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Surviving the cold: in the dorms?

Dara Barney
Argonaut

As temperatures drop, students are struggling to keep warm both outside and inside their dorms.

Katrina Smith is a concerned aunt with a student living in Wallace complex. Smith was so disturbed, she sent an e-mail to University of Idaho Interim President Steven-Daley Laursen.

"There have been complaints that it is freezing within the Wallace Complex," Smith wrote. Apparently no one will turn the 'air conditioners' off."

Although there is no air conditioning in the dorms, this raised some concern.

"We will turn on the heat as soon as we see three to four days of cold and a weather forecast reflecting the same," said Director of University Housing Ray Gasser. "We also will judge based on student concerns. For example, we turned on the heat Sunday based on concerns being raised and low temperatures."

Anthony Kango, a freshman living in Theophilus Tower said he was not pleased with the late turn on.

"It had to be ridiculously cold for awhile before they turned the heat on," Kanago said.

"They need to react faster to temperature changes."

Regulating the temperature isn't as simple as flipping a thermostat. The heat cannot just be turned on and off due to weather changes, Gasser said.

"It can take up to one week to regulate the temperature into the rooms," Gasser said.

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Changes take place across the university

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Across the University of Idaho, changes within the administrative sectors of campus are taking place, stretching from the Engineering Department to the Administration Building.

On Oct. 10, Aicha Elshabini, dean of the College of Engineering, stepped down from her position after holding it for two years.

"Over the years, I've put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this college. I want it to be successful."

Howard
PEAVY
Acting dean

Howard Peavy, associate dean of engineering, has assumed the responsibilities of dean for the next few weeks while the university conducts a search for an interim dean.

"This isn't the first time a researcher or a teacher has decided to step away from an administrative role," Peavy said. "She came to us from a

strong research program, and she's going back into research."

Elshabini currently retains her faculty post within the college's electrical and computer-engineering department and will remain director of the university's Center for Advanced Microelectronics and Biomolecular Research.

Elshabini was unavailable for comment. Peavy started working on Monday and said the experience was like "a two-day root canal."

"Mostly it's been go, go, go," he said. "I'm still getting the hang of it."

Peavy said he hopes by Nov. 1 an interim dean will be selected, and he expects the search to remain local with a primary focus in-house.

As the acting dean, Peavy supervises more than 100 faculty and staff members as well as the budget.

"It really is a big job," he said. Peavy said he doesn't want to serve as dean on a long-term basis, but he wants the university and the program to succeed.

"Over the years, I've put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this college," he said. "I want it to be successful."

Peavy isn't the only faculty member to enter into a new position. Beginning Saturday, Mike Jolly will serve in an interim capacity as executive director of human resources, and Tyrone Brooks from the Division of Finance & Administration will fill an interim term in auxiliary services as assistant vice president.

"I've had a pretty diverse background," Brooks said. "I feel that I'm well prepared to fill this position."

The previous human resources director, Paul Michaud, served his last day today after three years at UI. Brooks described this as "a transition period for the university."

Mike Jolly was unavailable for comment.

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Lawsuit reaches class-action status

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

When early retiree Harvey Neese received a letter signed by the University of Idaho from Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen asking for donations, he wrote a letter in return asking to be removed from the donor list.

"The university has changed," he said. "It has done more harm to itself than I can imagine."

Neese is one of 268 early retirees involved in the class action lawsuit against UI.

In a statement released Oct. 10, the university is said

to retain "the right to revise employment benefits," just as is possible with any retiree.

The statement was issued in response to the hearing that took place on the same day. The ruling, issued by Second District Court Judge John Stegner, ordered the university to provide a list of all retirees who agreed to leave the university early under VSROP or ESRP. The university, for privacy reasons, had previously withheld the list.

"(The judge) made some decisions that gave us some guidance," said early retiree Wileen Anderson.

After contacting retirees on the list, Anderson said 70 have contributed directly to lawyer fees for the suit.

The lawsuit was filed after changes were made to contracts signed by individuals who agreed to retire early in exchange for a specific benefits package. Two programs were used to attract employees to early retirement: the Idaho Early Retirement Incentive Program and the Voluntary Separation and Retirement Opportunities Program.

These retirement programs were used to build funds for specific projects in 1999 and 2002. By encouraging early

retirement, UI could fill positions with cheaper replacements and build funding for annual budget reduction.

Early retirees became aware of changes to their benefits plan in October 2006. Life insurance benefits would be reduced to a flat rate of \$10,000. Neese said many individuals would be losing an average of \$15,000 in coverage.

Early retirees would also be responsible for co-pay, a cost Neese said his contract dictated as university responsibility.

"They currently don't

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CREEPIN' ALONG



A cat spider crawls down a path near the Student Union Building on Thursday. Despite their large size, cat spiders, or araneus gemmoides, are usually docile and harmless to humans.

Jake Barber/Argonaut

Arsonist attacks Obama sign

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Darin Brunstad was on a layover in Spokane when he got the call that his field was on fire. A worker for Alaska Airlines, he said at that moment, the only place he wanted to be was home.

"Why would someone do this?" he said. "Why resort to violence and arson?"

A few minutes before 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, a large campaign sign for presidential candidate Barack Obama in Deary was set on fire.

According to the Latah County Sheriff's Department, the fire department calls it an apparent arson.

No one was home at the time of the fire, but Brunstad's neighbors alerted the authorities.

"My neighbors described it to me as twice the size of their barn," he said. "It's been so dry recently ... I just kept thinking, what if it spreads?"

This was not the first time. Brunstad's sign has been mutilated. Last month someone spray-painted over Obama so it spelled Osama. He painted over the vandalism to restore the name, but a week later it was stolen and found in the outskirts of Deary.

"It was stuck behind an abandoned trailer," Brunstad said. "There were tears 1/3 of the way through it in several

places. It was a mess."

Brunstad repaired the damage and put the sign back in its original place. Due to all the stitches and dents, he nicknamed it Frankenstein.

"Those big signs are really hard to come by," he said. "I'm not going to be bullied. It's my right to share my political beliefs."

Brunstad said the usual reaction to the sign's original damage was to shrug it off as a teenage prank. The perpetrators have yet to be discovered.

He said he thinks this experience could show people the importance of recognizing the significance of small acts.

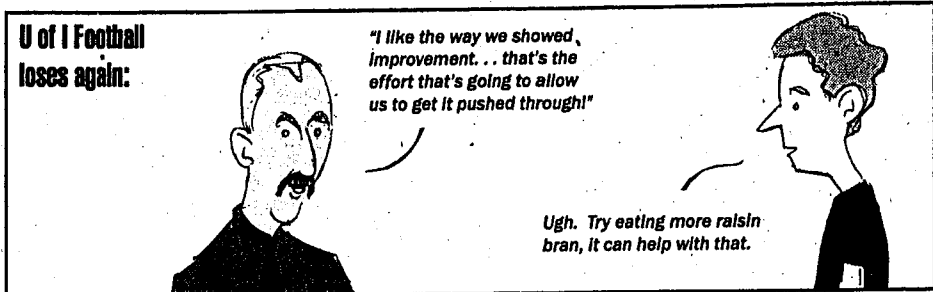
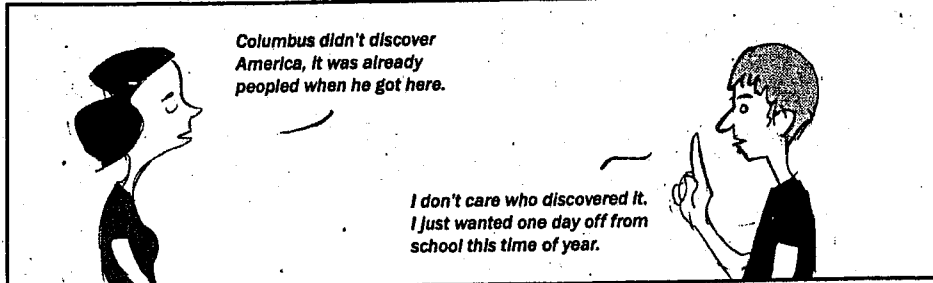
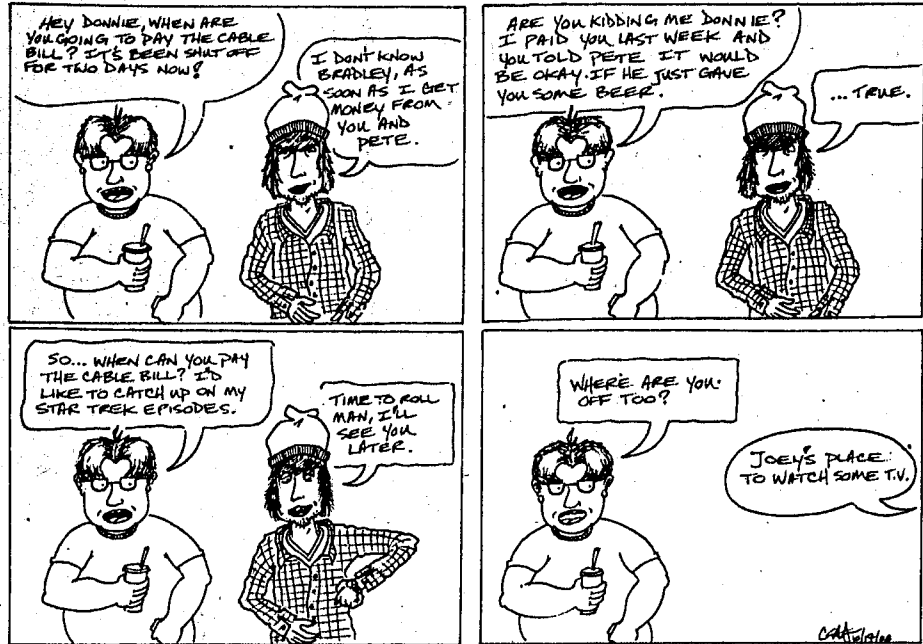
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Off-Campus

Scott Aguilar/Argonaut

PeopleWeKnow

K. Ray Johnson/Argonaut



Health & Wellness Fair

Health & Wellness Fair details: THUR. OCT 23 9am - 4pm, MASSAGE, FLU SHOTS, FREE FOOD, HEALTH INFORMATION, FREE TOTE BAG W/ UI ID

Intramural Sports

Intramural Sports upcoming events: Dodgeball Oct 21, Kickball Oct 21, 3on3 Basketball Oct 29

Sport Club Federation

Sport Club Federation: RUN BY THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS. Get involved with a new or familiar sport. JOIN A SPORT CLUB TODAY

Wellness Classes

ZUMBA: Move to the Latin beat in this high-energy fitness class. ZUMBA OFFERED MON-SAT. CHECK OUT THE FALL WELLNESS SCHEDULE

Outdoor Program & Rental Center

JOE STOCK: PRO MOUNTAIN GUIDE SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION. Thu, Oct 23 7pm, SRC Cost: FREE. IDAHO HOT SPRINGS HIKE. Nov 8-9 Pre Trip: Nov 6 Cost: 35

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Interview with Rebecca Roth: Hometown: Moscow for 24 years (from Navaho, IA). Time spent at Women's Center /LGBTQA Office: Practically all my time (since 2005). Pet project of the year: To get sexual orientation and gender identity expression into UI policies!



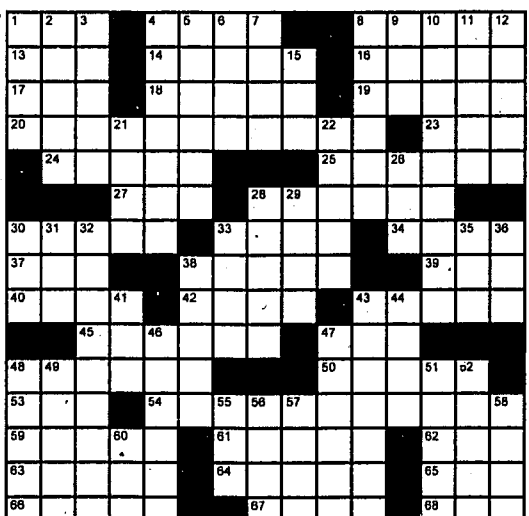
Crossword

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Solutions



Sudoku



Corrections

In the Oct. 14 edition, the news story "All quiet on campus," accidentally implied in a quote that Bill Sali doesn't recognize the Church of Latter-day Saints. To clarify, the comments reflect the opinions of the speaker, not Sali. In the Oct. 10 edition, Mayor Nancy Chaney's name was spelled wrong in the Wild Art "Taking it to the streets" caption. The Argonaut is sorry for any confusion.

Vote Joe Vandal for president

Cyrella Watson
Argonaut

Homecoming is right around the corner, and the Homecoming Committee has been prepping since last fall.

The theme for this year's Homecoming is "Joe Vandal for president."

Homecoming Chair Matt Dyson said it is a good theme because it is an election year.

The week-long event will include many games and activities, which all living groups are encouraged to take part in.

"We encourage living groups to participate," said Anna Marie Limbaugh, assistant chair. "Homecoming is something everybody can participate in."

Previously, Limbaugh said. Homecoming has been seen as a Greek event. This year the Homecoming Committee is working to get more residence hall and off-campus students involved.

"(We) work hard to focus on all living groups," Limbaugh said. "Not just Greek houses, it is a campuswide event."

Homecoming living group chair Alexis

Olson said she went to the Residence Hall Association and other living group meetings to encourage them to get involved.

"(We) want to see everybody get as excited about it as we are," Olson said. "(We want) to unify the university community."

