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Program ✂️ Prioritization Process

Taking the bite

College of Education continues making cuts

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Editor's note: There are 41 programs that could possibly be cut from the University of Idaho come April. This story is the third in a series on how those proposed cuts, determined by the Program Prioritization Process, would affect the UI campus on a college-by-college level. Look for next week's installment on how the PPP is affecting the College of Graduate Studies.

Paul Rowland, dean of the College of Education, has been looking to the future for months — he never anticipated it would look like this.



Paul Rowland

In spring 2008, Rowland and other administrators in the college were already looking to make changes to programs and departments within its structure — months before the separate action was implemented in the University of Idaho's Program Prioritization Process.

"We had to find out where we wanted to get to," he said. "We are really trying to figure out the programs in this college and where we want to head in the future."

The university-wide prioritization process, which is a part of the university's Strategic Action Plan begun in 2005, is an effort to "re-engineer" and "streamline" the university's degree programs financially and effectively, said Provost Doug Baker at a recent student luncheon about the PPP.

"What we want to focus on is our strengths," Baker said, "so we can refocus our efforts."

Rowland said his college had voluntarily started its own prioritization process to make the College of Education more sustainable over time — something he said fit into the PPP as it was developed.

The college's administrators, faculty and staff have held several weekend retreats, weekly meetings and revamped the college's vision statement as a result of their own prioritization process. The College of Education also implemented a hiring freeze before the university-wide freeze began in September.

"This is hard stuff," Rowland said. "I think we want to do this in a way that we don't make mistakes and that doesn't harm the institution or the state of Idaho. That's a lot of stuff to keep track of."

The college has five Master of Science degrees up for consideration in the PPP: curriculum and instruc-

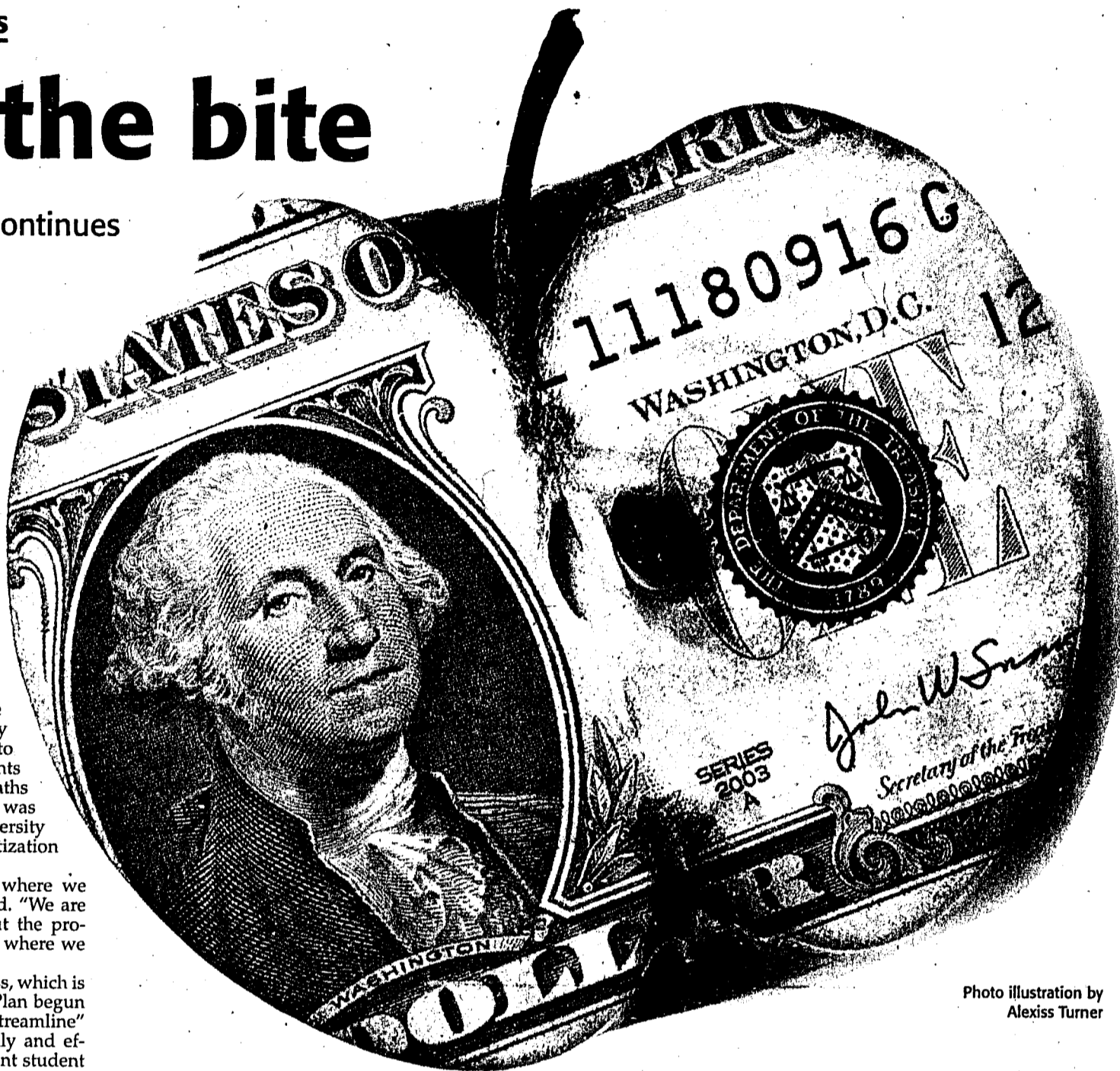


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Alexiss Turner

tion, educational leadership, special education, professional technical and technology education and physical education. Educational Specialist degrees are also up for closure or consolidation in counseling and human services, education and special education.

Many of the masters degrees have been underutilized in the last few years, Rowland said. Only two people graduated with the Master's of Science degree in special education in the last 11 years, he said.

"This will not have a huge impact on the students," he said. "Most students would have switched from the M.S. degree anyway ... We just don't attract students here on M.S. degrees."

Rowland said many education students that do sign up for an M.S. degree often don't realize the difference between that and a Master of Education degree. Students participating in an M.S. degree must do a thesis, while the M. Ed.

degree requires a non-thesis research project.

It can be confusing for students to have to switch as they get into the program, Rowland said.

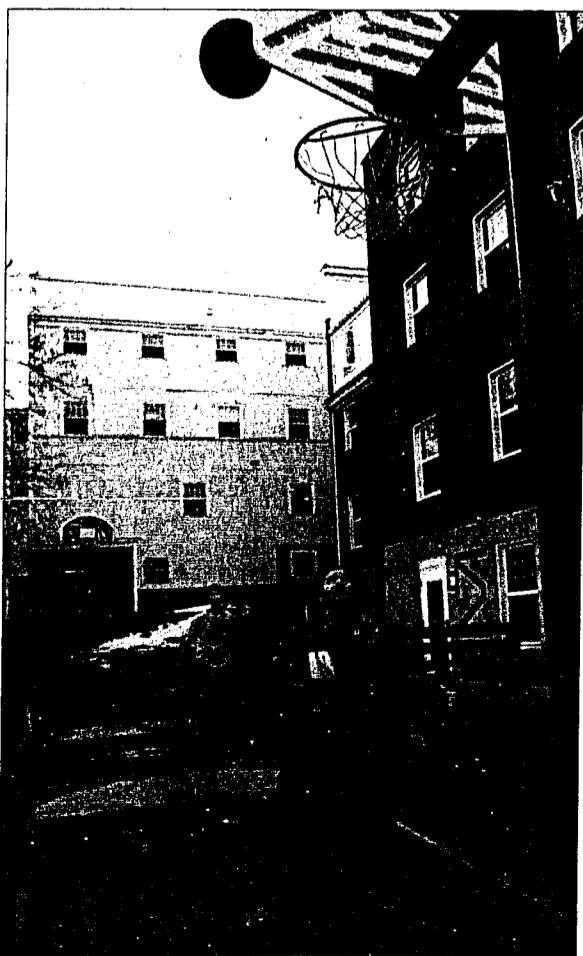
"A lot of our graduate students apply online," he said. "Very little time is spent in the actual M.S. degree. They frequently check the (M.S.) box when they really want an M. Ed. degree ... This will reduce confusion for our students as well."

There are 32 degree programs in the College of Education overall, with a total of nine programs possibly being affected by the PPP.

Rowland said every student in each of the possibly cut programs was notified by e-mail and was encouraged to seek help from their advisers. He said he also met with a group of approximately 20 concerned students about the changes.

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GOING UP



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Al Castro, right, and Tony Sulick of the Sigma Nu fraternity shoot some hoops Thursday outside of their house. Temperatures this week have gone higher than 50 degrees, prompting people to spend more time outdoors.

Amendment could erase UI tuition ban

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

Under the Idaho Constitution, the University of Idaho cannot charge tuition, although it can charge student fees — that may not be the case for long.

UI was established before the creation of Idaho as a state. It follows territorial laws that were added to the constitution after the state's creation — including the tuition ban that has been in place for 120 years.

Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, has drafted a constitutional amendment that would overturn the law.

"This has been an issue for the state of Idaho for some time," Stegner said.

The law spans from UI's status as a land grant university, meaning land was designated for the university by the federal government.

UI is the only university in Idaho that is unable to charge tuition. Instead, it charges student fees comparable to the cost of tuition. A bill was passed in 2005 that allowed Boise State University and Idaho State University to charge tuition. The task isn't as simple for UI.

"The fundamental question is how to validate a territorial law since there is

no territory," he said. "And how do we change it since there is no territory?"

The bill would need to pass with a two-thirds majority vote from both the Idaho House of Representatives and the Senate. Since UI's land-grant status is contingent upon the tuition ban, passing a bill revoking the law would require a state vote.

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Joe STEGNER
Idaho senator

Stegner said there is some confusion surrounding the topic. He said some think the ban could be overruled with a court decision. The Supreme Court has agreed that a constitutional amendment would be more successful.

Stegner said allowing UI to charge tuition would "bring the university up to the same standard as the other institutions" and offer the university increased "financial flexibility."

With the ability to charge tuition, Stegner said UI would be able to move its funding around the university more freely than it can currently. Stegner said student fees cannot be used for "instructional purposes," including salaries. With UI able to charge tuition, money

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Student faces rape charges

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

University of Idaho freshman Brandon Feder is facing a rape charge after allegedly having sex with a woman who had passed out at a party held in a Taylor Avenue apartment.

The victim woke up the morning of Feb. 12 at the home of a friend who had hosted a party the night before.

"This friend asked her if she remembered what happened last night. She said she didn't," said David Duke, the assistant police chief for the Moscow Police Department. "The friend told the victim she had been raped the night before."

The pair went to Gritman Medical Center and asked for a rape kit, and in accordance with Gritman's policy, the police were contacted. Duke said the officer who approached the victim had initial difficulty convincing her to tell him what had happened.

"She said she thought a friend of hers had done it, and she didn't want him to get in trouble," Duke said.

Eventually, she told the officer she had been at a party of a friend, become intoxicated and passed out.

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PeopleWeKnow

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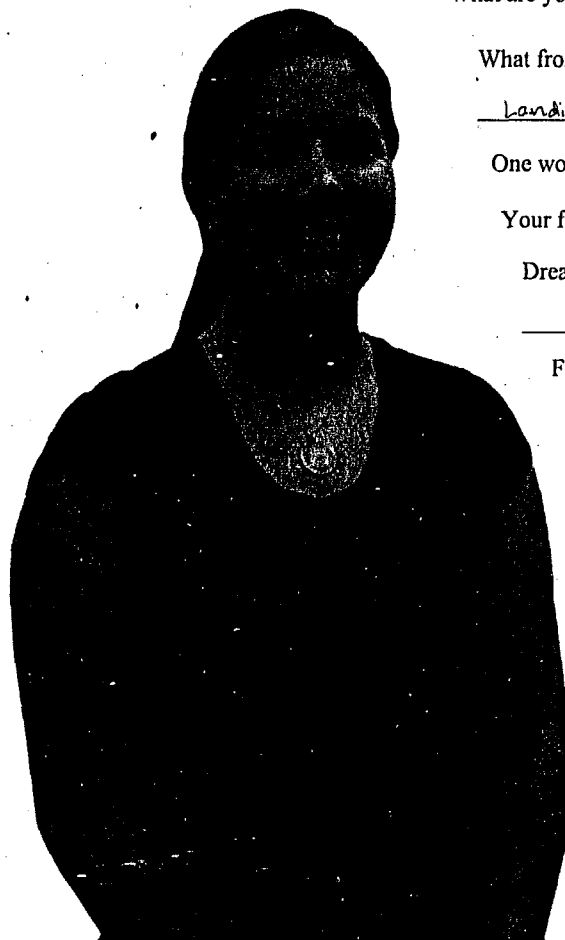


Photo by Jake Barber

What are you looking forward to this semester: Spring

What from last semester are you most proud of: _____

Landing a job in ASUI

One word to describe your self: Sincere

Your favorite class: spinning class at the REC

Dream Vacation: Heli skiing with my husband at Hica Creek or anywhere with a beach.

