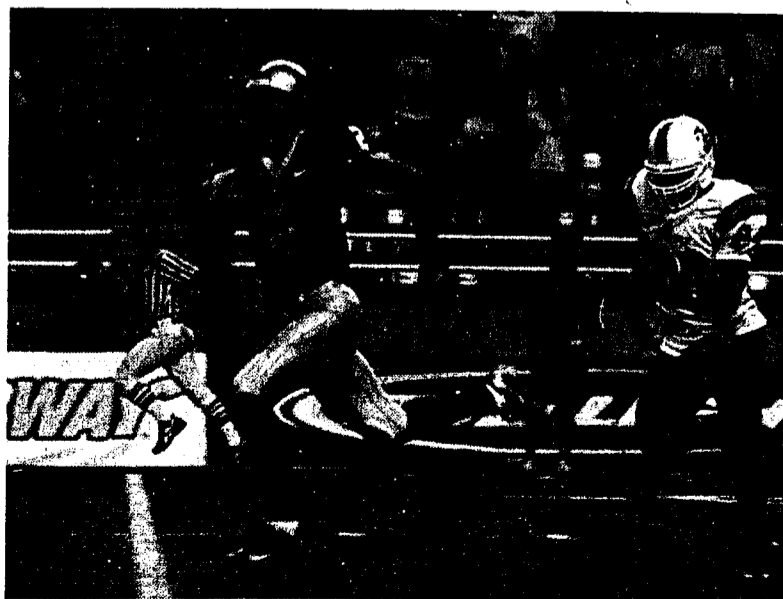
Akey said the Vandals have been making improvements over the season but must begin to produce now.

"The fact of the matter is we had a competitive situation and we've got to close things out," Akey said. "We're getting closer to getting the thing nailed down but we have to fast forward and have it happen now."

Eddie Williams had another solid performance logging 5 receptions for 70 yards and 1 touchdown.

"Eddie is a competitive son of a gun," Akey said. "People know him and he's still making plays against them. He played well in this game making receptions and blocking."

As a total offense the Vandals were outgained by more than 300 yards. The final tally was 271



File Photo University of Idaho wide receiver Maurice Shaw outruns Idaho State University defensive back Keith Goins Jr. for a touchdown during the Sept. 6 football game in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals lost their game against Utah State University 17-42 on Saturday.

yards to 580 yards.

Punter T.J. Conley also continued his dominance on special teams by booting a 74-yard punt and increasing his average for the game to 51.8 yards per punt.

After last week's performance,

in which Conley averaged well over 50 yards per punt, he has landed himself on the Ray Guy Watch list which awards the nation's best punter every year.

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VOLLEYBALL

Rainbow Wahine extend streak

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The University of Idaho volleyball squad started out strong, but could not keep up the momentum as it fell in 3-1 to No. 7 Hawai'i (8-2, 1-0) in Honolulu during its Western Athletic Conference season opener. The Vandals' season record drops to 7-5, 0-1.

The first match went into overtime with both teams rallying back and forth. Eventually the match ended at 29-27 Idaho. The Vandals fell 21-25 in the second game then 16-25 and 14-25 in games three and four.

"We played great in the first two matches and were competing on a very high level," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "As the match wore on Hawai'i was able to sustain that level, or even get better, while we went downhill. That is a bad combination against such a great opponent."

Taking one set from Hawai'i is a major accomplishment for Idaho. It was only the third set ever won by the Vandals in the nine match series which Hawai'i leads 9-0. The Vandals have never taken the Rainbow Wahine to the fifth set.

