

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Nominee speaks to campus

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's financial straits are not inconsolable — this was the theme struck by Duane Nellis, a finalist in the search for a new university president.

On Tuesday, the University community was given the opportunity to meet Nellis. "I think this is an exciting opportunity despite the budget challenges of this state," Nellis said, "which is not unique (among) the conditions of the nation."



Duane Nellis

Nellis became Kansas State University's provost and senior vice president in June 2004 after serving for seven years at West Virginia University as dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, WVU's largest academic college.

Born in Spokane and raised in Montana, Nellis said he is well-acquainted with the region and the demands of land grant institutions such as UI.

"Land grants need to be more entrepreneurial," he said. "We have faculty at the University of Idaho who could be anywhere in the United States ... we need to be more engaged in reaching out into the state."

Nellis consistently mentioned the university could benefit from someone who can "make things happen" in Boise. He said he sees the position as heavily involved with outreach and extension. Through utilizing both, he said he sees "great opportunities for this institution" to grow stronger.

"I see my role as external," Nellis said. "I see (UI) as underdeveloped with fundraising."

Working with legislators is a key aspect of the position, he said. Legislators should be made aware of what is happening at the university in a strategic way, Nellis said.

Calling himself a strong supporter of athletics, he referred to the Kibbie Dome as a "good facility used for more than athletics." He

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University Sustainability Center pushes for single stream recycling on campus

Scott MacDonald
Argonaut

Located in the corner of a warehouse, almost to the ceiling, sits a brown and white mountain of various types of cardboard. Precariously stacked, it waits for the right moment to avalanche across the floor.

Nearby are three large boxes bigger than dumpsters full of white, mixed and colored paper that weigh hundreds of pounds. Next door, used fluorescent bulbs are packaged and stacked on one another. In the back, a five-story high wall of CRT monitors is wrapped tightly in industrial strength saran wrap. The warehouses of Recycling, Surplus and Solid Waste at UI are forced to hold their product for now and due to user error, some recyclables won't even make it to the facility.

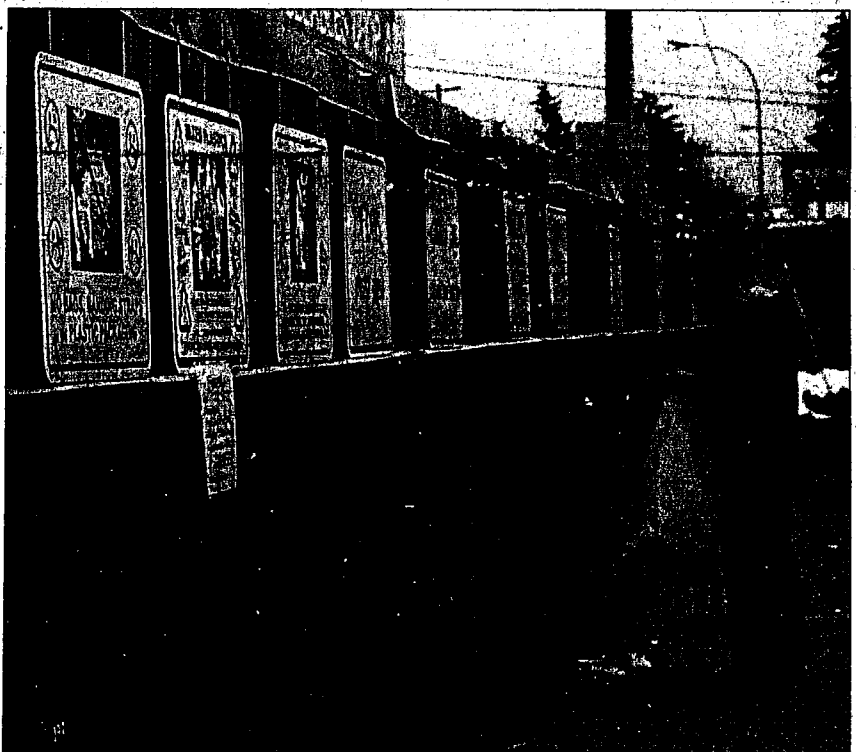
Recycle? If there's time.

Recycling bins can be found all over campus. Outside bins, adorned with rocks, are split into three categories. The idea is to separate recyclables from garbage. Unfortunately, this does not always happen.

"Overall, everything is recycled," said Charles Zillinger, director of landscape and exterior services. "Wood, cardboard, aluminum ... with all the recycling combined campus wide, waste is probably less than 10 percent. If you are talking about the bins on campus, though, it's more like 75-85 percent. It doesn't take much to ruin the whole bag."

Contamination is caused by the placement of an item in the can that doesn't belong there.

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Top: Kevin Krasslet dumps a load of mixed paper into a baling machine at Moscow Recycling Thursday. Recycling is something that is often misunderstood, and the UI Sustainability Center, the Resident Housing Association and Moscow Recycling are trying to provide more education about the process.

Bottom: Chris Zeoli sorts his recyclables at Moscow Recycling Thursday.

Program Prioritization Process

Communicating change

Administrators discuss possible communication studies closures

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Annette Folwell is already busy making plans for next year's communication studies class schedule.

But what that schedule will actually look like come fall semester is heavily dependent on the outcome of one thing — the University of Idaho's Program Prioritization Process.

The bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in communication studies are two of 41 programs up for closure consideration as a result of the PPP.

The PPP is one element of UI's Strategic Action Plan — a long series of decisions affecting UI's future implemented in 2005. Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen said the PPP is an effort by the university to increase financial and academic efficiency.

The communication program falls into the Department of Psychology and Communication Studies in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences and was introduced in 2003. With approximately 140 students, the communication program has the most students that could potentially be affected by the PPP.

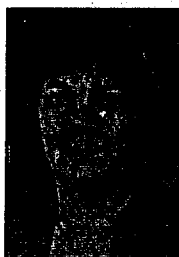
Folwell, coordinator and professor of communica-

tion studies, said scaling back the degree's options would be difficult for such a growing program.

"To grow from zero in 2003 to 140 students now shows we think we have a viable program here," Folwell said.

She said she believes one of the biggest factors that lead to communication studies being considered for the cuts is the number of faculty in the program. Communication studies currently has four faculty members — that number will be down to two after this year because of retirees.

Folwell said many communication students have been visiting her office looking for guidance.



Kathy Aiken

"I probably see four to five students a week about this issue," she said. "They just want reassurance."

Juniors and seniors from each of the 41 programs for up consideration will be "taught out," or will be able to complete their degrees at UI in a timely manner.

Folwell well said it can be hard to comfort students because of the evolving changes.

"There seems to be so much that is so unknown at this point," she said. "I mean we are a communication program. We want to talk about it."

CLASS Dean Kathy Aiken stressed the communication department was not being shut down, but the frequency that the communication courses will be offered at will possibly be affected.

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Council supports higher ed union

Reid Wright
Argonaut

The term "labor union" was not on the bill under consideration at Tuesday night's Faculty Council meeting, but it was exactly what the council members wanted to talk about.

The council voted to support a bill for the 2009 Idaho legislative session to legalize the formation of "collective bargaining" organizations within higher education institutions. These would negotiate with university administrations about things such as job security, salaries or benefits.

Against a backdrop of state budget cuts and an uncertain economy, it was no easy decision.

Council member Patrick Wilson said he was "torn" about the issue because he had worked in unionized institutions before and thought having labor organizations at UI would just add to organizational complexity.

"But at the same time, I'm a little taken aback by members of the legislature sitting around saying, 'maybe we should cut faculty salaries,'" Wilson said. "This would send a message to the legislature that we're tired of being a beast of burden to legislative budget cuts."

The proposal allows for the potential formation

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City prepares for Jazz Festival events

Kelcie Moseley, Argonaut

Concerns are mounting among city officials that downtown Moscow will not be presentable for visitors and participants in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the end of February.

Jazz Festival events begin Feb. 25 and run until Feb. 28, and many of them happen in the downtown area. Participating groups will be visiting from within the state, as well as from around the world.

Street Superintendent Mike McGahan said they will begin to clean the streets in preparation for visitors as soon as next week, barring any unexpected weather changes. McGahan is in charge of all streets and maintenance in the city and is in

charge of the crew that will clean up downtown prior to the festivities.

McGahan said he isn't worried about not getting the streets clean in time, but he recognized the importance of having the downtown area clean before the festival.

"The university spends a lot of time cleaning and so do we."

Mike MCGAHAN
Street Superintendent

"The university spends a lot of time cleaning (for this event) and so do we," McGahan said.

He said having the town as clean as they can get it is important for good presentation.

But executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Steve Hacker does see cause for concern.

"Disconnect between the city conducting a cleanup, which takes time and effort, and our downtown business plans of having a clean and presentable downtown is

apparent," Hacker said.

Participants in the festival will start arriving as early as Friday, according to Morgan Wilson, the assistant director of marketing and corporate relations for the festival.

Clinics and workshops will also be held downtown in the Nuart Theater throughout the entire festival, as well as at a Methodist church. Visitors are expected from various international places, such as Jamaica, Latin America and Russia.

Hacker said the Chamber of Commerce is working to fix the issue, "... even if it requires individuals picking trash by hand if the city has no concern of the trash all over our downtown sidewalks."

Hacker said he will meet with various organizations to address the problem, and it will be an ongoing process until the area is cleaned.

CELEBRITY STATUS



Joe Vandal autographs a T-shirt for one of his young fans after Saturday's basketball game against the Nevada Wolf Pack. Jake Barber/Argonaut

Private donations to help fund law program

Greg Connolly, Argonaut

While the Idaho State Legislature voted against appropriating the money to fund the third year law program in Boise, the plan is still moving forward.

"We will move slower, which means that we will invest in faculty and library resources in Boise step-by-step," said College of Law Dean Don Burnett.

The plan is to use available funds from student fees as well as money from any private donations the College of Law receives to fund the third year law program, Burnett said.

The third year law program is an expansion of the semester in practice program already in place. The semester in practice

takes place in Boise during the spring semester of the third and final year in a law degree, and the new plan would make it so students would spend the fall semester there as well. The State Board of Education approved University of Idaho's plan to implement a third year program in August of last year.

"The amount of legislative appropriations requested on the school's behalf was \$926,000 per year," Burnett said. "We are now studying whether we can establish the program with a step-by-step approach over two years."

Burnett said the plan is to cover early implementation expenses with private donations and is expected to take at least two years.

The College of Law has

not yet received any private donations for the project.

"We anticipate it will take 3.5 to four full-time faculty members to provide the array of courses necessary for the full third year program," Burnett said. "The new employees would be additional hires, and we're not anticipating cutting any jobs for this purpose."

The new program would allow students to complete their first two years in Moscow, and then choose where they want to complete their third year.

"There are only so many attorneys here," said Lacey Rammell-O'Brien, president of the Student Bar Association and a third year law student. "If there was a third year program in Boise, students would have greater opportunities,

such as the Idaho Volunteer Lawyer's Program."

According to an overview of the plan released by the College of Law, the Moscow Law School would put an emphasis on such fields as "natural resources, environmental law, American Indian law and public lands," as well as "interdisciplinary connections to land grant research university in law, public policy and science," while the Boise campus would put an emphasis on "intellectual property, business law, entrepreneurship and international trade," as well as "state law-related research

and service to the judiciary, legislature and city/state/federal agencies."

The implementation of the third year law program includes the creation of an Idaho Law Learning Center in partnership with the state supreme court. This would allow the law school to pool their library resources in Boise with the state supreme court's library.

"It would be a very distinctive location for a law program and ideal for students," Burnett said.

The College of Law has also proposed a full, three-year law school be built in Boise, but the

State Board of Education is holding the proposal for further discussion.

"Having an enhanced presence in Boise will be a benefit to students," Burnett said. "It will enable us to broaden our curriculum and strengthen our law school."

Burnett said the College of Law has no plans to pack up and move to Boise.

"I think the branch campus will really demonstrate UI's commitment to helping the community," Rammell-O'Brien said. "It will really help students to be trained in multiple settings."

ASUI asks for small fee hike

Travis Mason-Bushman, Argonaut

ASUI is proposing a \$9-per-student increase in its portion of student fees for 2009-10.

ASUI President Garrett Holbrook said the ASUI Senate kept its request to a bare minimum in light of the economic challenges facing students this year.

"All we're going after is a few small increases — a dollar here, a couple dollars there," Holbrook said.

A committee of undergraduate, graduate and law students are now studying the fee proposal, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Bruce Pitman said.

"They'll look at the fee proposals and decide which ones to recommend. Those recommendations will then be presented to (Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen) for approval," Pitman said.

After a public comment period, Daley-Laursen will present ASUI's fee proposal to the State Board of Education on April 6 as part of the university's total student and matriculation fee request.

There, its fate is uncertain. Holbrook said the SBOE is likely to hold the overall fee increase to no more than 5 percent, and the matriculation fee increase requested by university administration has yet to be unveiled.

Pitman said the SBOE has historically been reluctant to increase the levy on students, and the current economic crisis would likely only reinforce this tendency. "They've got a fairly strict limit on the size of the increase they'll approve," Pitman said.

The largest single beneficiary would be ASUI's

Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, which would receive \$5 more per student per semester. Holbrook said the center's Alternative Service Break program has been a victim of its own success, and needs more funding to adequately serve students interested in participating.

The ASB program allows UI students to work on community projects in places around the world. Students have cleaned up after Hurricane Katrina and built youth centers in Peru during their Winter and Spring Breaks.

"We've had a great student response to the Alternative Service Breaks, and with travel costs going up, we have had to start turning away people," he said. "This year, we're going to have to decline about 40 to 50 applications — it's the first time that number has been more than a handful."

Increasing ASB funding, Holbrook said, would also allow the program to begin offering service trips over summer break.

One program ASUI hopes to fund with its fee hike has already been introduced: free newspapers. Racks distributed throughout campus offer free copies of The Spokesman-Review, USA Today and The New York Times. Currently a pilot program, Holbrook said it would require only \$1 per student to operate on a permanent basis.

"A dollar a semester gets you free daily newspapers," Holbrook said. "I think that's a pretty good deal for students."

Another \$2 would be earmarked to boost funding for the Vandal Entertainment budget, which Holbrook said has been stagnant for

some time. As a result of inflation and increased travel costs, it's become difficult for the university to attract quality musical acts for on-campus concerts.

"We're getting priced out of the market," he said. "We want to provide better bands and national stars — that's what students want to see here."

The final dollar would go toward increasing the budget for International Experience Grants, scholarships awarded to students undertaking study abroad trips.

Holbrook said he had mixed emotions about the process, but felt it was important for ASUI to ask for its fair share of the university's annual fee request.

"We hate to ask for a fee hike again, but I think there's a lot of value in that \$9," he said.



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Relay set for new location

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The Eastside Marketplace will be transformed into a 24-hour track for Relay for Life on April 3.

Relay for Life is usually held in the University of Idaho Kibbie Dome, but due to renovations, the event will be relocated to the Eastside Marketplace, said Tori Cook, the Latah County event chair.

"We can't always use the Kibbie Dome," said Timothy Kunz, who is helping coordinate the event. "We're going without it for one year."

Cook said Relay for Life was going to be held at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex but heard from several teams they didn't want the event outside.

Because of unforeseeable weather conditions, the loca-

tion of the event was moved indoors.

"I think it's actually very good because it's still inside," Kunz said.

UI is one of the only schools to host Relay for Life inside, Cook said.

Relay for Life is hosted by the American Cancer Society and recognizes cancer survivors. Many students and community members form teams and raise donations to help fund cancer research. It is a 24-hour event in which where team members take turns walking or running.

Cook said they are working to get a bus to shuttle students to the Eastside Marketplace and back to campus.

More than 1,000 people participated and formed 86 teams in the event last year and Cook said she hopes to see more than 1,250 partici-

pants this year.

Entertainment and food will be provided at the event for participants.

"There will be things that will be different," Kunz said.

Another change is registration will be \$100 per person instead of \$100 per team. Cook said she thought it wasn't fair when a team with only three people had to pay \$100.

Cook said each team is asked to bring an item for the silent auction.

During Relay for Life there will be a luminary, a display where many candles are lit in honor of those who have lost their lives due to cancer or cancer survivors.

"Overall, it's an emotional ceremony," Cook said.

Cook said walking around a track symbolizes the struggle cancer patients

endure. They get tired and want to quit, but they keep going, she said.

"It's crazy, it's never really expected when someone you know gets cancer," Cook said.

More than \$74,000 was raised last year to help find a cure for cancer. Cook said she is hoping to raise more than \$75,000 this year.

"(We) want to recognize cancer survivors," Cook said.

The deadline to register and get a T-shirt is Feb. 24. To register, visit www.relayforlife.org/latahcountyid.