Favorite band: Division Street

Fondest Memory: The day I married my husband

What would you do with a million dollars: pay off debt, donate a bench, buy a house, travel

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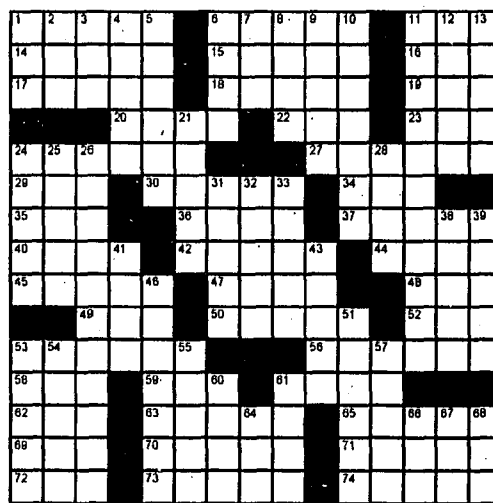
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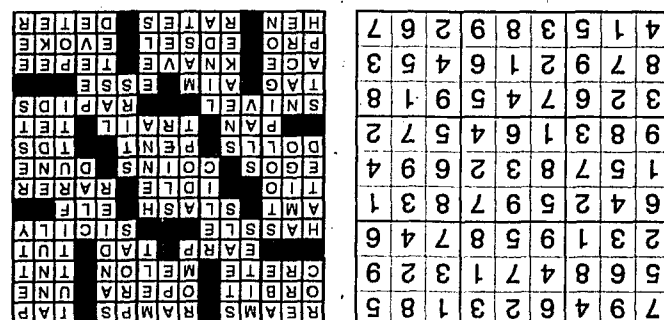
Across

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- 15 Wagner work
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- 17 Where Minos ruled
- 18 Honeydew, e.g.
- 19 Blast maker
- 20 O.K. Cornell lawman
- 22 Little bit
- 23 Egyptian boy king
- 24 Perturbation
- 27 Mt. Etna location
- 29 Quantity (Abbr.)
- 30 Cut down
- 34 Brownie
- 35 Uncle (Sp.)
- 36 Not working
- 37 Harder to find
- 40 Freudian topics
- 42 Nickels and dimes
- 44 Beach feature
- 45 Puppets
- 47 Confined; ___ up
- 48 NFL stats
- 49 Goat god (Greek myth)
- 50 Hiker's path
- 52 Asian holiday
- 53 Whine
- 56 River currents
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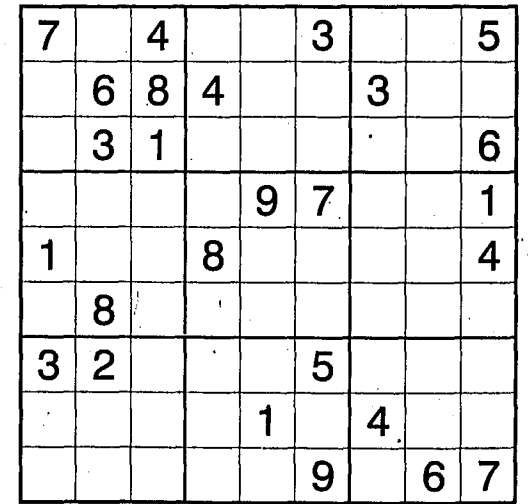


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- 26 Informer
- 28 Attired
- 31 Take as one's own
- 32 More artful
- 33 Reddish brown
- 38 Terminated
- 39 Breathers
- 41 Croat, e.g.
- 43 Mixes up
- 46 Tennis shoe
- 51 Survived
- 53 Kind of infection
- 54 Mother-of-pearl
- 55 Blair of Exorcist fame
- 57 Annoy
- 60 Sail holder
- 61 Snaky swimmers
- 64 Neckline shape
- 66 Flower holder
- 67 ___ out a living
- 68 Always, in verse

Solutions



Sudoku



Corrections

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor.
Contact information can be found on page 7.

UI student to appear on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

When Scott Stephens stood for hours at the Boise Outlet Mall in 105 degree weather last summer playing mini-games of "Wheel of Fortune," he never expected to actually end up on the show.

Stephens, a junior biology and physical therapy major at the University of Idaho, has watched the show since he was young. He said he saw the commercials for the "Wheel Mobile" coming into Boise last summer and went down to participate. His mother watches the show daily, and Stephens said she wanted him to come with her.

"It was just a long shot from the get go," Stephens said.

He said everyone who gathered at the mall put their names and e-mails in a bucket, then took the stage and solved puzzles.

Stephens said he made sure they saw him in the crowd by jumping up and down and yelling.

"I wouldn't say I'm overly outgoing, but I knew I had to be obnoxious," Stephens said.

Stephens was among the 70 to 80 people who were asked to return for the next round at Hotel 43 in downtown Boise. After that round of tests, participants were told they would be notified by mail if they were chosen to be on the show. Stephens said three weeks later he got the letter.

"I was really excited," Stephens said, "but my mom was probably more excited than I was."

The letter said he could be on the show within the next 18 months. In the meantime, they told him to play their online games and practice with cross-words to prepare for the

show. Stephens said he didn't expect it to happen so soon, but ended up in California over Winter Break.



Scott Stephens

He flew down to Los Angeles with friends and family and they toured Universal Studios before the taping at Sony Studios. So many people among Stephens' family wanted to come, he said he had to ask the show if he could bring more guests.

When he arrived at the studio at 8 a.m. for taping, Stephens said they held a drawing to select which contestants would be on stage together at various times. Stephens said Vana White came out to say hello, and he noted that the stage was much smaller than it looks on television.

He said they tape six shows a day, and his was

the last one at 6 p.m., so Stephens was part of the audience until his turn on stage.

"So I waited around all day clapping," Stephens said. When he told people around him that he was from Idaho, Stephens said he didn't get much of a reaction, but he did discuss sports with one person from California.

"Thankfully, BSU was never brought up," Stephens said.

After waiting all day, Stephens said he wasn't as nervous to get up there as he had been in the morning.

"When you talk to everybody and watch all day you get more excited just to do it," Stephens said.

Stephens said he can't reveal what happened on the show before it airs, but he hopes students will tune in to find out.

The show he is featured in will air at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

GPSA holds early election

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

It's been an interesting week to be a graduate student, one that included socials and an election for a new president.

Wednesday night, Graduate and Professional Student Association took over Mikey's Gyros for its spring social and to encourage students to vote, offering free food and good company.

Sayantani Dasgupta, GPSA communications director, said the election was just as important as socializing.

"The idea is to get the vibes from graduate students," she said.

Multiple backgrounds are represented among the graduate students, and Dasgupta said socializing helps people come together and realize theirs is not the only program.

"It opens the windows of your own mind," she said. "Within your program it is the same discussion, same minds, but (together) it is different people from different backgrounds—you learn something."

Scott Onak, a graduate student in the Master of Fine Arts program, said the social at Mikey's was a welcome break in a busy week.

"The event gave us a way to break out of our normal grad groups and meet students in different programs," Onak said.

She said GPSA also hosts coffee hours so "students can take a break from studies" and come together.

"(GPSA) is a good platform to meet each other," Dasgupta said. "It's seeing the world from a different perspective."

Current GPSA President Parul said GPSA was a senate-driven organization, much like ASUI, but there are some

differences. "(GPSA) is like ASUI, but much smaller," she said.

Any of the 1,500 University of Idaho graduate students can vote or run for any position, but unlike ASUI, candidates can run without a running mate.

One person, Heidi Anderson, ran for president with two contenders for vice president, Anirban Das and Chau Tran.

There is also the possibility of a write-in candidate winning.

Jim Erwin, GPSA vice president, said write-in candidates have a good chance in the election.

"Five votes can possibly get them into

a position," Erwin said. Perul said being involved in GPSA allows insight into student life.

"You get a glimpse of what is going on around campus," she said.

Erwin said GPSA elections are an opportunity for graduate students.

"It's a great chance for any grad student to jump into GPSA and get a voice at the university," he said.

As vice president, Erwin supports the president and runs meetings.

"It's kind of like a second face between GPSA and the rest of the university," he said.

GPSA is becoming a better venue for more graduate students, Erwin said. To achieve this, it is trying to collaborate with ASUI more often, and for the first time, they are participating in Relay for Life.

Usually, elections are held in March, but this year it was moved to February to give the elected more time to transition, Perul said.

The GPSA election ran Tuesday through Thursday, and the successful candidate will be announced in its next meeting and will take office March 24.

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Sayantani DASGUPTA

Communications director

Society hosts space researcher

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

The Idaho chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers Annual Dynamic Lecture Series will feature Wayne Scales, the director of Virginia Tech's Center for Space Science and Engineering Research, on March 6 at the Best Western University Inn.

"Scales is very anxious to come to the University of Idaho," said Rachel Bonas, a graduate student in computer science and is the president of the UI Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers.

According to a press release from Virginia Tech, Scales' specialty is space plasma physics, and there are not very many universities in the country that deal with space research the way he does.

"We think it will be very educational and advantageous for those who attend," Bonas said.

Scales turned down an invita-

tion to join the faculty at Cornell, where he got his Ph.D. to go to Virginia Tech since his mother lived there, and he wanted to be close to her.

Scales teamed up with another Virginia professor, Joseph Wang, to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation for funding to start a new space research center in Virginia.

The proposal was accepted in 2005, and Scales became the director of the new Center for Space Science and Engineering Research, which now has annual research revenues of close to \$2.5 million, according to the press release.

Scales is currently involved in several projects, including the creation of artificial dust clouds in the space environment and the artificial perturbation of natural dust clouds in the space environment.

There will be a social hour at the University Inn from 5 to 5:50 p.m. where guests will have the chance to speak to Scales. Afterward,

Scales will speak and then there will be a chance for additional questions, Bonas said.

Scales also plans to tour the labs in the electrical engineering department March 5.

Tickets will cost \$8 for students and \$10 for the general public.

"We're selling tickets which will help our members to go to the National Society of Black Engineers national convention," Bonas said.

Last year, the Idaho chapter won the small chapter of the year award at the national convention in Las Vegas.

This is the second year the Idaho chapter of the National Society of Black Engineer's dynamic lecture series. Last year featured Philip Emagwali, a Nigerian computer scientist, and Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to go into space.

"There are currently no other speakers planned due to the economic downturn," Bonas said.

The Idaho Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers was founded in fall 2006.

Jazz still a hot ticket in Moscow

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The lousy economy isn't hurting the jazz scene in Moscow, man. Advance sales for the annual Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival are

up more than 12 percent from year.

Festival organizers report they have sold 7,803 tickets so far this year, compared to 6,873 last year.

The festival runs Feb. 25-28 on the University

of Idaho campus.

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Making good on New Year's resolutions

Nate Moore
Argonaut

Lack of motivation is the reason most people don't meet their New Year's goals, but the Vandal Fitness Challenge is here to help both athletes and couch potatoes alike hit the gym with renewed vigor.

"The Vandal Fitness Challenge is a program where we help push-start students to follow through with their New Year's resolutions," said Peg Hamlett, the fitness director at the Student Recreation Center.

The VFC is a 10-week competition to help people meet their athletic goals. The challenge is open to anyone willing to participate and costs \$10 to enter, which goes toward the prizes offered to the winner of each category.

According to Hamlett, the categories are average Joe and athletic Joe, with separate competitions for men and women. For the average Joe, the goal is dedication and overall improvement. For the athletic Joe, the goal is to expand training for overall fitness and performance.

The prizes are a \$500 gift card to REI for first place, a \$250 gift card to Tri-State for second and a 8GB iPod nano for third.

Weekly logs that record activi-

ties and food consumption must be turned in to be eligible for the prizes. Out of the 10 weeks, six logs must be turned in.