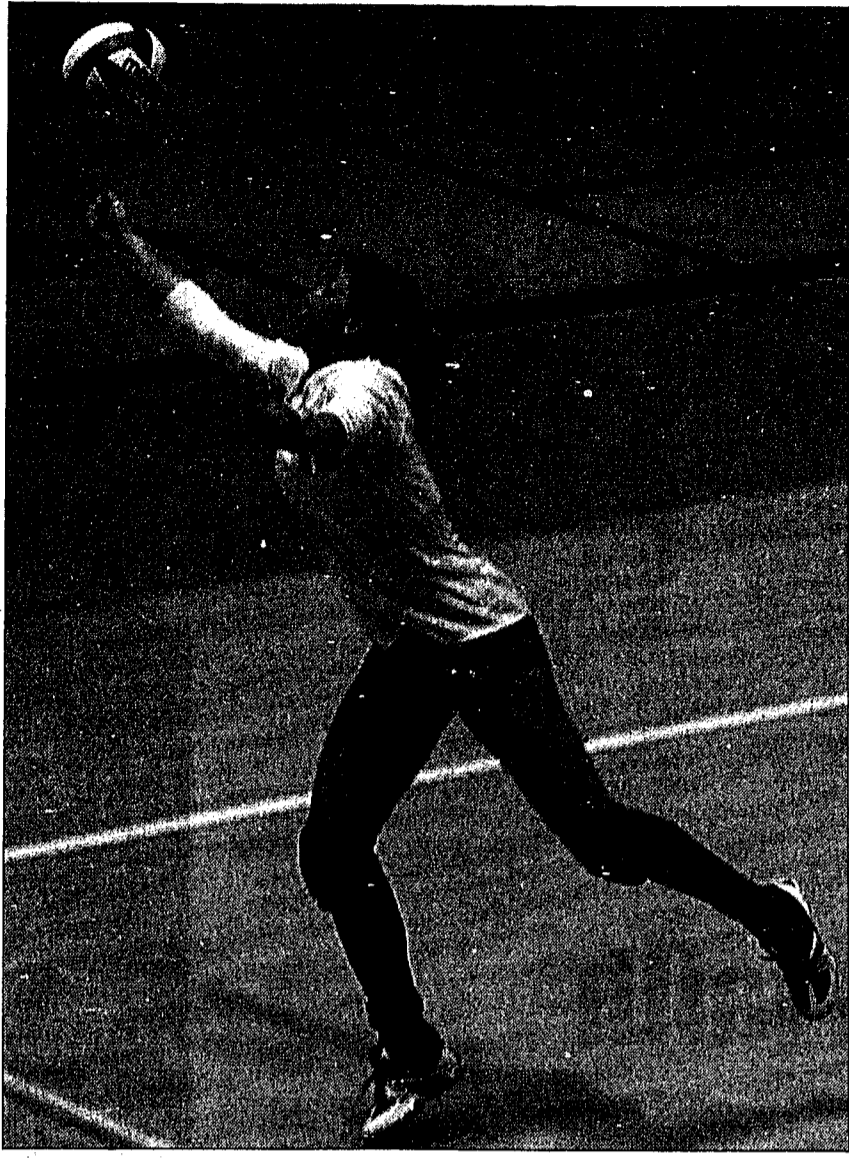
Idaho made only three errors and held hitting percentages of .357 and .333 in the first two sets. Games three and four were quite the opposite story with Idaho making 11 errors and holding hitting percentages of just .062 and .107.

Hawai'i's overall WAC record during the 12 years it has been a part of the conference is 170-3 — only one of those losses has been at home and none have been during a WAC season opener.

The Rainbow Wahine have held the WAC title in every season that they have been a part of the conference, and are currently on a 35-year streak of winning seasons. They have been nationally ranked in the coaches' poll for 237 consecutive weeks.

Hawai'i coach Dave Shoji is second all-time among active NCAA coaches with a win percentage of .848. Shoji is one of just three Division I coaches to have won more than 900 matches.

Hawai'i has already defeated two top 10 teams this season (No. 10 Washington and No. 8 Minnesota) and has chalked up only two losses to No. 1



University of Idaho senior Kelsey James jumps for the ball during the Idaho Volleyball Classic tournament game against Notre Dame on Sept. 6 in Memorial Gym. The volleyball team lost their game in Hawaii 1-3 on Friday.

Penn State and No. 4 UCLA.