Relay for Life will start at 6 p.m. on April 3 and will end at 9 a.m. on April 4.

The Think Pink games are another way to help with any kind of cancer. It will start Feb. 12 and 13 at both men's and women's basketball games.



File Photo

Participants in Relay for Life walk around the track March 24, 2006 in the Kibbie Dome. This year's event will be taking place in the Eastside Marketplace because of the construction going on in the Kibbie Dome.

ASUI may allocate more money for service break trips

Senate disagrees about immediate consideration

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate introduced a bill Wednesday that would transfer \$20,000 from the general reserve to fund Alternative Service Breaks.

There were 143 applicants for the spring ASB trips, which will be traveling to areas along the Gulf Coast hit by hurricanes in the past three years.

There was some conflict in the Senate as to whether to consider and pass the bill immediately or to send it to the finance committee.

"All members of the finance committee are present," said Sen. John Rock. "It's time to have that discussion."

Sen. Zach Arama said the proposed amount of money was more than most University of Idaho students had in their

bank accounts, and it would be irresponsible to make a decision so quickly.

"This seems like an impulse buy," Black said. "We have to be responsible here."

Sen. Samantha Storms said postponing the vote would extend the wait wfor students eager to see whether or not they would be able to go on this semester's trip.

Ultimately, the Senate chose to send the bill to committee.

"Following the natural order of committees is the right way for ASUI to operate," said Sen. Brad Griff. "A majority of the senators felt that way."

Only 70 spots were previously available. The new money would allow about 130 people to participate in the trips.

The program at UI has been around since 2006. Past ASB trips have allowed students to journey to the Appalachian region of Tennessee, the village of Cai Cay in Peru and Romania.

The funding will mostly go to travel expenses such as airfare and the pur-

chase of tools that may be necessary on some service trips, like the one to Romania where students helped to build an orphanage.

Students going on the trips do have to pay about \$300 to cover personal expenses

like food.

"With an investment of just a few hundred dollars students have the opportunity to go to a place they've never been before and make a huge impact on a community," Griff said.

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"I don't anticipate a huge cut in any courses," she said. "There might be fewer sections in those courses. ... I don't see ... a dramatic impact in the array of courses offered in this area."

But because of high enrollment in upper division courses and tough faculty restraints, Folwell said she worries about being able to offer all of the courses students need.

The number of students allowed in already full classes might have to be even higher, she said.

"Upping enrollment in classes is one of the tools we'll have to use," Folwell said. "All of our classes are (presently) at enrollment or over."

Increasing the number of students per class can have a negative effect on the way a student interacts with the

class, she said.

"It limits class discussion," Folwell said. "It limits the types of assignments you want to give out. It limits the way we can test. ... Is it harder to do those things in a class of 60 than it is in 40? Oh yeah."

Aiken said keeping the "centrality," or what is most important to the core of university and the college itself, is important when deciding which programs would be considered.

The communication program isn't what most people would immediately consider "traditional discipline" of a college of letters, arts and social science, she said.

She said she believed aspects of the communication program fit in well with other programs, such as journalism and mass media, business, sociology or psychology. Students who want to study communication can find related, viable options in these areas and still be able to stay at UI, Aiken said.

ning," Christiansen said.

The Core curriculum is not directly related to CLASS, but it does utilize many resources, such as faculty members, from the college.

Aiken said Core is one way students get a broader education while students are attending college.

"General education is at the forefront of this university," Aiken said. "It's what makes our students who they are. It's how they relate in a global society."

Effect of the PPP

As a graduate of UI, and as one of the few deans who still teaches classes, Aiken said she understands how personal decisions made via the PPP can be.

"There are faces that go with every one of these decisions," she said. "I may not have made the correct decision every time, but I made the best decision I could at the time."

Folwell said she is committed to maintaining a viable communication program for current and future students.

She said she hopes students will continue to engage with their advisers as the changes in the curriculum continue to evolve. Actions taken by members of the ASUI Senate, such as passing a resolution denouncing the proposed changes to the communication degree, and petitions to save the degree are appreciated, Folwell said.

"Our students are upset," she said. "To feel the support from the students means more than I could possibly express."

Aiken said she encourages anyone — student or faculty — to ask questions about the prioritization process.

"One thing university students need to do is take control of their own education and advocate for themselves," she said. "Students need to help us here. They need to let us know what they don't understand. If we're missing something, we're hoping (they're) helping us. There's a partnership here that requires effort on all sides."

Aiken said nothing is more important to university administrators than making the best decisions for the future of the school.

"These degree programs are why we came to do the things we do," she said. "It's who we are and where we live. This is hard, hard work."

Additional CLASS proposals

The master in teaching degrees for French, Spanish, German and History are graduate programs that may also no longer be offered by CLASS. The B.A. German and justice studies degrees and the B.S. degree in justice studies are also on the list.

"(Justice studies) has already been interested in curriculum adjustments of a couple of years," Aiken said. "They're re-evaluating how they see themselves."

The justice studies program may evolve to become a part of another related program, such as sociology, she said.

One hard part of the transition on the administrative side may be keeping an eye on which track certain students in CLASS are on while they teach out students, Aiken said.

"We'll have to figure out who falls into which categories," she said, "but it will be seamless for students."

Jeanne Christiansen, vice provost for academic affairs, said any changes to the Core curriculum have not been evaluated as a part of the PPP because it's not a degree program. The Faculty Council has formed a committee and is looking at any issues associated with Core separately from the prioritization process.

"They are in discussion as the semester is begin-

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"It's a common sense sort of thing," he said. "If you dump a three-quarter full can of Coke into the paper bin, you just contaminated the product. Food waste is the worst."

Recycling is not a profitable industry and the university's facility is no exception.

"The university pays the salaries of workers and for the infrastructure," he said. "You get so little return in recycling that they could never support themselves."

Along with other industries throughout the country, the recycling industry has also been impacted by the economic downturn.

"Now no one wants it," he said. "We have to pay to get rid of it. We'll always have the supply side — people who want to recycle — more than the demand side — people who will take it and do something with it."

About 250-300 tons of materials are sent out for recycling every year, he said. A majority is processed at Moscow Recycling, but items such as scrap metals, fluorescent bulbs and computer parts are sent elsewhere.

"We get pretty clean product from the core of campus, it's a white paper world," he said.

Zillinger said it's often not cost-effective, especially with the economy, to sort through contaminated materials. Depending on the contaminant, some can't be saved.

"It comes down to convenience again," he said. "If a dumpster is full and the recycling dumpster is empty, it's going in the recycling dumpster."

The apathetic/ economic battle

Recycling flows in two garbage

free-streams — as a single stream or broken into many tributaries. While traditional recycling sorts everything, single stream separates all recyclables from garbage into one bin. Single stream recycling began as a project in family housing last year and is now flowing into other residence halls.

"A housing grant allowed for the purchase of 41-quart blue bins that are permanent in the residence halls," said Tara George, assistant director of the resident services team.

The bins are in every room and students can purchase them for \$10 when they move out, she said.

The Single Stream Recycling Program is presented by the UI Sustainability Center, the President Housing Association, facilities and Moscow Recycling and is part of the RecycleMania recycling contest that lasts from Jan. 18 to March 28.

"It's a ten-week program in the residence halls," she said. "About 28 halls are in a national competition. It's about 1,700 students. They are also competing between halls."

George said the program has removed 11.5 tons of recyclables from family housing in the last year. The increase in recycling should also lower garbage processing costs.

One advantage of using a single stream is all recyclables are placed in the same bin.

"We can take twice, even three times the amount of product," she said.

While the program has been a success, contamination is still an issue.

"Within three weeks, plastic bags were showing up in the bins in the residence halls," she said.

Styrofoam has also shown up frequently, which cannot be processed this way.

To combat the situation, housing has provided information to numerous outlets.

"We are trying for hardcore education — emails, hall meetings," she

said. "We've put information up on the housing Web site and the sustainability Web site."

The program also created sustainability ambassadors, she said.

"Part of the grant was to start a volunteer group within the halls to maintain the program," she said.

Despite the plethora of information on the program, even blue bins have been found in dumpsters, she said.

"It was ... disappointing," she said.

Ken Pekie, assistant director for business operations in university housing, said they are currently in negotiations over prices with Latah County and the city of Moscow. The current contract ends March 27.

A part of RecycleMania is also a compost trial program at Bob's Place.

"We're collecting pre and post consumer waste," said Tim Wheeler, food service manager. "Things like food, napkins and paper cups. This stuff is sent out to the transfer station and it's weighed. We've already sent 1,180 pounds in the first week and a half."

"The hardest part of the program thus far is educating the employees," Wheeler said. "One trash can has a biodegradable bag — all the compost stuff goes in there. The other is regular garbage stuff."

After the trial ends, Wheeler said the program could expand if it's successful.

Compost is sent to the solid waste processing facility transfer station where it breaks down and is monitored according to strict EPA guidelines, said Andy Boyd, manager of Moscow Recycling.

Just throw it away

The RSSW warehouse has anything and everything imaginable, except for the kitchen sink.

"Well actually, we've got those too," said Jerry Martin, supervisor

of RSSW.

"If a department has stuff it doesn't need ... you can't just throw stuff away, it has to be 'surplused' to determine where it goes."

The facility receives unwanted furniture and computers, old machinery and vehicles and anything else that's unwanted.

"We determine if the stuff has no value or if it can be scrapped or repaired," he said.

Martin said people don't envision recycling as it actually is.

"People look at recycling as a trash item," he said. "It's not, it's a commodity. It's not any different than a factory that makes widgets. Recycling is a product and we treat it as such."

"White paper is easy to sort, you can see what's not white," he said. "Mixed paper isn't so easy to spot, and all of this is done rapidly."

A small percentage of product is allowed to be contaminated, he said.

"In paper, you're allowed 1 percent of contaminates, paper that isn't the right fiber, and half a percent of out-throws, stuff that doesn't belong at all," he said.

The slowed industry has resulted in the facility holding onto product until it recovers.

"It's really hard — well, that's an understatement," he said. "I've been here 17 years, and this is the first time we've had to pay them to take product."

Certain materials, such as fluorescent bulbs and computer monitors, have to be packaged before they are sent out, or they may become hazardous materials. The breaking of these strict regulations results in fines, he said.

Martin stressed recycling isn't the only answer.

"Waste reduction is the answer, not so much recycling," he said. "The less you produce, the better off you are."

Campus CALENDAR

Today

Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Search 10:30 a.m.
Idaho Commons

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

The Vagina Monologues 7 p.m.
Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

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Saturday

The Vagina Monologues 7 p.m.
Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Sunday

Nepal Night 5 p.m.
Student Union Building

Monday FAFSA Renewal Workshop 6 p.m.
Financial Aid Office

Study Abroad first-time advising 2:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons

COUNCIL

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of three "bargaining units" if the bill passed: one for tenured senior faculty, one for instructors and adjunct faculty, and one for graduate teaching assistants.

Council member Dan Eveleth, of the College of Business and Economics, said he voted against the measure because the faculty who gave him feedback on the issue thought bargaining units at UI would hinder the ability to offer competitive wages when hiring specialized faculty.

"We compete in the marketplace for labor with business, with government, with other institutions nationally and other institutions internationally," he said. "So, the basic problem we had with the bill was we're setting our-

selves up for later to be in a position where we're going to struggle to compete for labor."

Eveleth said potential bargaining groups may equalize salary levels across the entire university and individual colleges may not be able to offer higher wages for faculty who are qualified in technical fields such as engineering.

"It would be nice if everyone got paid a good wage," Eveleth said. "But we should let supply and demand dictate salaries."

Council member Paul Oman disagreed.

"The bill doesn't mention unions, the bill doesn't mention salary tiers, the bill doesn't mention any tiers of any kind," he said. "It basically says, the administration can enter into negotiations with the local faculty."

Council member James

Murphy said he supported the bill because he thought faculty should have the right to organize in the future if they decided to.

"I believe in a woman's right to choose, I believe in a student's right to choose and I believe in a faculty's right to choose," he said. "So I think that we need to support this resolution because we need to be given the right to choose with this legislature."

Oman said he was pessimistic about the bill succeeding but thought it should be supported as a symbolic act to support local representatives.

"The most important reason we should pass this resolution is Shirley Ringo and Tom Trail have always worked hard for this institution," he said. "If we don't support this resolution — which has an incredibly low chance of

ever passing — it's a slap in the face to our local representatives. It's a no risk, no cost vote of support."

Eveleth said there was also concern about the wording of the Faculty Council measure itself, which supports the bill.

"The resolution uses the word 'union,' which is inconsistent with the bill," he said.

Eveleth said he also thought the measure was vague and expressed opinions, which were difficult to grasp as an academic.

"When we read research, we would want to know the facts behind it," he said. "You think about why (the faculty council) chooses yes or no ... we have to choose on the information we do have."

SEARCH

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recommended the university consider private funding for the facilities upgrades.

"This is becoming a necessary part if you look around the country... not to sell your soul, but to be competitive and get a facility."

During the sessions question-and-answer segment, faculty expressed concern that the university's instabil-

ity would result in another presidential transition. UI has gone through five presidents during the past six years, both interim and permanent.

"I'm looking for my next move as president to be my last move," Nellis said. "Ten to 12 years would be great."

Andrew Turner, director of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho — the medical education program — asked the presidential candidate about his stance on the "future of legal

and medical education in the state."

Nellis said he would support basing WWAMI at UI and establishing a law program in Boise.

"I am extremely supportive of a third year law program in Boise," he said. "Not to say we're going to shift the law school from this campus at all."

Candidate David Dooley will visit the UI campus Feb. 10. An open forum will be held at 1 p.m. in the Horizon Room.

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New BLOT coming soon!



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OurVIEW

Make an effort

Recycling is something most people will agree is a good idea, but a fraction of those people will actually follow through.

The biggest excuse for not recycling is inconvenience. For some, it's hard enough to get their trash in a garbage receptacle, let alone distinguish what is recyclable and then find a place to properly dispose of it.

Today, the University of Idaho produces about 350 tons of carbon-equivalent emissions in its waste stream. To get an idea of how much students are throwing away that could be recycled, just ask one of the people who sorted through campus garbage to remove 11.5 tons of recyclables in the last year.

Our pollution stems from ignorance just as much as laziness. If each individual about to toss an empty pop can in the garbage knew recycling aluminum cans saves 95 percent of the energy required to make the same amount of aluminum, wouldn't he or she take a couple more steps to throw the can in a recycling bin instead?

Notably, UI works to combat this and make recycling convenient while also raising awareness.

UI is participating in RecycleMania, a nationwide recycling contest. There is a trial compost program at Bob's Place in which food, napkins and paper cups are collected. Already in the first week and a half, 1,180 pounds were collected — 1,180 pounds that would normally have gone to a landfill. University Housing was recently granted \$7,500 from the Sustainable Idaho Initiative to buy recycling bins for each residence hall room.

Ignorance is not an excuse anymore. It's not hard to learn about what can be recycled. The Moscow Recycling Web site has lists of what can be recycled and how to do it, and the organization offers 24-hour access to recycling bins outside its location.

Sometimes recycling takes effort, but consider the consequences of a planet that might be consumed in pollution and bursting landfills, perhaps sooner than we think. So, take a little time, and do it.

— SB

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Support the cause

This weekend, "The Vagina Monologues" will be running at the Kenworthy, and while I don't exactly enjoy the play (no offense to everyone who worked hard on it — it's just not my cup of tea), I still think it is important to attend or donate because of the work done outside of the actual play. This year, they are campaigning with UNICEF to raise awareness and support for the violence toward women committed on a daily basis in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We all have a moral obligation to do whatever we can to help prevent such atrocities.

— Jake

Desperation

The Army believes 24 U.S. soldiers committed suicide in January, six times as many as in January 2008 and eight more than the number of combat-related deaths in both Afghanistan and Iraq that month. The economy might be the country's major worry now, but it sounds like our servicemen and women could use our help right about now, too.

— Holly

Who do I call?

The green bulb in the upper stop light at the intersection of Washington and Sixth streets is out and has been for at least three weeks. Every time I drive through the intersection, I panic, hoping I will not soon be hit by a semi. You'd think someone would fix this by now, but maybe that's what everyone is thinking. I want to take initiative. Who do I call?

— Sydney

Punch drunk (no) love

Every time I go to John's Alley, the drunkest person there finds me. They sense a kindred spirit. They know. I'm one of them. On Tuesday, this guy sits at the bar, and after 20 minutes of drooling on himself and staring at his drink, manages to scream, "Chinese food?!" My beer-drinking compatriot with me translates, "I think he's offering you Chinese food." I politely decline. At this, he takes his leave,

but not before slurring, "Hasta luego, Taco." Hear this, Drunky: I will not now, nor will I ever be, your "Taco."