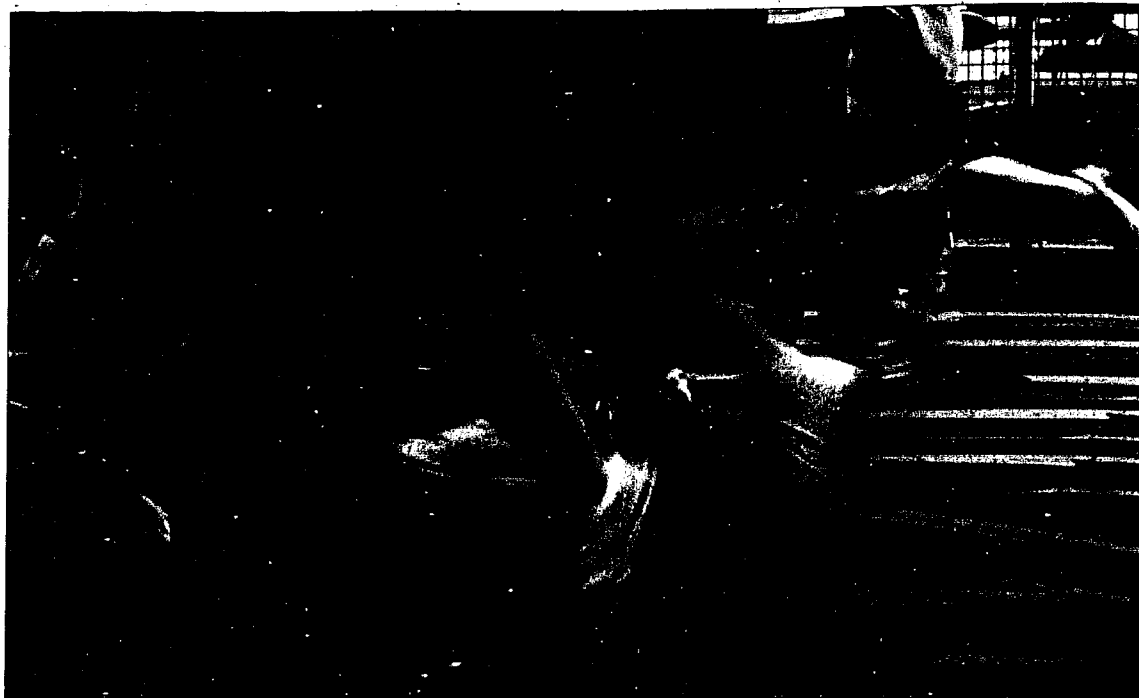
According to Hamlett, the VFC was started four years ago to encourage students who don't normally exercise to go to the gym and improve their overall health.

"The main reason people don't exercise is because they've only tried one or two things with a friend and didn't like it," Hamlett said.

According to Hamlett, the goal of VFC is to work with students and help them find ways to enjoy exercise, while teaching them proper nutrition and safe training habits.

Hamlett said they are hoping for a better turn out this year than any in the past. The first year of the challenge there were about 500 participants. Last year, because of some structural problems, the challenge only had about 300 participants, Hamlett said.

The competition is based on a pre-test, the weekly logs and a post-test to judge improvement and overall dedication. According to ASUI, the tests will include a body-fat percentage test, push-ups, sit-ups, box-jumps and the plank position. The push-ups, sit-ups and box-jumps will be based on how many a person can do in



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Students run on the treadmills in the Student Recreation Center Thursday. The Vandal Fitness Challenge is a 10-week competition to help people meet athletic goals.

a minute. The plank position will measure how long a person can hold a prone position with their elbows on the ground and their feet on a physio ball.

Registration will be done on a

walk-in basis, with the \$10 fee being deducted from student accounts. Upon completion of the pre-test, all participants will receive a VFC water bottle. After the challenge is over all participants will be given

a VFC T-shirt as well.

For more information regarding the VFC and registration times, visit the Web site at <http://www.asui.uidaho.edu/vandalfitness-challenge>.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

Jazz Bands and Choirs
7:30 p.m.
Lionel Hampton School of Music
Recital Hall

Friday

Alpha Gamma Delta Mr. Idaho Pageant
7 p.m.
Administration Building
Auditorium

Saturday

Student recital
1 p.m.
Recital hall

Sunday

Guest artist recital
4 p.m.
Recital hall

Monday

Study Abroad advising
1:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons

Local/BRIEFS

Church hosts pancake feast

University of Idaho students are invited to attend a pancake feast hosted by St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The feast will take place at St. Mark's Parish Hall, located at 111 S. Jefferson.

The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 10 years and younger.

Students can purchase tickets at the Campus Christian Center's front desk.

For information, call 882-2022.

Recycling study results released

A University of Idaho Sustainability Center graduate research assistant, Tom Nagawiecki, led a waste characterization study.

Studying the waste in 10 different solid waste dumpsters throughout campus, he found 68 percent of the waste people are throwing away can be recycled or composted.

More than 200 students are enrolled in a field activity for an environmental science course and helped sort through the materials thrown away.

The study was taken over a three-day period.

Hunger report released

A County Level Profile of Hunger in Idaho has been released and is now available through the Idaho Hunger Task Force.

The Idaho Hunger Atlas is the first publication of its kind for Idaho — only a handful of states have compiled this type of document. The Atlas can help anyone see how regions compare in hunger and food security indicators. Information for Idaho's 44 counties includes information on food stamp participation, nutrition education, county poverty rates, childhood poverty rates and senior nutrition participation.

Full access to the report can be found at www.idahohunger.org.

City seeks artwork

The city of Moscow in conjunction with Reinterpreting Reality is putting on an art show for the Moscow Master's.

The city is currently in search of artwork from the following artists Audrey Barr, Shirley Caldwell and Marry Banks. Anyone with artwork from these women can contact Keely Garrity at kgarrity@ci.moscow.id.us or Kathleen Burns kburns@ci.moscow.id.us.

The art can be dropped off the artwork at the Arts Office in City Hall or they could arrange to have it picked up by the city.

The artwork is needed by March 2.

University of Idaho

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

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February 17th - 19th

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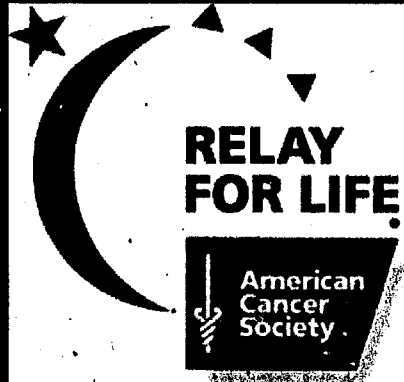
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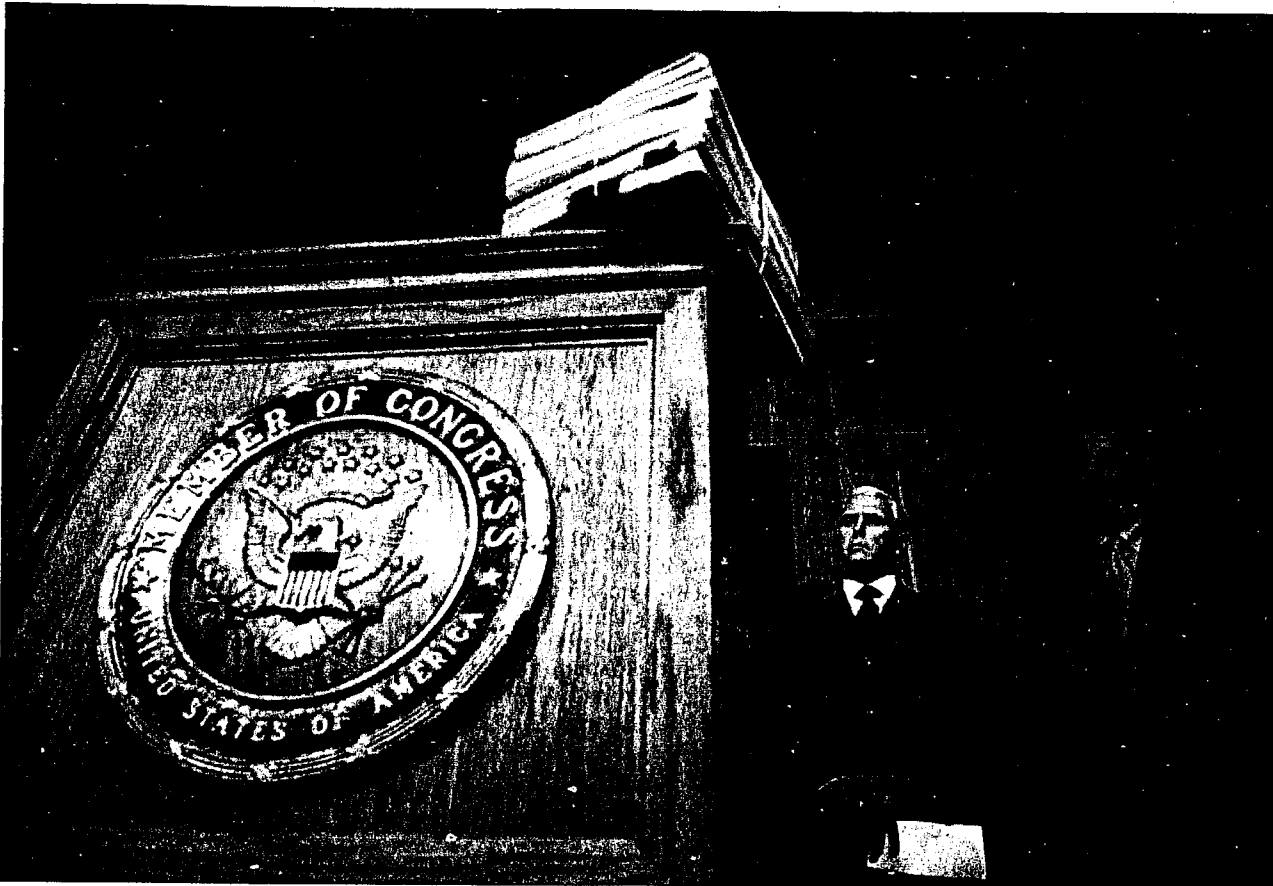
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HEAVY READING



Lauren Victoria/Associated Press
With a copy of the stimulus legislation on the podium, House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, right, and Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., prepare to meet with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., Friday, Feb. 13, after the House passed the stimulus legislation.

Idaho universities look to get stimulus dollars

Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho colleges that want a piece of the \$1 billion economic stimulus money headed Idaho's way will have to submit proposals to the state's Division of Financial Management by noon on March 4.

The agency will review those proposals and, by March 19, make recommendations to an Executive Stimulus Committee appointed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Potential campus projects will be identified by a 15-member task force created by Idaho State University. Task force members, who were recently notified of their selection, include university vice presidents, students, faculty members and staff, with each assigned

to review a certain portion of the stimulus bill.

"A lot of people have some stiff homework assignments," said James Fletcher, ISU's vice president of finance and administration.

Fletcher noted that stimulus projects must spur job creation, and that Otter has requested that the proposals not result in a future financial burden to the state.

"ISU will spare no effort, and we'll turn over every rock to make sure we maximize all of the benefits of this bill, both for the university and for the state of Idaho," Fletcher said.

Making a trip through northern Idaho, Rep. Walt Minnick, D-Idaho, said he would work to make sure the University of Idaho receives

money from the stimulus package that he voted against.

"I told them I will do anything I can to facilitate that, and when they get their list together make sure they receive fair consideration by the granting agencies," he said.

Minnick said the state should rely on existing agencies, such as the State Board of Education, to distribute the money.

"We don't want to spend six months developing procedures and another six months appointing commissions," he said. "It's to be spent, not studied."

Boise State University spokesman Frank Zang said the school has an administrative council that regularly discusses the economic situation and how the school can deal with budget challenges.

"We will work with state officials to determine where we have viable projects that meet the qualifications of the stimulus package," he said.

"A lot of people have some stiff homework assignments."

James FLETCHER
ISU vice president of finance and administration

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could be moved to cover these expenses.

UI currently pays salaries through state funding. In 2008, projected numbers estimated a little less than half of the year's state funding was spent on employee salaries. If the tuition ban were revoked, that money could be used elsewhere.

During tough economic times, Stegner said, this movement of money can be beneficial.

"That is to the advantage of this, to the institution and to students," he said.

When the tuition ban

was passed years ago, Stegner said the thought was UI would be supported enough by the state so charging tuition wouldn't be needed.

"That's certainly an admirable objective," he said. "But difficult in this day and age to implement."

Stegner said overriding the law does not mean a significant rise in cost for students.

"It's simply of mat-

ter of classifying what is charged as tuition and fees rather than straight fees," he said.

Stegner said the possibility of tuition and fees rising the next academic year is strong, but not because of the amendment, if passed.

"The State Board has got to find the balance between helping UI with its financial shortfalls and the financial pressure put on students to

be able to afford school in these tough times," he said.

In an e-mail, university spokesperson Tania Thompson stated UI is appreciative of Stegner's work to give the university the same privileges as others in the state.

"It is a proposal that, if approved by both the Legislature and the voters, could provide a significant benefit to both the university and its students," she said.

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According to the police report, someone who had attended the party claimed to have walked in on Feder having sex with the victim. The witness said they had seen someone carry the unconscious victim into the bedroom. The court affidavit stated, about an hour later they said they saw the victim, "... lying on her side, pants down by her knees, maybe a little lower and Feder was having sex with her."

The officer tracked (Feder) down, he came to the station where he was interviewed and felt there was enough probable cause to charge him," Duke said.

Feder was arraigned on Feb. 14 and will face a preliminary hearing on Feb. 26.