"Homecoming is a success because of the students who participate in the events," Limbaugh said.

The Homecoming Committee has been busily fundraising to provide a fireworks show. Members hosted a pancake feed at Applebee's during Dad's Weekend to help raise money. The committee has also asked alumni to make donations.

"Alums are proud of the school they went to and are more than willing to give back," Limbaugh said.

Dyson said the Homecoming Committee, which is made up of 20 members, has worked hard to plan the many events of the week.

"I have complete faith in the committee, they have done a great job in working toward this common goal," Limbaugh said. "We are definitely ready for Homecoming."

The week-long event will begin on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Baskin Robbins will provide ice cream.

Wednesday, there will be a blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Idaho Commons. Then at 6:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom living groups will perform jingles and skits.

Living group decorations will be displayed Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and judging of the decorations will be on Friday morning.

Friday will include a bonfire and fireworks starting at 8:30 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome parking lot.

The traditional Homecoming parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in downtown Moscow. The football game vs. New Mexico State University is at 2 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome, following the game at 7 p.m. the volleyball team will go up against Boise State University in the Memorial Gym.

Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Homecoming Committee next year can access an application at www.uidaho.edu/homecoming.



Courtesy Photo

The Most Vandalized Fan is one of the University of Idaho Homecoming events. Vandal fans dress up and compete to win a gift certificate to the UI Bookstore.

Gender's role in election Election '08

Argonaut Staff

Jessica Rengel, a junior business major, said she hasn't paid much attention to the presidential race, but she was called to attention when she first heard the voice of Sarah Palin.

"I liked the way she talked," Rengel said. "She reminded me of other women I know. But then I heard more about her and all the stuff she said she did in Alaska ... I just don't trust her."

Rengel — a young, Hispanic, female — in many ways typifies the transition in how candidates are approaching their constituents. For the first time in history those who are running for office are making a concerted effort to reach out to her.

"I really am concerned with women's issues," she said. "A lot of the work I do focuses on that."

Rengel said she has no real attachment to Barack Obama, but she is uncertain about Palin. She offered no opinion about John McCain.

"I almost want to support her because she's a woman, and that's tough enough," she said. "But I don't like her."

Sandra Reineke is an assistant professor of Political Science and Women's Studies.

During a panel discussion on Monday, she expressed her own fear about what it would mean to put Sarah Palin in the White House.

"She would be the first woman to be put in that type of position of power and history will judge her," Reineke said. "It's not just going to be a reflection of her, it's going to be a reflection on women."

The School of Journalism and Mass Media, in association with other departments in the College of Letter, Arts and Social Sciences, organized the Town Hall meeting to dis-

cuss the influence of race and gender on the presidential campaign.

Panelists included Don Crowley, the head of the Political Science Department; Lillian Dunlap, a faculty member at the Poynter Institute and Mark Trahan, the editorial page editor for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Dunlap said she feels the world of journalism was unprepared for the diverse nature of the election. This was evident in the cosmetic nature of the coverage, which she said needed "more substance."

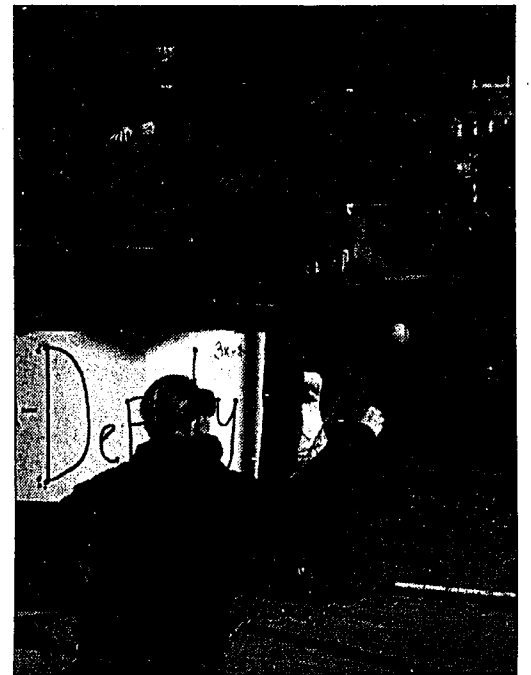
"Clinton was covered as commentary, woman, wife, hottie, a bump of the rib," Dunlap said. "It diminishes journalism."

Since this election offers the option of the first African American president or the first female vice presi-

"I liked the way (Palin) talked. She reminded me of other women I know. But then I heard more about her ... I just don't trust her."

Jessica RENGEL
Junior business major

DUNK A DEPUTY



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

A student tries her best to "Dunk a Deputy" on Wednesday, but luckily for the wetsuit-wearing deputy, the beer goggles made it difficult.

Joe Vandal for President Homecoming 2008

Sunday, October 19

6:00 p.m. Homecoming Kick-Off Celebration - featuring Baskin Robbins Ice Cream and the band Tiger! Uppercut! Student Union Building Ballroom

Monday, October 20

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Food Drive Bag Distribution Committee Leaves from Student Union Building Ballroom - canvas all of Moscow

Wednesday, October 22

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Blood Drive - Celebrating a University of Idaho Tradition Idaho Commons - Whitewater/Clearwater Rooms

6:30 p.m. Vandal Jingles/Photo Scavenger Hunt Slide Show with Pizza Student Union Building Ballroom

Thursday, October 23

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Living Group Decorations Various campus locations

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food Drive Bag Pick-Up Drop Off at Alumni Office

Friday, October 24

2:00 p.m. OR 4:00 p.m. Vandal Legacies Gold Star Tours - Campus Tours, Open Houses Various campus locations

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. VandalFest for Idaho Alumni University Inn Best Western - 1516 Pullman Road

8:00 p.m. Serpentine

Golf Course through campus and past Memorial Gym to Kibbie Dome Parking Lot

8:30 p.m. Bonfire/Fireworks Kibbie Dome Parking Lot

Saturday, October 25

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Parade Check In Ted's Burgers - 321 North Main Street

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Feed Moscow Fire Station - 603 South Main Street

10:00 a.m. Homecoming Parade Main Street/Downtown Moscow

2:00 p.m. Football Game vs. New Mexico State University - Go Vandals! Kibbie Dome

7:00 p.m. Volleyball Match vs. Boise State University - Go Vandals! Memorial Gym

For a more detailed schedule please www.joevandal4president.com



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The University of Idaho is hosting its second annual President's Sustainability Symposium on nurturing our land, water and air, and the new economic and moral imperative of sustainability. It is a timely effort, as sustainability challenges and initiatives have become prominent political, economic and social issues. In the coming decades, the region, nation and world will need to invest significant resources in building its water resources infrastructure to meet a growing world population that is evolving in terms of both affluence and social values. To help inform this effort, this year's symposium will provide a forum to learn about and discuss issues related to the development of an infrastructure for sustainable water resources.

The University of Idaho is proud to have been a leader and advocate of sustainability for decades. The faculty, staff and students at Idaho have integrated sustainability into classrooms and laboratories and have developed outreach programs to inform and involve the communities and people throughout the state.

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Idaho Commons

4th Floor

Aurora Room

SCHEDULED PRESENTERS

David Tuthill

Executive Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources

Jorg Imberger

Professor in the Centre for Water Research, University of Western Australia

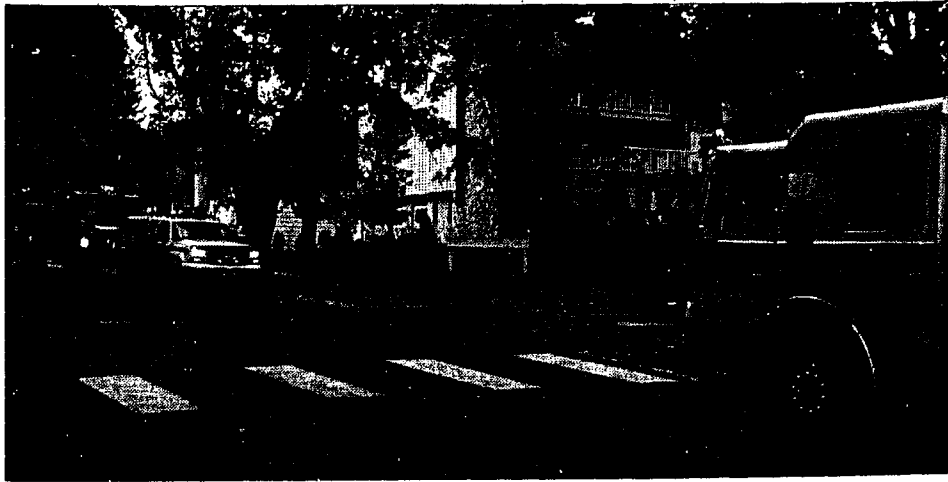
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PI PHI FIREALARM



Nick Groff/Argonaut

The Moscow Volunteer Fire Department responds to one of nine false fire alarms at the Pi Beta Phi sorority this semester on Thursday afternoon.

SenateREPORT

Open forum

ASUI Recreation board chair Tyler Doil told members of the Senate he is planning the Vandal Fitness Challenge. He said it is a 10-week fitness challenge and the recreation board is working to get additional funding for the event and hoping for at least 500 participants.

ASUI Director of Athletics Marie Fabricius told members of the Senate there ended up being a good turnout of people at the Vandalizers' Kickoff last week and thanked the two senators who joined the group. She said it is important for students to see senators become Vandalizers.

ASUI Presidential Policy Adviser Anna Marie Limbaugh gave members of the Senate an application to be a member of the Homecoming Committee for the 2009-2010 school year. She encouraged members of the Senate to pass along applications for Homecoming to their living groups. Limbaugh asked members of the Senate to pass bill F08-38, an act transferring \$1,000 to the Homecoming Committee for the Homecoming fireworks display. She said the Homecoming Committee will start fundraising earlier next year to avoid having to ask the Senate to donate money.

Presidential communication

ASUI President Garrett Holbrook asked members of the Senate to immediately consider and pass resolution F08-04, a resolution challenging the Associated Students of Boise State University to a canned food drive.

He encouraged members of the Senate to also immediately consider bill F08-45, an act changing the time of the Oct. 22 ASUI Senate meeting. He asked that they pass resolution F08-05, a resolution denouncing hate crime on the University of Idaho campus.

Holbrook told members of the Senate he did meet with faculty and they are discussing the criteria used to cut programs at UI. He encouraged the Senate to dis-

cuss the issue with their living groups because it is important students know about the programs that could possibly be cut.

Unfinished business

Bills

F08-38, an act transferring \$1,000 to the Homecoming Committee for the Homecoming fireworks display, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

Resolutions

F08-04, an act challenging the Associated Students of Boise State University to a canned food drive, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

New Business

Bills

F08-40, an act amending the ASUI rules and regulations, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

F08-41, an act amending the ASUI Senate bylaws, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

F08-42, an act appointing Stephen Parrot as ASUI Director of Community Relations, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

F08-43, an act appointing Joel Zwainz as ASUI Director of Academics, was sent to Government Operations and Appointments.

F08-44, an act appointing Garrett Lamm as ASUI Director of Sustainability, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

F08-45, an act changing the time of the Oct. 22 ASUI Senate meeting, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

Resolutions

F08-05, a resolution denouncing hate crime on the University of Idaho campus, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

Vetoed Bills

None

- Cyrilla Watson

Tearing down scientific walls

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Biologists and mathematicians at the University of Idaho are knocking at one another's doors to solve the mysteries of genetics.

"My background is in mathematics," said Steve Krone, a mathematics professor. "I got my PhD studying probability. I was working on some mathematical models that were related to some populations... over the years I got more interested in biology, and now I have my own biology lab."

Krone is working on a project with biology professor Eva Top that researches antibiotic resistant plasmids in bacteria.

Plasmids are pieces of DNA that are spread from one cell to another like an infection. They can be transmitted across species of bacteria.

"This is one of the main ways that antibiotic resistance is spread and why it is spread so quickly," Krone said. "I'm working on the theoretical part of it and Eva Top's working on the experimental part."

Krone and Top have a grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the spread and evolution of these plasmids as part of the Initiative for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies, an interdisciplinary association focused on research for evolutionary biology and biomedicine.

It began as a series of lunches between computer scientists, mathematicians and biologists, and devel-

oped into an organization for research. In February 2002, the group was given \$10.1 million of initial funding bringing together scientists from across disciplines to do research, said Professor of Mathematics Paul Joyce.

"We started looking back at some of these papers from the '80s," Joyce said. "We were trying to see if these theoretical papers could be verified using an experimental system."

Before the project about plasmids, Krone worked with biologist Dr. Holly Wickman on bacteriophages, viruses that infect bacteria, in response to papers written during the 1980s.

He has also worked with Larry Forney, director of IBEST, and James Foster, who directs the Bioinformatics Core Facility, a supercomputing cluster designed to analyze scientific data.

In addition to the supercomputer, IBEST runs a DNA sequencing facility that handles genetic research.

"Genetics plays a huge role," Krone said. "It's like we have a new window into how all these species are changing over time, but it's not totally genetics."

He said a lot of the work he does is both ecology and genetics.

"Different species of bacteria competing for space, that's ecology," Krone said. "But randomly arising changes in the genome? That's genetics."

IBEST also came at the same time as the graduate Bioinformatics and Com-

putational Biology Program, which combined studies of mathematics, computer science and biology into an interdisciplinary degree. The program prepares students for a career in research in all three areas.

