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University gains new leading face

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Editor's note: This is part one in a two-part series on the University of Idaho's new president, Duane Nellis.

Paying for a president

It was a long journey, but after nearly a year, the Idaho State Board of Education has selected a president for the University of Idaho.

Kansas State University Provost Duane Nellis was voted as the 17th president of UI Wednesday.

The 54-year-old eastern Washington native was hired at \$335,000 a year, making him the highest paid president at Idaho's four public universities. Of that, \$298,000 will come from state money, with another \$37,000 from the UI Foundation. According to the Idaho Statesman, at Kansas State, both Nellis and his wife made about \$370,000.

"We need to be competitive both with compensation and our long-term contracts," said Bill Gilbert, the former chairman of the UI Foundation and a search committee member. "UI needs to be as viable as its national competitors."

Nellis' appointment marks the end of a lengthy and uncommon search and hiring. He was selected as one of two candidates to visit UI's campus and meet the community members, students and alumni. Nellis dropped out of the race due to failed salary negotiations, but dialogue resumed after the Vandal Boosters organized themselves and began an arm-twisting campaign aimed at the SBOE and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to bring Nellis to UI.

"It's believed that Nellis withdrew because he wasn't being offered enough money ... I don't think that should stop us from getting a top-notch president," said Lee Shellman, a member of the Vandal Boosters.

Garrett Holbrook, ASUI president, said he is excited to see Nellis will be the next president but isn't sure what he thinks about how the university president is being compensated.

"As long as the state board is truly his boss, so long as the line is clearly drawn, I don't think we should see a problem," Holbrook said. "But the danger comes in with people who feel entitled, it's the

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Going round and round

Public transit aids Moscow commuter community

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

A woman holding several bags of groceries, two college-aged men and a younger woman with wind-blown hair all stand on the sidewalk in the mid-morning sun outside St. Augustine's Catholic Church. None appear to know one another, but they all have one thing in common — they're about to board the bus to catch a ride to their next destination.

Inside the bus, the atmosphere is quiet and relaxed. Some people read books and study, while others listen to music and stare out the large windows. Occasionally, a small group of friends will enter the bus, or someone will board who knows one of the other passengers, and idle chit-chat will ensue. Music softly echoes from a radio in the front of the driver's seat.

Moscow's Valley Transit offers transportation to riders free of charge to various locations throughout town. With two buses running on two fixed routes, passengers can travel throughout town without having to deal with the hassle of finding a parking spot.

Valley Transit, which operates out of the Lewiston area, was first created 17 years ago by a group of individuals in Lewiston who believed Idaho's District II needed a form of public transportation for everyday use in the community. They first created the Dial-A-Ride system, which offered transit for citizens who called 24 hours ahead, and it operated like a taxi. The Dial-A-Ride was then followed by the Valley Transit fixed route, which provided services for Lewiston, Clarkston and Asotin, Wash. In 2004, Moscow Valley Transit was created. Funding for Valley Transit operations comes primarily from grants and donations.

Tom La Pointe, Valley Transit executive director, said overall, all Valley Transit locations have seen an increase in ridership from 4,000 to 20,000 riders a month. There are eight buses in Moscow, including a Dial-A-Ride bus that is used in rotation by Moscow Valley Transit. La Pointe said Moscow Valley Transit is the first scheduled bus route in the history of Moscow.

"Our job is to give people rides around town and help them circulate better," La Pointe said.

La Pointe, who also serves on the University

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Budget deficit leads to layoffs

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

After a combined 22 and a half years of work, University of Idaho events manager Terry Evans and event coordinator Michael Locke are being laid off.

Three other spots in the department are also being eliminated. Richard Yutzy is being laid off after working for UI for seven years. He's currently an events program coordinator.

All three men work for Event Services, which is a part of University Support Services, and will finish out the fiscal year.

Joni Kirk, spokesperson for the university, declined to comment.

"Our current financial circumstances dictated that we make serious staffing changes in our organization," said a memo by Robert Anderson, director of University Support Services.

The memo said University Support Services is facing a budget deficit close to \$250,000 for the 2009 fiscal year, with 80 percent of that total related to staffing costs.

"We currently have an accumulated deficit in excess of \$700,000 that we are responsible for," the memo said. "We had to find a new model for Event Services."

The memo said the campus events and community events budgets have been broken up into three new budgets and administrative units — one group responsible for athletic events, one for equipment rental and one for general events, such as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and Vandal



From left to right, Richard Yutzy, Terry Evans and Mike Locke pose near the Kibbie Dome Thursday. The three employees in the Event Services department were notified they will be laid off after the end of this fiscal year because of a budget deficit in University Support Services.

Friday.

The memo also announced a new events coordinator position.

"We will have a national search that I am confident will produce a robust pool of candidates," the memo said.