— Christina

Party like a school night

I went to a couple bars Wednesday night to interview bartenders for a story I'm writing for BLOT. I've never actually visited Moscow's bars midweek before. I have to say, not slowly smashing your way through a sea of meat for 20 minutes to get a drink is the way to go. Forget Friday. Here's to the weeknights (clink).

— Kevin

Trying something new

I'm going to see "The Vagina Monologues" for the first time this weekend. I've always wanted to go, but every time I'm about to, I'm too intimidated to walk in. This is the year, but there's no way I'm going alone. My roommates may have to rock, paper, scissors over it.

— Lianna

Windows 7

Everyone is really excited about the new Windows 7. I just want to remind everyone Microsoft's marketing department can ruin anything. It might look good now, but come release day, there will be 11 different versions and half the features.

— Jens

Toy store owner

Some people I meet are like Slinkies — not much use, but they are fun to push down a flight of stairs.

— Levi

It's alive

My love for my old monochrome iPod has been rekindled after its near-death experience. Help came not in the form of Apple tech support, but from a random blog that suggested I take it apart and put it back together. So, thank you, flathead screwdriver, and take that, Apple — reload is not always the final option.

— Alexiss

FEMINIST FRIDAY

'Vagina Monologues:' a must-see for everyone

If you've never seen Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," I strongly encourage you to see it this weekend. Even if you have seen it before, I promise you this year's production, directed by Kim Stout and Seraphina Richardson, will be different than the one you've seen before.

It's funny. It's sexy. It's powerful. "The Vagina Monologues" sends many important empowering messages in a highly entertaining and touching fashion. Sex, love, rape, birth, menstruation, mutilation, masturbation and orgasms — the monologues undertake every issue related to the big V-word.

Some organizations, such as the Independent Women's Forum, the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute and plenty of religious organizations, go out of their way to send out don't-support-it messages claiming "The Vagina Monologues" are demeaning to men and destructive for women because they glorify promiscuity, objectify women and promote bad sexual behaviors. Betty Dodson allegedly went as far as to say "The Vagina Monologues" are "a blast of hatred at men and heterosexuality." I strongly disagree and think every man and woman ought to see a production.

The award-winning play is the cornerstone of the global V-Day movement dedicated to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and generate broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery.

With events on campuses and in cities all around the world, V-Day raises funds and awareness on a local and global level. The proceeds of the UI Women's Center production will be donated lo-

cally to Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and University of Idaho Violence Prevention Programs.

Each year, V-Day focuses on a specific group of struggling, courageous women in the world. This year, V-Day's Spotlight Campaign highlights the atrocities being committed against the women and girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"I have just returned from hell. I am trying for the life of me to figure out how to communicate what I have seen and heard in the Democratic Republic of the Congo," Ensler penned in a Glamour article. "How do I convey these stories of atrocities? ... How do I tell you of girls as young as 9 raped by gangs of soldiers, of women whose insides were blown apart by rifle blasts and whose bodies now leak uncontrollable streams of urine and feces?"

In the Congo, rape is used as a weapon of war to torture and humiliate women and girls. This systemic sexual violence and femicide, destroys individual women, young girls, families and communities as a whole. In addition to the severe psychological impact, many survivors are left with severe genital lesions, traumatic fistulae and other physical wounds as well as unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Local response to support survivors is hindered by a lack of resources.

"I'd traveled to the rape mines of the world — places like Bosnia, Afghanistan and Haiti, where rape has been used as a tool of war. But nothing I ever experienced felt as ghastly, terrifying and complete as the sexual torture and attempted destruction of the female species here," Ensler wrote. "It is not too strong to call this a femicide, to say that the future of

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Inflation and you

From time to time, circumstances are such that it seems necessary to discuss economics. Don't get too excited, but this is one of those times. Since President Obama was elected on the understanding he would help to repair the economy, he has to do something. Even if the best option were to let the market correct itself (a ridiculous notion, eh?), he would still have to do something to be seen as a strong leader.



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Obama does not disappoint. He is, in fact, doing something, and it involves \$825 billion. If I had my way, everyone would flinch whenever he or she heard the words, "\$825 billion," but that is what our president has decided it will take to revive the economy. So, you may be wondering, "Just how will this fiscal master plan affect the likes of us?" To understand that, we need to be familiar with the concept of inflation.

To begin with, let's remember this \$800-plus is not the first cash injection into the economy. We also endured a \$700 billion bailout in the fall, and when we add to that the \$400 billion deficit from last year, we have a total of almost \$2 trillion that has been pumped into the market in the last several months. Two trillion has 12 zeros.

Now, you would think such a big number would at least be enough to get an economy a little excited, but we have to remember something very important: no matter how big the number gets, the country is not any richer. The

catch in all those huge spending numbers is the government is not adding any value to the economy. Congress can pass bills, but after they've passed, we still don't have any new products, natural resources or man-hours of work.

What we do have is a lot more money floating around in an economy that's not any richer or poorer than before. That's inflation, but it doesn't sound like much of a big deal, right? Who cares if there are more or less dollar bills being used? Well, let's bring it home.

The \$2 trillion that have been or will be spent by the government divides out to \$6,400 for every man, woman and child in the country. That may be nothing to you, or it may be more than you've ever had in your life. Either way, let's imagine you have \$6,400 more than you used to, but the total is still worth the same amount as whatever you had before. What that means is your original dollar amount is not worth as much, because you are spreading the same value out over more dollar bills. That is what happened. The only difference is in real life you don't get to keep the extra \$6,400.

So, where is it? Well, we can't be sure yet where the current round of spending will end up, but we do know what happened to the last \$700 billion. In a fit of economic brilliance, we used it to purchase defaulted mortgages and buy stock in failing companies. Aren't we clever? This economy should be revived in no time.

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... For 2010.

Sincerely,
Barack Obama
Barack Obama



P.S. I heard the U.S. is cutting programs. You sure they couldnt cut the money? -BHO

Matt Adams-Wenger/Argonaut

MONOLOGUES

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the Congo's women is in serious jeopardy."

This year's production of "The Vagina Monologues" will highlight these atrocities to raise awareness and generate support for V-Day, UNICEF and non-governmental organizations working to end femicide in the Congo and help survivors.

Violence against women is a serious problem

not just in a country thousands of miles away but also here in Moscow. Following national averages brought forth by organizations such as RAINN and the Bureau of Justice, it would appear on the UI campus alone, 1,220 women have been victims of sexual violence. That's one in every four women.

"The Vagina Monologues" will make you laugh, blush and cry. It has a jaw-dropping quality in the bluntness of the monologues and in the shocking facts of violence against women. It will be the most entertaining session you've ever been to.

MailBOX

Don't apologize

The writing of Cheyenne Hollis ("Fans an embarrassment," Tuesday) is a disgrace to his own school. How can you even put your own fellow classmates down for cheering for their sports team? Mr. Hollis' writing seems to reflect hatred toward his school's team that is doing well, yet he wants us to keep silent. How are you able to face your own classmates after writing about the fans that actually care to see their teams do well for once? If anything, you should be smashing Boise State University, not the fans. Don't be a critic. Be a fan of your own team, Mr. Hollis.

To the president's e-mail this past weekend: what were you thinking by sending that out? You just angered the whole Vandal Nation. What happened to restoring the glory? Having fans is needed for this to happen. The fans are worse at football games, so why the apology for a basketball game? If you're going to apologize for this little mishap, you minus (sic) well apologize for everything else the Vandal Nation has done, and I don't suggest doing that.

Jeremy Noel
junior, business

Grow up

Mr. Andrew Drouet (Mailbox, Tuesday) apparently is unable to

distinguish passion from vulgar and classless behavior. One may be passionate about a cause, team or anything else while still maintaining a modicum of class and dignity. The attitude reflected in Mr. Drouet's letter is an example of the attitude of some sports fans who think their enthusiasm for a particular team justifies any type of childish, boorish and immature behavior. Mr. Drouet, please grow up — you're a senior now.

Alan F. Williams
associate professor of law
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Save physics

You can't understand a biological cell without understanding diffusion, you can't understand a cell phone antenna without understanding electromagnetism and you can't understand computer chips without understanding quantum mechanics.

All of our technology derives from an understanding of physics. Trying to have a first-rate public university without a physics program makes about as much sense as trying to have public schools without a reading program. Saying, "The university is constructing itself for the future" could be used as a high school English example of doublespeak (assuming we don't eliminate English from the high schools to save money).

Steve Dodgen
Pullman

Raucous behavior common

This letter is in response to Cheyenne Hollis' article, (boldly titled) "Fans an embarrassment," published Tuesday.

While I find the behavior of some students regrettable, and I think this article brings up some valid points, I must ask — has the author ever watched/attended an ACC basketball game? Or Big 10 football game? Has Hollis ever seen the fans at a Duke vs. UNC game? Or at a Michigan State vs. Ohio State game?

I agreed with IdahoAlum05, who commented on The Argonaut online, saying, "I don't excuse crass or crude behavior from anyone." However, it is sad our actions, as University of Idaho students, are being judged outside the realm of the incredible craziness that is the rivalry of college sports. If, as a sports writer, Hollis seeks extreme civility, go watch golf, and even Tiger Woods' fist pumps will make your blood pressure sky rocket and send fans into hysterics, so, on second thought, better not watch golf, either.

I think the more promising theme of the night was the fact Vandal fans were there throughout the whole game and supporting our team, which is what it needs. I was in Boise at Mack and Charlie's, where the interim president himself was leading the Vandal fight song at the bar. But wait, maybe that was a

regrettable act where a loss of "common sense and dignity" occurred.

As to the claim that our student body's spirit will cause us to possibly feed Boise State University's fire and lead it to victory? I will remember these Boise State players vowed to never lose to us Vandals again on their watch, and I hope they eat those words. But I have never seen the Duke's Cameron Craziess backing off because they might get beat by UNC...

Jacqueline Goddard
senior, public relations/
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Embarrassing

On Jan. 29, I attended the Boise State University vs. University of Idaho men's basketball game at the Cowan Spectrum. As a 2007 BSU graduate, a current second-year UI College of Law student and a sports fanatic, this game seemed to have all the potential of being able to help me fit into my new community and understand the culture that is offered here in northern Idaho.

However, minutes into the game, the UI student section, recognizing BSU had started forward Mark Sanchez, began to chant, "dirty Sanchez." I was immediately taken aback that of all the possible chants that could have come from the UI crowd and all of the comments that could have been made in reference to this intense in-state rivalry, the students chose instead

to attack and verbally assault Sanchez, who was participating in basketball game at a public university. The environment quickly filled with strong sentiments of racial hatred and was one of the worst displays I have ever witnessed.

It is hard to believe such a large number of people would start such an inexcusable chant. There are many feelings to describe how I felt, but the two that stand out are frustration and confusion. I cannot understand how this chant was able to continue. I know there were UI faculty members, staff and administrative officials at this game, and nothing was done or said to bring the crowd into some type of respectable control. For those of you who may not know what "dirty Sanchez" means, just Google it, and you will quickly understand the horrid and filthy connotation that is associated with this phrase and why I am so disgusted with UI, its employees and the Moscow community.

I hope that by bringing this to the attention of Idaho's citizens, pressure can be put on UI officials to make a public apology to Sanchez, BSU and the minorities here at UI. We can only hope that as a community, something like this never takes place again. However, to do this, those with authority must use it and our education system must continue to fight ignorance and racism.

Ramon S. Hobdley-Sanchez
second year, law

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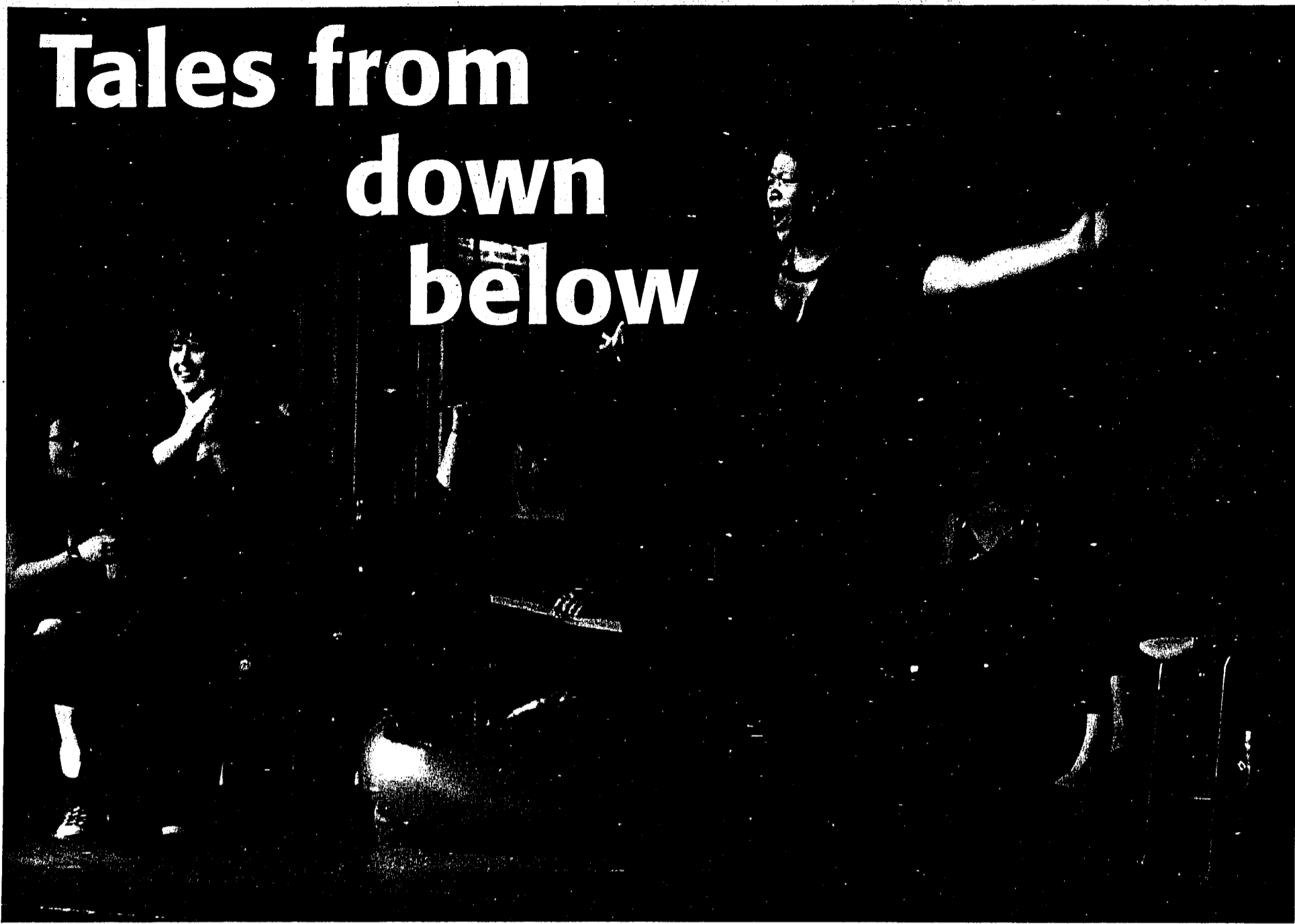
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Tales from down below



Performers rehearse Wednesday for Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. This year, the play will highlight the violence committed against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and it will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Jake Barber/Argonaut

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

It's where babies come from. Girls have them. And typically, they are just not talked about. Until now.

The University of Idaho Women's Center is presenting this year's production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." The play is part of the global V-Day movement to stop violence against women and girls worldwide.

"It's not a traditional play," said director Seraphina Richardson. "It's more a documentary style. It's designed to teach and not entertain as much, though it is pretty entertaining."

This year's cast is made up of UI students and community members who auditioned. The cast members received their respective monologues during the first week of December, but Richardson said they've only rehearsed the whole play a few times.

"They don't want it over-rehearsed," Richardson said. "We try to keep it or-

ganic. We took a couple of the monologues that have always been there and made them interactive."

According to Lysa Salsbury, the program coordinator for the Women's Center, "The Vagina Monologues" production actually requires a contract with the V-Day Foundation to ensure strict guidelines are followed.

"The V-Day campaigns have raised something in the vicinity of \$50 to \$60 million in the last 10 years," Salsbury said.

The beneficiaries of this production's proceeds will be Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, the UI's Violence Prevention Programs and the V-Day Foundation.

"We raised enough this year to completely offset the cost of the production," Salsbury said.

"Every cent will go to our two beneficiaries after we pay the mandatory 10 percent to

the V-Day Foundation."