"The math students are going over to the biology labs for a semester and actually working in the labs," Joyce said. "The biology students are actually doing some of the mathematical modeling."

The first graduate of the BCB program was Zaid Abdo, who currently teaches at UI and does research with IBEST. Other students have gone on to tenure track positions at Florida State University and employment at the Center for Mathematical Research in Mexico.

"Right now I'm going to go down to Mexico in March and teach a workshop there," Joyce said. "I'm recruiting one of his students to the BCB program, so there's our connection with Latin America."

Connections are springing up between disciplines and countries, and borders between the sciences are dissolving.

Joyce said the standard paradigm was for chemists to apply to the chemistry unit of the National Science Foundation and biologists to go to the biology department.

"Now, if you're in biology you can go to math," he said. "Mathematicians can go to biology. We're right on the borderline between different disciplines."

Free costume.

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Sheldon Vincenti likes to talk about the UI but ...

Vincenti Doesn't Want You To Know ...

Two years ago he was a dean at a failed law school in Paducah Kentucky.

His school bragged that he "knows all about accreditation" but it failed accreditation so students can't even take the bar exam.

(Source: American Justice Newsletter and Associated Press)



"Dean Vincenti's contributions are a permanent part of the history of AJSL."

(Source: American Justice Faculty Directory)

Students paid over \$25,000 a year in tuition but complained "there was no toilet paper in the restrooms, copiers and printers often had no paper, and the lights were once turned off in the library because the school couldn't pay its bills."

(Source: American Bar Association)

The school was sued by its own students for \$120 million, accused of racketeering and applying for loans in students' names without their knowledge.

(Source: American Bar Association and Associated Press)

The new dean calls getting accreditation "a long nightmare" and cites previous lax enforcement of academic policies.

(Source: American Bar Association and local NBC news affiliate)

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Candidates talk about their views

State Congress debate on campus focuses on education

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

A debate about the importance of students and education resonated in the Borah Theater Tuesday between candidates seeking congressional seats.

Gary Schroeder and Sheldon Vincenti are the Idaho Senate District 6 candidates, and they began their opening statements by emphasizing their connections to the University of Idaho, Schroeder as an alumnus and Vincenti as Dean of the UI College of Law.

Bob Hassoldt, the non-incumbent of Idaho House District 6B, highlighted his connections to UI by mentioning he earned his degree in forestry here. Tom Trail, incumbent of Idaho House District 6A, is also a UI alumnus.

Trail noted his influence in passing the Robert R. Lee Promise Scholarships, which he said have helped many Idahoans go to state colleges.

"Minimizing student fees is my highest priority," he said.

His opponent, Judy Brown, is a Cornell-educated economist who repeatedly spoke of the Re-

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Judy **BROWN**
State Senate District 6 candidate

publican "supermajority" in the Idaho legislature, but was also concerned with the high price of education.

"You students are paying too much to go to college," she said. "I don't think that's right."

Hassoldt turned his attention to the state economy, stating education should contribute to Idaho's commerce. He said he would attempt to diversify and increase exports while decreasing taxation.

He also proposed investing state dollars into Wi-Fi connections that would increase Internet availability and allow individuals to work on degrees online, as well as increased focus on vocational and agricultural education.

Shirley Ringo, a retired public school teacher and incumbent from House District 6B, shared the view education should be preserved and special attention should be given to K-12 students. She acknowledged some expenditures would have to be cut.

"The decision is going to be hard to make and we will have to do so wisely," Ringo said.

Schroeder and Vincenti said they share many of the same views on education, including the idea that there should not be an expansion of the UI College of Law in Boise. Both expressed the opinion that education should be a central focus.

"Our children and our schools are what is important," Schroeder said.

Vincenti said his Harvard education didn't necessarily mean he came from wealth. He said he was from Ogden, Utah and he worked very hard to make his way to the Ivy League.

All the candidates agreed the proposed user fee for driving on Idaho roads based on the vehicle odometer reading was not in the state's best interest and instead favored raising the tax on gasoline to cover costs of the transportation department. Schroeder and Vincenti said they advocate a per-gallon rate, while Ringo said she favors a per-dollar rate of taxation.

A question from the audience brought up the issue of concealed weapons on campus. Hassoldt said he likes the "Vermont approach," where anyone and everyone is allowed to have a concealed weapon as long as they aren't using it for "evil purposes." He also stressed the need for responsible gun ownership.

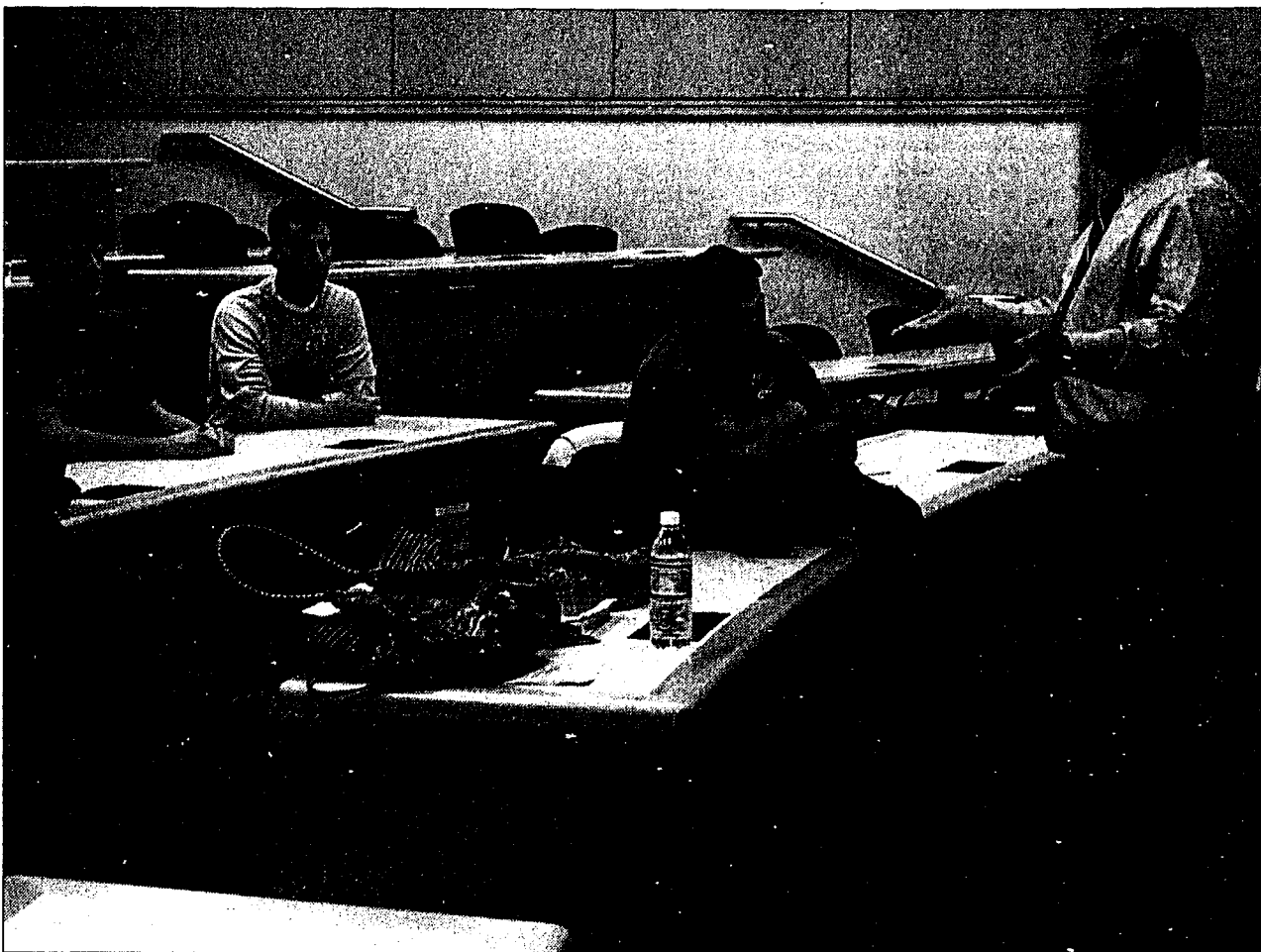
"Do you hear of a lot of murders taking place in Vermont?" Hassoldt said.

Schroeder said "guns aren't the problem, people are the problem" and a policy against concealed weapons was unenforceable.

Trail said he believed it should be left to the school to decide while Brown, Ringo and Vincenti agreed weapons should be left off campus.

"A university is no place for weapons," Vincenti said.

A CAPTURED AUDIENCE



Congressman Bill Sali (R) speaks in the J.A. Albertson building Thursday. Sali was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives in 1990, and in 2007 he took office as the representative for Idaho's First Congressional District. *Jake Barber/Argonaut*

NewsBRIEFS

Art awards given to local supporters

To recognize individuals, organizations and patrons who have shown support for the arts are part of the 2008 Mayor's Arts Awards.

The awards, presented by the Moscow Arts Commission, will be given out at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 at the 1912 Center.

Awards were made by local wood artist Jim Christiansen.

For more information, contact Gina Baldwin at 883-7036 or at gbaldwin@ci.moscow.id.us.

Idaho author to speak on novel

Author Kim Barnes will read from her new novel, "A Country Called Home," at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in the University of Law School Courtroom.

The event is free, open to the public and sponsored by the Department of English and the Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing Program.

Barnes is a creative writing faculty member and shared her experience of writing and publishing novels in her graduate courses.

She has published two memoirs, "In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in Unknown Country," and "Hungry for the World."

For more information on this and other authors from the Distinguished Visiting Writer Series presentations, contact Brandon Schrand at bschrand@uidaho.edu or at 885-7407.

Collecting food to feed the hungry

Students at the University of Idaho dietetics program in Coeur d'Alene plan to gather food that would be wasted and use it to feed those who are hungry throughout Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho on Tuesday.

Only 13 students will attend an invitation-only food show in Spokane. It brings together more than 3,500 restaurant and food service industry representatives around the state.

It is sponsored by Food Services of America.

The food show is from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Spokane Group Health Exhibit Hall.

For more information on the event, contact University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene Assistant Professor of Food and Nutrition SeAnne Safai-Fabiano at sjsafai@uidaho.edu.

Landlord/tenant clinic offered

Idaho Legal Aid Services housing attorneys will present an overview of landlord-tenant law at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at UI College of Law in Room 108.

After, low-income or senior tenants can receive brief, free legal advice for eviction, repairs, security deposits or fair housing/discrimination issues.

Those who need advice should arrive by 6 p.m. to complete an application and bring relevant papers (lease, notices, etc.). Admission is free and open to the public. Call the ILAS Lewiston office for more information at 743-1556.

Calendar

Today

Women's Leadership Conference
9 a.m.
Idaho Commons

AgSAC Soup sale
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
BioTech Interaction Court

CAA Stakeholders Visioning Session
11:30 a.m.
Water Center Event Room

Landlord-Tenant Rights Clinic
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons

Opening Reception for IURDC's move to the Water Center
4 p.m.
Idaho Water Center

Performance: "Frozen"
7 p.m.
Kiva Theatre

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understand what a contract is up there," Neese said. "To have the university to turn against (early retirees) like this and do it in such a dirty way ..."

A summary judgment is to be given July 16 after data has been compiled for each side. The university will then have the opportunity to settle the suit or continue.

Attempts were made to confront UI on the issue before a claim was filed, said early retiree Joyce Presby. They were told the administration would follow up with their cause, she said, but the group never received feedback.

"It fell on deaf ears," Presby said. "Basically, I think they were just trying to outlast us. They thought we'd give up, but we didn't."

Neese said filing the claim was the last option.

"The last thing you want to do is get into any kind of legal hassle," he said. "Whoever says this is a great system here is full of bologna."

Anderson said she was hoping to not have to go

to trial. She said some retirees are concerned about the requirements of the process.

"I worked for the university and both (my) children go through there," Anderson said. "It's not something we wanted to do. We did what we had to do."

Anderson said she stands by her statement. Had the university made their changes known, there would be no issue today.

"It's not the money issue at all," Anderson said. "It's the fact that the university broke the contract."

Moscow-based lawyer Ron Landeck represents the early retirees. He said he feels confident in the case.

"All these people who worked so hard were promised they would receive these benefits," Landeck said. "The university is incredibly disingenuous when they say they have the right to take away these benefits. That's not honoring (the early retirees)."

Anderson said she feels confident in their representation.

"It's going to be bad news if (UI) win(s) because then contracts don't mean anything," she said.

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"I'm glad this is being taken under serious consideration," he said.

The incident is currently being investigated by the Latah County Sheriff's Department.

Brunstad said when his neighbors spoke to him about the incident, they told them it made them feel sick. However, he said he carries no delusions about the political leanings of the region.

"I know not everyone believes what I believe," Brunstad said. "But I can't think of any reason for someone to do this outside of racism, racism and ignorance."

He said he still believes the majority of people in

Deary are decent and hard working people who are outraged by the damage to his property.

"No matter what, we're still neighbors," Brunstad said.

He said his niece lives with him and he felt "extremely fortunate" she was staying with his neighbors while he was out of town.

As he thinks of her, his voice breaks slightly, but a moment later he regains his composure and begins speaking with a new ferocity.

"It's my freedom of political expression, my freedom of political belief," he said. "Without them, we could easily fall into some kind of dictatorship or oppressive regime ... I'm not going to let anyone make me feel afraid to express myself."