"You'll still be able to come rent things (from Events Service)," Locke said, "but the service won't be as involved, as in less event development and coordination."

Evans was originally appointed as the tech coordinator 17 years ago but has since become the events manager. He managed the events staff and also planned some of the more signature events, such as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and commencement, he said.

Evans dealt with the installing and

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Closure threatens extension programs

Reid Wright
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's agriculture research and extension program — a key part of the institution's land-grant mission — faces possible consolidation or closure of research stations due to potential state budget cuts.

The scope and scale of these consolidations teeters on approval of the 2010 fiscal year state budget that is currently at a standoff after being vetoed by the governor.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is preparing the program for a possible 7 percent cut to operating costs and 5 percent cut to personnel costs, said CALS Dean John Hammel. This will likely result in the closure of UI agriculture research stations.

It is unknown if layoffs will result, but vacant positions will likely be eliminated, he said.

The purpose of UI's research stations is to experiment and educate local citizens about food and agricultural issues.

Greg Bohach, director of the experiment sta-

tions, said the planned re-structuring had a target reduction of \$1 million to operating costs. The quality of research will not be reduced, but the quantity of research will, he said.

The scope and significance of the research stations often goes unknown to the public, Bohach said.

"Research and extensions are investments for the state," he said. "An investment for the economy. We consider what we do an investment for the people."

Charlotte Eberlein, associate vice president and director of UI extension, agrees.

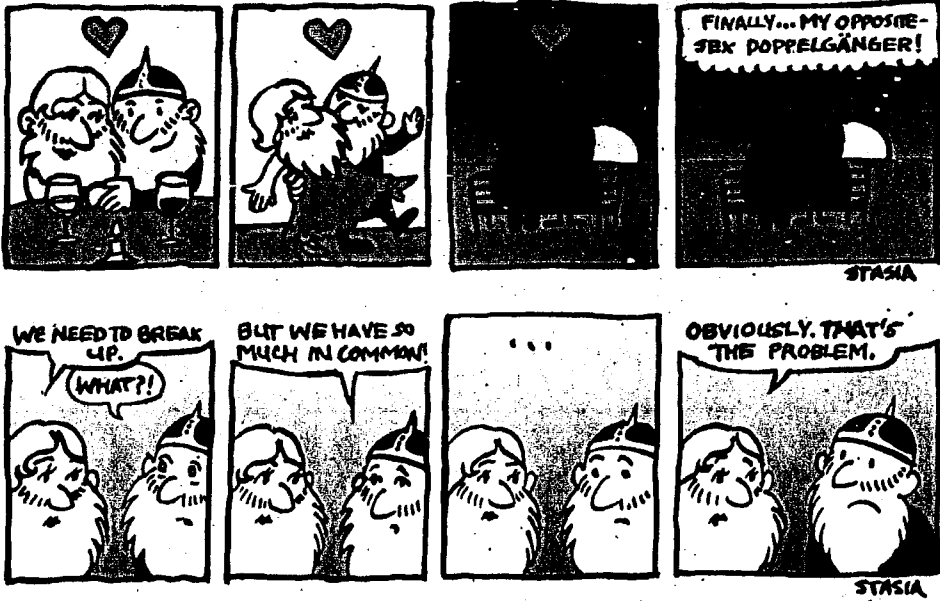
"(Agriculture) research is a core part of both the scholarly and land-grant mission of the university," she said. "With the consolidation we are looking at, we will not be able to provide as much research."

In addition to a possible loss of state funds, Bohach said any reduction to personnel could reduce the manpower needed to write grant proposals — another source of revenue for the program.

According to UI's

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Percy the Barbarian



Stasia Burrington/Argonaut

THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL

When are you planning to register for next semester?

Do you like the changes made to Bob's in the Wallace Complex?

To vote, visit www.uiargonaut.com
Results will be published in next Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut.



Vandal Fitness Challenge

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2nd: Kyle Smith	2nd: Scott Smith
3rd: Ian Kelsey	3rd: Mark Trippi
ALL AROUND ATHLETE - W	AVERAGE JOE - W
1st: Jennifer Yearly	1st: Megan Carter
2nd: Maika Hultauzen	2nd: Montana Skovlin
3rd: Christie Johnston	3rd: Thia Crump

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Mike Beiser

Climbing Wall / Outdoor Program Coordinator



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What is your favorite type of climbing? Alpine, being in the high mountains, climbing rock, snow, ice, and dealing with the harsh elements nature throws at you and savoring the peaceful moments.

What do you most enjoy about teaching climbing? Witnessing people grow and develop, almost instantly.

What is your least favorite word? Hate!

What is one word to describe yourself? Patient

What was your favorite subject in high school? Biology. My biology teacher was also my first EMT instructor, which I have used frequently in my career.