The play does contain language and explicit subject material. The play was first performed by Eve Ensler in a solo off-Broadway show and then later as a benefit show. It has since expanded to be one of the offerings of the V-Day Foundation, along with readings, documentaries and educational "teach-ins" such as the one that is being offered about this year's spotlight monologue. Ensler writes a new spotlight monologue every year.

"This year's spotlight monologue is about the systematic rape and torture, what Ensler terms 'femicide,' of women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo," Salsbury said. "We decided to do the educational teach-ins as well. We're trying to provide that education that raises student awareness of not only rape as a weapon of

war, but violence in their own communities."

She said the play gives audience members the chance to learn about it in a safe setting.

"I hope that people who have seen the play will see it again," Salsbury said. "And that people who haven't seen it will come, not just out of curiosity, or even hope for revealing something controversial and illicit. I hope they come because they realize the social importance of contributing to a global justice movement which advocates ending violence against women and girls."

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre today and Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before the show. Tickets are \$7 for students/senior citizens and \$9 for general admission and may be purchased in advance from the University of Idaho Women's Center, Eclectica and Book People of Moscow. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door.

"They don't want it over-rehearsed. We try to keep it organic."

Seraphina
RICHARDSON
Director

Piano Bash returns after seven years

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

For the piano studio's biggest spring 2009 event, six baby grand pianos were carefully assembled onto the stage of the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall late Friday.

"Around the World in 80 Minutes," the ninth in a long-running series of multiple-piano events produced by professors Jay and Sandra Mauchley, will be presented in a Friday evening show and a Saturday matinee.

"When Jay was in graduate school, he had a piano teacher whose mother would give these concerts in Connecticut," Sandra Mauchley said. "They'd have many, many pianos and costumes, so we got the idea there."

The occasional series, called the Piano Bash, began in the 1980s with six concerts in a row before slowing down to one each in 1994 and 2002.

The Mauchleys, both pianists, started planning the 2009 concert last fall.

"We had just the right students," Sandra Mauchley said. "They were very

good, and it was just the right time to do it - we just got the idea again, and there was an enthusiasm for it."

Saturday's performance is coincidental with the LHSOM's Audition Day, which functions as both recruitment and assessment for new music students.

Kay Zavislak, an assistant professor of piano at the University of Idaho, is playing in four of the concert's pieces.

"The audition goes from 9:30 until around 4 p.m., and the Piano Bash is at 4:30," Zavislak said. "That will be a busy day for us."

Tonight's concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Both will be in the LHSOM Recital Hall.

Because of the Recital Hall's frequent occupancy and the room on stage required to accommodate the instruments, the timeline for practice has been compressed.

Practice has been nightly since Sunday, with a dress rehearsal Thursday evening.

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Shades of black widens scope

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

A culture can't be captured in a single word, phrase or image or even be encompassed accurately by a single spokesperson. It is for these reasons Kwapi Vengesayi created Shades of Black in 2004.

"(Shades of Black) is meant to highlight the textures and dimensions of the black experience," Vengesayi said. "We're looking within ourselves and giving everyone a feel of what we deal with."

Saturday will mark the sixth Shades of Black show at Idaho. Spectators can expect a variety of performances ranging from traditional and hip-hop dance to poetry, spoken word performances and even a religious aspect.

The theme of this year's show, A Piece of Ebony, is dedicated to those who are racially mixed and is meant to make the show more inclusive of other cultures. Vengesayi said it's his goal to produce a show that isn't "stereotypically black."

He said even coordinators have made serious efforts to balance the performances between the hip-hop dance expected of the show with those that will further engage the audience.

"It's definitely interest-

ing," said Yusuf Salahuddin, a University of Idaho student who has attended the show in the past. "It's very inspiring. There's so much to say (about Shades of Black) it's a good learning experience."

While Shades of Black has always been an Idaho-based production, Vengesayi said it has grown to include a wider range of talent in the last few years.

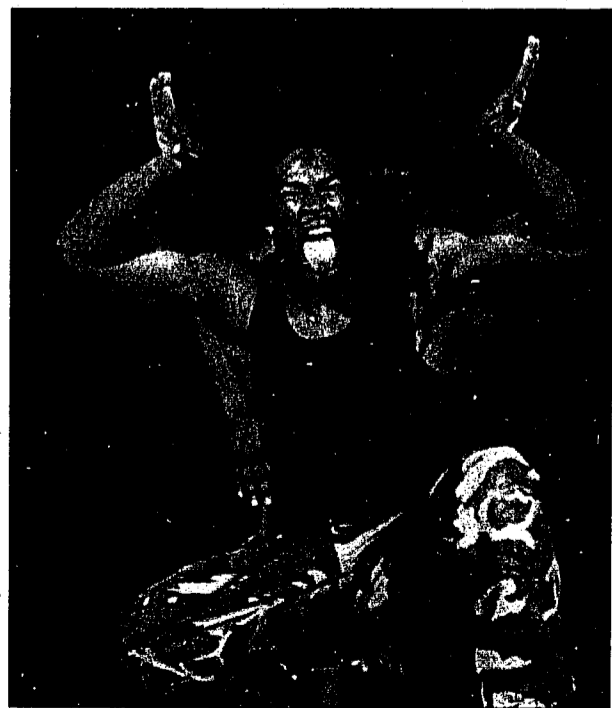
"We usually have 22 acts," he said. "We've shortened the show to 15, maximum. It's shorter, but still as electric. We're trying something new with an hour-and-a-half show time."

Along with changes in the show itself, the usually Idaho / Washington State-dominated event has grown to include Eastern Washington University, University of Washington, Boise State University and even people from the southern United States who will come to both watch and perform.

"When you have black people flying to this show in Idaho from Mississippi, we must be doing something right," Vengesayi said. "They obviously don't need to come to Idaho to experience black culture."

Vengesayi stressed Shades of Black as an Idaho-born show.

"It's not an idea that we took from somewhere else,



File Photo

Performers at the 2007 Shades of Black dance on stage. Created by Kwapi T. Vengesayi, Shades of Black highlights many areas of black culture through dance, spoken word, and music.

its home is the (Student Union Building) Ballroom," he said. "It's an opportunity to see the Deonte Jacksons for more than just student athletes throwing footballs. This isn't black people on stage talking about slavery. We really try to have an in-

trospective approach - why would blacks have a show for blacks? We want Greek students, residence hall students - we want Vandals."

Shades of Black will be held Saturday in the SUB Ballroom. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is free.

Neeson takes the cake in 'Taken'

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

A word of advice: don't ever kidnap an ex-spy's daughter. "Taken" is a movie that is not only thrilling, but emotionally exhausting and terrifying as well. When Liam Neeson's character, Bryan, agrees to let his 17-year-old daughter go on a trip to Paris with her friend, he is worried about the entire situation. Bryan used to be a spy, and he is well aware of the evils that lurk in the world, hence his hesitation to let his beloved daughter go. After some coaxing from his daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) and his ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen), Bryan agrees to

let Kim see the world. Big mistake. It turns out his kid isn't just going to Paris — she lied and is instead going on a trip across Europe to follow U2. To make matters worse, when they arrive in Paris, Kim finds out her friend's family isn't even there. It's just the two of them, all alone in a foreign country. After some irresponsible chit chat with a "friendly" guy they meet outside the airport who then offers to share a taxi home with them (so he can figure out where they live), the two young girls are taken. This movie is exhausting



"Taken"
Liam Neeson
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because Neeson is an amazing actor. You witness his reaction as he listens to his daughter (over the phone) tell him strange men have entered the house and screams for his help when she's snatched away. You know he quit his job so he could make up for lost time with his daughter after his wife divorced him. You see he will stop at nothing until he finds her and has her safe at home once again. You literally sit on the edge of your seat hoping he brings serious pain to almost everyone he encounters on his rescue mission. He is a genuine badass.

The movie works because the scenario is all too real. It really stirs the parental instinct deep within and makes you want to swear to never let your future children leave your sight. While the film is slightly predictable, it doesn't detract from the overall quality of the film. You still cheer for Bryan to get his daughter back and for him to harm everyone who could have touched a hair on her pretty little head. He's like Jason Bourne without sympathy — he's a man on a mission, and there is no stopping him. "Taken" is by far one of the best action movies to enter theaters in quite some time. From the fight scenes to the emotional storyline, this movie is simply a must-see. "Taken" is in theaters now.

Sweatshop Union delivers something honest and aware

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

In 2002, a Canadian hip-hop group came together to produce an offshoot of what is normally regarded as rap music. The debut album "Local 604" was only the first move in a chain of events that would open eyes and minds. In support of the album, the band created three music videos and toured Canada with Jurassic 5 and Blackalicious, as well as then-label-mates Swollen Members and Abstract Rude. Sweatshop Union has since made three more albums. "Water Street," the most recent, continues the trend of the Union's previous albums — to make the listeners think. "Water Street" is an interesting find. The Union has paired insanely catchy hooks that will have listeners humming along even after the album has finished with distinct, honest messages on consumerism and politics.

A variety of voices fill this album with personal messages from their own past, ranging from serious issues to remembering how important having new shoes at school was.

The band has been called part of "Vancouver's hip-hop renaissance" for a reason.

The group's members seem to be changing constantly, each with a creative moniker. Current members of the group include Kyprios, Metty the Dert-Merchant, Mos Easley, DJ Itchy Ron, Mr. Marmalade, Conscience and Dusty Melodica.

The Union's sophomore album landed them a slew of Canadian music award nominations and introduced them to the world outside of Canada.

The Union tours constantly and even made a pit

stop at John's Alley Tavern in Moscow in late January. Sweatshop Union is not to be passed up. The sound is political, yes, but not abrasive.

Unlike other groups who claim to have socially-conscious motives, the Union has not put itself on a pedestal or focused heavily on the messages in lieu of the music.

Sweatshop Union is creative, aware and educational. It runs in the same vein of Blue Scholars with the same kind of energy and sheer honesty that becomes more and more apparent the more times "Water Street" is played.

The group respects its audience, telling stories of injustice instead of preaching aimlessly. Best of all, no matter how dismal the topic may be, the Union seems to present the subject matter in a positive, feel-good kind of way.



Sweatshop Union
"Water Street"
Battleaxe records
Now Available

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music's piano students, both undergraduate and graduate, will perform over the evening, along with both UI faculty and piano instructors from the Palouse.

Both Zavislak and Jay Mauchley are coaching their piano students — 24 in all — for the concert during their weekly lessons, "but we can only do the individual parts," Zavislak said. "Stars and Stripes Forever," for example, has 12 people playing, so there's not a whole lot of opportunities for people to get together and practice."

Sandra Mauchley is an emerita professor, though she still teaches part-time.

Besides the main event of the music — pieces by Georges Bizet, Peter Tchaikovsky and Camille Saint-Saëns among others — the concert features a guiding script, written by Sandra Mauchley and narrated by vocal professor Chris Thompson.

Actors in the production are all music students, some of whom are in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre program offered by the School of Music.

The admission price for students and senior citizens is \$3, with adult general admission at \$5, and family admittance at \$12.

The long-married couple had to be creative to find time to assemble the program and write the script.

"We planned the music in the fall on a car trip," Sandra Mauchley said. "Jay and I work at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, and we have to fly out of Seattle."



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Patsy Heinemann, right, and Cecily Gordan practice "Who Let the Cows Out" during a Wednesday rehearsal for the Piano Bash concert, "Around the World in 80 Minutes." The concert includes 30 student, faculty, and community pianists and will take place at 7:30 p.m. tonight and 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall.

She wrote the script over Christmas break.

Most of the pieces were not originally composed for performance on multiple pianos.

"It's kind of (the Mauchleys') hobby," Zavislak said, "collecting ensemble repertoire for piano."

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Vandals in action

Friday
Swimming and diving — The swimming and diving team will compete against Washington at 5 p.m. Friday in the Swim Center.

Women's basketball — The team will travel this weekend on the most brutal road trip of the season. The Vandals will play against Louisiana Tech in Ruston. Tip-off for the game has yet to be determined.

Track and field — After competing in two meets in Pullman, the team will get a chance to show students what it's made of at the Vandal Indoor at the Kibbie Dome Friday and Saturday.

Saturday
Men's basketball — The team will travel to Hawai'i to take on the Warriors as the Vandals look for the first sweep of a conference foe since last season. Tip-off is set for 9:05 p.m. Saturday in Honolulu.

Sunday
Women's basketball — The Vandals will complete the road trip that first took them to Ruston, La., when they play New Mexico State at 4 p.m. Sunday in Las Cruces.

Vandals to watch

Breeana Chadez
 Track and field



Junior Breeana Chadez took home the women's high jump crown with a season-best mark of 5 feet, 6 inches. The height was also good for second place in the Western Athletic Conference so far this season. The Vandals will look for another big performance this weekend as the team competes at the Vandal Indoor meet.

Luis Augusto
 Men's basketball



While Augusto hasn't seen the minutes he has in the past, he will be instrumental in giving fellow big man Marvin Jefferson rest. Augusto has been sidelined with injuries at times this season, and the Vandals will look for him to stabilize the Vandal front court as they take on a physical Hawai'i team.

Did you know ...

The men's basketball team has never completed a sweep of the Hawai'i Warriors.

Vandals by the numbers

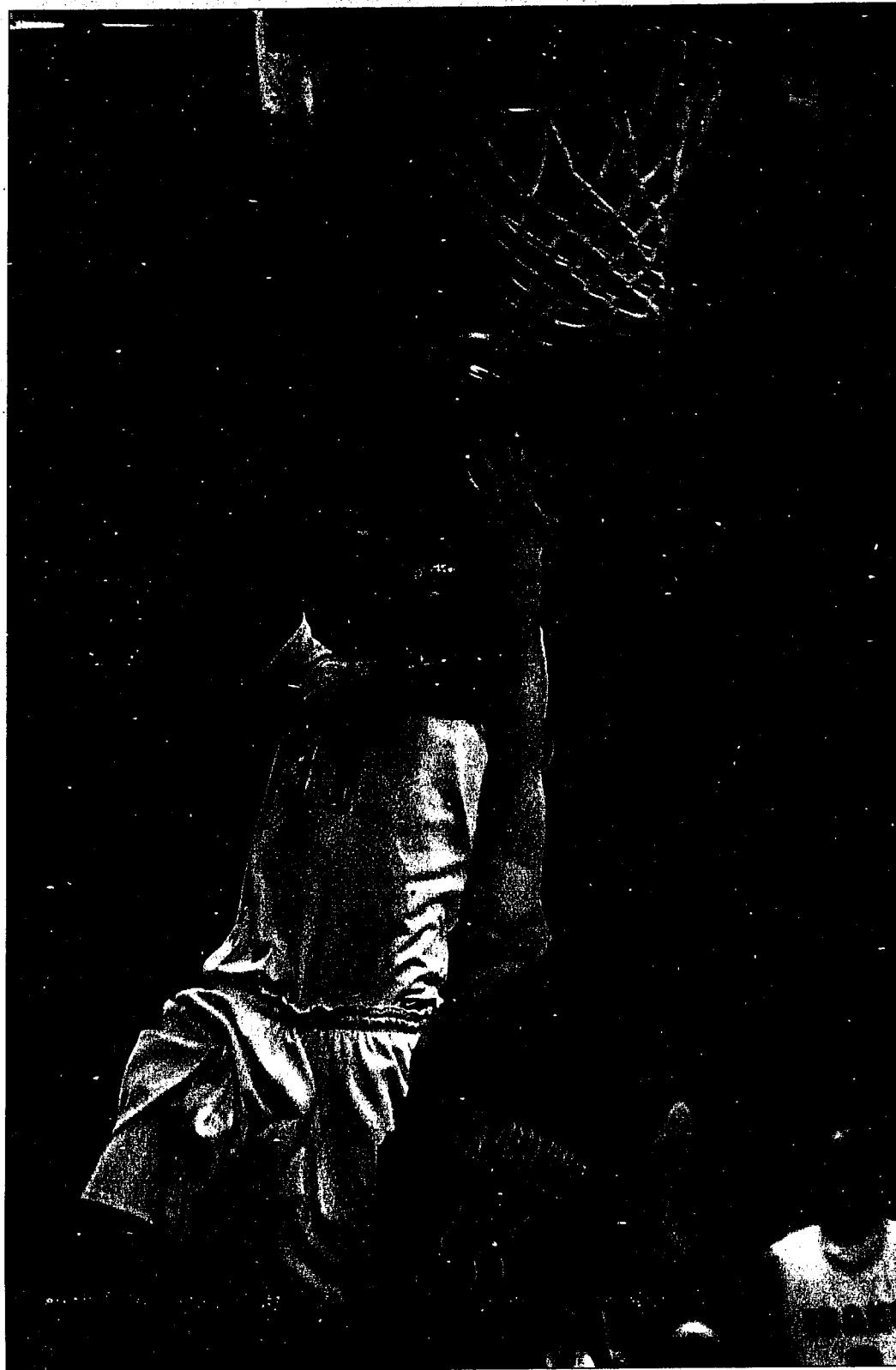
11 There will be 11 new members on the UI women's soccer team next season. The Vandals will look for the newcomers to help them improve their 1-16-2, 0-6-1-1 WAC record.