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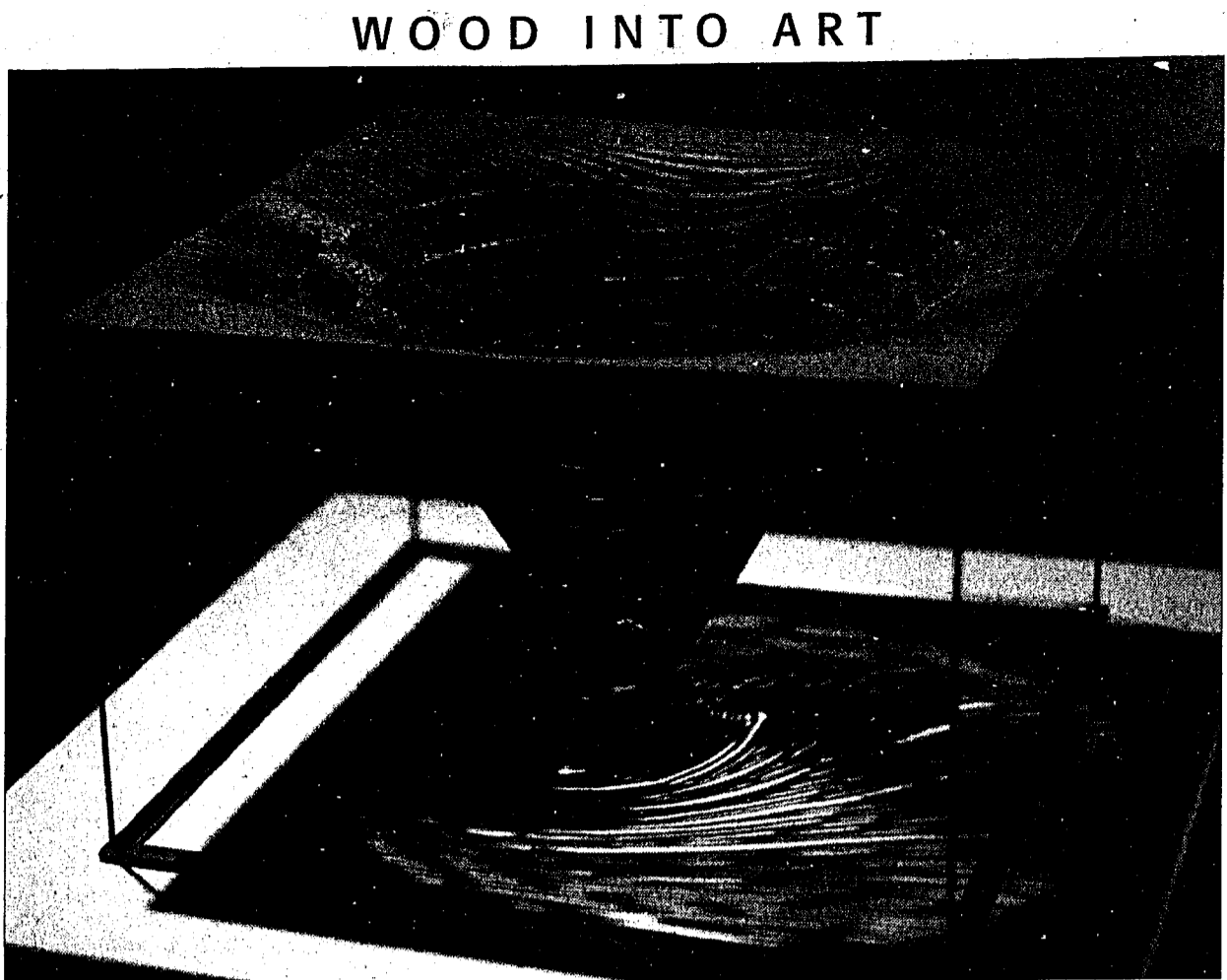
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"Wood into art," by Michael Brolly is one of the sculptures on display at "Over the Edge, Wood Turning into Sculpture" at the Prichard Art Gallery. The gallery will be hosting a special exhibit tour tonight at 7 p.m.

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According to Brooks, these temporary positions will last for the remainder of the school year, meaning that when it comes time for the universities annual meeting with the Board of Regents, Brooks will be part of the process.

"It's really a collaborative effort," he said. "We're building a cast that can encourage the Board of Regents to support our university."

For the past three years, the Board has not approved fee increase proposals made by the university. Currently, 16 percent of the university's total revenue comes from students.

Brooks said he looks forward to "assisting the team."

Peavy described himself as a placeholder — a term he said suits most interim positions.

"The way I see it, my job is to keep everything moving along," he said.

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Resident Assistant Torrey Ikeda in Wallace and Resident Hall Association Representative Mark Leija said the bottom line is heating in the residence halls is more of an inconvenience rather than a hassle because they don't have to worry about it themselves.

If there are complaints or comments about heating or temperature in the residence halls, Torrey and Leija said they can be sent in and changed.

The heating in the dorms is universal, but the students have little control over their room temperature.

"Only in the LLC (Living and Learning Center) can a student control the temperature," Gasser said. "In those rooms they can

only control within 7 degrees of the temperature coming into the room."

The steam plant is a main campus heating system.

"When the heat needs to be turned on, the steam plant is called to turn the steam over to heated steam," Gasser said.

This steam runs the heat in all the residence halls.

In actuality, university housing has little control over the heat in each building, because the heat in other buildings is based on the heat on campus, said Gasser.

Smith wrote a letter to Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen as well.

"His prompt action resolved the situation," Smith said. "Now there is heat in the Wallace Complex."

She said she was grateful for the help of all the people involved.

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OurVIEW

Cutting out history

Leaders of Moscow High School this week suggested cutting back the number of history classes students should have to take in favor of increasing math and science requirements. Those leaders should realize they're also cutting back on the students' sense of where they came from, why they're here and where they'll be going in the future.

The students would only be required to take one year of U.S. history classes and one year of world history.

It is critical for high school students to have a well-rounded education to make cultured decisions about the majors and careers they'll want to pursue in college. Without a basic knowledge of the history of this country — including the events, people and the evolution of American ideals, and more importantly, why these are still so meaningful for us today — students will not have an accurate background of who they are as people and who we are as a country.

It is irresponsible of the MHS leaders and unfair for the educators of these future college students who will have to pick up the pieces of a broken and unbalanced education.

MHS Principal Bob Celebrezze stands by the recommendations because "only 5 percent of the world's population is from the United States."

But what about the history of the mil-

lions of people from the world's population who immigrated to the United States over its 232-year history? What of the history of this country's own native people whose story deserves to be told?

Without emphasizing aspects of our history such as the importance of events like the Civil Rights Movement, the intellect of leaders like Eleanor Roosevelt and the critical components of American ideals guaranteed by our Constitution, we can only blame ourselves as we repeat the mistakes of our past.

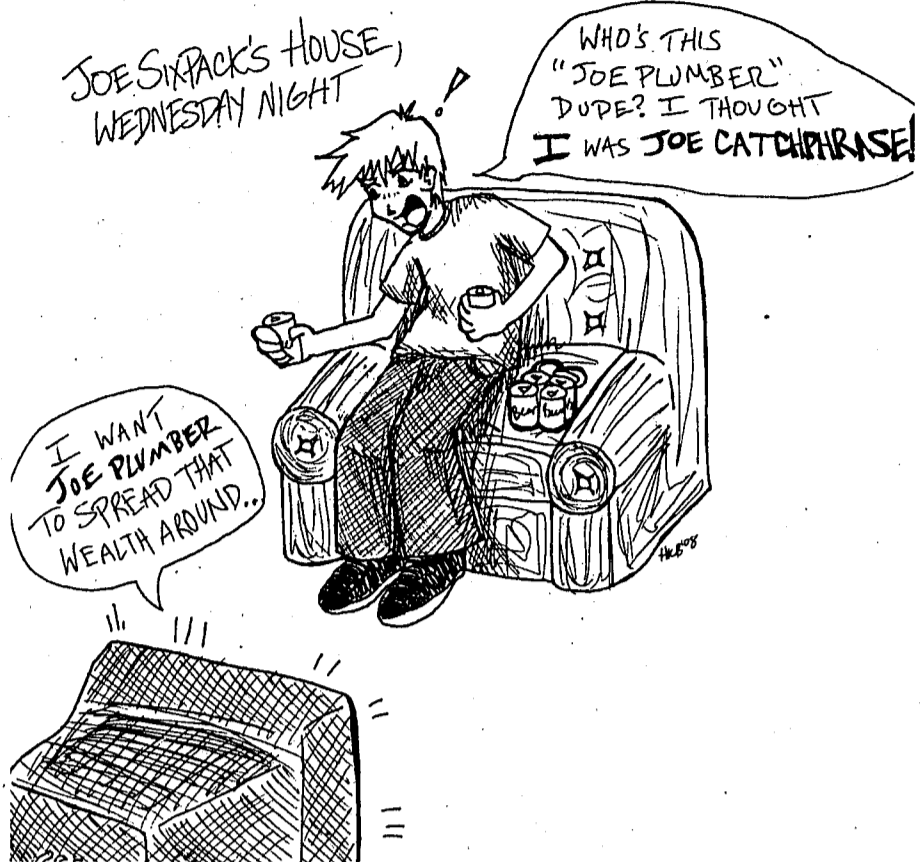
We as a people should know and be held responsible for our own history.

When these students get into a university setting, they'll be meeting new and different people every day. It is important to understand the differences of one another — differences that can largely be explained by our history.

Once students graduate, they'll be thrown into a diverse workforce and will be expected to work hand in hand and respect people who may or may not have the same historical background and ideals.

If a person doesn't have a sense of personal history, we can't legitimately ask him or her to accept and understand the differences that make up another — which is an aspect of life we should be encouraging, not cutting back.

— CL



Holly Bowen/Argonaut

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Printing green

I went to the bookstore the other day, and when I was cashing out, I noticed the Blue Books were no longer blue. The blue books changed to green books with totally recyclable materials. Nice to see the university making a small change.

— Alexis

Bad typo

In New York's Rensselaer County, absentee ballots with the name "Barack Osama" were sent out to 300 voters. I would be appalled, but at this point, it's going to take a lot more than an allusion to a terrorist for the disaster team of McCain/Palin to win.

—Sydney

Help from my friends

All political leanings aside, if Sen. John McCain says "my friends" one more time, I'm throwing myself into oncoming traffic. Or I could take a shot of some delicious rum every time he says it and probably get the same result. Here's to you, Johnny.

—Christina

So much for that

In my column on Tuesday, I offered a prize to the most creative solution to the Moscow-Pullman Highway crosswalk dilemma, asking for respondents to post their answers online at www.ui-argonaut.com. No one responded correctly. Either that means no one has a solution or no one cares enough to offer one. Either way, I get to keep my money, so I'm happy.

— Holly

Hmph

With a new average of about \$3 per gallon, gas prices have officially dropped from "godless"

to merely "expensive." I never thought I'd be mildly excited about paying \$25 for a half-tank. It's not really worth a cheer, but I would like to offer gas prices a tight-lipped fist clenching emphasized by a meaningless throat noise, like a soft "hmpf."

— Kevin

Smell that smell

People tell me first impressions are important so make a lasting one. Here is to you, Moscow city planner, who, in my estimation, took a big hit of his crack pipe when designing a sewer plant near a main entrance to the town. Your brilliance has given Moscow a great first impression — "I'm likeable, but before you fall in love, I should let you know, I smell like poo."

— Levi

Dragging on

Midterms are over, and while I'm thankful for that, it makes me realize we still have half a semester to go before Winter Break. Without Thanksgiving Break to hold me over, I think I would just go crazy. This whole school thing is wearing me down. Maybe I should skip it and go on a road trip.

— Jake

Consistency

So far I've had to write two stories this year about acts of random violence and hate. It's disturbing that these days people are still so ignorant and cruel. It's unfortunate some things never change.

— Lianna

Autumn cooking

One thing I love about fall is all the produce that's available around this time. Pumpkins, apples, squash, carrots, pears and sweet potatoes will soon be cooked and eaten by me and everyone brave enough to try my recipes.

— Lulu

Vote first; ask questions later

It is my sincerest hope every person reading this column is aware of the upcoming election. I also hope those who take time to consider the issues and candidates thoughtfully will make sure they are registered and will vote, especially if they agree with me.

However, even those of us who are determined to cast an informed, intelligent vote may find it difficult to do so. This is because there are some people, namely the candidates themselves, who, it seems, do not want us to know where they stand on the issues.

Of course, all candidates will say they want voters to know where they stand; they'll

tell us they support education and small businesses (what-

ever that means) and they understand the concerns of everyday, hardworking, middle-class people (as if that tells us anything). When it comes down to it, though, most are not willing to take a specific stance on the issues publicly.

To illustrate this point, we can look at Project Vote Smart. It is an excellent resource for doing candidate research. The organization maintains

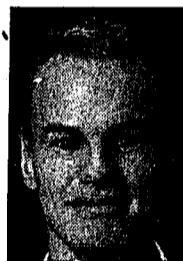
a Web site which provides information on national, state and local elections across the country. It provides candidates' biographical information, voting records, speeches and

interest group ratings. What is especially important, though, is the Political Courage Test, an extensive questionnaire on a very broad range of issues which the organization sends to every candidate listed on the Web site. Viewing a candidate's responses to this survey is extremely helpful ... if the candidate chooses to fill it out. Sadly, most don't.

Neither of our candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives has completed the survey, nor have our presidential candidates.