If you could live anywhere where would you live? 7,000 feet or above or at sea level. Ironically, Moscow is in between, and I chose Moscow.

My favorite band? ever listened to live... London Symphony, at Queen Elizabeth Hall, Beethoven's 9th, changed my life.

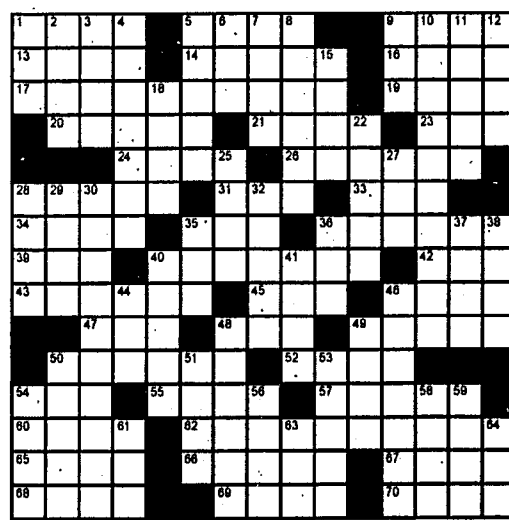
What is your favorite wall to climb? (indoor) UI's; (outdoor) the South Buttress of Mt. Moran in the Tetons — it tested my limits.

What is something you are looking forward to? Dipping a paddle in the river, next year's first ski turns and returning safely home to my family. Oh, and sailing to Antarctica in retirement.

What is the best advice you have received? Never give up or quit. Came from many people.

Crossword

- Across**
- 1 Package wrapper
 - 5 Harvest
 - 9 Tussock
 - 13 Astringent
 - 14 Deflect
 - 16 Actress Raines
 - 17 Shirker
 - 19 Antares, for one
 - 20 Binge
 - 21 Sonata, e.g.
 - 23 Estuary
 - 24 Interjects
 - 26 Letter writer, of sorts
 - 28 Diets
 - 31 Some
 - 33 Dawn deity
 - 34 Border lake
 - 35 Fawly Towers actress Scales, to her buds
 - 36 Chapeau
 - 39 Border
 - 40 Appetizer, e.g.
 - 42 This instant
 - 43 Motion sickness
 - 45 Sermon subject
 - 46 Fish part
 - 47 Ceiling
 - 48 Chess pieces
 - 49 Moral weaknesses
 - 50 Sushi condiment
 - 52 Glance over
 - 54 Cereal grain
 - 55 Sniffer
 - 57 Vantage point
 - 60 The East
 - 62 Earthquake follower
 - 65 Desist
 - 66 Perverted person, to some
- Down**
- 1 Scottish cap
 - 2 Resigned remark
 - 3 Juice ingredient, at times
 - 4 Middle Eastern domain
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 - 6 Cain raiser
 - 7 Sleek, for short
 - 8 Certain student (Abbr.)
 - 9 Your (Fr.)
 - 10 Unheard
 - 11 Swing wildly
 - 12 Mitchell mansion
 - 15 On the mark
 - 18 Beauty and contempt
 - 22 Look of
 - 25 Poet Teasdale
 - 27 Herd of seals
 - 28 Terrarium plant
 - 29 Diva's delivery (Abbr.)
 - 30 Prototype
 - 32 Hospital figure
 - 35 School group (Abbr.)
 - 36 Bog
 - 37 Film part
 - 40 Robby vehicle
 - 41 Cans
 - 44 Close relative
 - 46 Plaid fabric
 - 48 Anomaly
 - 49 Moving vehicles
 - 50 Fritter away
 - 51 Featherly scarves
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 - 56 Carve in stone
 - 58 Bananas, to some
 - 59 Reverberate
 - 61 Prone
 - 63 Manage, with "out"



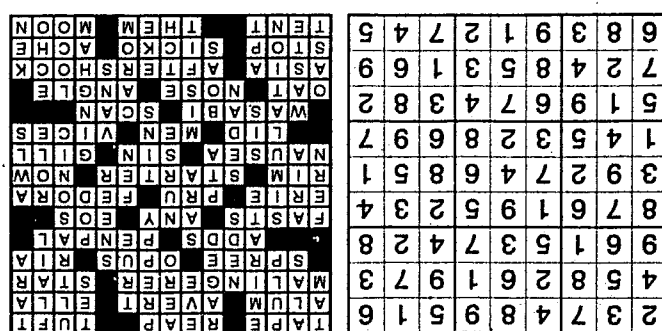
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Corrections

In Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut, we reported the Silver and Gold game is on Saturday. It is on Friday. Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 8.

Solutions



Credit card use up for college students

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

His eyes wide, Jayred Potter shakes his head.