Bill could require midwife license

Sarah D. Wire
Associated Press

BOISE — Midwives say they've addressed doctors' and hospitals' concerns over a plan to license midwives, after opposition helped kill a similar proposal last year.

The bill that died in the legislature last year would have made licensing voluntary and drew the ire of groups such as the Idaho Medical Association. Currently Idaho requires no license or certification to be a midwife, but midwives are recognized by state law.

The House State Affairs Committee has agreed to debate the measure put forth by the Idaho Midwifery Council more fully. Last year's hearing on the bill lasted two days and occasionally became heated.

Idaho Medical Association CEO Susie Pouliot told the Associated Press that the group has not taken an official stance on this year's bill and hopes to make a decision during its daylong board meeting Friday.

The Medical Association board had a problem with draft legislation provided in December but

by working together, the Midwifery Council and the Medical Association have come a long way toward addressing the association's concerns, Pouliot said.

She said requiring licenses instead of making them voluntary has made her more comfortable with the bill.

"That's huge, the voluntary possibility last year was a complete non-starter," Pouliot said.

A similar bill is currently moving through the Wyoming Legislature. Montana, Utah, Oregon and Washington all require a license.

In 2005, legislators passed a voluntary natural-ocpath licensing law that has since prompted years of disagreements between rival groups of natural-ocpaths. Some lawmakers are currently trying to repeal that law, saying it is so flawed that it needs to be dumped completely.

Pouliot cautioned that the groups may still have philosophical differences about the midwife legislation.

The bill would require midwives to be licensed by the North American Registry of Midwives, a national organization that governs the profession.

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"So many of our programs are woven together," Rowland said. "They were concerned if some of these programs go away, maybe their programs would be affected as well."

Rowland said he met with each of the college's departments to discuss the needs of faculty and staff.

Baker and Rowland stressed the PPP was put into motion before the economic crisis and budget cuts as a part of the SAP, but the crisis could compound the problem.

"I think we're ahead of the game here," Baker said. "We've been working on this for three years."

Rowland said that while the PPP is a separate process from the budget cuts, knowing of the financial instability is still something to keep in mind.

"Before we didn't really know how bad the holdback really was," he said. "Back then we

weren't pressured as hard as we are today."

The faculty members are disappointed with the possible loss of the programs, Rowland said.

"The best characterization of it is that in some cases, it's regrettable, but it's also understandable," he said. "The regret comes in as the College of Education, and probably the University of Idaho as a whole, is not funded well enough to support the number of programs that we have. We've just gotten to the point where we have too many programs and not enough resources. We should probably reduce that."

It is important to put more resources where there is more student demand, he said. "Every decision we second, third, fourth and fifth guess," he said. "With the knowledge I have today, this is the best decision ... You look around with the people I work with, with the deans, and you see some people very stressed. I know we are trying to do the right thing, trying to ensure students of the University of Idaho get a good education."

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NW Jesuit schools in debate

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Northwest Jesuits' decision to file bankruptcy proceedings this week has set up a legal fight over the assets of the schools affiliated with the Roman Catholic order, including Seattle and Gonzaga universities.

The Jesuits in question — formally known as the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province — insist that while the institutions are sponsored by the order and follow its educational philosophy, they're separately incorporated and have independent governing boards that include laypeople. According to their argument, the assets of Jesuit schools are off-limits when it comes to paying legal obligations to sex-abuse victims.

Lawyers for those victims

disagree, suggesting the Jesuits might be understating their assets to protect them from creditors. The Oregon Province covers Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

"Could Seattle U. and all its real estate be in jeopardy? The answer is definitely yes," said Tim Kosnoff, a lawyer who has represented sex-abuse victims.

The order may have taken steps to organize the schools separately and insulate them, Kosnoff said, but if the lines are blurred and the separation of properties is "really just illusory, the court can treat them as assets of the debtor."

Fred Naffziger, an expert on Catholic Church bankruptcy issues who teaches business law at Indiana University South Bend, agreed that even if a school is a

separate legal entity, it can be considered to be an asset of the Jesuits — for example, if the province has the power to elect a majority on the board, or if the head of the province signs on in a real estate deal involving the school.

Ken Roosa, an Anchorage, Alaska, attorney who represents many of the plaintiffs, said he has seen minutes from meetings of a group of senior Northwest Jesuits from the 1960s to the 1980s indicating "numerous occasions where they simply transferred money back and forth from the universities to the Jesuits."

But the schools themselves are emphasizing their independence. Seattle University and Gonzaga have issued statements noting that they were incorporated in Washington state more

than 100 years ago, and are legally and financially separate from the province.

"I want to assure you that Seattle University is not a part of this bankruptcy proceeding," said the Rev. Stephen Sundborg, president of Seattle University. The school is "not owned, operated or controlled by the Oregon Province," he added.

At Bellarmine Preparatory, a Tacoma high school, president Jack Peterson wrote on the school's Web site that it is "working with our attorneys to be prepared to demonstrate clearly that Bellarmine is an autonomous corporation and that the law cannot be stretched to construe otherwise."

In the Oregon province's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, it listed liabilities

of \$61.8 million and assets of \$4.8 million. The Jesuits have already settled 200 sex abuse claims — 110 of them brought by Alaska Natives who settled for \$50 million last year, all but \$5 million of which was paid by insurers.

Sixty-three more Alaska Natives have filed suit since then, claiming the order used their villages as a dumping ground for pedophile priests, and additional claims are on the horizon.

"Our decision to file Chapter 11 was not an easy one, but with approximately 200 additional claims pending or threatened, it is the only way we believe that all claimants can be offered a fair financial settlement within the limited resources of the Province," said the Very Rev. Patrick Lee, head of the province.

Clinton names special North Korea envoy

Matthew Lee
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton named a special envoy for North Korea on Friday but warned the communist nation that ties with the United States will not improve unless it stops threatening South Korea.

A day after acknowledging fears that a possible succession crisis to replace the North's ailing leader, Kim Jong Il, might complicate efforts to revive stalled talks on getting Pyongyang to abandon nuclear weapons, Clinton said it was also critical for the current leadership to engage in negotiations.

"We are calling on the government of North Korea to refrain from being provocative and unhelpful in a war of words they are engaged in because it is not fruitful," she told reporters at a news conference with South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan.

The North has been steadily ramping up belligerent rhetoric, rejecting dialogue with the South, and is thought to be preparing to test-fire what

intelligence analysts believe is a long-range missile, which would significantly raise tensions with South Korea and Japan.

Clinton said the new U.S. special representative for North Korea, Stephen Bosworth, former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, would work with both the South Koreans and Japanese as well as the Chinese to look at ways to get Pyongyang back to the negotiating table.

She dismissed concerns that her candid comments to reporters en route to Seoul about a possible leadership vacuum in North Korea might prompt a severe response from Pyongyang and said the current rulers should return to six-nation disarmament talks.

"When you are thinking about future dealings with a government that doesn't have any clear succession — they don't have a vice president, they don't have a prime minister — that is something to think about," Clinton said.

"But for the purposes of what we are planning today, it is to deal with the government that exists, the leadership that exists and look for ways to involve them."

Teen arrested for nine arsons

Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press

COATESVILLE, Pa. — A 19-year-old described as a pyromaniac who liked to watch things burn was charged Thursday with setting nine fires in an arson-plagued steel town, including a block-long blaze that displaced dozens of people last month.

Roger Leon Barlow Jr., an automotive technical student from nearby Downingtown, was charged with arson, aggravated assault and related counts. He was arraigned Thursday afternoon and bail was set at \$9 million.

Chester County District Attorney Joseph Carroll, who lives in Coatesville, said he does not believe the fires were gang-related, hate crimes or targeted at specific individuals. Carroll called Barlow a pyromaniac, but declined to disclose evidence to support it, other than to say that Barlow

enjoyed watching fires. Coatesville, about 35 miles west of Philadelphia, has tallied 18 arsons this year and 26 last year, one of them fatal. In December, authorities arrested three people believed to have been responsible for some of the arsons, including the early December blaze that killed an 83-year-old woman.

The fires, however, continued and many of the city's approximately 11,000 residents said they were afraid to go to bed at night for fear another blaze would be set.

On Thursday, several residents interrupted a city hall news conference about the arrest with applause. City councilman Kurt Schenk said he was elated.

"It's just evil — pure evil — as far as I can see, anybody who would want to hurt somebody like that," Schenk said.

Staff at the Downingtown district court where Barlow

was arraigned said he did not have an attorney.

Barlow, a high school graduate, lives with his parents. His father, Roger, declined to comment when reached by phone Thursday afternoon.

The teen told investigators Wednesday that he set nine fires since Jan. 2, according to a police affidavit. One of them tore through 15 row homes on a single block, displacing about 50 residents and causing an estimated \$1.2 million in damage.

With a suspect under arrest, Carroll said residents should be able to sleep easier, "although I'm not convinced this is the only person involved."

Barlow set his last fire on Feb. 3, but the last identified arson in the area was Feb. 6 at a trailer home in nearby East Fallowfield Township, Carroll said. Besides the 18 fires in Coatesville this year, there have been at least five outside

the city limits.

An arson task force focused on Barlow after police stopped his vehicle during elevated patrols, said Mark Potter, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Investigators asked Barlow what he was doing in town. Based on his reaction — and a later glance at his MySpace page, which includes a box showing animated flames — officers knew they wanted to talk to him further, Potter said.

Arsonists are typically motivated by thrill-seeking, revenge or hate, Potter said.

"Roger Barlow's dangerous and risky behavior for the past 48 days, and maybe longer, has now been stopped," he said.

With Barlow in custody, investigators said they will take a new look at the other unsolved arsons and determine if he had a role in them.

Octuplets' mother criticized by family

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The father of the California woman who recently gave birth to octuplets told Oprah Winfrey that he hopes people don't punish his grandchildren for his daughter's irresponsible behavior.

Ed Doud said in an interview taped Thursday for "The Oprah Winfrey

Show" that the actions of his daughter, Nadya Suleman, and her doctor were "absolutely irresponsible." But he also issued a plea for the public's help, according to excerpts of the interview released by Harpo Productions Inc. "You know what? She needs help. I say to everybody now — people — we do need help," Doud said. "Do not punish my daughter for what she had done and do not punish the babies, because they were given by God."

A California-based nonprofit called Angels in Waiting has offered Suleman round-the-clock care and a place to stay with her 14 children. It would

cost about \$135,000 a month to provide the 12 caretakers necessary for the children, money that would have to come from public donations, founder Linda West Conforti said in Los Angeles.

The organization has the trained nursing personnel and experience in caring for very sick children, she said. The group, however, could only provide care for a limited time without the donations, she said.

Suleman, a 33-year-old single mother from Whittier, Calif., already had six children when she gave birth to octuplets in late January after undergoing in vitro fertilization. She

is unemployed and lives with her mother in a three-bedroom home.

Property records show Suleman's mother, Angela, owns the home and is \$23,225 behind in her mortgage payments. The house could be sold at auction beginning May 5.

In response to a question about whether he thinks his daughter is mentally stable, Doud said, "Now I'm no psychiatrist, but I question her mental situation."

Doud said he hopes Suleman will finish her education and start working so she can help support the family.

The show is scheduled to air Tuesday.