The Vandals will get one more crack at Hawai'i in Memorial Gym later this season.

Idaho will return home this week for a matchup with New Mexico State.

The Aggies have had a brief look at being nationally ranked this season but have since fallen off the charts.

Idaho leads the series 10-7, but the Aggies took the last match 3-0.

New Mexico State, who lost only two starters from last season with four returning, comes into this season after competing in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year.

The match will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Memorial Gym.

much as they did," Akey said. "The perfect game is hard to play. If we play more perfect than the other team we have success."

The Vandals will head to sunny San Diego next week to take on the San Diego State Aztecs at Qualcomm Stadium.

The Aztecs, from the Mountain

West Conference, have started their season 0-3 and are hunting for their first victory.

"It's how you react when the game is on the line. When things aren't going your way, how are you going to respond? It's character and it's growing, it's getting stronger, we're getting closer," Akey said.



Vandal sophomore midfielder, Melissa Canite, is chased by teammates during soccer practice on Sep 4 at Guy Wicks Field.

Vandals draw with Purple Eagles in OT

Jaimee Myers
Argonaut

When coaches stress the importance of playing the complete 90 minutes in a soccer match it's because of eventful overtime games like the Idaho soccer team played this weekend against Niagara University.

On Friday, the Vandal soccer team stepped up the offensive game as they fired 28 shots against Niagara in Las Vegas.

Niagara (5-1-1) is ranked 11th in the Northeast region for women's soccer, making this match the second consecutive match the Vandals took a ranked team into overtime.

After taking just 26 shots and scoring two goals in their past three games combined, the Vandals (1-5-1) went off on Friday with 28 shots, 17 of them on goal, and scored a pair in the 2-2 tie.

"We dominated the game, but we just didn't finish off our chances," Idaho coach Pete Showler said. "We hit the post three times. I told the girls to gamble a bit today, but we just didn't get the rub of the green."

Seven different Idaho players had at least three shots on goal giving Idaho the most shots during a match since setting the school record in 2000 against Portland State with 36.

Sophomore Jenna Hull scored one goal herself and assisted the second goal. Senior Nicole McAlister had the second goal of the game, helping her lead the Vandals with her third goal this season. Ashley Perez earned her second career assist and fired three shots of her own during the match.

"It's fantastic that the shots were coming from all areas of the field," Showler said. "We've been work-

ing on that in practice, but now we just have to work on being a little more clinical in the final third and turning those opportunities into goals."

After playing a scoreless 60 minutes total, Niagara struck in the 59th minute to make the score 1-0. Hull immediately answered back 7 minutes later with the assist from Perez at 66:11. Hull sent a pass

5 minutes later to an open McAlister, who finished the goal to put Idaho up 2-1 at 71:57. When the Vandals thought they might have had a chance to finish off the game with a 2-1 victory, Niagara scored 30 seconds later tie it back up at 2-2 at the 72:29 mark.

"All the things are starting to come together and we're playing better in every game. I know that the girls really want to turn that into wins now. They're playing with a lot more confidence and it's showing in their play."

In a period of 13 minutes the game turned into a battle of who wanted to win more, but as quickly as the game began it ended. Idaho took four more shots in the second half, then out-fired Niagara 8-2 in the two overtime periods.

Niagara goalkeeper Ashleigh Bowers earned recognition as she picked up 15 saves and allowed two goals in 110 minutes. Idaho goalkeeper Anna Sandman made her second start of the season and allowed two goals with four saves in 110 minutes.

"We know what we've been doing well defensively and we knew we had some things to work on in the attacking side," Showler said. "It was an improvement, but we've got to get better still."

Idaho will meet Eastern Washington on the pitch later this week.

"We dominated the game, but we just didn't finish off our chances."

Pete
SHOWLER
Idaho coach

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Conley had accumulated 7,303 yards coming into the Utah State contest and has since brought his total up to 7,562. "We contributed to stopping us as

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where he plans on continuing his education in graduate school next year.