"That is a horrible idea," he said. Potter, a UI freshman, has never used a credit card to pay for college expenses, but more and more students are accepting the alternative.

Sallie Mae, one of the nation's largest student loan distributors, analyzed credit reports of a random selection of students, a strategic sample group and survey responses from 280 undergraduate students from around the U.S.

The study found 92 percent of card holders charged major educational expenses including textbooks and school supplies. The average student racked up expenses of \$22,002 more than double from 2004, the last year the study was conducted.

Thirty percent charged their tuition — a rise of 7 percent from 2004.

Debbie Kolstad, manager of Student Accounts, said credit card use at UI has grown by about 2,000 transactions over the past three years.

"People are paying for everything online," she said. "The only time I write a check is to get my hair cut."

She said credit cards are an easy way for students to feel like they are taking care of bills.

Of the students surveyed, 84 percent had at least one credit card. With credit card providers offering free merchandise in front of the University of Idaho Bookstore each year, Rod Dunn, associated director of Financial Aid Services, said this is not surprising.

"They're giving them away," he said.

With the added fallback, Dunn said students are less likely to ask for parental aid and instead choose to take on the burdens themselves. Dunn said plastic is an easy way out for students, making them less likely to seek out additional jobs.

UI credit USE

Credit card payments can only be made online at the University of Idaho, but can cover a variety of fees. Payments can be accepted anytime after July 1 of that year.

From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 there were 28,158 credit card transactions

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 — 30,528 transactions

July 1, 2008 to projection through June 30, 2009 — 32,508 transactions

For more information on financial aid resources contact the UI Financial Aid Office at 885-6312 or e-mail finaid@uidaho.edu.



Photo illustration by Steven Devine/Argonaut

A Sallie Mae study indicates increased credit card use by students, and their debt is rising.

manageable, daily living purchases is OK. Even he used credit cards when he attended college.

"I used them for all the rest of the stuff," he said.

When students start charging big expenses he said that's when it gets dangerous.

"You can't defer those payments," he said.

In the same Sallie Mae study, 84 percent claimed they need more information about financial options for their education. Dunn said there are many options available.

"There are so many families that think they won't qualify (for aid)," Dunn said.

Credit card use can mean incurring hefty interest rates, Dunn said. He said students

without much credit history can be charging up debt with a 15 to 16 percent interest rate that will be tacked onto the total loan amount owed each year until the debt is paid.

Student loans come with a fixed 6 percent interest rate, which means the rate can't fluctuate as the economy changes, he said.

Plus, it isn't uncommon for student to receive deferred-interest loans which start gaining interest after the student has graduated. Dunn said he can even work with students to get some of their loans deferred in hard economic times.

"It's a no-brainer when it comes to (the student loan) option," he said.

From harm to homeland: refugees find safety in Boise

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

This year, 800 refugees are expected to find a safe haven in and around Boise, yet their story is a story largely untold.

Leslye Moore, regional director of the International Rescue Committee, visited the University of Idaho Tuesday to tell the stories of refugees in Idaho.

Moore opened the IRC Boise office three years ago, which helps resettle refugees in the Boise area.

"We haven't done a very good job highlighting international organizations working in this state," said Bill Smith, director of the Martin Institute, who invited Moore to talk to his students.

"We do some really good work in the U.S. as far as refugee resettlement," Smith said. "But it's a story that isn't told."

IRC Boise provides resettlement services such as medical and mental health advocacy, furnishing apartments, locating jobs and rental assistance for refugees.

Last year about 1,000 refugees resettled in Idaho, and this year the number is expected to drop to around 800, Moore said. These refugees are largely coming from conflict areas such as Iraq, Bhutan, Sudan and Somali and are a mixed bag of intact families, single mothers, as well as single, independent men.

"Conditions in Boise are very good," Moore said. "Boise has come a long way in the positive direction. The City of Boise recently convened a meeting to make sure refugees are getting the best resettlement possible."

The U.S. currently permits 80,000 refugees per year, who are resettled in 200 cities, and Boise is one of them.

Moore said this is the first year they'll come close to actually meeting that number at a time where the country is dealing with an economic downturn.

"Refugees are individuals who have no other option," Moore said. "They risk persecution, death or imprisonment and have come here not by choice, but by necessity."

Even when refugees come here, they face hurdles such as language barriers, lack of education, culture shock and struggle to interact with Americans.

Some refugees have

been in camps for so long, they never had access to education.

"They never learned to learn," Moore said. "Their perception of the world is very different."

The Boise Refugee Language Academy helps children who have difficulty with core subjects and the English language. Moore said the national refugee drop out rate is 25 percent, but it's only 6 percent in Boise.

Few refugees will return to their home country and apply for citizenship once after five years of being in the U.S.

"They have opportunities now they wouldn't have had in some of their own countries," Moore said.