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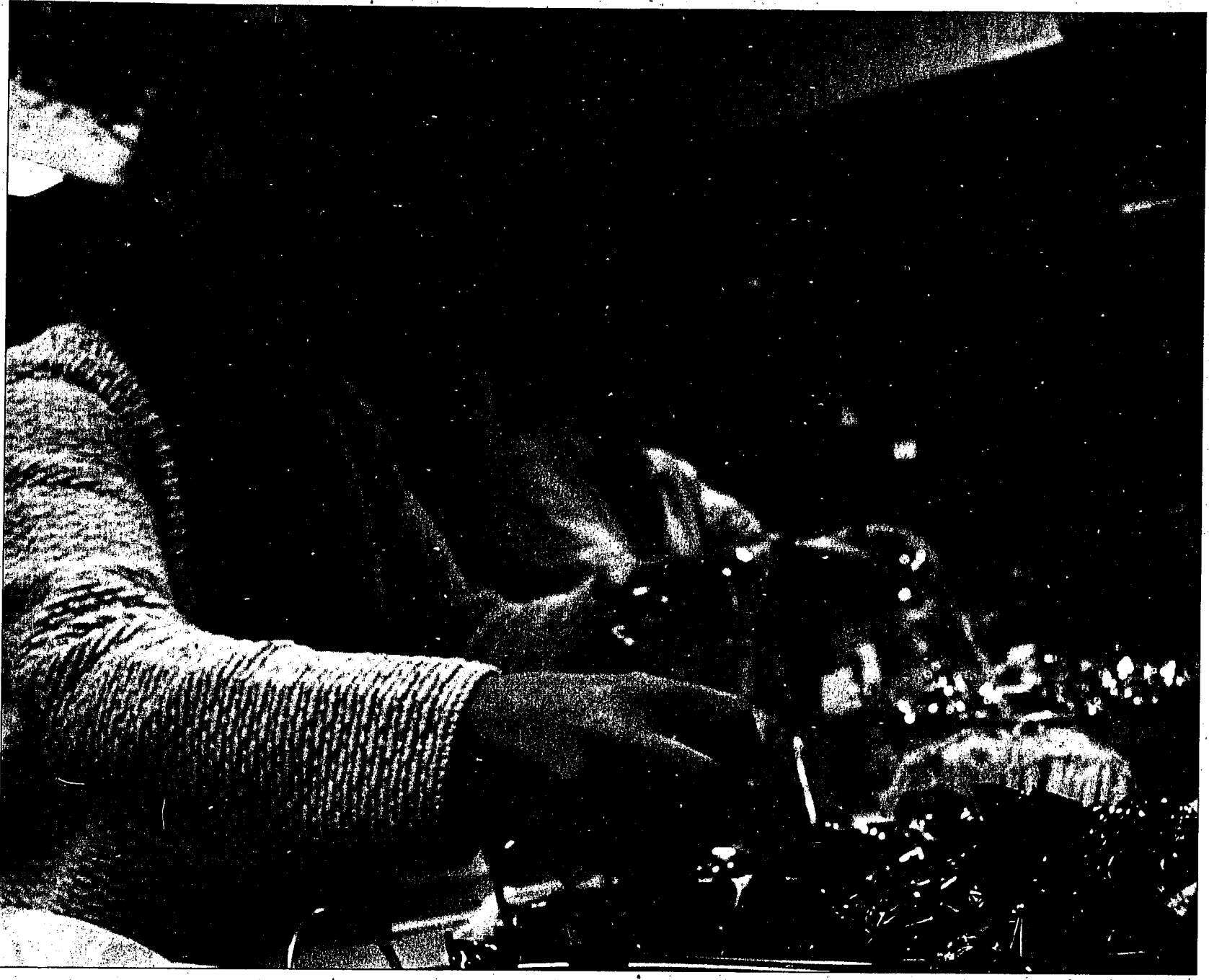
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Office Manager Carise Skinner, left, and employee Bonnie Quick pack bags of spiced chocolates in Cowgirl Chocolates Thursday.

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Candies with a kick

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People from Norway, England, Australia, Macau, Taiwan, New Zealand and even Antarctica are putting in their orders for chocolates from Moscow — and these aren't any ordinary chocolates, not when they're packing a cayenne pepper kick.

Cowgirl Chocolates is the brainchild of Marilyn Lysohir-Coates. She started the business in 1997 after her brother came up with the idea of putting peppers into a chocolate recipe to win a contest. He didn't win,

but Lysohir-Coates thought her sibling was onto something.

"I thought it was a great idea," Lysohir-Coates said. "I started experimenting with it, and we had friends and family try it, and people really liked it. So in 1997, I had my first 40 pounds of chocolate made ... and my first dollar was Swilly's in Pullman. (They) bought a couple pounds for the restaurant, and I was off and running Cowgirl Chocolates."

That first year, Lysohir-Coates said the business made \$4,000 in sales. Those numbers have now increased to 1,000 pounds of the

spicy chocolates and nearly a quarter million in sales.

The name, Cowgirl Chocolates, has its own story, as does the woman featured on both sets of labels.

"One of our friends who was a writer, we let her try a bunch," Lysohir-Coates said. "And she just said 'wow, these are cowboy chocolates.' And what she meant is that, you know how cowboy coffee is real thick and strong? The heat, that punch, that kick ... that was happening with pepper. She was just going 'whoa, these are really tough and rugged.' So I thought, not 'cowboy,' I'll call

them 'cowgirl' chocolates."

And the sharpshooter in silhouette on her horse aiming her gun from an old publicity photo is a real cowgirl by the name of May Lillie. The silhouette label went on the chocolates last year, while the publicity shot has been gracing the label since the beginning.

"We just thought that that was the perfect image for Cowgirl Chocolates, which weren't your normal truffles," Lysohir-Coates said.

Lysohir-Coates' candy-making career spans back to when she started working in a Penn-

sylvania candy factory as an after-school job. She said one of the fringe benefits was the chocolate fragrance that stayed with her after a day of work. She ended up in the Palouse after attending graduate school at Washington State University, where she studied art. When going home for school breaks, she continued to work in the candy factory.

One year, the owner asked if she could make 4-foot chocolate bunnies. She agreed. The bunnies "got away" from Lysohir-Coates

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Cash-friendly cuisine

Finding Moscow's best recession meal specials

Brass tacks, right now — you're poor, I'm poor, everyone's poor. Luckily, there are plenty of restaurants in Moscow that haven't yet gone under, and every day one can find a bargain in town.

At VJ's BBQ, the menu Thursday through Saturday — all day — features the Recession Special consisting of a sausage link, chips and soda for \$4.99. Tuesday and Wednesday have rotating, unique specials between \$4.99 and \$6.50. (VJ's is closed Sunday and Monday.)

Lunch specials are still available across Moscow, from the Eastside Marketplace to Main Street. (Unless otherwise noted, all mentioned restaurants' lunch period is between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) At Tucci's Cucina Italiana, all-you-can-eat soup, salad and bread is available Monday through Friday for \$7.99.

The Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company Alehouse, having experi-

mented in the past with frequent-customer cards and other incentives, recently settled on a \$5.95 lunch menu, composed mostly of sandwiches but also tacos, a hamburger and a wrap. All items except the tacos come with soup or chips.

"(The economy) is the reason I did it," said Wendy Smiley-Johnson, the Alehouse's general manager.

Friday adds a seafood platter to the lunch menu, and the daily beer specials are still in effect — Tap-a-Keg Tuesdays, with \$1.50 pints and \$5 pitchers, Student Saturday and Faculty Friday.

La Casa Lopez, a winner of multiple Argonaut Best of Moscow awards for Mexican food, has daily lunch specials at \$6.95, and a lunch menu with all items under \$10.

Next door, the Breakfast Club nearly earns the same distinction for its breakfast and lunch items (the sole holdout being a steak entrée). It has two specials daily, one

breakfast and one lunch, which almost always ring in under \$8. Both lunch and breakfast specials are available from open to close.

Main Street has different approaches, too.

"Every day is a special day at Mikey's Gyros," said Louise Todd, the establishment's manager.

Besides the retro price of \$1 pints of Pabst Blue Ribbon on Fridays — a year or two ago, they were pushed up to \$1.50 — Mikey's is a bargain for pitas.

"We still don't have a sandwich over \$5," Todd said.

Even at Nectar, the deluxe wine bar across from Moscow Florists and Gifts on Sixth Street, there are accommodations for the budget-conscious.

"From the start, even before any economic crises, our menu was designed so it would be accessible to a wide range of diners on any given night," said Nick Pitsilionis, Nectar's chef de cuisine. (Nectar serves only dinner.)

As examples, Pitsilionis suggested the hand-ground filet burger (\$11) or

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UI professor reaches book deal with Knopf

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

University of Idaho professor Kim Barnes recently agreed to a deal with New York publishing house Alfred A. Knopf for a novel, which is set for release in the second half of 2010.

"It's a great thing to start the year with," Barnes said.

Last year, she released a novel called "A Country Called Home" through Knopf.

Barnes discussed the idea for her new novel, currently titled "American Mecca," with an associate of the publishing house who really liked the idea and wanted to read what Barnes had already written.

She sent the first 50 pages and a plot synop-

sis through her agent to Knopf, and an agreement was reached shortly afterward.

"Now I have a year to write the book," Barnes said.

She plans to start next week and plans to work through the summer, which is something she doesn't normally do.

"The novel is the story of a young couple who leave their life of poverty and isolation in Oklahoma and follow the 1960s oil boom to Saudi Arabia," Barnes said.

The idea for the novel came while thinking about her own family's history. Like the characters in the book, her aunt and uncle left Oklahoma for Saudi Arabia in the '60s.

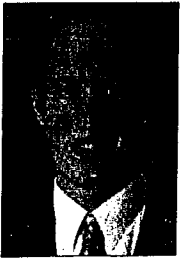
"At Christmas, my

aunt and uncle would come home with gifts from Arabia," Barnes said. "It wasn't until recently that I began to ask them about their lives there. They went from being poor 'Okies' to living in the Arabian-American Oil Company compound where they had more money than they knew what to do with."

Barnes plans to focus on the tension and intrigue that comes with two radically different cultures meshing with each other in the deserts of Saudi Arabia, which she said is similar to the dustbowl states these workers were leaving behind.

"There's no doubt that this book could have a large readership," Barnes said. "I understand it has the potential to be my breakthrough book, but what's most important to me is that I stay focused on the story and serve my characters well. That's my primary goal and concern, and if I can do that, I'll be happy."

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NOTHING TO DO IN MOSCOW

Travel guide: get away to the Great White North

For those who refuse to believe there is anything to do in Moscow, it's important to remember how many cool places there are in the Pacific Northwest. Over President's Day weekend, I traveled with a few friends to Nelson, British Columbia, Canada rather blindly — and it ruled.

Nelson has only about 9,000 year-round residents and is spread across the steep hills surrounding Kootenay Lake in the Selkirk Mountains. The town is characterized by a bright orange truss bridge that brings cars over the lake and onto streets lined with Victorian-style buildings.

The drive from Moscow can be as short as five hours (through Washington), but those willing to make a seven-hour trip (through Idaho) can take a free half-hour ferry ride across the breathtaking Kootenay Lake.

For those who don't know, it will not be necessary to have a passport to cross the Canadian border until June 1. Travelers need only a photo I.D. and an original birth certificate. Also, the Canadian dollar is currently worth 79 U.S. cents. It's like the entire nation is having a 21 percent off sale. That's 21 percent off on all the flannel shirts and maple syrup an Idahoan can handle.

Nancy Diamond, owner of the Main Street Diner in Nelson, said American tourism makes a huge difference to the town's economy.

"We get a lot of Americans in here," she said. "We love visitors, and they're a nice group of people. We get a lot of repeat clientele, especially from Spokane and Coeur d'Alene."

Diamond said the town sees twice as many American tourists in the warm months, and every summer the diner has to attach a special deck to the front of the building to double its seating capacity.

"It's changed a lot over the years," she said. "Every year is noticeably busier than the last."

Nelson's Selkirk College provides the town with the Kootenay School of the Arts. As a result, the town sports a vibrant art scene where art walks, theater festivals and jazz festivals are a major draw each summer. Nelson is also home to what Diamond regarded as "British Columbia's biggest Chinese medicine school."

The town is also popular for biking, boating, rafting and skiing. Diamond said about 30 years ago, Nelson was the site of some of the world's first Snowcat skiing (where suicidal skiers are pulled up slopes in the untamed wilderness by snowmobiles). Skiers also have the option of being dropped onto the towering peaks around Nelson by helicopter.

Food

The Royal Pub and Grill — think John's Alley Tavern, minus the cigarette haze, plus giant burgers. This bar serves gluttonous American-sized portions of red meat at an across-the-table price and all of the beer on tap is produced from a microbrewery in Nelson.

I tried the organic "Old Brew" pale ale that was strong but satisfying. It's a beer that made my facial hair grow faster, and it perfectly complemented the grungy rockabilly and blues bands on stage.

Red Fish Grill — a big plate of sausage, eggs, toast and hashbrowns tastes even better when it

only costs \$4.35 U.S. This restaurant features a dining room full of modern art and replaces traditional seating booths with couches around knee-high coffee tables. These are some sophisticated pancakes:

Main Street Diner — this was my favorite restaurant of the entire trip. The diner sports a full liquor bar and an exotic menu spanning the globe in search of interesting ethnic food choices. It's a bit pricier than most Moscow dining, but the pita wraps and pecan pie can make a person look at their food in a nearly sexual way.