In fact, of the six listed candidates for president (yes, six), only two have completed the survey: the Libertarian candidate, Bob Barr, and the Constitutionalist candidate, Chuck Baldwin. In our own state, only

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Benjamin Ledford Argonaut arg-opinion@uidaho.edu

MailBOX

Minnick not so conservative

As we narrow in on Election Day, it is important your readers know exactly who the candidates are in this year's first congressional race. Walt Minnick, the Democratic challenger for the First Congressional District, has been spending hundreds of thousands of dollars so far on advertising, which highlights his so-called "conservative" takes on the issues. During his time as president of TJ International, his company profited from restrictions placed on logging of old-growth timber at the expense of the Idaho logging industry.

Minnick is a dangerous candidate. Did you know Minnick served on the board of directors for the Wilderness Society for many years? Did you know a major focus of the Wilderness Society is to create more wilderness in an effort to lock you out of your public lands for all but the most primitive of uses?

However, the message I am trying to deliver in this letter is one of hope. Bill Sali is a mem-

ber of the Natural Resources Committee in the House of Representatives and in that capacity has taken an active approach to ensuring federally owned lands are kept open for public enjoyment. He stands firmly opposed to legislation that would limit responsible access to public lands. Unlike Minnick, Sali believes the great lands of this country belong to the people, and his actions during his 18 years as an elected official are completely consistent with this view. I am excited to offer him my endorsement for re-election.

Steve Frisbie Eagle

Consider candidate records

Bill Sali took a courageous stand against the \$700 billion bailout of Wall Street. It has become apparent the bailout was the wrong course of action — it hasn't succeeded in stopping the plunging stock market, and it put us even further into debt as a nation. Walt Minnick, on the other hand, has been directly involved in the

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FEMINIST FRIDAY

What does sex really mean to feminism?

Today many feminists and even some researchers say feminists make better sex partners. Yet at the same time, stereotypes say feminists hate men. This is a result of many opposing movements and debates within the feminist movement.

Sex, the act rather than the gender, is an interesting topic in feminism because it's a conflicting issue.

The main two views of feminist thought on the subject consist of one: the critique of the restrictions on women's sexual behavior and denouncement of openly sexually active women. This tradition of feminist thought has called for a sexual liberation that brought forth feminist pornography, easy access to birth control and reproductive rights. The second view has considered sexual liberalization to be a mere extension of male domination and privilege.

Feminists of the first mindset are often referred to as sex-positive feminists. The sex-positive feminist brings together anti-censorship activists, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender activists, feminist scholars, producers of pornography and erotica and others and revolves around the idea sexual freedom is an essential component of women's freedom. Sex-positive feminists reject the condemnation of male sexuality, which is so often stereotyped in radical feminists. Instead, they embrace all human sexuality under the argument patriarchy limits sexual expression. They favor giving people of all genders more sexual opportunities rather than restricting.

Since the 1970s, American culture has seen an increase in violent and sexual imagery in the media, the mainstreaming of pornography and an increase in sexual activity among teenagers. These concerns were voiced in the feminist movement with radical feminist groups claiming pornography only fueled patriarchy and was a direct cause of violence against women. Radical feminists such as Robin Morgan, for example, rallied with the cry, "pornography is the theory; rape the practice."

In response to these radical feminists, the sex-positive feminism began. In feminism history, the 1980s are sometimes referred to as the "Feminist Sex Wars" which included debates about the issues

of feminist sexual representation, pornography and other sexual issues. Today, sex-positive feminism is quite evident, and women have benefited from the sex-positive feminism in regards to open conversations about sex, sex education, sex toys, erotica, etc.



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With the risk of enhancing the "all women are lesbians" stereotype, sex-positive feminists acknowledge accepting all sexual orientations is necessary in order to allow women full sexual freedom. Thus, women's liberation cannot be achieved without also promoting acceptance of homosexuality and bisexuality.

A rather new development raising issues within the feminism movement is feminist porn. For many, this sounds like an oxymoron given the vast amount of degrading mainstream porn.

Porn star Annie Sprinkle famously said, "The answer to bad porn isn't no porn. It's more porn." Feminists in the pornography production did exactly that. They felt women and female fantasies were under-represented. Mainstream pornography tends to be cheesy, cliché, degrading, low-budget and patronizing. Feminist porn filmmakers come from a woman's perspective and want to portray women as sexual beings, not sexual objects. Feminist porn focuses on artistic expressions, storylines, quality and tastefulness.

However, only some sex-positive feminists believe women and men can have positive experiences as sex workers. Most feel while sex work is illegal, prostitution should be decriminalized. There are widely varying views on prostitution as it relates to class, race, human trafficking and many other issues. Sex-positive feminists generally agree prostitutes themselves should not be stigmatized or penalized.

Sex and feminism clash constantly, and for some, feminist porn is taking it a bit far. But what is important is there is nothing shameful about an open, honest dialogue about sex and sexuality. Everyone deserves to explore his or her own sexuality in a safe and comfortable environment, and sex-positive feminists want to provide that without (the often) crudity of men's secret desires.

VOTE

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two of the five candidates for U.S. Senate have completed it: a Libertarian and an independent.

Third party candidates and independents seem much more likely to talk about their positions, and this is understandable because when you don't have name recognition, money or major party support, the only way to attract votes is to have clear, strong opinions that get people excited. The other reason, of course, is that third-party candidates don't have anything to lose.

In that sense, I can understand why major candidates are hesitant to reveal their positions. If you are close to winning a race, the last thing you want to do is to take some clear position that might cost you votes. They must figure it's better to let people assume you agree with them. But how arrogant is it to ask for somebody's vote and yet refuse to tell him or her where you stand? Sure, campaigns these days have e-mail addresses so you can contact them with questions, but if you can get a major party candidate to respond, you will

have had more success than I. Jim Risch illustrates this perfectly. He refused to take part in the Senate debate here at the university, he refused to complete the Political Courage Test and his campaign Web site lists only a few, vague positions. How can he expect us to vote for him when he won't even tell us where he stands?

The most frustrating thing is Risch will still win the election. People will vote for him because they assume he agrees with them because he is a Republican, even though he will not divulge his political views in public. Who knows, maybe he does agree with me on most issues (unlikely), but why should I cast my vote on that chance?

Whenever a third-party candidate is mentioned, we hear talk of "throwing away your vote," but by what stretch of the imagination, is it better to vote for candidates who won't tell you what they think? Is that worth your vote? Of course, just being clear and specific is not enough reason to vote for a candidate, but it should be at least a minimum requirement.

Being a vague member of a major party may be enough to win an election, but it won't get my vote, and it shouldn't get yours, either.

School fails to stop bigotry

The Daily Gamecock
U. South Carolina

If you could escape all the ugly parts of high school — the harassment and the bullying — would you do it?

Chicago public school officials are advocating the creation of a "gay-friendly" high school that would serve 600 students.

The school, which would be called The School for Social Justice Pride Campus, would not be exclusive to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, but would create an accepting environment.

The school would feature a curriculum comparable to other area high schools but would feature counseling and courses on sexual identity, gay literature and history.

The main aim of the school would be to aid graduation and attendance rates for the GLBT students.

Creating more options for the GLBT

community is definitely a good thing, but we feel that creating a school so that those groups can self-segregate oversteps boundaries.

Not only that, but it fails to solve the real problem: intolerance.

GLBT students are three times more likely to skip school for fear of harassment or violence. Instead of having these students self-segregate themselves, the Chicago Public School Board should incorporate curriculum that stresses tolerance and diversity.

The school board should incorporate the same specialized curriculum for the proposed Pride Campus for all the schools' 400,000 students.

Educating students who are intolerant of their classmates should be the first step in creating a safe environment for all students.

The first step in fighting the intolerance and violence that plagues GLBT students should be educating all the students, not just the gay ones.

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MAILBOX

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economic turmoil we are all facing today.

For instance, Minnick was a member of the board of directors of the Wilderness Society. He spent 16 years on their board, and during that time, they filed lawsuits against drilling in the National Petroleum Reserve — Alaska, ANWR, on the outer continental shelf and in 10 of the 48 lower states. This amounts to more than 24 billion barrels of oil. Minnick needs to atone for his mistakes and the economic trouble we are all facing because of his anti-drilling agenda. It is important we take some time to think about the candidates' records before we cast our votes on Election Day.

Kay Wilkins
Boise

Minnick goes too far

I think it is quite telling that Walt Minnick threw the first punch in the First Congressional District race. Last Thursday, Minnick released an attack ad against incumbent Bill Sali which crossed the line in

my opinion. Minnick's ad departed from Sali's take on the issues and instead went personal.

It is equally impressive that on the same day Minnick went negative, Sali started airing a television ad which highlighted his record of protecting Idaho from higher taxes and government spending. The ad highlights some really exciting facts: Congressman Sali has voted against \$733 billion in additional taxes. Congressman Sali has never, in his 18 years as an elected official, voted in favor of a tax increase. With a record like that, it is easy to see why Minnick went negative. I hope to see the media pick up on Minnick's refusal to debate the issues and call him out on this accordingly.

Tammie Casteel
Boise

Good job, volleyball

I would like to congratulate and commend Debbie Buchanan and the University of Idaho volleyball team for the outstanding season they are having, and I wish them further success for the year.

Julian Matthews
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Balancing values

Moscow tackles homosexuality and religion

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

Whether the love between two people can be an abomination, whether the separation between gay life and Christianity is too wide to cross and whether the Bible is an excuse to hate are issues all Christians must consider.

These questions were addressed at the film, "For the Bible Tells Me So," followed by a panel discussion at the Kenworthy Theatre Tuesday. A National Coming Out Day event, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/ Questioning Association office of the University of Idaho Women's Center hosted the event.

Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian American families, including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson, "For The Bible Tells Me So" portrays how people of faith handle the realization of having raised a gay child. The film has gained a lot of attention and awards and provokes strong emotions in many viewers. For this, boxes of tissues were provided.

"It's always a great movie to watch," said PJ Berger, Male-Identified Co-Chair of the University of Idaho Gay-Straight Alliance. "Being religious myself, it helps me solidify that the church is there for us."

"Not everyone is quite there yet but it will be."

After the screening, five ministers from Moscow and Pullman formed the panel and welcomed questions and comments from the audience.

"We want to assure everyone that we are allies with you all, and that's true from which ever perspective," said Dean Stewart, Pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. "We are here to be allies for people who want to be open and talk about things that are extremely important to all of us."

The five ministers represented a community of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender-accepting churches.

"That doesn't mean that there aren't other ministers in the area that are also GLBT friendly," said Rebecca Rod, program adviser for the Women's Center. It does mean that I intentionally did not open this (event) up to folks I know aren't GLBT friendly because I'm concerned about my friends and students. I want people to feel that they are in a safe environment to explore these ideas."

The safety of homosexuals in the community has been an especially important topic this past week, in response to recent anonymous threats made against a gay UI student.

"I'm moved every time I see (the film)," Chip Laird said. "It's poignant how religion has hurt people."

Laird represented the Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Pullman, a Protestant denomination that ordains gay and lesbian people, which he called their "claim to fame."

"I have not served in a church that was not open to gay and lesbian people, which I sometimes take for granted," he said. "I know it's not the norm."

Rev. Stewart, a very spiritual man, is also the proud father of a gay son.

"Lots of churches are in the process of asking one another, 'What does it mean to be reconciled in this faith so that all people are honored and respected?'" he said. "It creates tension because our differences make people uncomfortable. But our differences make us interesting and we have so much to learn from one another."

Rev. Gail Stearns, of the Pullman Presbyterian Church said Presbyterian churches still have a "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Stearns said the church has lost its way in that it no longer pays attention to the experience of the people that are hurt by the church.

"We have a huge amount to learn from people who have been hurt by the church," she said "That's the place where we need to start listening."

Episcopal minister Robin Biffle said Gene Robinson wasn't the first gay bishop to be ordained and



The Gephardt family in a family portrait. Parents Dick and Jane Gephardt appear in the movie "For the Bible Tells Me So" along with daughter Chrissy Gephardt, right. Courtesy Photo

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Dean
STEWART
Pastor of the Emmanuel
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consecrated. He was the first one who acknowledged it.

"The crime, the offense for some of the church was not that he was gay but that he spoke," Biffle said. "I think what we learn is the sin of the hidden, the sin of silence, the sin of the lie."

"Sodom and Gomorrah" and "Leviticus 18" are two Bible passages used as a weapon against homosexuality. The film explored what it actually says and does not say. Quoting a passage and movie line, Biffle said, "I will not bear false witness" and that's what people are being asked to do when they're being asked to

hide who they are."

Rev. Kayle Rice from the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse said what needs to change is the way churches deal with "-isms."

"GLBTQ, gender, classism, ageism, racism — we shouldn't separate these -isms and should look at them as a whole, as a community," she said, "and address these issues and be welcoming."

Rod spoke in favor of the Unitarian church where she and her partner exchanged rings and where she was rekindled with religion.

"Growing up I had to turn away from God in order to find love," she said.

Laird said his church first ordained a gay man in 1972.

"It's not the churches where the answers are going to come from," he said. "The answer is going to come from the people not in church right now. I changed because I had a friend that was gay and had to rethink my faith."

Tara Malmquist, Female-Identified Co-Chair of the GSA, said she was disappointed to see a rather small student representation.

"Some of the biggest groups on campus are Christian groups," she said. "I would have liked to see them step out of their comfort zones and represent. I challenge them to do that in the future."

More information about the film can be found at www.forthetibletellsmeso.org.