The IRC has volunteers that serve as mentors and who take them for outings.

Many refugees also come with major medical conditions. Refugees get eight months of Medicaid and other aid to help to get them started.

Moore said they've been struggling with the eight month period as jobs are becoming harder to come by. According to the 1980 Refugee Act, refugees should receive 12 to 18 months of aid, but this is not always the case.

"Other countries give on average two years of as-

sistance," Moore said. "The U.S. is behind on that."

The IRC ensures refugees reach self-efficiency as quickly as possible. Unlike undocumented workers, refugees are a legal work force.

Moore said the IRC has recently found vocations in dairy and food processing but they're struggling.

IRC is creating other income-generating activities, such as selling bead work, hand-dyed wool and knitted work where 100 percent of the profits go to the refugees.

"The first of the month is coming up, and I get knots in my stomach," Moore said.

Moore said they've been relying on challenge grants and rental assistance, and she hopes the stimulus package will help not just the refugees, but also the homeless. Moore said in Boise, there's currently a two-month waiting period for shelters.

But the Boise community has been very soft-hearted about the problem.

"Some landlords have even reduced rent for some families, which is unheard of," she said.

With the added stress about jobs, Moore said they've been seeing real psychological strain among refugees.

"The eight-month program is not sufficient," Moore said.

She compares the resettlement transition to being taken out on the Starship Enterprise and then being asked to fly it.

Moore said despite Boi-

se's welcoming community, she has been seeing some resistance.

"People are afraid of the unknown," she said. "They protect their own back before anyone's. Moore said, 80,000 refugees spread over 200 cities does not have a

large impact."

But once resistant people speak to refugees and hear their stories, Moore said they often do a complete 180 degrees turn.

"We're a country built on immigrants," she said. "Diversity is our strength."

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ASUI LEADERSHIP

Students lead with service

Erin Hartly
Argonaut

Kelby Wilson

Kelby Wilson wasn't always sure he wanted to be in student government.

During his freshman year at the University of Idaho he picked up an application for ASUI Senate and decided not to fill it out. It wasn't until his first Alternative Service Break Wilson decided it was time to get involved.

"When I came back from that trip, I applied for Senate," Wilson said. "I felt like going into my junior year I had been on campus long enough, and I was ready to be a student leader, be representative of the student body."

Wilson grew up in Cottonwood, Idaho, a small farming community, 85 miles south of Moscow. He spent 11 months in Regensburg, Germany his sophomore year in high school where he learned some of the language and got in touch with his German heritage.

"It gave me a more global perspective fairly young in life," Wilson said.

Wilson is a senior and will return for a fifth year. He is studying mechanical engineering and taking the pre-requisites for pre-med. He is in the Air Force ROTC and last year earned a scholarship from the program for medical school. It will cover his medical school tuition and his residency, then Wilson will go into active military duty.

"My life is kind of mapped out for a long time," Wilson said.

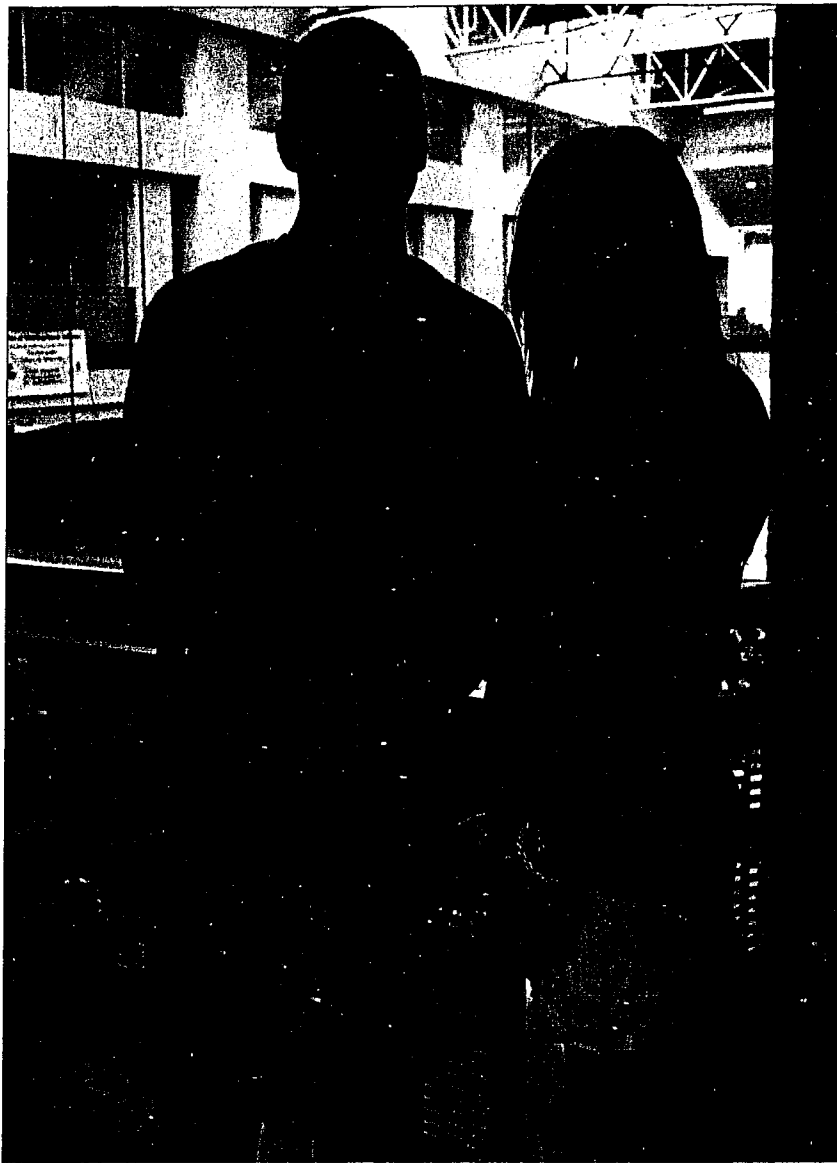
Wilson said the ROTC has prepared him for the role of ASUI president.