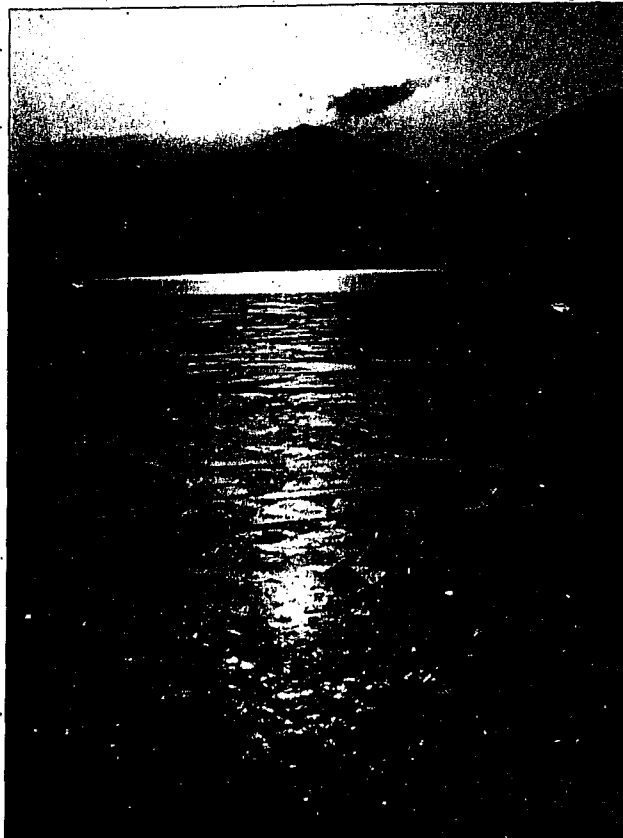
Drinks

Spirit Bar — Moscovites may have to step out of their comfort zone. The bar is clean, fancy, trendy, sexy and spacious, but it's not a good place to get hammered. In fact, weak, expensive drinks seemed to be a common trend in Canada.

"What's a paralyzer?" asked one bartender. Some drinks have one shot. Some have two. Regardless, they all cost \$5.75 Canadian in nearly every bar. We didn't see a lot of drunks, but I suppose that wasn't the point of Spirit Bar.

The people there were cool. The crowd was lively and ready to dance. Nobody complained about it being the only dance club in Nelson. It is a slice of big city style in a bearded mountain town.

The best part of Spirit Bar was the Valentine's Day burlesque show, "Snow Bunnies." I've never been to a burlesque show before, so it's safe to say male strippers and a little person dancing in fishnets and a corset was out of my element, but it was actually a blast. At one point, one of my travelmates was pushed on stage to



Kevin Otzenberger/Argonaut
For those willing to travel the long route through northern Idaho, Kuskanook Harbour (on Kootenay Lake) is one of many beautiful natural landscapes on the way to Nelson, British Columbia, Canada.

uncomfortably participate in a game called "cop a feel." The sight of his UI Vandals T-shirt prompted the obnoxious shouting of "Idaho, Idaho, Go! Go! Go!" by a group of UI sorority girls who were also in town.

Finley's Irish Pub — this bar indicated two things: Canadians love karaoke and Canadians love butt rock. The crowd danced away to the drunken butchering of Bon Jovi and Metallica, but cleared out just in time for our embarrassingly sober rendition of Lil' Jon's "Get Low." This bar had some Canadian beers on tap I'd never tried before. I recommend a pint of Rickard's Red ale — mind-blowing.

Kicks

Ainsworth Hot Springs — I've been to hot spring resorts before, but Ains-

worth was something very new. Located about 30 minutes from Nelson, the 94- and 106-degree pools sit on the side of steep hill overlooking an icy lake surrounded by cloudy, snow-capped mountains. In the 106-degree pool, waders can walk directly into the side of the mountain through the mouth of a winding cavern. Inside, hot waterfalls pour down the sides of the dimly-lit cave, filling the tunnels with steam. We broiled ourselves in the springs for more than five hours without a break. It cost us each \$8 Canadian — only \$6.32 U.S.

For those hoping to escape the Palouse for a weekend, Nelson, B.C. offers an exciting change of landscape and culture. Why not take a trip, eh?

Women's Center offers national short film festival

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

Every woman has a story, and LUNA ensures these stories are seen at the hand of an annual women's film festival. With the film festival, LUNA, the makers of the whole nutrition bar for women take women's health to an all-encompassing level by including mind and creativity.

Founded in 2000, LUNAFEST is a national traveling festival of short films by, for and about women dedicated to promote women filmmakers, raise awareness for women's issues and support women's non-profit organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Tuesday, the University of Idaho Women's Center will host the LUNAFEST film festival for the fourth time.

All of the proceeds are donated to charity — 15 percent to the Breast Cancer Fund and the remaining 85 percent to community nonprofits hosting the event.

"There's no cost to host it," said Lysa Salsbury, program coordinator of the Women's Center. "So why not do it?"

The film festival shows nine award-winning short films, three to 15 minutes in length, which have gone through the international festival circuit and cover topics such as women's health, body image, sexuality, spirituality, sports, relationships, cultural diversity, breaking barriers and the environment.

"They're really high quality films," Salsbury said. "And what is amazing is that these movies are not available for commercial distributing, so this is your one chance

to see them." Each year, the Women's Center has seen an outcome of 100 to 200 people, and Salsbury said she wishes more people would attend.

"I really enjoyed the festivals," said UI alumna Tara Malmquist, who attended the previous two festivals. "I enjoy seeing short films and we don't get many opportunities in this area."

She said she is driven to see the festival by both the content and the opportunity to see up-and-coming filmmakers.

Salsbury said the films will run just less than two hours with an intermission. Heather Shea Gasser and Salsbury have previewed the films and prepared discussion questions for the discussion session to follow each showing.

"The films are generally really thought provoking, and I like to stay and talk about them," Salsbury said.

This year's films deal with an array of topics from a Filipino woman celebrating her 100th birthday to female wrestlers competing in a male-dominated sport, to the story of Iranian immigrants coming to the U.S. A preview of the films featured is available at the LUNAFEST Web site, lunafest.org.

"(LUNAFEST) is a great way to see the different side of the art and experience grassroots filmmaking," Malmquist said.

Festival goers will receive a free goody bag filled with LUNA bars, organic shower products and other goodies donated by local stores.

Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$9 for general audiences.

"I enjoy seeing short films and we don't get many opportunities in this area."

Tara MALMQUIST
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"I think this deal will do a lot to speak to the strengths of the UI Creative Writing program," said Kurt Olsson, chair of the UI English department. "She's published with them once, and to do it again is a big accomplishment."

Barnes began thinking about the idea behind the novel two years ago and began to write the first pages of it while in Italy with her husband during the fall of 2007.

So far, Barnes has only completed the first 50 pages that were submitted to Knopf.

"The plot could change as I get to know my characters and the story better," she said.

Barnes described herself as a very methodical writer who, when working on a longer project like

this, sits down on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at her computer and writes from the early morning until dinner time.

"I love to be deeply involved in a book," she said. "It turns into the lens that I see the world through. Right now my life is absorbed with student work and new applications to the MFA program in creative writing, but next week I hope to get back to my Monday - Wednesday - Friday schedule."

She anticipates staying with the schedule until the novel is completed barring some unforeseen interruption.

Barnes, a creative writing professor at UI, was nomi-

nated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography/autobiography for her 1997 memoir, "In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in Unknown Country." The book also won the PEN/Jerard Award and the Pacific Northwest book-seller's award. Her essay "The Ashes of August" received a 2001 Pushcart Prize.

According to a recent UI press release, the sale of Barnes' novel will be listed in the "hot deals" section of Publisher's Weekly.

"We applaud and congratulate her," Olsson said. "She's done something that is very good for our program."

"The plot could change as I get to know my characters and the story better."

Kim BARNES
UI professor

Cowgirl Chocolates offers different kinds of spiced chocolates and has gotten the attention of magazines, CNBC and the Food Network.

COWGIRL

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and ended up being 8-feet instead, but she continued to use her figure — sculpting skills in both her art and her chocolate, making edible turtles, rabbits and elephants. With Cowgirl Chocolates and her shop, Lysohir-Coates has the chance to display both her artistic and her chocolate masterpieces.

"I've always thought of the chocolates as an art performance piece," Lysohir-Coates said. "There's been a connection."

Cowgirl Chocolates has been in Moscow since its beginning. It ran out of Lysohir-Coates and husband Ross Coates' home until 2005, when they opened the physical store.

"We had stuff piled up everywhere," Coates said of their home before the move. "We also wanted to expand a bit and get a bit more visible nationally. We were getting some television interest ... and

we decided we'd best move out of the house and not work in our jammies anymore."

Cowgirl Chocolates' products were featured on the Food Network programs "Unwrapped" and "Extreme Cuisine." They've also made appearances on CNBC and in numerous magazine articles.

But even with all the attention and acclaim — according to Lysohir-Coates, the chocolates have received 16 awards in Chile Pepper Magazine's Fiery Food Challenge — the business is still focused on making each customer's order to a high standard.

"It's just cool to make it really special for somebody," said Allie Law, who has worked at Cowgirl Chocolates since 2003. "I really enjoy that. They come to us because we're different and we can make it more unique."

For those still leery of trying a chocolate with pepper in it, there are mild varieties, along with a host

for some SWEETS

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of other chocolate confections such as cocoa and syrup. But for those willing to take the bite, the experience is much the same with each variety.

"We have a nice blend where the spice doesn't overtake the chocolate," Lysohir-Coates said. "And it's also a delayed reaction. So when you bite into a Cowgirl Chocolate, you enjoy the chocolate. And then three seconds after you swallow, you'll feel this wonderful warmth ... in your throat and chest. That's what ... we're famous for."

As for Lysohir-Coates' favorite, she has a few.

"It varies day to day," she said. "But I really like the spicy double dark and the milk chocolate."

CUISINE

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the mac and cheese (\$9), but the restaurant has created some new entrées for the economic environment.

"I looked at things that are satisfying and demand a bit of care from the cooking part, but ultimately yield a decent price," Pitsilionis said. "Beef cheeks, for instance, which we can get locally and inexpensively. It's a tough piece of meat, so we take those and treat them with care and a little bit of respect and a little bit of love. We braise them at a low temp for a long time and they're lovely." The beef cheek is \$19 for

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Vandals in action

Today
Men's tennis — The Vandals will travel for matches against New Mexico State at 1 p.m. in Las Cruces.

Saturday
Men's tennis — The team will play Montana State at 9 a.m. in Las Cruces.

Men's basketball — The team will remain in the Cowan Spectrum for an ESPN Bracket Buster game against Cal State Northridge. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

Track and field — The Vandals will have their final home meet of the season before the Western Athletic Conference Championships. Starting time is to be announced.

Sunday
Women's tennis — The team will travel for matches against Portland State at 3 p.m. in Cheney.

Women's basketball — The team will travel to Logan for a game against the Utah State Aggies. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

Vandals to watch

Marvin Jefferson
Men's basketball



Jefferson played one of his best games of the season against Boise State Wednesday. He tallied 15 points, 6 rebounds and 3 blocks. Four of those points came in the final minute and were crucial in the victory. Jefferson is a 52 percent free-throw shooter on the year, but knocked down two clutch free throws with less than a minute to go and scored a put-back with 4.6 seconds to go to seal the win for the Vandals.

Mac Hopson
Men's basketball



Hopson scored 18 points in the Vandals' victory against in-state rival Boise State Wednesday. Hopson gave the Vandals the lead for the first time in the game with 47 seconds remaining. The team will look to Hopson to continue his high level of play as it plays Cal State Northridge Saturday.

Did you know ...

It was the first time in a decade that the Vandals have beaten Boise State in multiple games during a season.

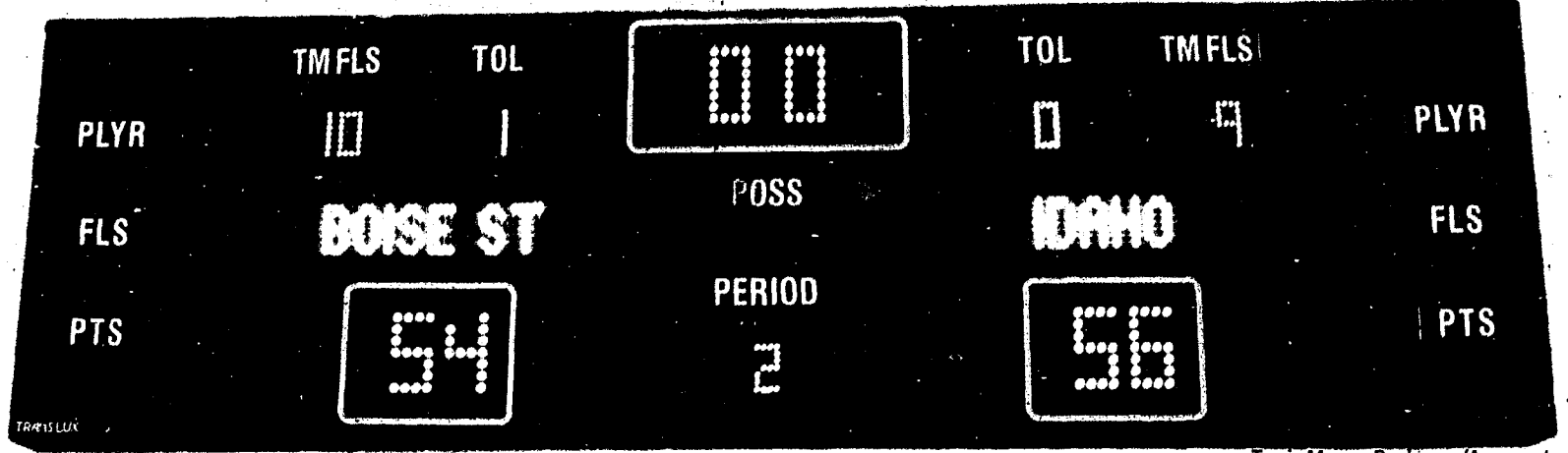
Vandals by the numbers

13 The Vandals fought back from a 13-point deficit to win the rivalry game Wednesday.

9 Allix Lee-Painter ran 3,000 meters in just more than nine minutes. It was her personal best in the event.

.5 The women's basketball team is just half a game out of first place in the WAC.