Photo illustration by Jake Barber

Art from the old country

Tanya Eddins
Special to The Argonaut

In addition to teaching art students for 31 years at the University of Idaho, David Giese is a renowned postmodern artist.

The door to Giese's office hints at this, adorned with stone cherubs frozen in eternal divinity. On the other side of the door, Giese can be heard discussing texture with a student. In the airy loft next to his office canvases stretch the length of the room in a haphazard fashion. The room is bright from tall sky windows. The floor is splattered with paint, which solidifies the personality of the studio.

Once in his office, it is apparent that Giese has been at UI for some time. The office is strewn with a variety of papers, pamphlets and art.

"I am exposed to students in a criti-

cal formation period when they are beginning to think independently," Giese said. "What I do is not about teaching techniques. It is about creating atmosphere through self-discovery — making links for yourself rather than someone telling you those links."

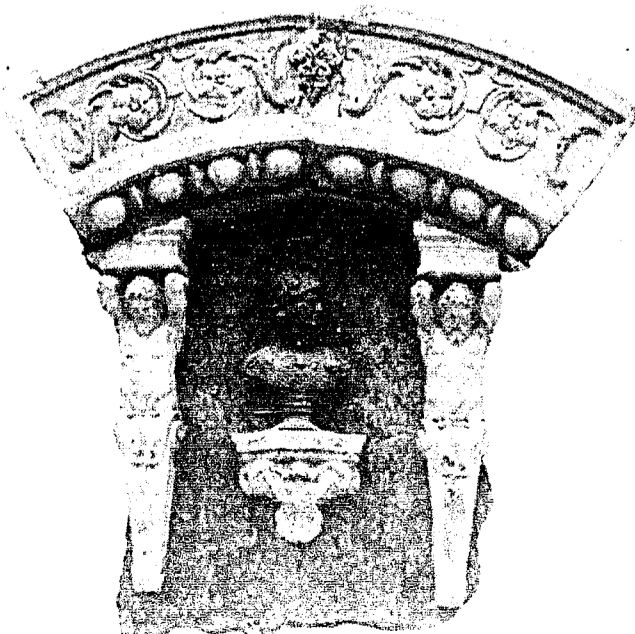
Giese found his artistic link in 1986 with an exhibition at the Boise Art Museum called, "The Rise and Fall of Taste," which featured mixed media pieces. Giese created a fictitious story of an excavated Italian villa as the basis of his art. A company called Smith Kramer helped him travel to the United States to promote his work and he is now featured in museums across the country. Giese visited New York City and garnered attention from a major gallery called OK Harris in 1990. In 2010, Giese will come full circle with his 10th one-man exhibition in OK Harris.

"I think of myself as a collagist," said Giese.

He does not produce sketches for his pieces but creates a design on a computer and casts all concrete items. At this point, he prints images onto a special paper that transfers to concrete and stains the concrete to give it the look of an ancient Italian fresco. The final touch is applied in concrete columns, ribbon and Italian decor that outline each of his pieces in unique ways.

"I get my concrete from a company in Kansas that makes it especially for me, and I am in the process of getting it patented," said Giese.

Giese has established a client base that demands his current work, and he will continue to produce Italian pieces. He teaches all levels of painting and upper-level mixed media courses at UI.



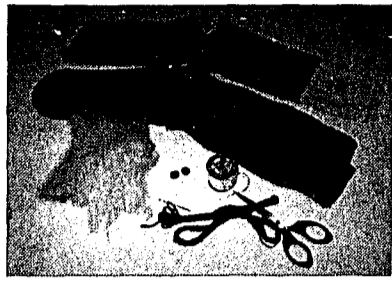
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Santuari dei Comagni Fedeli #2 is a work by David Giese, a professor at University of Idaho who teaches painting and mixed media.

MUSINGS OF A CRAFT GEEK

Turning socks into cuddly creatures

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Socks are great for wearing, but who knew they were also great for cutting up and making into cute little stuffed animals? From the traditional sock monkeys that have been around for ages to crazy monsters, knowing the basics of making a sock creature body means anybody can make just about any sock animal their little heart desires. Not only are these plush creations fun to make and showcase around the home, they also make terrific gifts.



What you'll need:

- Two clean and/or preferably new socks don't get little socks that barely cover the heel, but long socks that would go a couple inches past the ankle. The bigger and longer the sock, the bigger the

stuffed sock creature.

- Scissors
- A needle and thread (get a sturdy thread that will resist a little tugging and pulling at the seams).
- Sewing machine: the entire project can be sewn by hand, it will just take a little longer. A sewing machine isn't necessary, but helps.
- Two buttons (for eyes).
- Embroidery thread (for stitching on the mouth).
- Stuffing: craft stores sell various sized bags of this stuff. It's just like polyester puffs of snow or funky destroyed cotton balls.

Understanding sock animal anatomy:

When making any sock animal it is important to understand what each part of the sock is used for. Sock one is used solely for the head/ body and the legs. With a cut up the middle of the sock, the legs are made and already attached to everything else. The second sock is used for making arms and a tail, as well as ears and a muzzle (or nose or mouth, however you look at it). Practically every part of both socks is used, so it's important to make clean cuts and no mistakes.

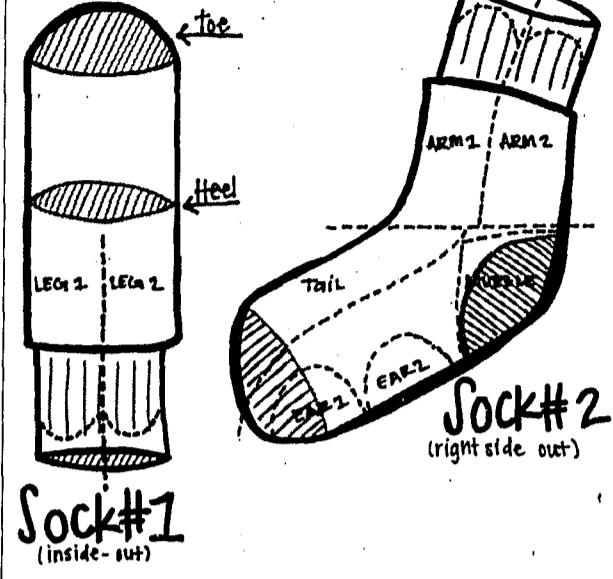
Step 1:

Cutting the main body:

Turn sock one inside out and lay flat so the heel is facing up and centered. The sock shouldn't be angled when flat, it should be near straight and a little puffy in the middle where the bend of the sock would be.

With the toe part of the sock facing away from you, make a

How to cut your Socks.



cut straight down the middle of the sock from the end (where the sock opening is) to 1-2" from the heel. The sock should now look like a rounded body with two dangling legs. Take each of the legs and cut the ends to make them rounded like feet.

Step 2:

Stitching and stuffing the legs and body:

With a needle and thread or sewing machine, stitch around the feet and up each of the legs, stopping at the crotch area.

The reason the crotch is not sewn yet is because the hole that is left is necessary for stuffing the sock. Once the legs and feet are sewn up leaving no gaps or holes for stuffing to escape, carefully turn the sock right side out with the seams on the inside.

Now begin to stuff the head/ body and legs through the hole that was left in the crotch, making sure not to overstuff (make the stitches along the inside of the legs and feet bulge out and show). Once the animal is all stuffed, sew up the crotch.

Step 3:

Cutting arms, tail, ears and muzzle from sock two:

Refer to the diagram for how to cut the remaining attachments for your creature from sock two.

Step 4:

Stitching on the rest of the attachments:

The arms and tail are sewn up similarly to the body/legs. Flip the piece inside out and sew along the outside edge, leaving an opening at the end for stuffing.

Flip the piece right side out, stuff, and sew onto the appropriate part of the body. The tail is best placed slightly above the heel of sock one, or essentially the creature's rear end. This helps with balance when sitting the animal down.

The ears will each have two pieces. Put the right sides together and sew along the curved edge, leaving the straight edge open. Flip right side out, stuff and sew onto the top or sides of the head. The muzzle, which is one single piece, (the toe of sock two) can be sewn straight onto the front of the face. Once it's half sewn on, stuff the muzzle and continue sewing it on.

Step 5:

Making a funny face:

Now that the body/head has all its attachments sewn on, it's time to give the creature a personality. Sew buttons on above the muzzle for eyes.

Use embroidery thread to sew a mouth or nostrils onto the muzzle, or add eyelashes or eyebrows to the face.

Variations:

This was just the basic pattern for an animal. The ears don't have to be semi-circles and the muzzle doesn't have to be added at all if you don't like it. If you're unhappy with the ears all together, skip cutting out extra ears and make cuts on the closed toe end of sock one, just making sure to sew them back up when the sock is inside out. If the tail is too long and you would like it shorter, make a cut opposite the end with the toe to shorten it up. You can also make clothes for your new little creature and other accessories if desired.

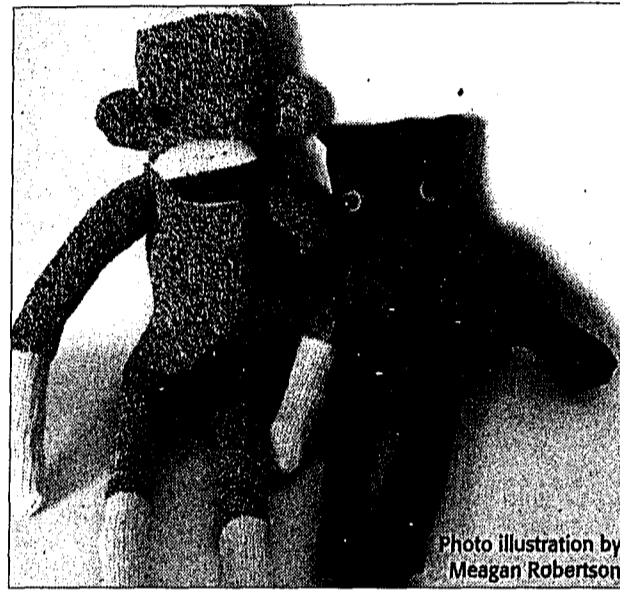


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Vandal Entertainment predicts year of variety

Amberly Beckman
Argonaut

The Vandal Entertainment Staff has a few new faces this year. Committee Chair Kelsey LaRoche, Films Chair Sarah White, Lectures Chair Marina Rankow and Concerts Chair James Thomas will be plan-

ning events for students throughout the year.

LaRoche said she is excited about the new team.

In the past, she said the Vandal Entertainment staff had little continuity, but this year they will play well off of each other's strengths.

She said she hopes to bring more of a variety of

entertainers to the University of Idaho. Comedians, speakers, hypnotists and plays are all things the staff is considering.

Events will be contracted further in advance than they have been in the past, LaRoche said.

White's duty is to book films for the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building. She decides which movies will play and when.

Her personal interests are horror and indie movies, but she said that wouldn't have

an influence on the movies she brings to UI.

"The main goal is for people to watch the movies," White said.

Rankow said she hopes to bring a greater variety of entertainment to campus, in general.

"Events won't appeal to everyone, but every event will appeal to someone," Rankow said.

She is new to UI this year but has experience doing musical theater in Las Vegas. Having been a part of the-

ater before, she is excited to work behind the scenes for a change.

Thomas said his main project is the concert series for next semester.

There will be at least three concerts during the series. Thomas said while he can't yet reveal what bands the group is considering, the series will be "phenomenal."

Thomas strives to have a responsive relation with students, in which students influence the concerts being put on.

His personal taste in music is reggae, but his opinions won't drive the concerts being put on.

"Otherwise I wouldn't be doing my job," Thomas said.

Thomas is also involved in his own musical project, outside of work.

The committee is looking forward to the upcoming year and plans to bring in a variety of entertainment. Each member plays a key role, but has different tastes.

"We all work together and give input," Rankow said.

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REVIEWS

Murs represents new hip-hop

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

If there is one artist who can sum up their entire genre in one album, he has been found. Murs, aka Nick Carter from Los Angeles, is representing hip-hop in its entirety in a way everyone, hip-hop fan or not, can understand and relate to. This album can be described in a few ways: phenomenal for a start, but truly descriptive and informative about black and hip-hop culture. The scene is set at the beginning of the album, and as the name suggests, Murs is running for president — president of hip-hop. Murs steps out of his

underground zone to tell his constituency exactly which way the wind is blowing. This member of larger-than-life groups like the Living Legends breaks it down in a way that makes the listener feel physically awesome with great samples and uplifting lyrics. In "The Science," Murs explains the passage of black people in America, from the very beginning to just an hour ago. The way Murs constructs his rhymes seems entirely too simplistic to justify the end result. His messages

are straightforward and unapologetic and the verses are intelligent, witty and have dialogue with a punch at the end. This album is honestly representative of the entire rap and hip-hop genre. It's supposed to mirror a mockumentary about Murs running for president against opponents Swaggerty and Eniggama, but it seems to do more than supplement a gag reel. Murs presents every

facet of hip hop and talks about it, discusses it — not necessarily agreeing or disagreeing, but responding. The internal conversation is eye-opening as Murs delves into human behavior in the rap world. Listen to this album, start to finish. If anything, you can hear amazing hip-hop beats in the first couple of tracks and peace out when the introspective state of the hip-hop union address starts. Murs imbeds messages about how to treat women, how to treat oneself and never to do anything but your best. This is possibly one of the greatest hip-hop albums ever made. Do yourself a favor and indulge in it.