"Every year we have an Air Force course — three credits a semester," Wilson said. "Junior year is focused on leadership. So I had six credits just in leadership last year."

Wilson served one year on the ASUI Senate and is finishing up a year as the activities coordinator chair. He said he is not sure how these leadership roles will affect his future, but he said it would be positive.

"Any experience you have, especially an experience of this magnitude, is going to have an impact on your life," Wilson said. "It should be a positive impact."

Wilson said the biggest issue he will have to face as ASUI president is to help UI survive the financial crisis. He said



Newly elected ASUI President Kelby Wilson and Vice President Ashley Cochran pose in the Idaho Commons Thursday. Wilson and Cochran will take office May 6.

his job is to function as a student liaison between the student body and the administration to make sure the student voice is represented.

Wilson said he believes the students have a right to be heard. He said his views differ from those expressed by Lloyd Mues, UI vice president for finance and administration.

"A few weeks ago, we had an article in (The Argonaut)," Wilson said. "And

Lloyd Mues said the students only pay 17 percent of our operating budget, so they need to understand they only get 17 percent of the voice. Well, without the students, this university wouldn't be here, so financially, we may only be 17 percent of the pie, but our voice needs to be expressed more ..."

Wilson, along with new ASUI Vice President Ashley Cochran, will begin their term fall semester.

Ashley Cochran

Ashley Cochran dreamt of being a musician and veterinarian when she was younger. Now she is a junior at the University of Idaho studying studio art and interior design.

"I am tone deaf," Cochran said. "I wanted to be a vet, but I'm not very good at science, so I am going with what I'm good at, which is art."

Cochran, the new ASUI vice president, grew up in Twin Falls. She said she has a supportive family and parents eager to help when she announced she was running for ASUI vice president.

"It takes a lot of money and time to run a campaign," Cochran said. "My parents really wanted to support me. They think it's a good idea to be involved."

Cochran isn't a stranger to student leadership. She did a term on the ASUI Senate her sophomore year and is currently the ASUI promotion director. Cochran also spends a lot of time on volunteer work. She has taken three Alternative Service Breaks, is working as a youth programs intern in the volunteer center next year and began the AmeriCorps Education Award Program in February.

"It is set up through Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute," Cochran said. "I have to do 450 hours within a year of service around the community, around the nation... that relates back to what AmeriCorps stands for — I started that in February and I am probably at 150 hours right now."

Cochran spent last summer working for Greenpeace in Los Ange-

les as a front line activist, encouraging people to get involved. Her goal is to eventually work for a non-profit organization, using her graphic design skills.

Cochran said her term as ASUI vice president is community service-based, and while she has a lot of things to juggle, she has a good support group and good friends to encourage her.

"I live in a sorority," Cochran said. "I am a Delta Gamma and am surrounded by people all the time. I have a solid group of friends."

One of those friends and fellow sorority sister is Olivia Chinchinian who ran against Cochran in the ASUI election.

"It's hard to manage that much leadership in a sorority," Cochran said. "But Olivia and I were supportive of each other running and knew we were going to be happy no matter what."

Cochran said she is happy with the Senate she will work with next year. She said there are a lot of new senators with strong voices and returning senators with strong opinions. Tricia Crump, the current vice-president and fellow Delta Gamma, has worked hard to get senators to do their jobs and has shown her how she wants to run the Senate, she said.