6 The men's basketball team has six conference wins on the season.



Travis Mason-Bushman/Argonaut

Vandals upset rivals

Levi Johstone
Argonaut

The Vandals led for less than one minute in the upset of rival Boise State. It was the most important minute of the game, and the Vandals were able to hold off the Broncos for the 56-54 victory.

Marvin Jefferson played one of the best games of his young career as a Vandal, scoring 15 points, and with 4.3 seconds remaining he scored a put back that was enough to seal the deal for the Vandals.

"My man went over and I was like, 'If he misses this there ain't no

way I'm not getting this rebound.' So I just grabbed it and threw it up," Jefferson said.

While the Vandals did come out victorious, it was an up and down game. The Vandals scratched and clawed their way back from a 13-point first half deficit to secure the win.

"That was a wild game," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I thought for a minute there we were going to get beat by 30. We have a lot of character on this team and it showed tonight. They never got rattled and they did a great job with the halftime adjustments. You

have to give the credit to the players on this one."

The Vandals were severely out-matched in the first half as the Broncos came out of the gates fast, jumping to an early 15-2 lead.

While the Vandals may have looked intimidated by the large Boise State crowd, Idaho point guard Mac Hopson, who scored a team-high 18 points and gave the Vandals their first lead with 47 seconds remaining, put all doubts to rest.

"Never," Hopson said, "We're never intimidated. We can't be intimidated. They lace up their shoes just like us. They put on their jerseys just like us."

The Broncos took an eight-point advantage into halftime.

The game marks the first time since the 1998-99 season that the Vandals have beaten the Broncos multiple times in a season.

"I can't tell you how fired up I am for our guys and our program," Verlin said. "To come down here and win after they just beat No. 17 Utah State and with the way they played in the first half — unbelievable."

The Vandals also shot free

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Putbacks doom Vandals

Travis Mason-Bushman
Argonaut

A catastrophic second half doomed the University of Idaho Vandals Thursday in Reno, as the Nevada Wolf Pack burst out to a 69-53 victory.

With a win, the Vandal women (11-12, 8-4 Western Athletic Conference) would have moved into the outright lead in the WAC. Instead, the Wolf Pack (14-11, 8-4 WAC) handed Idaho its biggest WAC loss of the season and moved into a tie for second with the Vandals.

A dominant performance on the offensive glass gave Nevada its margin of victory. A seemingly endless string of second-chance points resulted from 19 Pack offensive boards, part of an overall 43-23 Nevada rebounding advantage. Nevada point guard Dellena Criner poured it on late, finishing with 19 points, 4 rebounds, 8 assists and 4 steals.

As the Pack burst out on an offensive streak, the Vandals fell apart, either turning over the ball one of 22 times or missing from the field when they did manage to get a shot off.

"We just didn't play well in the second half, and their pressure really got to us," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We panicked. It was a good learning experience for us, to know how it's going to be when we come back for the WAC Tournament."

Coming out of halftime, the Vandals held a 31-27 lead, and sophomore guard Alana Curtis drained a pair of quick 3-pointers to open a 10-point margin with 19 minutes to play. The Vandals looked as if they had the game under control.

But the Pack turned up the heat with a halfcourt trap defensive scheme, and Idaho's players couldn't handle it. Shot clocks ticked away without shots, and quick-handed Nevada defenders grabbed big steals



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Vandal point guard Charlotte Otero takes a jump shot over the Fresno State defense during the game Feb. 13. The University of Idaho women's basketball team met Nevada on Thursday and will play Utah State in Reno Sunday at 1 p.m.

that became big buckets. "Our transition defense was horrible," Newlee said.

Overall, Idaho shot 45 percent from the floor while holding the Wolf Pack to just 40 percent, but Nevada cleaned up the glass and took 20 more shots as a result.

"They got a lot of shots," Newlee said. "When you get that many more opportunities, you're probably going to come out with a win."

Junior guard Derisa Taleni led the Vandals with 23 points, 5 rebounds,

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Vandal tennis takes to the road

Scott Stone
Argonaut

Both men's and women's tennis teams will be on the road to face competition which could make or break the confidence they gained from solid wins over the weekend.

The men's tennis team is coming off a win against Gonzaga which was a match it lost last year. Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said that loss really hurt.

This year the Vandals had little trouble bringing home the win and Beaman said that's what they expect.

"It was a match that at this time last year we lost to Gonzaga and it really caused a bump in our season," he said. "I think it's a good thing they aren't too pumped up over the Gonzaga win because they feel like they're a better team."

Beaman said the win definitely helps as they set their sights on the weekend's four matches in three days.

The team will face the tough climate of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The men's team left Wednesday headed for the warm weather and high elevation of New Mexico, conditions which Beaman said will be sure to challenge the team's 5-1 start.

"The elevation is going to be a huge thing. The ball travels a lot faster, and comes off the court a lot higher," he said. "Even the breathing up there, you get winded quicker, but hopefully you're tough and in shape and you find a way to win."

Their first match of the three-day tour will be against a tough New Mexico State — a team Beaman said was knocked out of national rankings last week, but has beat nationally ranked teams this season.

"It's going to be tough conditions. I really wish we weren't playing New Mexico State on their home court for the first match of the trip, but you got to go

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UI track and field back at the Dome

Kayla DesJarlais
Argonaut

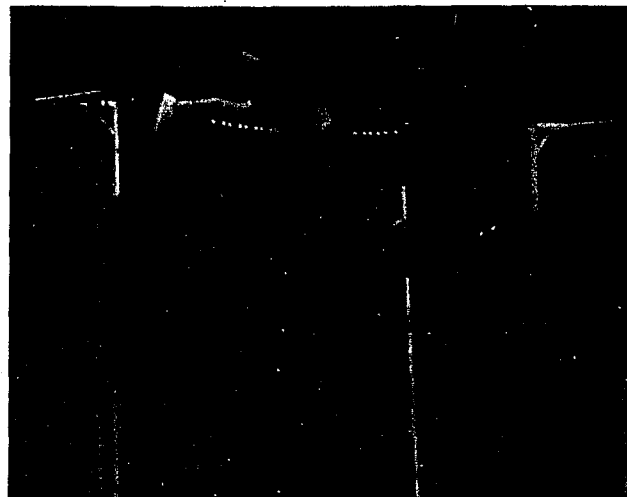
The University of Idaho track and field team will compete in its final meet before the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships at the Kibbie Dome Vandal Collegiate Friday and Saturday.

Approximately 500 competitors from several local schools including Washington State, Eastern Washington University and Willamette Valley College will participate.

Perfecting technique is key as the Vandals will compete in the WAC Indoor Championships Feb. 26-27.

"This weekend is very important for us because it's kind of the final preparation for the conference championships," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said.

James Rogan, the WAC Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, will also be competing this weekend. Rogan is one of UI's throwers who has the daunting task of replacing the points earned last year by All-American Russ Winger.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

University of Idaho sophomore Dustin Kreger, vaults during the Wednesday practice in the Kibbie Dome.

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Army officer eyes return to pitching

Gregg Bell
Associated Press

1st. Lt. Nick Hill puts together recruiting packets in the athletic department.

His West Point classmates are searching for roadside bombs and watching for mortar attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The 24-year-old engineer officer is one of the few troops with the skills of a professional athlete. An Army policy aimed at balancing the needs of the individual soldier with the military's overall goals is allowing him to pursue a baseball career — despite the ongoing conflicts.

For the left-hander with a decent fastball and Double-A experience, it's both a blessing and a burden.

"To be honest, it's something I think about every day," Hill said by telephone after another afternoon workout at West Point in preparation for the 2009 baseball season.

In the mornings, Hill assembles recruiting material for prospective cadet-athletes in his administrative job at the U.S. Military Academy, biding time until he can be a minor league pitcher again for the Seattle Mariners.

He doesn't need to be reminded that last August, while he was on special leave finishing his second season of professional baseball, his West Point class of 2007 had its first combat casualty. 2nd Lt. Michael Girano died in Afghanistan one month into his first deployment. He was the 66th and most recent West Point graduate to die in combat since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It weighs on me every day," Hill said.

Hill and a handful of graduates, including Detroit Lions draft choice Caleb Campbell, took advantage of a 2005 Army policy called an alternative service option. It allowed those West Point and ROTC graduates with professional sports contracts to play immediately after graduation instead of after traditional active-duty service, the idea being to score public relations points for the military.

The policy stated that selected officer-athletes were to be assigned to recruiting units in locations near where they played for a shortened commitment of two years — with "a strong expectation they will provide the Army with significant favorable media exposure likely to enhance national recruiting or public affairs efforts." Essentially, the officers' military jobs were to be worked around their athletic schedules.

The concept isn't new. Basketball star David Robinson graduated from the Naval Academy in 1987 and served two years on active duty. Then the Navy set him free three years early to join the NBA on a height-restriction technicality. Robinson being called the "Admiral" throughout his basketball career was a far bigger coup for the Navy than having a 7-foot lieutenant on a ship.

The Navy also let running back Napoleon McCallum play on weekends for the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders in 1986 during his five-year active-duty commitment.

Of course, the United States wasn't in two wars then.

Last June, one week after baseball's St. Louis Cardinals drafted 2008 Naval Academy graduate Mitch Harris in the 13th round, Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter ruled Harris must first fulfill his five-year active-duty requirement.

Harris, whose fastball reaches 95 miles per hour, was assigned to a ship based in Virginia. He is now preparing for a long deployment beginning in May, according to his agent, Rick Oliver.

The Cardinals are willing to wait, assistant general manager John Abbamondi said. A former Navy officer, Abbamondi likens the process to holding a ticket to a future lottery drawing.

With the Air Force handling service commitments just as the Navy does, those two branches claimed West Point had an unfair advantage over the other academies in recruiting top high school athletes.

Last July 11, amid those arguments and the concern that officers should be serving the military in war time, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren tightened the pro sports policy. He rescinded the option of Army officers getting on the field immediately after graduation, yet left the door open for them to play professional sports following an abbreviated service of two years.

The change had no grandfather clause, so Hill, Campbell and others had to go back onto active duty.

Lt. Col. George Wright, an Army public affairs officer in the Pentagon, emphasized the policy change complies with a Department of Defense directive from last April 30 that "constructs for 'active duty' service should not include arrangements typically unavailable to others in uniform."

Hill got credit for active-duty time served during his first two seasons in the minor leagues, so his two years of active duty end in May. He has applied for release back to the Mariners' farm system. The request is expected to be approved in a few weeks.

He knows West Point was founded in 1802 with an official mission to produce "a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."

"I went to West Point for a reason," Hill said. "It's just, I've been blessed with to have this opportunity to play baseball."

In 2007, Hill became West Point's highest-drafted baseball player. The Mariners chose him in the seventh round and then gave him a signing bonus reportedly worth

\$70,000. The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder with a fastball in the low-90 mph range had a 0.51 ERA with 45 strikeouts and just nine walks in 18 games that year for the Mariners' Class-A team in Everett, Wash. Then he went to basic officer training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Hill, from Bluff City, Tenn., then rejoined the Mariners' system for his second season. He was 2-7 with a 4.48 ERA in 35 games for Class-A High Desert and 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA in nine games for Double-A West Tennessee last season.

"In the long run, that will be good for me, to experience adversity," he said. "The minor leagues is a grind. I found out what a grind is when I was going through West Point."

"I feel my potential is unlimited. There's no reason I can't pitch at the highest level."

After the Army called Hill back to duty, he finished the season by taking excess leave into September.

The Army has assigned Hill next to the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., about 45 minutes south of Seattle, beginning next month. Though Fort Lewis is a major deployment post, Hill's new unit returned just last summer from a 15-month deployment to Iraq. Hill

has no idea what job he'll get, because he has already submitted his request to be released two months later through his chain of command.

The new policy states approval is based partly on "the likelihood the individual's accomplishments will be sufficiently noteworthy to generate interest in serving in the Army." If Hill is no longer under a professional baseball contract or binding agreement during his new reserve time, he could be subject to another recall to service.

"I'm just waiting," he said. That's fine with the Mariners. They are holding a place for him at their extended spring training in Peoria, Ariz.

"Obviously, Nick has great makeup. You go to West Point, you don't have bad makeup," Seattle's director of minor league operations Pedro Grifol said. "And he's left-handed. We don't have many of those in our organization."