Obscure stat of the day

During her career, women's basketball player Alli Nieman tallied the most rebounds of any Vandal at 1,005.

Vandals take on Warriors

Levi Johnstone
 Argonaut



University of Idaho forward Brandon Wiley goes up to the basket during the basketball game against Nevada Saturday.

The University of Idaho men's basketball team got a chance to rest after two grueling games against Boise State and Nevada and will play the Hawai'i Warriors Saturday at Honolulu.

The Vandals beat the Warriors in the team's first Western Athletic Conference game of the season and hope to reproduce that success.

In the first matchup the Vandals came out victorious by 20 points and a key to the win was the ability to rebound the basketball, an aspect of the game the Vandals have struggled with recently.

The Vandals are coming off a heartbreaking loss to Nevada in the Cowan Spectrum in which the team was outrebounded drastically—part of the game Verlin hopes to improve.

"Hawai'i is one of the best rebounding teams in the league," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "Rebounding has to be an emphasis because of our size, and we've struggled on the boards recently."

The Warriors have three players in Roderick Flemings, Bill Amis and Petras Balocka who account for a majority of Hawai'i's rebounding success.

Each of the players average more than five rebounds per game. The Vandals have just one player who averages more than five rebounds per game in Brandon Wiley.

UI players expect the game to be physical like the team's last game against Nevada.

"Coach has told us it's going to be a physical game," Idaho guard Kashif Watson said. "Hawai'i is a big physical team, and this is the WAC so we just have to be ready for it."

Watson recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds and 10 points in the Vandals loss Saturday against Nevada.

Verlin said he expects the Hawai'i (10-11, 2-7 WAC) game to be a challenge.

"Obviously they play a lot better on the island," Verlin said. "They are much better in transition on the island, and we have to be prepared for that."

The Vandals will return home to face Utah State and San Jose State, but Verlin doesn't plan on looking past Hawai'i.

"Right now we just take things one game at a time, and we are focusing on winning our next game," Verlin said. "We haven't done anything to prepare for the other teams coming up, but Utah State has two home games before they come here and unless someone upsets them, they'll most likely be in the top 25 in the nation."

The team has had minor injury problems earlier in the season losing both its big men during the New Mexico State game, but now everything seems to be on the right track.

"We're as healthy as we've been all year," Verlin said. "It's a good situation—knock on wood."

The Vandals (10-11, 4-4 WAC) are looking for the first conference sweep of a team since the Vandals won both matchups against San Jose State last year.

Tip off for the game is set for 9:05 p.m. Saturday in Honolulu. The Vandals will return home next week when the team will play Utah State.

Vandals' transitions emphasize strengths

Megan Broyles
 Argonaut

Rachele Kloke said it wasn't hard for her to make the move from her hometown to Moscow.

"It's pretty much the exact same," she said. "It was an easy transition. I'm from Stanwood, Wash. It's a 4-A school, but it's kind of a hick town."

Kloke, a 5-foot-11-inch sophomore, made other transitions on the court this season. It's been a different kind of season, she said. Kloke moved from the guard position to the post, but she said it's been easier than she imagined.

"The coaches talk you through and you adjust pretty well," Kloke said. "It's been a lot better than it was in the beginning."

Although she's been playing since the fourth grade, Kloke said four years of college ball "is enough," and the court isn't in her plans after she leaves Idaho. The business major said, instead, she'd like to own a hotel somewhere with weather opposite of Moscow's. While she's here, though, she adds to the Vandals' stats from game to game.

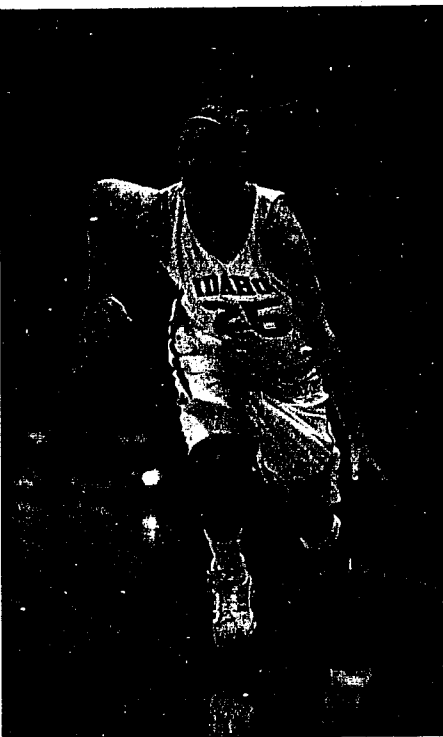
During the team's 66-50 win over Hawai'i Sunday, Kloke drained three of four 3-point shots, totaling 13 points, 2 assists and 3 steals.

"I don't think people were expecting it," she said. "But this is a turnaround year. We're restoring the glory, and our goal is to go out and get wins."

Kloke cites her team dynamic as the biggest difference between last year's dismal season and this year's wins. She said the team is recognizing each player's strengths and emphasizing them during games.

"It seems like we're more prepared for games," she said. "Our defense is helping us a lot."

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said while they haven't been putting anything new into practices, simply working on execution offensively and defensively will help the Vandals reach victory against Louisiana Tech today.



Rachele Kloke, from Stanwood, Wash., sprints toward the key during Monday's basketball game against Boise State in the Cowan Spectrum. Kloke scored 13 points, got 2 assists, and 3 steals during the team's 66-50 win against Hawai'i Sunday.

"Louisiana Tech is bigger, stronger, faster than we are," he said. "We played them tough here and went into overtime. I think we have to not fall behind as far as we did, and we need to keep the game at our pace."

The Vandals will play their next home game on Feb. 13 against Fresno State. Both Kloke and Newlee stressed the importance of having a strong Vandal crowd in the Cowan Spectrum to help motivate. Newlee said a lot of his

Letter of Intent Day introduces 20 faces

Scott Stone
 Argonaut

It was Christmas in February for Idaho coach Robb Akey and the Vandals who announced Wednesday the addition of 20 new players.

The Vandals took full advantage of National Letter of Intent Signing Day, adding a combination of size, speed and experience to the roster from various locations throughout the country.

"This is one of the great days of the year," Akey said. "It's an extra Christmas for football coaches and football programs and for all those kids that get the opportunity to accomplish a dream come true with signing a scholarship today."

Akey stuck to his philosophy of building his roster from various locations, but also recruited locally, adding six players from the Pacific Northwest.

"We've done very well in Vandal country," Akey said. "When you look at that being a quarter of the class — we're taking care of the homeland pretty well."

For the rest of the team, it will be a new adventure as they travel to the small town of Moscow from locations such as South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Hawai'i and California.

But none of them will have to travel further to get to their hometown

than the Vandals' new linebacker Jeffrey Bediako from Boise High School.

Bediako came to Boise in August from his hometown of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and has just one year of experience playing American football.

Akey said he was impressed by Bediako's athleticism and is excited about what he will bring to the roster.

"A guy established a dream and a goal," Akey said. "And he came over and put that into effect in August and had success with his high school team, (and) accomplished that goal of being able to nail down a college scholarship."

Bediako may not have an immediate impact on the team but his coach at Boise High is optimistic about his future as a Vandal.

"He takes a lot of athleticism to Idaho," said Boise High coach Bob Clark. "His east-west speed on the field is great and he'll add a lot to their defense ... I think two or three years from now, he'll be a very special football player, because right now he's still learning the game."

Speed is what the coaching staff was looking for in this class, and Akey said that's exactly what they went out and got.

"What I like about this class of players is that they're guys that we

Summitt reaches new heights

Teresa Walker
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summitt now has 1,000 victories, an unprecedented height even she finds dizzy.

"It's a hard number to even comprehend," the Tennessee coach said.

Summitt became the first Division I basketball coach — men's or women's — to win 1,000 career games Thursday night as her 12th-ranked Lady Vols beat Georgia 73-43. It was their second chance in four days at giving their coach her latest and one of her greatest milestones.

These baby Lady Vols (17-5, 6-2 Southeastern Conference), with seven freshmen on the roster, are nothing like the squads that brought Summitt her seventh and eighth national championships in the previous two seasons. This is an inexperienced group that had Summitt joking about whether they would even be up to the task of winning the 17 games she needed to reach 1,000 this season.

"It's a time to reflect on a number of things, the administration saying yes to women's basketball and giving us an opportunity to play on the biggest stage in the women's game. I appreciate that."

The landmark win came on the court named for Summitt, 56, who just keeps racking up achievements for others to chase. All the fans in the arena began standing with about a minute left, and they clapped to "Rocky Top" as orange and white streamers fell from the ceiling.

Summitt gave Georgia coach Andy Landers a hug on the sideline.

The Lady Vols were given T-shirts with the number "1000" on the front in orange, which they pulled on before a celebration on court as school officials gave Summitt a bracelet, necklace and painting to commemorate this historic win. School officials also announced Summitt had signed a contract extension through 2014 earlier this week and earned a \$200,000 bonus with this win.

Summitt became emotional as she talked.

"I feel like I've been extremely blessed, and I thank God for the many opportunities I've had to be your coach and work with these young ladies, and so I want to thank all of you. I want to thank every person who's been a part of my staff. ... They gave their absolute best," Summitt said.

Tennessee fans missed the celebration Jan. 29, 2006, when Summitt won her 900th game in Nashville. She won her first game at home, and Nos. 300, 800 and 880 — the one that pushed her past North Carolina's Dean Smith for most wins by a Division I coach — came in Knoxville. The night she passed

Smith, Tennessee renamed the court for Summitt.

One fan confident of the win flashed 1,000 on a sign behind the bench as photos of Summitt over her 35 seasons flashed on the video-boards during timeouts.

Summitt had former Tennessee football coach Phillip Fulmer cheering her on from a luxury suite with men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl also on hand, even though he kept his shirt on with no body paint

this time. Billy Moore, who coached Summitt in the 1976 Olympics, and Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive also were in the stands.

But neither Summitt's mother, who has been ill recently, nor the coach's son, who had his own high school basketball game to play, were in the arena to celebrate with her. Summitt said her mother is so excited.

Tennessee lost 80-70 to No. 2 Oklahoma on Monday night in Summitt's first try at 1,000.

Summitt is not only the first to 1,000 Division I victories, but she might be on the only one for a long time. The only coaches with at least 900 are Bob Knight (902), the former men's coach at Indiana and Texas Tech currently working in TV, and retired Texas women's coach Jody Conradt (900).

Summitt said people might have noticed the challenges with this season's team. That doesn't mean she's backing down from where she wants to be at season's end.

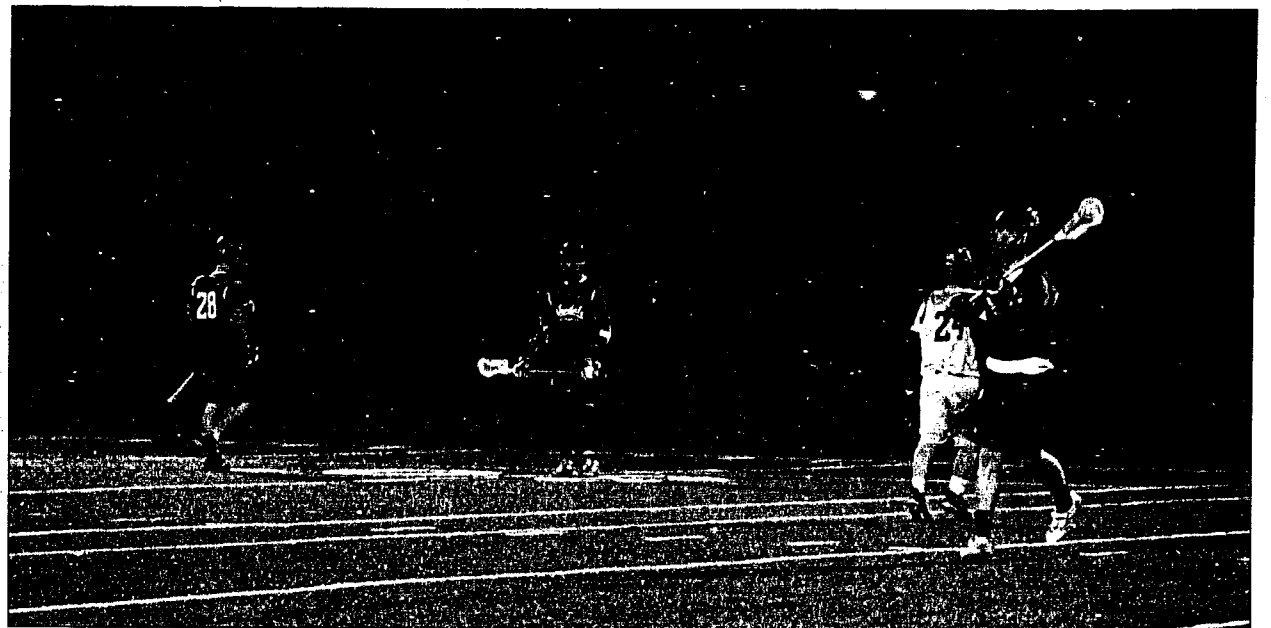
"We may be young and we may be inexperienced, but our goal is to be in St. Louis at the Final Four. And that is something that we talk about. I think you've got a vision, you have to talk about that vision. We have a vision, and that's where we want to be."

No coach has beaten Summitt more than Landers, whose hometown is a short drive away from Knoxville and who used to scrimmage the Lady Vols when he was at a nearby community college. His Lady Bulldogs came in hot, having won four straight in a streak that included wins over Vanderbilt and Auburn after those teams had beaten Tennessee.

The Lady Vols erased any doubt that this would be the night to celebrate by grabbing the lead in the first half of a sloppy game and pushing the lead to double digits on the first bucket of the second half, a layup by Glory Johnson.

Johnson finished with a career-high 20 points to lead the Lady Vols. Alex Fuller had 13, Kelley Cain added 12 and Angie Bjorklund 11.

Georgia (15-8, 5-3) went cold for nearly seven minutes in the first half and couldn't recover. Christy Marshall led Georgia with 16, Ashley Houts had 11 and Porsha Phillips 10.



Members of the Idaho men's lacrosse team practice through rainy conditions Thursday evening on the SprinTurf. The team has had success in previous seasons and will look to continue their success this spring.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

Lacrosse season has 'high expectations'

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

Six hours each week practicing, six hours each weekend at games, more time spent outside of practice doing conditioning and stick work exercises, plus \$650 each season in dues — these are commitments for every player on the 21-man roster of the University of Idaho men's lacrosse team.

Idaho coach Band said this has helped form the best team in the program's history.

"The expectations for the team are high this year," Band said. "We had a good season last year, and we are looking to make the playoffs this season."

Band founded the Vandal lacrosse team seven years ago and took over as coach at the start of this year after former Idaho coach Ryan Hanavan left to take a job in Montana.

"For the first couple of years, we had a pretty slim roster," Band said. "And realistically, it can be pretty hard to get guys in Moscow, Idaho away from a can and beer and out to a lacrosse practice. Once we had a little bit of success and found our feet it just sort of snowballed from there."

Vandal lacrosse is a family affair for the Bands. Band's younger brother, Grant Band, rejoined the

team after leaving Idaho following his first season.

"The change from when I first started to where the program is right now is amazing," Grant Band said. "Everyone out here is dedicated, they want to be out here, they want to win and this team is going places."

Senior Grant Band is now the team's president and spends several extra hours each week taking care of the club's organizational and logistical issues.

"We play because we want to play, not because we are on scholarship, and that means the team is what we make it," Grant Band said. "To see the program's hard work come to fruition is really satisfying, and I think of everyone out here as a true student-athlete."

Last season's point leader Jacob Ballard is in his fourth season with the Vandal lacrosse team and will be looking to help the team improve while finishing his senior year at Idaho.

"Being on the team has definitely been worth it for me because it is a good break from school," Ballard said. "You get to come out here and hang out with your buddies while playing a game you love. It's great."

Ballard was part of the Vandal lacrosse team that toppled Boise State

for the first time last season. This spring, Idaho will have home games against Montana, Gonzaga and five other Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League foes.

"Of course I want to beat Boise State again but this year I definitely want to beat Gonzaga too," Ballard said. "We have had some close games against them and my sophomore year they beat us in the last second so I really want to beat Gonzaga."