"I think things are being done in a different way than I would personally do it," Cochran said. "The way I want to run Senate and my vice presidency is taken from what I have learned because of Tricia," Cochran said.

Cochran said she is passionate about student leadership and looks forward to beginning her term of office.

PCEI cleans up the creek, seeks volunteers

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Last year, 165 volunteers worked together to

help cleanup Paradise Creek.

This year, volunteer coordinator Laura Milewski expects the amount of volunteers to be just as high.

"The average is usually lower than what we had last year," Milewski said. "But already 80 volunteers have signed up for Saturday."

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute will hold its 19th annual Paradise Creek cleanup Saturday in celebration of Earth Week.

A group of community

members started PCEI in 1986 because of a concern about nuclear reactors.

Today, the group has grown into an organization working on environmental issues and has become much more proactive, Milewski said.

Paradise Creek was divided into segments that businesses and community groups volunteered to be long-term stewards.

Those who volunteer for the creek cleanup are sent to clean one of the 22 segments of the stream.

Many groups, such as

the League of Women's Voters, church-affiliated groups and UI or WSU fraternities and sororities, volunteer for the cleanup, Milewski said.

Several individuals also show up the day of the event.

"The impact of the creek cleanup is phenomenal," she said. "It improves the quality of the water significantly."

All the things found in the creek are not surprising because of how close it is to neighborhoods, she said.

"To gather all the things thrown into the creek for a whole morning really makes a big impact," Milewski said.

But the creek cleanup isn't the only project PCEI will have for volunteers Saturday.

If volunteers finish cleaning their segment early, projects toward cleaning up the nature center after this past winter are also available.

Every Saturday, PCEI holds volunteer restoration events, adult workshops such as an artist's studio and family days which include several nature activities.

"The stream cleanup and other projects are great for the community to come together," Milewski

said. "Cleaning the Paradise Creek is not about the stream specifically, but the community."

Among the Paradise Creek cleanup, PCEI is involved in many environment-related programs, with their nature center covering 7.6 acres.

One program is the water-shed restoration program which improves the quality and function of the water.

PCEI offers environmental education for staff, individuals and school groups where they can learn about nature related topics.

PCEI has an AmeriCorps program that allows volunteers to be placed throughout the states for a longer term.

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Survey reveals satisfied residents

Residence hall polling marks high satisfaction ratings in student living

Dara Barney
Argonaut

Public opinion about the residence halls may be changing, according to a recent survey.

The annual survey was conducted by Educational Benchmarking Inc. for the 11th year.

"Through this survey, housing tries to get a sense of what has been done well and what can be improved," said Ray Gasser, director of University Housing.

It was an online survey with scores that ranged from one to seven, seven being the highest rating. There were 19 total categories. In 15 of the 19 categories, students rated their satisfaction at a five or above.

"It is a national survey, and once we get results on other universities, we can positively compare," he said.

This year, 300 other schools participated in similar surveys from Educational Benchmarking Inc., he said.

"We can also compare our results to the past few years," said Tina Deines, marketing and recruitment coordinator for University Housing.

Categories that showed high satisfaction ratings included room and floor environment, safety and security, respect from fellow residents, diverse interactions, overall resident satisfaction and overall program effectiveness.

"The satisfaction could be results of students seeing the projects where their money is going," Gasser said.

Along with satisfaction ratings, students had the opportunity to express what amenities they wanted in housing.

"Mattresses, loft beds, temperature control in the rooms, new sinks and showers, better lounge furniture, new chairs and desks and new laundry machines were all popular requests," Gasser said.

Solutions are underway for the washing machine requests for next fall, he said.

"For freshman year, I'd rate my experience a six out of 10," said Eric Eldredge, a resident in the Wallace Complex. "It was nice to

have my own area, and not worry about my stuff getting stolen."

He said for an improvement, the showers should be remodeled.

"We can always improve," Gasser said, "and this survey enables us to see areas that need more focus."

Fixing a leak in the Wallace dorm is another priority, he said.

"One stairwell has minor leaking when there is a heavy rain," he said. "It will hopefully be one of our big projects this summer."

Gasser and Deines both agreed the survey will continue annually.