The new policy stipulates Hill must pay back a prorated cost of his West Point education to convert his remaining three years

of active service into six years of reserve status. Hill said that is about \$100,000 per year. Mariners spokesman Tim Hevly said the team is exploring whether to pay that tab.

During World War II, Hall of Famers Bob Feller and Hank Greenberg — among other athletes — served their active duty overseas. Today, Hill is one of several officer-athletes assigned domestically.

Milan Dinga, a 10th-round draft choice of the Los Angeles Angels in 2007 who pitched briefly at Triple A last season, came back to work at West Point's Center for Enhanced Performance, a psychology skills program for cadets. He is rehabilitating from surgery.

Hill's roommate is Cole White, a 42nd-round pick by Pittsburgh last June. He is doing clerical work in the baseball office and expects to go to basic officer training and a unit before applying for early release in May 2010.

"It's tough when you see friends of yours going overseas, and fighting and helping out, and you're trying to pursue a career in baseball," White said. "At the same time every one of them has been supportive."

Campbell can apply for a return to football in 2010. The defensive back agreed to a contract with the Lions but hadn't signed it when the Army called him back to duty. He left Detroit's training camp last July and came back to West Point as an athletic intern, then went to basic officer training in December.

As for the officer-athletes being clerks, the Army says war's front lines are now anywhere — and cites Sept. 11 as proof.

"Service to our nation is in so many areas, not just on the battlefield," said Paul Boyce, a civilian official in the Army's public affairs department. His Pentagon office is 40 feet from where a terrorist-controlled jetliner slammed to earth on Sept. 11, 2001, killing 184 Pentagon personnel.

"Certainly when an administrative process is pending, we try to balance the needs of the Army with the needs of the individual."

Boyce said the Army is still assessing whether this policy is giving it the public-relations boost it was seeking.

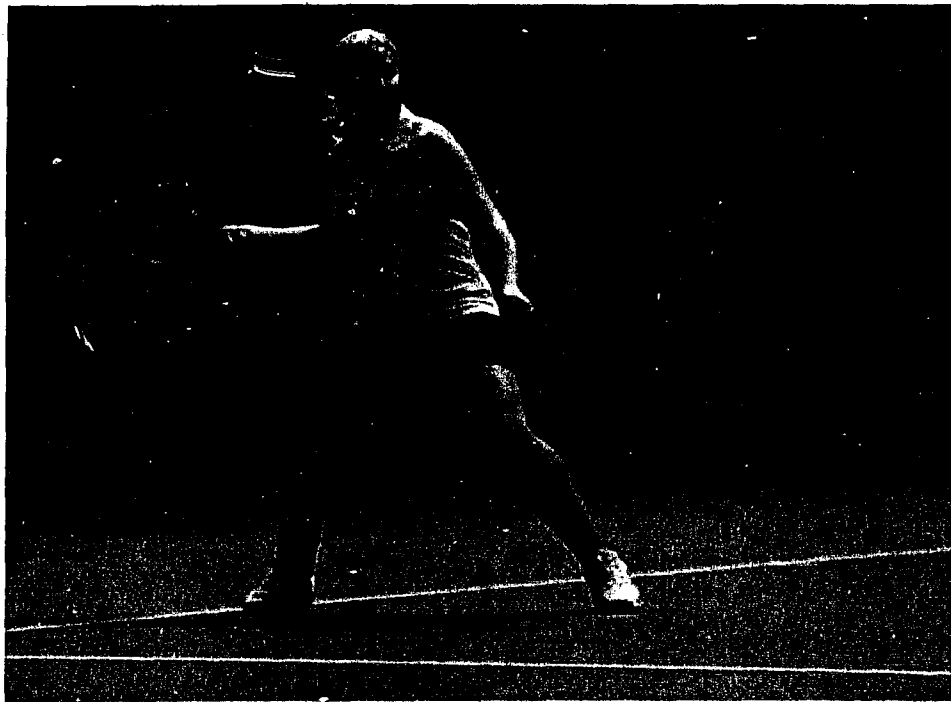
"It takes time to see what should be changed, what should be continued," Boyce said. "At the moment, we are fully on board with the policy we have, and our desire is to continue it."

"I feel my potential is unlimited. There's no reason I can't pitch at the highest level."

Nick Hill
First lieutenant

"It's just, I've been blessed with ... this opportunity to play baseball."

Nick Hill
First lieutenant



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Sofia Korotaeva reaches for the ball during the Wednesday afternoon practice in the Kibbie Dome.

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there and win," Beaman said. "They've had some big wins over nationally ranked programs. They're off to a great start. They have the talent to compete with anyone in the country this year."

After facing New Mexico State today, the Vandals will take on Montana State Saturday, then the University of Texas Pan-America and Western New Mexico on Sunday.

"We've got to go out and beat a nationally ranked team to really feel like we're at the level that we should be," Beaman said.

The women's team won't travel far this weekend as

they take on Eastern Washington and Portland State in Cheney Sunday.

The women are coming off back-to-back wins last weekend and sophomore Yvette Ly said it will help at Eastern Washington this weekend.

"It'll boost our confidence a lot," she said. "Especially having them know we beat both of those teams. It'll make them worry about us."

The team will face Portland State in the morning, a team which will be hungry to get back at the Vandals for beating them earlier in the season.

The Vandals defeated Portland State 6-1 early in the season, and Idaho coach Tyler Neill said it's important they treat it like any other team.

"Winning once is nice and kind of gets confidence," Neill said. "We know they can come back and compete tough. We had some tight matches last time that we squeaked out, so we know they can compete hard."

The women will hit the court again in the afternoon to face Eastern Washington, a team which has proven to be tough, but may be competing with a thin roster.

"They're usually a tough team," Neill said. "I think they've had some problems with injuries but you can't expect that, you should always expect they'll have their top lineup out there."

Eastern is currently 2-3 overall, Portland State sits at 2-7 and the Vandals are 5-4.

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5 assists, 2 steals and a block. She and sophomore post Yinka Olorunnife were forthright about the Vandal collapse, pinning the blame squarely on themselves and their teammates.

"We just panicked," Olorunnife said. "Everybody panicked when (Nevada) put the pressure on us, and we'd either barely get the shot off or give up the turnover, and either way they'd get the ball back and keep the run going."

Taleni agreed, and she credited the Nevada defense with strong play that broke Idaho's game plan and forced the Vandals out of their comfort zone.

"We know we have the technique to

push back and get the boards, but we didn't do that," Taleni said. "(Nevada) dictated what we had to do underneath, and we struggled. They came out confident with the home-court advantage, and we didn't execute what the coaches wanted us to."

"Everybody panicked when (Nevada) put the pressure on us ..."

Yinka Olorunnife
Vandal center

The Vandals continue their road trip at 2 p.m. Sunday as they take on the Utah State Aggies in Logan. In both teams' WAC opener on Jan. 5, Idaho defeated Utah State 71-63 in the Cowan Spectrum. Olorunnife said her team is fully capable of bouncing back and sweeping the Aggies (11-12, 5-5 WAC) if they exploit their potential and execute their plays.

"If we play (Utah State) the way we played today, you'll get the same result," Olorunnife said. "If we play the way we've been playing and the way we know how to play, we'll win."

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Rogan earned the title after throwing a season-best 51 feet, 2 inches in the shot put at the Husky Invitational last weekend. The award was the first of his career.

"It's pretty cool, I never thought I'd do well enough to get one," Rogan said. "There's a lot of other really good guys on the team. It's nice to have success and have people say something."

After a season of strong performances, Mykael Bothum will look to keep improving this weekend as she placed first in women's shot put with a throw of 51 feet, 5.5 inches in the Husky Invitational.

"Bothum is one of the top throwers in the nation right now," Phipps said.

Heather Bergland, two-time reigning WAC champion in the 60-me-

ter hurdles, will run in the Kibbie Dome this weekend as she won the event at the Husky Invitational with a time of 8.54 seconds.

KC Dahlgren placed second in the women's pole vault, clearing a career-best 13-7.75 at the Husky Invitational. The performance ranks second all-time at Idaho.

Dahlgren will be back for more this weekend at the Vandal Collegiate in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals also had a slew of WAC-leading performances that included James Clark, who ran a personal-best in the mile run with a time of 4:12.45, Cesar Barquero who ran an indoor personal-best in the 800 meters at 1:53.53 and Allix Lee-Painter who improved on her own WAC-best time in the 3,000 meters with a personal best of 9:42.59.

Friday's meet starts with the discus throw at 1 p.m., while Saturday's will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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throws differently in the game. A fact that can't be overlooked as it inevitably won the game for the Vandals.

The team shot 76 percent in the second half and 70 percent on the game to give it the lift it needed to get the win.

While 10,000 people showed up to the game, and Taco Bell Arena was primarily a sea of blue, there were Vandal supporters present.

After two clutch-free throws gave the Vandals their first lead, Hopson acknowledged the Vandal faithful.

"To be honest, all I heard was 'Vandals,'" Hopson said. "I heard it all when they said, 'Go, go go.' I heard, 'Idaho-go-go-go.' It was a really good environment at the end there."

The Vandals will remain home Saturday for a game against Cal State Northridge. It is an ESPN Bracket Buster game and is slated to start at 7 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Griffey returns to Mariners

Gregg Bell
Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Ken Griffey Jr. chose to honor the city that gave him his start rather than play for a team closer to his family.

Griffey selected the Seattle Mariners over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, agreeing to a one-year contract with the team that made him a star.

"He's coming home. ... I can't begin to tell you how ecstatic we are. He is, too," Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said in confirming the deal.

Zduriencik called Griffey "arguably one of the greatest athletes to ever play in the Seattle area."

The deal is for at least \$2 million, plus incentives, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations who requested anonymity because the Mariners would not discuss contract details. The incentives could earn Griffey an additional million or more.

Griffey, who is expected to arrive in camp Friday or Saturday, is fifth on baseball's career home run list with 611.

He was No. 1 on the list of stars Seattle fans wanted most to reclaim.

Now that the Mariners have determined Griffey is healthy following knee surgery last fall — he passed an extensive physical on Sunday — Seattle is hoping he brings at least a semblance of the skills he provided as the dynamic leader who ushered in the franchise's heyday in the mid-1990s.

"We are revitalizing this franchise. He brings something to the table there," Zduriencik deadpanned after he made his biggest splash yet while trying to resurrect the Mariners.

Seattle lost 101 games last season and hasn't been to the playoffs since 2001.

"Ken wanted to come back to this city that he loves, to this fan base that he loves," Zduriencik said.

Atlanta appeared to be Griffey's choice on Tuesday for the same reason the former Mariners star left Seattle in 2000: geography. The Braves' spring training camp is about a 20-minute drive from the Griffey family home in Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta is about an hour away by plane.

But after conflicting reports about where the aging star would settle, Griffey ultimately chose to follow through on his proclamation two years ago when he came to Seattle while playing with the Reds — that he wanted to finish his career as a Mariner.

"We were informed tonight that Ken Griffey Jr. has decided to return to Seattle," said Braves general manager Frank Wren, who absorbed another in a series of disappointments. "We will continue to be open to other possibilities to improve our outfield offense and, at the same time, give our young players an opportunity to show us they can win that job."

Zduriencik said the Mariners were the beneficiaries of Griffey wanting to cement his legacy in Seattle.

"Ken wanted to come back to this city that he loves."

Jack Zduriencik
Seattle general manager

"Oh, I don't think there's any doubt about that," he said. "Everyone knows Ken Griffey is a first-ballot Hall of Famer, and he's returning to his roots. That doesn't happen too often."

The Mariners have a job as designated hitter and perhaps in left field waiting for him. The Braves were offering a spot in the outfield — plus that cherished proximity to home.

He made his first opening day start with the Mariners as a 19-year-old in 1989.

He stayed for 11 seasons and through 10 All-Star games before he asked for a trade closer to his home. The Mariners obliged by sending him to Cincinnati just before the 2000 season.

Griffey's return is a jolt for the Mariners, the first team with a \$100 million payroll to lose 100 games — last season.

"A rejuvenated Ken Griffey coming back to where he started has to be a fabulous motivator for him," Zduriencik said.

The GM had been trying to add a power hitter, and specifically a designated hitter, for months and was also talking to the agent for free agent Garret Anderson. The Mariners prefer a left-handed bat because the dimensions of pitcher-friendly Safeco Field are shortest in right field.

The configuration fits the left-handed Griffey so well, the Mariners presented him with a framed photo of their stadium before a Reds-Mariners game in 2007, with the words "The House that Griffey Built" across the top. Griffey played just half a season in it before getting the trade he demanded.

Yet the fans in Seattle still love "Junior." Griffey has been hampered by injuries since he left and had arthroscopic knee surgery following the 2008 season, the last half of which he spent with the White Sox. Zduriencik said the Mariners' extensive research convinced the team he is as healthy as he's been in years.

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