Last season, Idaho finished seventh in the PNCLL to conclude its best season in team history.

"This season it is important to expand on what we did last season," midfielder Nate Strom said. "We have a very realistic chance to make the regional playoffs if we keep up our momentum."

The PNCLL pre-season poll ranked the Vandals eighth in the ten-team league. The four teams with the best conference records at the end of the regular season will qualify for the playoffs.

"Making the playoffs would be huge for the team on a few different levels," Strom said. "It will help legitimize us in the eyes of the other teams in the league, it will help us attract a higher level of player to the school and it would be a great reward for everyone who has put in so much effort to bring the team to the level it is at."

Idaho lacrosse opens the season with home games against Portland State on Saturday and Montana on Sunday.

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Pot scandal jolts Japan's sumo world

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TOKYO — Sumo wrestlers with pot bellies, yes. Sumo wrestlers with pot? Now that's harder to grapple with.

In the past six months, four wrestlers have been kicked out of the ancient sport for allegedly smoking marijuana, creating the biggest drugs-in-sports scandal that Japan has ever seen.

Although three of the wrestlers who have been expelled from the sport were from Russia, the arrest last week of a 25-year-old Japanese athlete who goes by the ring name of Wakakirin for possession of marijuana has raised concern that use of the drug may be more widespread than originally thought.

In Japan, sumo wrestlers are not seen as athletes in the way that baseball or tennis players are. A photo of U.S. swimming star Michael Phelps with a marijuana pipe got wide play in the media here, but nowhere near the consternation of the sumo scandal.

The sting of the busts in sumo — which only recently introduced doping tests — was made all the worse because of the breakdown in Japan's still relatively drug-free environment. Marijuana use, in particular, is rising rapidly despite

a stiff punishment — up to five years in prison for possession.

"We are appalled by his utter folly," The Asahi, a major newspaper, said in an outraged editorial.

"Some young people casually try pot. It is vital that we educate them on the risks of this drug from a fairly early age."

More than being simply a drug issue, however, the scandal has been amplified by the fact that it involves one of the world's oldest and most tradition-bound sports — and one that is solidly rooted in religious purification ritual.

Sumo wrestlers are expected to live the old-school life of a disciple. They wear their hair in top-knots, dress in traditional robes and train in communal "stables." Their schedules are tightly regulated and the word of their coaches, who are still called "masters," is absolute and final.

Sumo aficionados like to note that former grand champion Musashimaru, of Hawaii, had a 10 p.m. curfew.

But that is changing. The wrestlers at the center of the scandal came from training stables where a new, and often younger, stable master was in charge, and discipline was not what it might have been in the old days.

"In the most recent cases, the normal connections are not there anymore," said David Shapiro, a sumo color commentator for broadcaster NHK. "Stable masters normally are your surrogate fathers and now they are your surrogate stepfathers. There are certain stables where this never would have happened."

Still, many Japanese believe that to stain the purity of sumo is to tarnish the heart of Japan itself.

Moving quickly to ease criticism, the Japan Sumo Association, which oversees the professional sport, voted this week to dismiss Wakakirin, whose legal name is Shinichi Suzukawa.

Many Japanese saw even that punishment as too light. Dismissal — unlike the harsher pun-

ishment of expulsion from the sport — leaves open the door for Wakakirin to receive severance pay, although the Kyodo news agency reported that he has opted not to do so.

"It is hard not to call them lenient in this case," said Sports Minister Ryu Shionoya. "This is utterly shameful."

Sumo initiated limited drug-testing in September after the Russian wrestler Wakanoho was caught by police for allegedly possessing marijuana. Two wrestlers, Roho and his brother, Hakurozan, also of Russia, tested positive and were kicked out of the sport.

All three were top-division wrestlers, and well-known in Japan even beyond sumo circles.

With Wakakirin's arrest, officials now say they will further beef up doping tests for marijuana and stimulants. Marijuana is not considered a performance-enhancing drug.

Wakakirin reportedly became interested in marijuana after reading about it in magazines and seeing others smoking it at hip-hop clubs.

Mark Buckton, a sumo columnist and blogger, said he thinks the scandal has pretty much run its course.

"A lot of these guys are young and single so it could go further,

but it's not really fair to say it's a breakdown in discipline in sumo," he said. "There are 700 men in sumo and the majority of them don't smoke marijuana."

In sumo, competitors vie to push their opponents out of the ring or make them touch the dirt with any part of their bodies other than the soles of their feet. The wrestlers, who can weigh up to 550 pounds and are mostly in their 20s, fight in six 15-day tournaments each year.

Despite its status as Japan's national sport, sumo has been hit with several scandals in recent years, including persistent accusations of bout-fixing, the hazing death of a young wrestler two years ago, and the antics of its top champion, a fiery Mongolian who fights under the name of Asashoryu.

Asashoryu recently had to sit out three tournaments as punishment for skipping a road trip to go home to Mongolia. He claimed he had an injury, but was seen playing a spirited game of soccer in his homeland. Last month, after winning the most recent tournament, Asashoryu was warned by sumo officials for pumping his fists to celebrate.

Displays of emotion in the ring, which is considered sacred ground, are frowned upon.

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Mark BUCKTON
Sumo columnist and blogger

Phelps suspended for photo

Paul Newberry and Beth Harris
Associated Press

Michael Phelps was suspended from competition for three months by USA Swimming, the latest fallout from a photo that showed the Olympic great inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

The sport's national governing body also cut off its financial support to Phelps for the same three-month period, effective Thursday.

"This is not a situation where any anti-doping rule was violated, but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who look up to him as a role model and a hero," the Colorado Springs-based federation said in a statement.

"Michael has voluntarily accepted this reprimand and has committed to earn back our trust."

Phelps won a record eight gold medals in Beijing and returned to America as one of the world's most acclaimed athletes. Now he's enduring a wave of bad news in the wake of the photo, published Sunday by News of the World, a British tabloid.

Earlier Thursday, cereal and snack maker Kellogg Co. announced it wouldn't renew its sponsorship contract with Phelps, saying his behavior is "not consistent with the image of Kellogg." The swimmer appeared on the company's cereal boxes after his Olympic triumph.

"Michael's been through a lot and he's learned a lot, hopefully," his coach, Bob Bowman, told The Associated Press during a telephone interview. "I support him and I want to see him do better. I'm here, as always, to try to help him move forward. He's learned some tough lessons and he's disappointed a lot of people, me included."

Phelps has acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment." He didn't dispute the authenticity of the photo, reportedly taken at a house party while Phelps was visiting Columbia, S.C., in November during an extended break from training.

"I certainly understand USA Swimming needed to take action," Bowman said. "We will certainly abide by everything they've put down."

The 23-year-old has resumed training in his hometown of Baltimore, but his plans

to return to competitive swimming will have to be put on hold. Phelps had planned to compete in early March at a Grand Prix meet in Austin, Texas.

Now, he won't be able to compete until early May, which would give him a little more than two months for some racing before July's world championships in Rome.

"This is the result of a poor decision Michael made," U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said in an e-mail. "He understands there is accountability and has pledged to not repeat this in the future. We have offered our assistance to make certain he is as consistent and successful away from the pool as he is in it, and we are confident that will happen."

After the suspension, Phelps would be able to compete at a May meet in Charlotte, N.C.; there's another Grand Prix competition in Santa Clara, Calif., the following month. The U.S. team for Rome will be chosen at the national championships, which begin July 7 in Indianapolis.

"He's been very good in practice," Bowman said. "I think he feels good to be back in the water. Certainly, he's not in very good shape."

"We're anxious to get back to a really normal routine and we have. We're moving on." Several of Phelps' Olympic teammates rallied to his defense. Among them was Dara Torres, the 41-year-old silver medalist whom Phelps jokingly referred to in Beijing as "Mom."

"I see him as a kid trying to grow up in the most intense spotlight known to any athlete. He has apologized and what else can he do?" she told the AP by telephone. "The thing I hope is that people realize Michael is still a person and not just a swimming hero."

Torres said she sent Phelps a text a few days ago to extend her support.

"He didn't let the USA down at the games, so we shouldn't let him down," she said.

Torres doesn't expect a three-month suspension in a non-Olympic year to have much affect on Phelps' career. He intends to keep swimming through the 2012 London Games.

"Knowing Michael the way I do, I guarantee you it's going to make him want to do well," Torres said. "All this is going to do is light a fire under him."

Amanda Beard compared Phelps' ordeal to some of the disdain she faced after posing nude in Playboy magazine before the Beijing Games.

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team's motivation comes from within and from their season goals but a crowd can fire a team up.

"I was at the men's game against Boise State and I thought that was an awesome crowd, to have that kind of support," he said. "I'd like to see all the students come out and support the

women's team just like I saw against Boise — you know, come out and pack the stands and really give us a home court advantage."

Only two games are played in the Spectrum during February, both on the same weekend. Kloke said she loves hearing fans cheering her team on from the stands.

"When we played Louisiana Tech, we had quite a few people," she said. "When the crowd got into it, it was amazing. Thank you to the fans we have, and we hope to get more."

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wanted from the get-go, and we went after them," Akey said. "I think one thing that this class brings a little more of than the previous two didn't have as much of would be the speed that we're bringing to the field."

Of the 20 added players were two new quarterbacks, Taylor Davis from Boulder Creek High School in Arizona who will join the team in the fall and Brian Reader from Monterey Peninsula College in California.

Reader will join starting quarterback Nathan Enderle and current freshman Justin Morales in a battle for next season's starting position.

Akey emphasized his confidence and respect for

Enderle, but said there's always the possibility of an injury, and adding to the roster will mean the players will have to earn the starting spot.

"Not for any minute does it mean that I don't have confidence in Nate Enderle, it means I think we can't go through a season with only two or three quarterbacks on our roster," Akey said. "We're going to have three quarterbacks competing their tails off this spring, and I think that's a great thing."

Reader redshirted for one season at Arkansas before transferring to MPC where he threw for 2,500 yards and 20 touchdowns during the Lobos' 10-0 regular season record.

This year's class will bring the team just five players short of the maximum number of 85 players.

Akey said he's confident next year's class will get

them to 85 and put them in the position to build on what they lose rather than chasing what they need.

"I feel like we're getting a lot closer to where we need to be," Akey said. "I think with what we've done with our numbers at quarterback, our numbers in the secondary and linebacker, I think that has helped us."

He said this year's class will help accomplish things immediately, and will also help with the building process the team has been focusing on the past two years.

"That's a great sign that we're getting healthier, because you're getting up to that 85 number," Akey said. "And now it's what's leaving your program that you're replacing instead of chasing to fill 25 every year."

For a full list of the recruits go to www.govandals.com.

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Network your way to a great job even in a bad economy

By Leanne Ralstin

Career and Professional Planning

The question of the year for new graduates and those looking for internships appears to be: how can I find a position in this economy? In a word, network. It has never been more important to develop your personal professional network. A great number of available positions end up being filled through networking, according to Richard Bolles, author of *What Color is Your Parachute*, a 2003 study showed that, "...60% of their new employees were hired through employee referrals, or the Internet. Since other recent studies have shown that the Net accounts for less than 10% of new hires, that leaves us with at least half of the open jobs being filled through networking."

Also, up to 80 percent of job openings are unadvertised, according to Cornell University Career Services. One of the

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How do you develop a network? Talk to people you know, they in turn will introduce you to influential people connected to your field that you will get to know, who will know someone else important, who may introduce you to the person who has the perfect position for you. Sounds fairly simple and it is. But, don't be fooled, your network of contacts requires you to be professional.

1. You may ask, how do I contact those influential people I do not know?
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(For more ideas on typical questions, come to the Career and Professional Planning office in Commons 334.)

You will be showing a potential employer or contact your great com-

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Suzi Billington
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Use Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities for Career Fair Success

Cynthia Mika
Career Preparation Specialist

You have probably heard that you should present your Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) to an employer in a resume. Employers want to know not only how your specific academic training will meet their needs, but also your skills and abilities. At a career fair, you will also want to talk to recruiters about how your KSAs will add value to the employer.

First, determine what your KSAs are. "K" will be the easiest: think about the knowledge you've gained in the classes related to your major. What knowledge does the employer require for interns and entry-level employees? Are there particular computer skills that are useful? What processes and procedures, financial markets, or natural resource history of a region might be valuable for an employer?

Skills ("S") and abilities ("A") are not necessarily gained through a classroom. Skill with chainsaws or manufacturing equipment would usually be taught by someone else, rather than through successful experimentation on your own. Abilities might be qualities that you are inherently good at or actions you learn easily, such as being an effective public speaker because you are an outgoing, extroverted person. Both skills and abilities improve with practice. Have you supported a team member or coordinated an event? Have you planned, scheduled, and led a meeting? Have you achieved a goal or accomplished what you set out to do? Did you make or provide something? Have you made decisions or solved problems? Did you explain, teach, or improve things?

Note the required skills listed as you read a job description. Even without direct experience gained through an internship or academic project, you may have many KSAs that the employer would value. Let them know how you will meet their needs through your KSAs.

When you have time, create a more thorough list of KSAs by writing a "master resume." A master resume is for your recollection and reflection, not for employers to read, so there is no limit to its length. List all of the classes you have taken in your major and describe, in detail, any projects and research you worked on through the university. Next, inventory your computer and language skills, teaching and tutoring experiences, publications, and conferences or workshops attended. Starting with high school, write down activities and positions held in school or with social and service organizations, like clubs, fraternities, and professional associations. Record all honors, awards, certifications, licenses, special training, and paid or volunteer work. List your experience in the Armed Forces, Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps.

Once you have compiled a master resume, come to our office, Idaho Commons 334, and pick up the handout entitled, "Clustering Your Skills." Consider adding some of those skill categories to your master resume or creating new categories, using the information on your master resume. Some events and activities will fit into multiple categories. Look at the verbs on "Clustering Your Skills" and think about a summer job -- a river guide, for instance. In the customer training session before anyone gets into a raft, you would "present information," "provide customer service," "communicate effectively," and "ensure safety." You can use other verbs listed on "Clustering Your Skills" as skill categories under which you describe events and activities from your social or academic life.

Come to the Career and Professional Planning office, Idaho Commons 334, during drop-in hours (noon-2:00 each weekday) for a resume review or schedule an appointment with one of our six career advisors by calling 885-6121. Our website, www.capp.uidaho.edu, has much more information for you. Good luck at the career fair!

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Aerotek Booth # 22

<http://www.aerotekcareers.com>

Aerotek, Inc. is a contract services provider that offers creative staffing solutions to a variety of industries. With over 150 offices throughout the United States and Canada, our professionally trained recruiters and salespeople are dedicated to serving clients and job seekers in nearly every major industry. Our company's good name thrives by continually placing

qualified personnel at all skill levels and expertise.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

Alaska General Seafoods Booth # 6

<http://www.akgen.com>

Alaska General Seafoods (AGS) Naknek, Alaska plant provides jobs for more than 450 people each year. This does not include jobs on fishing vessels. AGS is a shore-based cannery

and freezing operation. The qualities that AGS looks for in seafood processors are:

- Available to work the full season - usually June 18th - July 22nd
 - Physically able to stand long hours, move heavy weights, and work long hours
 - Can get along well with other people in remote and sometimes wet and cold conditions
 - Not afraid of hard work and are not chronic complainers
 - Will follow directions and abide by safety rules
- Position Types:** Entry-Level
Summer
Majors Recruited: All Majors

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Bettis Lab Booth # 34

<http://www.bettislab.com>
The Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) is operated for the Department of Energy by Bechtel Bettis, Inc., and is located at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). NRF receives, examines and prepares naval spent nuclear fuel for temporary storage. The information derived from the examinations provides engineering data on nuclear reactor environments, material behavior, and design performance. This data is used to develop new technology and to improve the cost-effectiveness of existing designs.

Position Types: Entry-Level, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: Electrical Engineering, Engineering Management, Materials Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Systems Engineering

Bonneville Power Administration Booth # 24

<http://www.bpa.gov>
Bonneville Power Administration (best known as BPA) has been providing over a third of the Pacific Northwest's electricity for more than 70 years. We also fund and manage one of the largest fish and wildlife programs in the world; invest in new renewable generating resources such as wind and geothermal projects; and are proud to be a leading partner in energy conservation and efficiency programs. How are we able to accomplish so much? It's simple - our people! We enjoy a range of competitive benefits including flexible work schedules, generous leave, secure retirement, and much more. And the best part of all, our employees know they make a difference every day while they get to work, live, and play in the great Pacific Northwest! You can learn more about BPA at www.bpa.gov.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced, Summer

Majors Recruited: Accounting, Civil Engineering, Fishery Resources, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Finance, Mechanical Engineering, Natural Resources

Camp Fire USA Inland Northwest Council Booth # 19

<http://www.CampFireINC.org>

Camp Sweyolakan and Camp Dart-Lo depend largely on the quality of its staff. Staff's primary objective should be to PUT THE KIDS FIRST. We strive to hire a staff with a variety of backgrounds realizing the potential for growth and development both in the campers and staff. It is our mission to find enthusiastic men and women who have a desire to work with kids in an outdoor environment. If you love to work with kids and can be enthusiastic in everything you do, you're the kind of camp staff member we want. If you want to work in an atmosphere in which you're helping kids, working in the outdoors and having one of the best summers possible this is the job for you.