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Appealing to reason

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Rise against ignorance. That's the message in "Appeal To Reason," the fifth album from punk rock group Rise Against. Released Oct. 7, the album is now available in stores and on iTunes. The album doesn't endorse a particular political mindset, but it does heavily encourage change and listeners to seek knowledge so they can instigate these changes. The CD case itself includes reading and film recommendations about subjects like history, the health care system and global warming. The CD booklet also includes quotes from Gandhi, Henry David Thoreau, Pablo Picasso and The Declaration of Independence. According to the song "Collapse (Post-America)," the first track on the album: "Neutrality means that you don't really care, because the struggle goes on even when you're not there." Frontman Tim McIlrath pens all of the band's unique lyrics, often straying from the typical song

formula of verse-chorus-verse. All 13 tracks on "Appeal To Reason" have a unique format and deal with war, media spin and getting involved. By far the most emotional track on the album is the acoustic "Hero of War." The song starts at a U.S. Army recruiting booth and tells the story of a soldier through first person perspective. The song details many events that have actually happened, such as the prisoner humiliation at Abu Gharib, suicide bombers, the capture of prisoners and the post-traumatic stress disorder many soldiers deal with upon returning from the war zone. The chorus has notes of both pride and sadness in it: "A hero of war/ yeah, that's what I'll be/ and when I come home/ they'll be damn proud of me/ I'll carry this flag/ to the grave if I must/ because it's a flag that I love/ and a flag that I trust." Fans of Green Day, Incubus and Death Cab for Cutie will find kindred musical spirits with Rise Against.



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Bittersweet band debuts self-titled album

Amberly Beckman
Argonaut

Between its mellow melodies and upbeat feel, The Morning Light's new self-titled album brings indie rock lovers something new to tap their toes to. This up-and-coming band fills its songs with crooning vocals, light guitar and keyboard for the perfect balance of hopefulness and sorrow. It is the type of sound one would listen to while relaxing in their room or while having a lazy afternoon with friends. The sound is comparable

to The Academy Is..., Keane, and heartfelt lyrics. Cute is What We Aim For or Death Cab for Cutie. Many of The Morning Light's songs depict unattainable love, whether it be unrequited or lost, but it's done in an upbeat and inspiring way. One of the singles titled "Brand, New, Friends" is livelier than most songs on the album. It is filled with endearing keyboard melodies

and the chorus has captivating syncopation and harmonies. One of its slow songs, "Clouds" still has a fast pace but contains a somber tone and classically melancholy lyrics. "Some days it seems like the clouds won't stay away," the song states. It is an example of the bitter-sweet tone that surrounds

the album. The album was released Sept. 23. Singles of its songs had been appearing on the band's Web site for weeks before the album release date. Songs included "Honest (Apologies Endless)," "Brand, New, Friends," "Clouds" and "Done Writing Love Songs." The Morning Light is under the Fearless Records label, which also carries bands such as Plain White T's, Sugarcult and Rock Kills Kid. The Morning Light is currently on tour on the East Coast.



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5. "CSI: NY," CBS.
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Film
1. "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," Disney.
2. "Quarantine," Sony Screen Gems.
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FOOTBALL

Bulldogs in a kennel

Vandals look to keep Bulldogs on short leash

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The Vandals showed progress last week against Fresno State but came away with a loss. Now it's time for the Vandals to keep up the attitude that led to fourth quarter contention and translate it into a win against Louisiana Tech.

Week after week and loss after loss, Idaho coach Robb Akey and the Vandals have been optimistic about the direction the program is heading.

When the Vandals took the field against Fresno state, fans caught a glimpse of the vision Akey has for the team, and finally got to watch the Vandals compete until the end.

"I liked the energy that they played with, I liked the fact that they went out and played football all night," Akey said. "When the score kind of changed and it was going the wrong way, I didn't see a let down from the players, I didn't see that funk or the disappointment set in."

Not playing a complete game is something the young team has struggled with this season and Akey said although they haven't turned a corner, they did take a huge step forward.

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Touchdowns and post game snacks

When there were snacks after games, team parties at arcades, and car pools from practice with the weird mom; when coaches played everyone — even the kid who'd rather pick his nose on the bench than catch fly balls in the outfield — memories were made.

The days of youth sports should be laughed about, remembered and treasured.

I watched Moscow's seventh grade football game to see a friend coach, and it sent me way back in time.

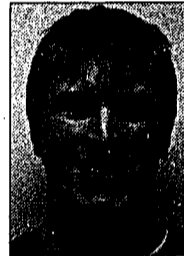
Each kid reminded me of a character from my youth football team — and we had some characters.

There was the chubby kid who forgot everything. He'd forget the game time, his shoes or his jersey. He forgot his helmet and had to wear another player's along with the kid's mouth guard. He had a hard life at home and hit you even harder.

Another kid was in and out of juvenile detention and every year we wondered if he'd come back. Somehow he always did, always smiling but always breaking and entering. He scared us and he'd fight kids at recess but we loved him. He was our stud linebacker.

We had a kid with a rat tail haircut whose pads and helmet were bigger than his body. His knee

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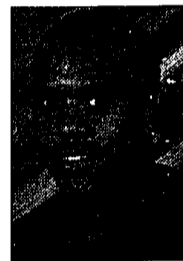
QuickHITS

Vandals in action

- Volleyball — Idaho volleyball will take on Louisiana Tech University this weekend. The match starts at 12 p.m. Saturday, in Ruston, La.
- Soccer — Takes on Boise State this weekend at 3 p.m. Sunday at Guy Wicks Field.
- Football — The team heads to Ruston, La., where they will take on the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs. The game starts at 4 p.m. Saturday.
- Cross Country — University of Idaho cross country will split off as some team members will travel to Eastern Washington University for the Eastern Washington Invitational and others will travel to California for the Santa Clara Bronco Invitational. The Eastern Washington Invitational will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cheney and the Santa Clara Bronco Invitational will start at 9 a.m. at Sunnyvale, Calif.

Vandals to watch

Kama Bailey
Football



Bailey recently took over kick returning responsibility for the University of Idaho football team. Bailey, a true freshman from Las Vegas, has seen limited time in the backfield but has provided the team with good field position during the last two games.

Troy Vital
Football



True freshman running back Vital has helped strengthen the Vandals running attack this fall as Deonte Jackson's backup. Vital had 48 yards on eight carries last week in a losing effort to Fresno State.

Kayla Mortellaro
Golf



Mortellaro has finished in the top 20 in all four tournaments she has participated in so far. Two times Mortellaro has finished in the top 10. The freshman is ranked 45th nationally by Golfstat.

Did you know ...

- Women's basketball practice starts at 5 p.m. Friday in Memorial Gym.
- Fans will be able to get their first glimpse of Don Verlin's 2008-09 Idaho Vandal men's basketball team at the "Black & Gold Blow-out" to be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 in Memorial Gym.

Vandals by the numbers

3 Sets it took New Mexico State University to snap the Vandals five-match winning streak last night in Las Cruces, N.M.

31 Kills Haley Larsen tallied against Boise State. It is the most by any Western Athletic Conference player this year.

Volleyball to host 'Dig for the Cure'

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

Sarah Loney, University of Idaho volleyball's outside hitter, loves Memorial Gym and she hopes a raucous crowd can help the team claim victory over rival Boise State when they host a breast cancer charity event, "Dig for the Cure."

"It's my favorite place to play in the conference," Loney said. "It is home. We could have 100 fans in the stands, but it feels packed. People hang over the railings during games."

"Dig for the Cure" is similar to last year's "Think Pink" basketball game. The game will take place during Homecoming weekend when the team plays Boise State. Loney wants to reassure Vandal fans that the Broncos will not be leaving Memorial Gym victorious.

"Oh yeah," Loney said. "We don't lose to BSU."

The way the charity works is fans, families and local businesses donate a certain amount of money for every dig the Vandals make. A dig is a forearm pass used to control the ball and pass it to the setter at the net.

It is usually the first contact by the team and an effective shot to use in defense, normally when receiving a spike.

The Vandals currently rank No. 72 in the nation and No. 1 in the Western Athletic Confer-

ence for digs at 15.13 per set and have tallied between 45 and 93 digs in each match.

Pink shirts will be sold before and during the event for \$5, but fans won't be the only pink wearers in the gym.

"We're going to wear pink socks and headbands," Loney said. "We're going to give BSU pink socks, too."

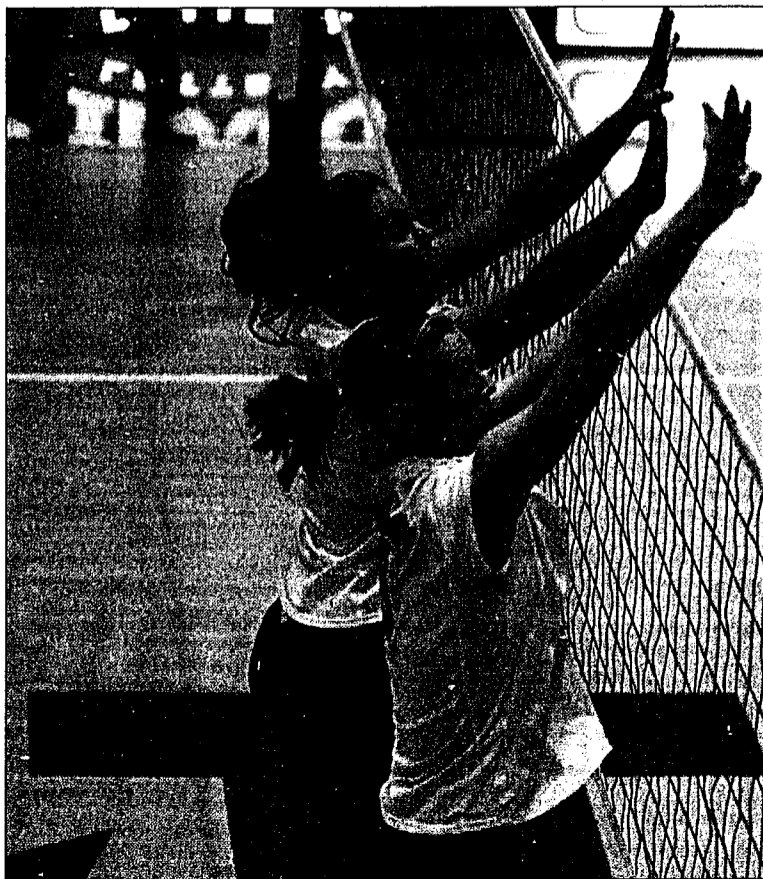
The proceeds of the event will benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Other schools across the nation are hosting similar "Dig for the Cure" events with their volleyball teams, including University of New Hampshire, Clemson, Notre Dame, Louisiana State University and others.

"(Breast cancer) affects everybody," Loney said. "This is a good thing to give back to the community."

Loney said the team wanted to break the school's record for attendance at an athletic event. She said it would be hard to equate attendance — a packed Kibbie Dome vs. a packed Memorial Gym — but to reach the gym's maximum capacity would be exciting. It's a goal to open eyes both on the team and on campus, she said.

Loney said the team has been growing closer and bonding during the year, and it has helped contribute to the teams success.

"We have a bond," Loney said. "We're tight knit and we trust each other. This is the closest team we've had in three



File Photo

Debbie Pederson, back, and Sarah Loney reject a spike attempt by BSU in Memorial Gym during a volleyball game Nov. 10, 2007.

solid years." Loney said Idaho is looking to break records and catch people's attention.

"We're proving Idaho can't

be taken lightly but seriously," Loney said. "Word is getting out and we're having

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DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

Ballgame takes on Knoxville

I've been a lucky guy when it comes to attending ballgames.

I grew up in the Seattle area and had three professional teams to root for along with two major Pac-10 programs in Washington and Washington State University.

As a young pup, I was fortunate enough to have a family hooked on sports, which meant attending games was practically our religion.

Like many Seattleites, my sporting event experiences revolved around the Kingdome. I saw many Seahawks and Mariners games there each year. I loved the Kingdome. How could I not? It was all I knew.

When I think of the top sporting events I've ever witnessed in

person, they each revolve around the city of Seattle.

That doesn't bother me. I love Seattle and its three pro teams. Well, now two.

I may never get over my Supersonics not being there.

Over the past year I've been able to see much of the country from a sporting perspective. After being hired as the radio play-by-play broadcaster for the University of Idaho women's basketball team last year, I've been able to get paid and travel to places such

as San Jose, San Diego, Fresno, Reno and even Honolulu.

I've been lucky.

I get paid to do a job I'd gladly do for free.

This weekend might change my perspective as far as top sporting events are concerned.

Though I love my job and hope to continue to rise in the broadcasting profession, I long for the days when I could watch a game and not have to worry about work or my performance.

It's great to just be a fan sometimes, too.

Attending games purely as a fan is probably the best experience one can have while watching a game.

A fan is what I will be this weekend when I attend a South Eastern Conference football game in Knoxville, Tenn. between the University of Tennessee and Mississippi State University.

Take note the largest attended football game I've ever been to was several ballgames at Husky Stadium, which has a capacity of around 77,000.

I love Husky Stadium and it is without a doubt one of the most scenic ballparks in the country.

But Tennessee and the SEC is at another level of fanhood.

It's the top of the sports mountain in terms of having a few cold ones and enjoying a game in a cathedral-like stadium.

The cathedral I'm referring to is Neyland Stadium, the home of the Tennessee Volunteers, which holds an unbelievable 104,000 people.

104,000 fans packed in a stadium to watch a football game — that's the equivalent of five Kibbie Domes without fans bolting at halftime.