But whether Racine chooses the University of Idaho or not, he'll never be a stranger to Moscow. His grandparents still live in Moscow and both of his parents are former Vandals.

"I've just always loved the city, I love just how laid back it is," Racine said. "The people that are around are really cool."

Following his graduation from UI this spring Racine said he'll be done

with Idaho cross country but plans to continue to run competitively as much as he can.

"I'll definitely keep running, just not nearly as competitively as I am now," Racine said. "I'd like to do a marathon, one of the bigger ones I think would be a lot of fun."

Until then Racine is focusing on his role as team captain and trying to make the best of his time at college.

He said he and his roommates spend their free time running doing random things like playing pranks on each other, doing stupid bets or just hanging out.

"Matt's awesome, he's a great leader," Phipps said. "He keeps practice light when they need to be light, serious when they need to be serious. He does a great job of leading by example."

"The biggest motivating thing for me ... is when my teammates are around."

Matt
RACINE
Cross country team captain

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fun now and I'm not getting nervous."

Lee-Painter was named WAC Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for Sept. 1-7 after she finished first of 41 at the Clash of the Inland Northwest. The team will compete for the second time Saturday at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle.

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Time to show your Vandal Pride!

Lately, disbelief has struck the University of Idaho campus. Somewhere along the way we as Vandals have lost our winning mentality, our killer instinct. We have become a group of fans that accept and expect to lose. Famous one liners such as "Win or lose there is always booze", "Who are we going to lose to this weekend?", and various others only fuel this losing atmosphere. At this point in time you're probably asking yourself "what am I supposed to do about this? I have no impact on the outcome of Vandal sporting events..." and that would be where you're wrong. As fans we have a responsibility to be avid supporters ALL OF THE TIME. Our support and enthusiasm has a direct effect on how our teams perform. Why do you think that at every level of athletic competition there is such

an emphasis on fan participation? It works! As Vandals we need to start believing and reestablishing our famous pride. Show up to as many athletic events as you can! Take an active role as a fan by cheering and supporting our players and coaches. Winning takes a combined effort from everyone involved including fans. If we all start to believe that we can win and be successful (it's been done before i.e. 1998 Humanitarian Bowl Champions, NCAA Sweet 16 participants, WNIT Champions, and numerous other accomplishments) then our teams will too! "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm" (Winston Churchill). Go Vandals!

Joe Vandal

Don't give up faith

Being a Vandal fan can be one of the hardest things to do at times but every great program had to start out somewhere. The USC's and Notre Dame's of football and the North Carolina's and Kansas's of basketball where not always the powerhouses of their sports. Every great team has to start somewhere. Idaho will again become the powerhouse that it once was.

We all need to remember the days of Idaho basketball being #6 in the nation and making a run to the sweet sixteen in 1982, and the 1998 football season when the Vandals defeated Southern Mississippi in the Humanitarian bowl. All sports programs go through cycles of good and bad years. We as fans need to keep supporting our Vandals and know that good times are

soon to come. We also need to support any and all facility upgrades that have been called for. The Kibbie Dome renovation will turn our football facility into one of the best venues in the country. So go out and support our Vandals through thick and thin and know that good things are just around the corner.

Boise State University Vs. University of Idaho Got Tickets?

A limited number of student tickets are still available for the Boise State Vs. University of Idaho football game on November 15th. The allocated time for student only pick-up has expired. If you have not yet received your free student ticket, go to the Ticket Office located on the East end of the Kibbie Dome. Starting today we are also lifting the restrictions on the number of guest passes a student may purchase, they are now unlimited. Get your tickets now before they are gone! Go Vandals!

Men's Tennis Puts In Strong Showing At Boise Fall Classic

BOSIE, Idaho- Men's tennis had good weekend in Boise to start the season on the right foot.

Junior Stas Glukhov reached the singles final of the tournament while Artem Kuznetsov marked his debut for the Vandals by advancing to the semi-finals. Both players lost to Boise State's No.1 player Keen Feeder.