Position Types: Summer
Majors Recruited: All Majors

Coldwater Creek Booth # 12

<http://www.coldwatercreek.com>

Company Overview
•Triple Channel Retailer: Retail, Internet, Catalog
•\$1.15 billion in net sales in fiscal 2007
•Founded in 1984 by Dennis Pence and Ann Pence
•Founded with one catalog that included 18 items, currently offer about 3,000
•Company headquarters is located on a 20-acre campus in Sandpoint, Idaho
•Began trading on the NASDAQ on January 29, 1997
•Expanding national store base
•Over 10,000 employees Coldwater Creek Facilities

•Company Headquarters: Sandpoint, Idaho

•Employee Caf e
•Employee Fitness Center
•Employee Spa
•Customer Contact Centers: Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Sandpoint, Idaho; and Parkersburg, West Virginia
•Distribution Center: Parkersburg, West Virginia
•Design Studio: New York City, New York
•IT Office: Seattle, WA

Position Types: Internship/Co-op

Majors Recruited: Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Clothing, Textiles and Design

Comtech AHA Booth # 1

<http://aha.com>
AHA is a fables semi-conductor company that develops, markets, and licenses data coding technologies such as Reed-Solomon, Turbo Product Codes, Low Density Parity Check Codes, and lossless data compression for the communications, networking, and data storage markets. Since 1988, AHA has been developing and distributing integrated circuits (ICs). With a history rich in innovation, AHA is a company of firsts in FEC technology, including pro-

duction of the first single-chip Reed-Solomon IC and the first commercially available Turbo Product Code hardware. AHA was also the first to develop Content Addressable Memory architectures for high-performance single-chip data compression. AHA's current product lines of FEC and Lossless Data Compression products are based on these patented technologies.

Position Types: Summer
Majors Recruited: Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering

ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston Booth # 40

<http://www.conagrafoods.com/careers>

ConAgra Foods employs 46,000 people worldwide who create, manufacture, market and distribute primarily food through its various business units. ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston employs 5,900 people, with eight of its frozen potato manufacturing plants located in the Columbia Basin. Two additional processing plants are located in Idaho and one in Minnesota. ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston is currently recruiting Team Leaders Pro-

duction for its various plants. Preferred majors are Agriculture, Business, Finance, Accounting, Management and Engineering. Salary ranges are \$37,000 - \$40,000.

Position Types: Entry-level

Majors Recruited: Agricultural and Life Sciences, Business and Economics, Engineering

Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District Booth # 27

<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil>

The Walla Walla District staff operates six large multipurpose hydropower dams that provide navigation, recreation, fish and wildlife benefits and is one of the largest hydropower producers in the Corps. The District employs a staff of approximately 700 employees in various positions including engineers, biologists, contract specialists, environmental resource specialists, powerhouse electricians/mechanics/operators, etc.

Position Types: Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

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E & J Gallo Winery Booth # 14

<http://www.gallo.com>

Gallo is the largest producer of wine in the world and is a privately held, family-owned and managed winery, with a commitment to excellence in every aspect of our business. Achievement stems from a long-term business approach to include: Outstanding quality, commitment to research, highest-quality brands—building advertising, and a sales management organization that is unrivaled in the industry. Successful candidates will be directed, motivated, results-oriented self-starters who possess both a strong sales personality and have demonstrated above-average leadership aptitude.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Fast Enterprises LLC Booth # 10

<http://www.GenTax.com>

Fast Enterprises is a computer software and services company that works with government tax and revenue agencies in the U.S. and Canada. Our premier product is GenTax®, the first commercial "off-the-shelf" integrated revenue processing system. We are looking for highly motivated and talented individuals to join our team of software developers. Employees will be assigned to client implementation projects or stationed in a product development and support center.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Summer

Majors Recruited: Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Information Systems, Mathematics

Fastenal Company Booth # 30

<http://www.fastenal.com>

Fastenal was founded in 1967 in Winona, MN by company Chairman, Bob Kierlin. From this beginning, Fastenal has expanded to become the fastest growing full-line industrial distributor, and is

now the largest fastener distributor in the nation. Our service-oriented business network currently includes an in-house Manufacturing Division, a product Quality Assurance and Engineering Department, a strategic system of 12 Distribution Centers in the U.S., a fleet of over 275 company-owned semi-trucks and trailers and over 2,160 Store sites.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced, Part Time

Majors Recruited: All Majors, Business Education, Finance, Information Systems, Marketing, General Studies

First Investors Booth # 28

<http://www.firstinvestors.com>

At First Investors, a Wall Street-based financial services firm with over 75 years of experience, we don't just invest for our clients, we invest in our people. It's why we offer them a complete training program, mentors to guide them through the learning process, advancement opportunities, and generous compensation and incentives. If you have talent, dedication and a strong work ethic, we invite you to join our team of successful professionals.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Frito-Lay Booth # 21

<http://www.pepsicojobs.com>

Frito-Lay Sales, a division of PepsiCo, is an industry leader in the snack foods industry. We sell 4 \$1+ billion dollar brands—Doritos, Tostitos, Lays, and Cheetos. Our diverse portfolio includes premium meats (Oberto), cookies (Grandma's), popcorn (Smartfood), and crackers in addition to potato and corn-based snacks. Nationally, Frito-Lay maintains a 60%+ market share of the salty snack food industry year after year.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced

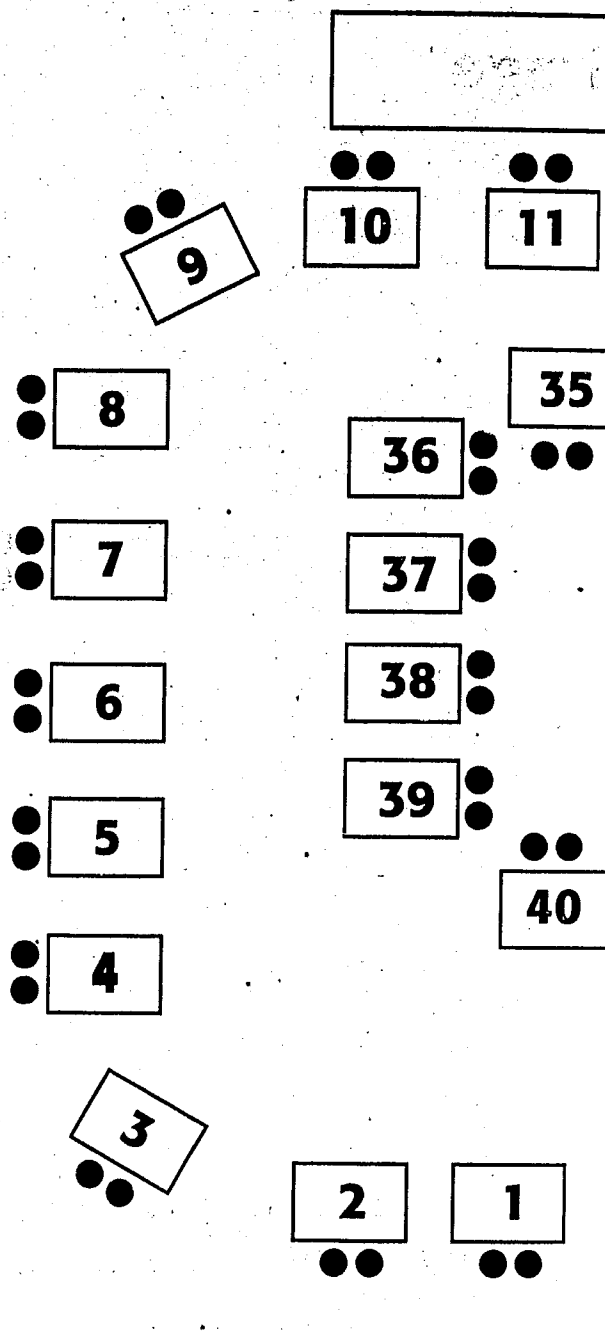
Majors Recruited: All Majors

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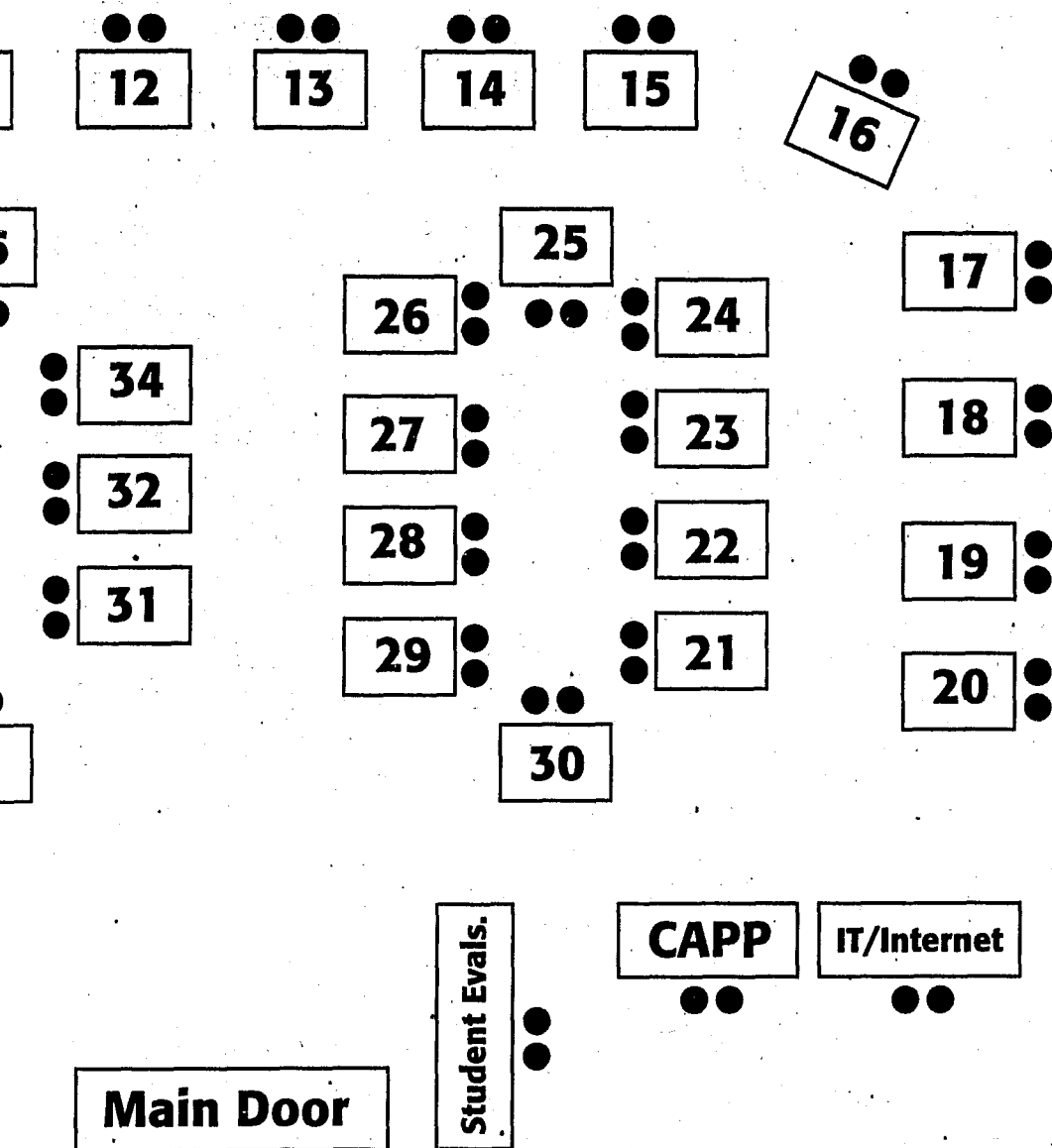


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Gonzaga Graduate School of Business Booth # 36

<http://www.gonzaga.edu/MBA>

The Graduate School of Business at Gonzaga University offers several high-quality, AACSB accredited, graduate level programs: Master of Business Administration (MBA) with six concentrations: Accounting, Finance, Management Info Systems, Marketing, Ethics and the MBA of Choice; Master of Accountancy (MAcc) with two specializations: Professional Accounting and Taxation. We also offer two joint programs: the MBA/JD and the MAcc/JD as well as the NEW MBA in Healthcare Management. There are early morning and evening courses that accommodate working professionals, as well full-time and part-time enrollment options. Please contact Colleen Mallon at 509-313-7047 or mallon@gonzaga.edu for more information.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

IBI Group Booth # 7

<http://www.ibigroup.com>

Founded in 1974, IBI Group is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm providing a range of services focusing on the physical development of cities. IBI-Group specializes in four areas of development: Urban Land, Facilities, Transportation and Systems. Worldwide, we employ over 2200 professionals in more than 64 offices internationally and we proudly practice with ISO 9001:2000 certification.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Summer

Majors Recruited: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture

Idaho National Laboratory Booth # 31

<http://www.inl.gov>

In operation since 1949, the INL is a science-based, applied engineering national laboratory dedicated to sup-

porting the U.S. Department of Energy's mission in nuclear energy research, science, and national defense. With 3,500 scientist, researchers and support staff, the laboratory works with national and international governments, universities and industry partners to discover new science and develop technologies that underpin the nation's nuclear and renewable energy, national security and environmental missions.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Management, Environmental Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering

Idaho State Government Booth # 18

<http://www.dhr.idaho.gov>

Idaho State Government offers some of the most interesting and rewarding jobs you'll find anywhere in the state. We provide a high-tech, customer-oriented, and career-based environment to attract and retain a diverse and talented state workforce. With more than 60 state agencies and over 1000 different job titles to choose from, anyone can find a job that matches their career goals in one of the following occupational fields: Accounting & Finance Administration, Adult & Juvenile Corrections, Engineering & Construction Management, Human Resources, Information Technology, Land & Recreation Management, Law Enforcement, Natural Resources, Nursing & Health Care, Office Support, Sciences, Social Work & Social Services, Trades.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced, Part Time, Summer, Volunteer

Majors Recruited: All Majors

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Impac Services Booth # 8

<http://www.impactservices.com>

For more than a decade, we have been assisting clients in the PNW and Western Canada solve tough technology and business challenges through personalized, results-driven consulting. Experts in Oracle products, Impac's team of proven technology professionals work closely with clients to solve problems and find solutions that they don't have the resources, experience or expertise to tackle themselves. As an Oracle Certified Advantage Partner, our focus is implementing practical, cost-effective and cutting edge solutions necessary to make our clients more competitive in today's business markets. We are looking for people with education and experience in MIS, computer science, or business who have an interest in becoming a Business Systems Analyst, Software Developer or DBA.

Position Types: Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: Accounting, Computer Science, Finance, Information Systems, Management and Human Resources, Production/Operations Management

J.R. Simplot Company Booth # 15

<http://www.simplot.com>

The J. R. Simplot Company is a privately held food and agribusiness corporation based in Boise, Idaho. We employ approximately 10,000 people in the U.S., Canada, China, Mexico, and Australia. Annual sales are about \$4.5 billion, derived principally from food, fertilizer, turf and horticultural, cattle feeding, and other enterprises related to agribusiness. Simplot is one of the world's largest frozen-potato processors, annually turning out 3 billion pounds of french fries and other potato products worldwide. The firm also is one of the nation's largest beef-cattle producers, and ranks as a major agricultural-fertilizer manufacturer, with

markets in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The company is named for founder J.R. Simplot.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc.

Booth # 29

<http://www.longviewfibre.com>

Longview Fibre Paper & Packaging, Inc. is a major manufacturer of value-added corrugated and solid-fiber containers, and other paper products. The company operates one of the largest pulp-paper mills in the world at Longview, WA; 7 converting plants on the west coast and is a leader in recycled-content paper packaging. At our pulp and paper mill we produce an array of value-added kraft papers for converting into many end-uses by other firms. Paper for grocery bags, fast-food takeout bags and various multiwall sacks are the largest-volume products. A large portion of the paper we produce is used by our container group's modern plants to create corrugated containers used to package a myriad of products.