It's a night game, too, which means pregame partying and tailgating will reach a new level.

I hope to partake. People in the south take their football like I do. They pretty much rank it above anything else in life.

As a fan, I can't tell you how excited I am for this weekend trip.

I won't be broadcasting this game or have any other work related obligations.

I've never seen a collegiate football game outside of the Pac-10 or WAC conferences.

The Sporting News magazine ranked Neyland as the nation's #1 college football stadium.

Hopefully now you understand why I'm so pumped for this one.

The best sporting event I've probably ever been to was a 1999 wild card playoff game between the Miami Dolphins and Seattle Seahawks. It was the last game in Kingdome history.

Maybe I'll have a new top ranking after this weekend.

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Rollins and Hamels lead Phillies into World Series

John Nadel
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The losingest team in pro sports history was soaked in champagne and whooping it up Wednesday night.

Next stop for these Philadelphia Phillies: the World Series.

Jimmy Rollins got them rollin' with a leadoff home run, Cole Hamels pitched his third gem of the playoffs and Philadelphia beat the bumbling Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 to win the NL championship series 4-1 for its first pennant since 1993.

"After hearing about the '93 team over and over and over again, we finally have a chance to make our mark," Rollins said. "This was an organization that I felt when I got here I wanted to try to change. And I had my opportunity to. You know, we had been used to losing."

Now, the Phillies will go for their second World Series title beginning next Wednesday night at Tampa Bay or Boston. The Rays lead the Red Sox 3-1 in the ALCS, which resumes Thursday night at Fenway Park.

Last year, the Phillies became the first professional team to lose 10,000 games. This season, the ball is bouncing their way.

The NL East champions, who didn't clinch a playoff berth until the final weekend of the season, took advantage of three errors by shortstop Rafael Furcal in the fifth inning and shrugged off another homer by Manny Ramirez.

Brad Lidge closed it out for the Phillies, who won their lone championship in 1980 by beating Kansas City in six games. They also reached the World Series in 1915, 1950, 1983 and 1993, when they lost to Toronto in six games on Joe Carter's ninth-inning homer off Mitch Williams.

Now they're headed back, carrying the hopes of a championship-starved city that hasn't had a title to celebrate since the NBA's 76ers won it all in 1983.

"This is for the city for Philadelphia," manager Charlie Manuel said. "We have one more step, one big step — then we're going to make a grand parade."

You can bet your last cheesesteak, Broad Street is primed for a party. And those Philly fans, who always expect failure, can relax — at least for a week.

"These guys are going crazy right now," slugger Ryan Howard said. "I can only imagine how it is in Philadelphia."

Back home, jubilant Phillies fans poured into the city streets, jumping on cars and celebrating.

Ramirez homered in the sixth to end Hamels' shutout bid in what might have been his final game with the Dodgers. The slugging left fielder, who hit .520 with four homers, 10 RBIs and 11 walks in eight playoff games, can become a free agent after the World Series. He batted .396 with 17 homers and 53 RBIs in 53 regular-season games for the Dodgers after being acquired July 31 from Boston.

On the bench, Joe Torre came up short in the postseason again. He won four World Series in his first five years as manager of the New York Yankees from 1996-2000, but hasn't won one since. This was his first year as the Dodgers' skipper after 12 with the Yankees.

"I was proud to be their manager," Torre said. "This was an up-and-down year. I think they learned a lot. They learned to come together. This game tonight got a little ugly in the middle with the defense, but they never stopped plugging away. And that's what John Wooden taught me a long time ago, that it's not always the club that wins that you're proudest of. And I certainly was satisfied with what I saw here."

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more promotions to help us."

This season won't be judged on the Boise State game alone as both Loney and Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said every athlete and their coaches have something they'd like to say their team accomplished at the end of a season.

Loney said without hesitation she would like to take her team to the NCAA Championship in December and is working hard all season to get there.

"(I'd like to be able to say) we pushed as far as we could," Loney said. "That no one got in our way and we gave it our all." Coach Buchanan agrees.

"(I'd like to say) we

played to our potential," Buchanan said. "To end on top of the WAC and have a large bid for the NCAA Championship. To finish things."

Buchanan said these aren't lofty goals by any means, but attainable as the team is consistently "getting better" and even though the schedule may be demanding, the Vandals have been stepping up their game, one set at a time.

"Defense is a big part," Buchanan said. "Our blocking kept us in (some) games. Our offense is increasing and we're holding the opposition. Our team is playing better and holding our spot in the rankings."

Idaho is currently ranked third in the WAC, giving the team "a fairly good cushion," Buchanan said. Hawai'i is currently first in the WAC, 16th in

the NCAA, followed by New Mexico State, 42nd in the NCAA. Buchanan is confident the Vandals can hold their own against the teams and other non-conference teams.

"(They) all have improved," she said. "At a steady rate in one area or another."

Loney expects good things when the team plays Boise State but wants to remind fans to remain somewhat under control.

"Last year the staff actually had to tell fans to stop talking to the players," Loney said. "Fans sit so close to the court, players can hear everything they're saying. Some of them were getting mean."

The Vandal volleyball squad matches up against Louisiana Tech Saturday, and Boise State on Oct. 25.

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pads touched the top of his shoes and his mouth guard made him drool a little but he was lightning fast.

Our offensive tackle was as skinny as a line on the field, and our quarterback barely made weight, but when dad's the coach, you're a Heisman hopeful.

Our defensive backs ran from ball carriers and our offensive yardage looked like a professional golf score.

We were a team of leftovers. Misfit kids from all over town who'd never played, signed up late or whose parents forgot it was football season. We sucked, but we loved the game.

Before practice even started, someone wound up hurt or missing. A bee sting sidelined a starter and the head coach even sat out a practice after our center snapped the ball to his groin.

If it wasn't injuries, it was illness, espe-

cially the Western Idaho Fair epidemic. No matter how many times coaches told us, kids showed up to practice bellies full of corn dogs and funnel cakes. Wind sprints and cotton candy mix like oil and water.

Practice was a parent's daycare provider rather than a player's job, and the teammates made it memorable. Even if they scored goals on themselves or struck out in tee-ball, everyone played youth sports.

There weren't any weights, summer workouts or film studies because getting a jersey was the most important part of the season.

It doesn't matter if the crowd consists of a few parents, a grandma from the Midwest and an older sister who'd rather be anywhere else. Kids feel like heroes on the field. Michael Jordan tongue impressions and pretend touchdown celebrations were more important than a team's record.

Hopes were high every game and if you won, your smelly uniform stayed on all day.

If you didn't win? It was nothing a Sunny Delight and Rice Krispie treat couldn't fix.

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"The fact of the matter is though, we didn't win the game," Akey said. "I feel like we're a lot closer now than we were a week ago at this point in time."

Akey said the growth is good but it's time to convert it into a win.

Now the question is can the Vandals carry their intensity through this week's practice and show up in Louisiana Saturday ready to compete for 60 minutes. It is a feat that linebacker Jo Jo Dickson said won't be a problem.

"Now that they know how it feels to be a team and play as a unit I don't think they can get enough of it," Dickson said. "I definitely have faith that the players are ready to take it to that next level."

Taking it to the next level is exactly what Vandal fans saw out of the freshman wide receiver Preston Davis last week. Davis made two catches in the end zone against the Bulldogs and said although it's nice to get some recognition, it's his job and it's what he practices for each week.

Davis' second catch was a dive into the end zone, and while it may have looked like an ESPN highlight, he said he was tired from the previous play and should have gotten to the ball sooner.

"(Nathan Enderle) put it where I should have been so I had to make up for it," Davis said.

He said what was important to him was showing his team that they can rely on him to make the catch, and the team showing the fans they really have progressed this season.

"Just looking back from when I started at Arizona until now, I feel like it's been like a stepping game, like I've been getting a little better here and there," Davis said. "But I feel the same way about our offense. We kind of took a step back against San Diego, but we progressively get better and better."

The Vandals will get a chance to prove their performance against Fresno State wasn't a mistake when they take on La Tech who is 2-3 for the season and 0-2 in conference play.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

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NCAA grad stats not as they seem

Tim Wahlberg
Associated Press

There's a reason I didn't major in statistics in college. They give me a headache, no matter how hard I try to digest them.

But I do have an appreciation for what they can do. Baseball would cease to make sense without them, and they're always useful whenever there's a point to be made.

So when the NCAA trotted out its latest graduation rate figures for athletes the other day, I did my best to take a close look at them and figure out what they really meant. Immersed in GSRs and APRs, federal rates and things that happened seven years ago, I thought I was making some real progress.

Then my head started to hurt and I gave up on the whole thing.

Folks at the NCAA say more student-athletes are graduating than ever before. Fine, I guess we'll have to take their word for it.

They're the ones, after all, who invested a lot of time and effort in compiling the latest statistics that show 79 percent of all student-athletes who entered college in 2001 have gotten their degrees. That was up 1 percentage point over last year's figures, and an all-time high since they began keeping tabs on such things.

NCAA president Myles Brand trumpeted the results as proof that his push for academic reform in college athletics is working and that the perception that jocks are dumb is just that — a perception. Athletes actually graduate at a far higher percentage

than other students. And that's not all that surprising because they get the kind of academic and financial help that the average student can only dream about.

Give Brand credit for pushing the issue. Since taking over at the NCAA, he's helped increase admission requirements to keep out the truly dumb jocks, instituted penalties for programs that don't graduate a certain number of athletes, and forced coaches for the first time to think twice about recruiting athletes who can't make decent grades.

But while his latest statistics don't lie, they don't tell the whole truth about college athletics, either.

Or, as an economics professor once said, "Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital."

The new numbers are nice, but look closer and you see that the big money sports that act as institutional minor leagues for the NBA and NFL continue to lag far behind other sports when it comes to graduating athletes. Football and basketball players who bring in the millions of dollars that fund other sports are far less likely to earn their sheepskin than someone on the gymnastics team.

The racial and gender gaps also remain. While white men's basketball players who enrolled in 2001 graduated at an 80 percent rate, their black teammates' rate was 58 percent. And while 86 percent of female athletes overall graduated, only 71 percent of men overall got their degrees.

BSU seeks revenge from Hawai'i for Sugar Bowl

Hawai'i: 'Everyone wants payback for last season'

Todd Dvorak
Associated Press

BOISE — If Boise State needs a little extra motivation for Friday night's nationally televised matchup with Hawai'i, the Broncos don't have to look too far to find it.

Redemption is driving the Broncos this week, and several acknowledged they're turning back the clock to last year's season finale when the Warriors beat the Broncos 39-27, a victory that clinched the Western Athletic Conference title for Hawai'i and helped secure a trip to the Sugar Bowl.

It also snapped Boise State's string of five consecutive WAC titles, and images of jubilant Warrior players celebrating with the home crowd in Honolulu left a sting that still lingers.

"They wanted that game more than us," said Jeremy Childs, the leading receiver for the No. 15 Broncos. "But I cried after that game. I'm an emotional guy. Now I'm just ready to get after them."

For the second season in a row, the Broncos (5-0, 1-0 WAC) and Hawai'i are squaring off in a game critical to determining the conference title. The only difference this season is the grudge match is happening sooner.

Hawai'i (3-3, 2-1) has lost to conference foe San Jose State, but a victory over Boise State would put the Warriors back in the WAC title hunt.

"Everybody wants to pay us back after last season," said first-year coach Greg McMackin. "That's just something we deal with."

Despite being trounced by Florida in the opener and suffering back-to-back defeats against Oregon and San

Jose State, the Warriors have won two in a row, including a win at then-No. 22 Fresno State. And they've turned their season around with a renewed commitment to thievery.

In the last two games, the Warriors' defense has forced 10 turnovers, including six against Fresno State, that led to 20 points. At the same time, the Warriors, ranked last in the nation two weeks ago in turnover margin, are doing a better job of protecting the ball.

"Ten in two weeks. Oh that's fun," McMackin said of his defense. "They're excited and having fun and that's what defense and football is."

For Hawai'i to get its first victory in Boise, the Warriors' defense will have to find a way to keep freshman Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore in check.

Moore is the second-leading passer in the WAC, averaging 267 yards per game with 10 touchdowns. Twice this season the lefty has thrown for more than 300 yards and spread the wealth to more than 10 different receivers.

At times last week against Southern Miss, Moore struggled to lead the offense, fumbling three times and throwing an interception in a 24-7 win. The running game helped pick up the slack offensively, accounting for 180 yards, the second-highest total this season, despite

not having a single tailback rush for more than 56 yards.

But Broncos coach Chris Petersen says the biggest challenge may be finding a way to stop Hawai'i quarterback Inoke Funaki, who is as dangerous scrambling out of the pocket as former Warriors quarterback Colt Brennan was at picking apart opposing secondaries through the air last year.

Funaki threw for two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead Hawai'i to a 24-14 win over Louisiana Tech last week. So far this season, the junior has rushed for 200 yards on 50 carries.

The Broncos' defense, allowing a WAC-best 11.2 points per game, has played well against mobile quarterbacks so far this season, holding Oregon's Daron Thomas and Southern Miss' Austin Davis in check. In last year's game, Boise State blitzed frequently to keep Brennan off balance.

But this year, the Broncos, leery of how a mobile quarterback can wreak havoc on even the most disciplined scheme, may focus more on containing Funaki than trying to disrupt his passing rhythm.

"You can be doing all the things right and he can take off and make a big play ... and then your confidence is shot," Petersen said. "Those scrambling quarterbacks ... are always a problem."

"They're excited and having fun and that's what defense football is."

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