Idaho had a very strong presence in the singles portion of the tournament throughout the weekend. Andrew Dobbs and Tim Huynh joined Glukhov and Kuznetsov in the round of 16 before being eliminated. In a very competitive match, Kuznetsov overcame Huynh 6-4, 6-3 on his way to the semifinals.

Hugh McDonald advanced to the singles final in the consolation draw of the tournament. After bowing out of the main draw on Friday, McDonald won four games before falling to Boise State's Blane Shields.

"This years showing at the BSU event is the strongest the men's team has done in a long time," University of Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman



said, "We know what we need to work on over the next two weeks to get ready for the EWU/Gonzaga Fall

Invitational." The EWU/Gonzaga Fall Classic will be held in Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 10-12.

Cross Country runs well at Sundodger

SEATTLE - The University of Idaho men's and women's cross country teams both finished sixth on Saturday at the Sundodger Invitational at Lincoln Park in Seattle.

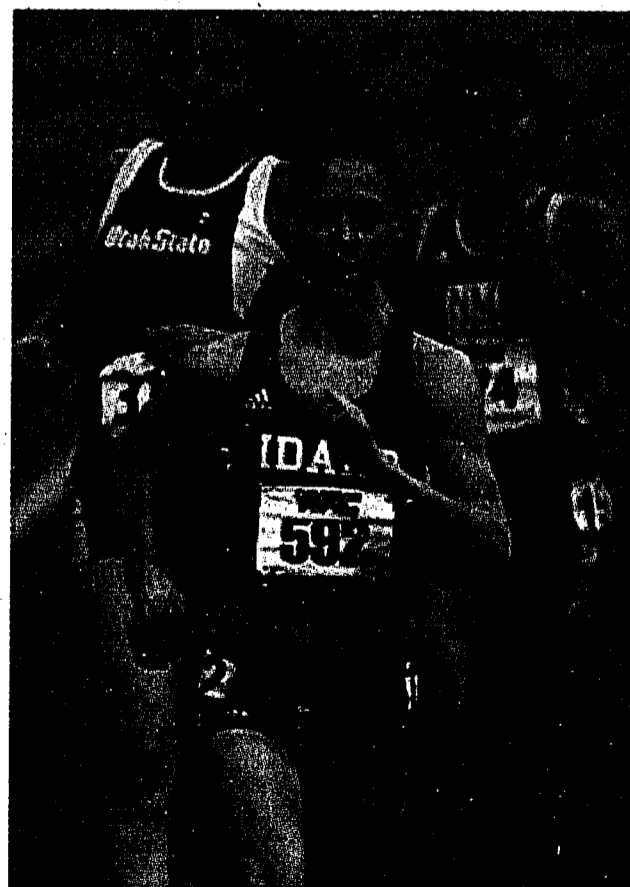
Senior Allix Lee-Painter finished 14th overall out of on the women's side with a time of 21:06 in the 6k run, which was 34 seconds faster than her 2007 time at the meet. For the second-consecutive meet, true freshman Teegan Schoch was Idaho's No. 2 finisher as she came in 29th with a time of 21:58.

Freshmen Maik Holthuijzen (33rd, 22:03) and Anna Kalbrener (57th, 22:58) were Idaho's third and fourth finishers, while junior Melissa McFadden made her season debut with a time of 22:58 and finished 58th.

Idaho ended up with a team score of 141 to take sixth out of nine teams. Host team Washington won with a score of 24.

On the men's side, Idaho's top finisher was senior Jeremiah Johnston, who finished the 8k course in 25:03 and finished 37th. Right behind Johnston was true freshman Markus Geiger at 39th with a time of 25:04.

Junior Kevin Merckling (51st, 25:35), freshman Alex



Brekke (53rd, 25:41) and senior Matt Racine (60th, 25:48) rounded out Idaho's scoring, as the team finished with 165. Washington's men won with a team score of 41.

The next stop for the

Vandal teams will be the Willamette Invitational, where the women will look to defend their team title from a year ago. The meet will take place at Salem, Ore., on Saturday, Oct. 4.

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