Position Types: Internship/Co-op, Summer

Majors Recruited: Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering (Graduate Level), Mechanical Engineering

Marine Corps Officer Programs Booth # 4

<http://www.marineofficer.com>

To be a Marine Officer is to challenge one-self. It leads to a place where being exceptional is not just encouraged, it's an absolute requirement. In order to lead the most elite military force in the world, you must take this path and complete one of the intense training programs in existence. It is only then that you

will earn the right to stand as a leader of Marines. To be a Marine is to possess a high degree of integrity and commitment; and desire to make a difference in the world. Our program provides the college student an opportunity to enter the Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant (regardless of major). This program is "hands-off" in nature, with paid summer training, tuition assistance/re-imbursement available. Aviation, ground or law, you decide which path to pursue.

Position Types: Internship/Co-op, Entry-level, Full Time Experienced, Summer

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network Booth # 26

<http://www.nmfn.com>

For more than 150 years, Northwestern Mutual has helped its policy owners and clients achieve financial security. The company offers insurance, investment products and advisory services to help people in the areas of financial protection, wealth accumulation, and estate preservation and distribution. Whether clients seek personal financial security or security for their business or estate, Northwestern Mutual offers an array of solutions: including permanent and term life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance, annuities, trust services, mutual funds and advisory services.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Power Engineers Booth # 35

<http://www.powereng.com>

Founded in 1976, POWER Engineers Inc. currently employs 1000 in 20 locations nationwide. We are an employee-owned multi-disciplinary engineering design and consulting firm. Joining us allows you the opportunity to work with a team of excellent engineers, technical specialists and support staff in a casual work environment with great

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Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced, Summer

Majors Recruited: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering

Rite Aid Booth # 39

<http://www.riteaid.com>

Rite Aid Corporation is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains with more than 4,900 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia with fiscal 2008 annual sales of more than \$24.3 billion. Information about Rite Aid, including corporate background and press releases, is available through the company's website.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced, Part Time

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. Booth # 13

<http://www.selinc.com>

SEL serves electric power utilities and industrial customers worldwide. Specifically, SEL designs and manufactures complete solutions for the protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering of electric power systems. Our digital protective relays must respond to system faults, such as downed power lines caused by accidents or harsh weather, within milliseconds. SEL equipment serves hundreds of utilities and, in turn, millions of their customers by contributing to safer operations and by minimizing outages and damage caused by faults.

Position Types: Entry-level, Full Time Experienced

Majors Recruited: Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering

Sherwin-Williams Company, The Booth # 17

<http://www.sherwin.com/mtp>

Since its founding in 1866, The Sherwin-Williams Company has grown to be the largest producer of paints and coatings in the USA, with annual sales of \$8 billion and over 3,300 specialty paint stores. We are proud to be listed as one of FORTUNE's "100 Best Companies to Work For," as well as listed in BusinessWeek with "Best Places to Launch a Career." We are seeking highly motivated individuals who have an interest in pursuing a career in management, marketing and sales. Our Management/Sales Training Program prepares recent college graduates for store management positions at locations throughout the nation. Once you've established a track record of success, you may choose to move into outside sales, or look for advancement opportunities at the district, area and division levels.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op

Majors Recruited: All Majors

Stryker Booth # 16

<http://www.stryker.com/careers>

Stryker Endoscopy, a leader in the worldwide orthopedic market, has been serving its customers since 1989 and has achieved double-digit profit growth for over 11 years. Stryker Endoscopy, a division of Stryker Corporation, is located in San Jose and specializes in the design, development, and manufacture of leading-edge video, powered instruments and disposable equipment for minimally invasive surgery. Stryker Endoscopy employs talented professionals with numerous business and engineering degrees in various challenging and rewarding positions.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced, Summer

Majors Recruited: All Majors

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Target Stores Booth # 9

<http://www.target.com>
See Yourself Here. Minneapolis-based Target serves guests at more than 1,600 stores in 47 states nationwide by delivering today's best retail trends at affordable prices. Target is committed to providing guests with great design through innovative products, in-store experiences and community partnerships. Whether visiting a Target store or shopping online at Target.com, guests enjoy a fun and convenient shopping experience with access to thousands of unique and highly differentiated items.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Booth # 38

<http://www.usbr.gov/pn>
As the largest water resources management agency in the West,

and the 2nd largest producer of hydropower in the U.S., we provide major economic, recreational and fish and wildlife benefits to the Nation. See our representatives at the Career Fair for exciting opportunities. Check out current openings at the Office of Personnel Management's website at www.usajobs.opm.gov.

Position Types: Entry-level, Internship/Co-op, Full Time Experienced, Part Time, Summer, Volunteer

Majors Recruited: All Majors

University Directories Booth # 20

<http://www.university-directories.com>

University Directories is the nation's premier campus publishing solutions provider and a leader in on-campus and mobile marketing. With 35 years of collegiate publishing experience University Directories provides over 700 students every year with the opportunity to gain real-world experi-

ence in sales, marketing, and communication. Since 2005 University Directories has more than doubled in size and expanded its offerings with the addition of DistroMobile, a text messaging marketing and communication service and University Directories On Campus, a grass roots marketing provider.

Position Types: Internship/Co-op

Majors Recruited: Advertising, Communication Studies, Management and Human Resources, Marketing

University of Phoenix Booth # 25

<http://www.phoenix.edu>

At the University of Phoenix Online, one can earn their degree via the Internet - at the times that fit an individual's schedule. Degrees are offered in several fields including Business, Management, Information Technology, Criminal Justice, Education, or Health Care.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

Wells Fargo Financial Booth # 3

<http://financial.wellsfargo.com/index.html>

The road to becoming a store manager is no easy task but if you're committed to meeting goals and dedicated to leading a team, the store management training program may be the right choice for you. In our management training program, you'll learn the consumer finance business as a credit manager, get valuable hands-on experience and could be on your way to running your own store.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

Wolseley North America Booth # 2

<http://www.wolseleyna.com>
Wolseley's North American Division is composed of Ferguson Enterprises, Stock Building Supply, and Wolseley Canada. We are the number one distributor of heating and plumbing products to the professional market, and a leading supplier of building materials and services. Our employee-centric mentality has helped shape us into the \$16 billion company we are today with over 1900 locations. Every day, our associates take pride in working for an industry leader.

Position Types: Entry-level
Majors Recruited: All Majors

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Exciting internship opportunity in Washington, D.C.

Idaho senator Mike Crapo's Internship Coordinator, Rachael Johnson, will be visiting the University of Idaho Moscow Campus on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 17th and the morning of Wednesday, February 18th. She will be recruiting bright, talented University of Idaho students for semester-long, full-time internships in the Senator's office in the nation's Capitol Building.

She will be presenting to numerous classes throughout both half-days. In addition, CAPP has scheduled an informal presentation and Q&A session in

the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17th. This presentation will be open to the public and internship information and applications will be available. Ms. Johnson will be available for informational interviews with students in the office of Career and Professional Planning, on the third floor of the Idaho Commons, times TBA.

Please feel free to contact Jim Ekins, Service-Learning and Internship Coordinator for more information and for the most updated schedule of her visit.

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Forced hands

Job loss tempts some to risk starting a business

By **TIM MARTIN**
Associated Press

CONCORD, Mich. — As Perry Weaver fixes problems beneath the hood of a customer's pearl white 1968 Corvette, his biggest worry is the country's financial engine.

Opening the repair shop last year after getting laid off by an auto supplier in late 2005 was Weaver's attempt to gain more control over his employment destiny. But like other entrepreneurs these days, he is discovering that being in the driver's seat in a deepening recession carries significant challenges, not least of which is losing customers as they succumb to layoffs or job insecurity.

As employment options dry up, the number of people becoming self-employed sometimes increases during a prolonged recession, as it did in the early 1980s, according to Labor Department data.

But that may not happen this time, experts say, because one of the hallmarks of this downturn is a very tight credit market, making it harder for new businesses to get bank loans.

"I've never seen an economy like this one," said Iris Cooper, director of the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division in the Ohio Department of Development. "This one is different because of the weakness in the financial market."

The number of self-employed Americans fell 3 percent in 2008, Labor Department data show evidence that many have been forced to close up shop, while others are reluctant to try going it alone.

The number reported as self-employed, now slightly more than 10 million, began to drop in late 2007.

No region has been spared. New business registrations fell nearly 9 percent in Rhode Island last year.

Oregon's new business applications dropped by more than 15 percent in the last three months of 2008. And Ohio received 20 percent fewer requests in 2008 for 1st Stop Business Connection kits, startup guides assisting small businesses.

At the Weaver Pro Tech auto repair shop, the main challenge lately has been customer retention.

Weaver, who committed his severance package from Lear Corp. and much of his savings to open the business, spent the summer courting potential customers at classic car shows in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

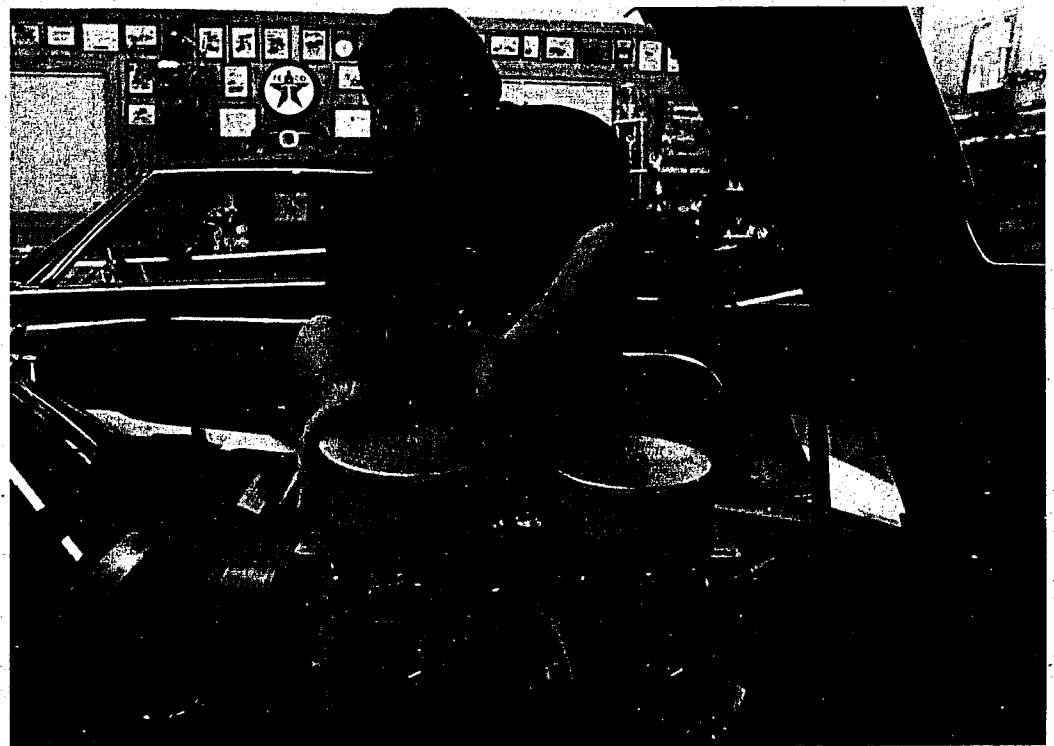
But three repair jobs scheduled for this winter have been canceled. One car owner lost his job; two others simply got nervous because of the tumbling stock market and rising unemployment.

The nation's unemployment rate, 7.2 percent in December, is at its highest level in 16 years and in Michigan the rate is above 10 percent due to the auto industry's woes.

"It's a big hit on us guys trying to get started," said Weaver.

The battered economy is holding down consumer spending at exactly the time Mark Bunn's six-month-old music shop in Nampa, Idaho, could use a boost.

Bunn, who took a buyout from Micron Technologies Inc.,



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Perry Weaver works on a customer's 1968 Corvette Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at his Weaver Pro Tech auto repair shop in Concord, Mich. Weaver opened the repair shop last year after getting laid off by an auto supplier in late 2005 and it was his attempt to gain more control over his employment destiny. More and more Americans are making the move to start their own businesses.

invested much of his savings into The Music Shoppe, which sells guitars, amplifiers and a wide range of instruments for marching bands. But business has not been as brisk as he had anticipated.

The 47-year-old Bunn found a reasonably priced storefront in a high traffic location, and he hasn't hired any employees.

Even so, making enough money to cover the rent on the shop and other basic expenses like health insurance is proving to be a struggle.

"It could be a few years before it becomes a viable business," Bunn said. "So you've got to be prepared and patient."

New small businesses may fail even in the best economies. To survive in tough times, entrepreneurs must pay closer attention to planning, inventory, budgeting and marketing, says the U.S. Small Business Administration. The organization says startup businesses fail most often because of insufficient capital, lack of management experience, poor inventory management and lack of initial planning.

Brenda Renzaglia certainly did her homework before

opening Bella Angel Imaging in Maple Grove, Minn. The business records ultrasounds for pregnant women onto DVDs and synchronizes the images to popular music.

Renzaglia, 44, knew nearly two years in advance she was going to lose her job as a billing department manager at Eschelon Telecom Inc. because it was being bought by another company. She used the time to plan her opening on Dec. 1, one day after her layoff took effect.

So far, customers are filling her screening room, which has a 200-inch screen to view the ultrasounds, and Renzaglia isn't dwelling on the sour economy. Instead, she's focused on the positives of self-employment.

"I couldn't think of anything else I wanted to do," Renzaglia said. "Go fight hundreds of people to put in application at a major corporation? I didn't want to do that."

While Weaver is experiencing a rougher ride, he believes he can hold on until economic conditions improve.

Within a few years, Weaver hopes to move beyond his one-man shop and expand to a main street storefront with

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a couple of employees — potentially replacing his former \$75,000 a year income.

"Will I get there (this) year? Probably not," Weaver said. "But will I get there eventually? Yes. I can see us making money at this."

Economic woes boost library use

By LISA CORNWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI— Since being laid off when Circuit City closed the store where he worked, Vincent Self heads to the public library every chance he gets to search for a job.

Libraries around the country report significant increases in visitors like Self as more people turn to libraries for help in this rocky economy.

Many are using library computers and other research materials to find jobs, submit employment applications and apply for unemployment benefits. Some are looking for cheaper entertainment options by checking out books, DVDs and CDs for free instead of buying or renting. Others are researching ways to better manage their finances.

No recent national statistics are available, but staff and li-

brary users at libraries in nine states report increased use of computers for job seeking and government-related purposes, according to a 2007-2008 technology access study by the American Library Association, said Larra Clark, the Chicago-based group's project manager for research and statistics.

"We also know that library card registration is at an all-time high since we started measuring card usage in 1990," said Lorlene Roy, a former association president and current board member.

"We are hearing from members everywhere that they are seeing increased demand in computer use and all other areas."

Self, 26, of Cincinnati, spends several hours a day at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County looking through job postings and poring over books on potential careers.

"I don't know what I would do if I couldn't come here," he said, perusing a pile of real estate books. "I couldn't afford to do all this if I had to pay."

The library saw use of its online resources reach an all-time high last year, with more than 87 million uses, compared with 71 million in 2007.

"We are seeing an increase not only in computer use, but in all areas—including books and DVDs as people look for ways to save money," executive director Kim Fender said.

Circulation also reached a record high for the Cincinnati/Hamilton County library system in 2008: Residents borrowed 15.6 million items, more than 750,000 higher than in 2007—a 5 percent increase—while reference use jumped more than 27 percent.

At the St. Joseph County Public Library in South Bend, Ind., computer demand has

caused users to wait in lines sometimes 20-deep for the main branch's 50 computers, director Don Napoli said.

"Just about everyone these days requires online job applications, and a lot of people don't have access to computers," he said. "We're just packed with people most of the time."

The library has put some retired computers back in use for the public and made other computers available more often.

The number of active library card users increased from an average of 90,000 to 100,000 the past few years to about 125,000 today, Napoli said.

Computer use at the Mount Laurel Public Library in Mount Laurel, N.J., near Philadelphia, rose 11 percent from fall 2007 to fall 2008, acting director Kathy Chalk-Greene said.

In Ohio, the Columbus Metropolitan Library saw 2.2 million computer logons in 2007

and was on track to reach at least 3 million at the end of 2008, spokeswoman Kim Snell said. The library last week started job-help centers for the growing numbers needing to learn how to use computers and other employment resources.

"People who haven't had to apply for jobs in 20 years now find they have to do it online and are coming to us to learn how to do that," Snell said.

The national unemployment rate jumped to 7.2 percent in December, the highest in 16 years, and is expected to keep climbing.

While library officials are grateful for the rise in popularity, they also have to cope with effects of the economy on their funding.

Some libraries are being forced to cut staffing and hours and even close branches as money from state and local government dwindles.

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