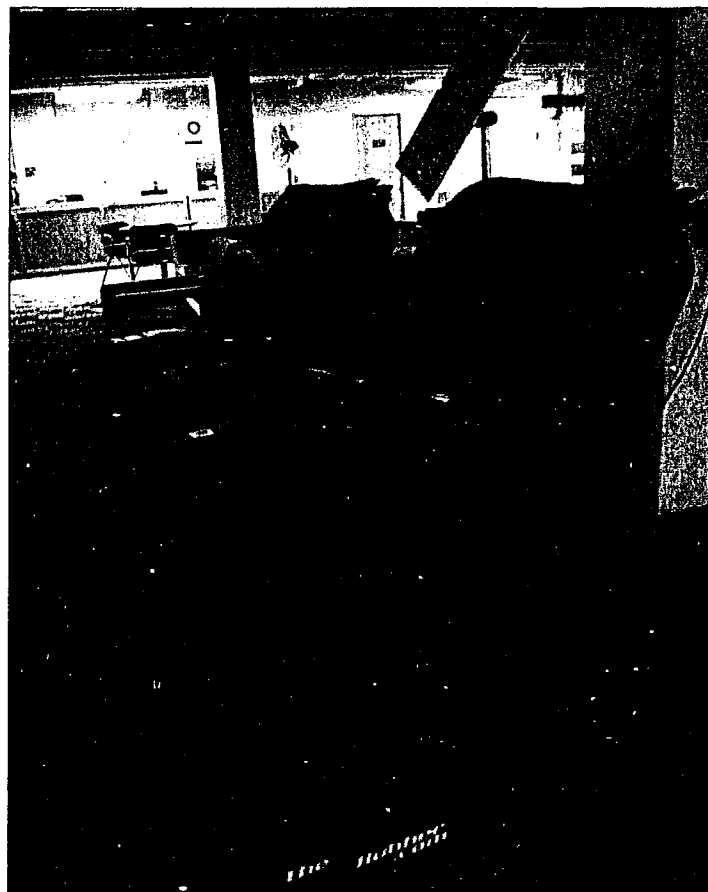
"There will always be some sort of survey to generate student responses," Gasser said.

The survey was specific, so different experiences within each dorm, hall and floor could be identified, he said.

"Honestly, we are really happy with the positive numbers and the way things are going for housing on campus," Gasser said.

"... housing tries to get a sense of what has been done well and what can be improved."

Ray
Gasser
Director of University Housing



Jake Barber/Argonaut

University Housing replaced the arcade games and pool tables with massage chairs in the basement of the Wallace Complex.

SenateREPORT

Approval of Agenda

Sen. Samantha Storms added Resolution S09-07 to the agenda.

Open Forum

Amy Huddleston announced speaker Carol Gregory will be presenting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Idaho Commons' Crest Room. Gregory has worked with Greenpeace and other non-profit organizations.

Kristin Caldwell gave an update on the Emergency Notification System and asked the Senate to remind living groups to update its contact information from Vandal Web to reflect its cell phone or campus number and not parent's numbers. Caldwell also told the Senate there would be a bill coming before them in the coming weeks related to funding for the Sexual Violence Awareness party.

Jo Seely, ASUI director of advancement, spoke of the ASUI leadership award given to Derek Knox. Knox will attend a leadership conference this summer. Seely asked for Senate representation at an award luncheon next week.

Presidential Communications

President Garrett Holbrook said he vetoed Bill S09-30, which would create a new position in ASUI Communications. Holbrook said someone already in a position in the department

could cover these responsibilities and President-elect Wilson should get a chance to look the information over and make a decision in the fall.

Holbrook spoke about Bill S09-32, which would continue to pay for an ASUI lobbyist to stay until the legislature is finished.

"Not having a lobbyist could be potentially catastrophic," Holbrook said.

Holbrook told the Senate Bill S09-33, on the operating budget, did not include any significant changes, except to move a small amount of money around within the budget.

Holbrook said Bill S09-34 was meant to clean up section 5000 in the executive job descriptions and change the language.

"Which apparently hasn't been updated in a decade," Holbrook said.

Holbrook explained bill S09-35 and S09-37, which approve the updated job descriptions and updates bylaws to change tasks in two coordinator positions, respectively.

Holbrook also gave an update on the proposal to remodel the library. He said the paperwork from the architects has been submitted and the re-design includes concepts such as a 24-hour coffee shop and compact shelving.

Holbrook announced a public forum on the increased parking fees and asked for support. He said the increase would be 34 percent, and no other organization is increasing its fees.

"Students will see very little benefit from a massive increase in fees," Holbrook said.

Unfinished Business

Bill S09-31, transferring \$15,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board, was passed.

New Business

Bills
Bill S09-32, authorizing continued pay for the ASUI lobbyist, was immediately considered and passed.

Bill S09-33, establishing the ASUI general operating budget for fiscal year 2010, was sent to finance.

Bill S09-34, amending ASUI Rules and Regulations section 5000, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

Bill S09-35, updating ASUI executive job descriptions, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

Bill S09-37, updating the ASUI Commons and Union Board bylaws, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

Bill S09-36, authorizing a pay increase for Senator Arama in accordance with ASUI rules, was immediately considered and passed.

Resolutions
Resolution S09-07, recognizing ASUI administrative assistant Dena Van Hofwegen, was passed.

Vetoed Bills
Veto on the bill S09-30, a bill updating the Rules and Regulations to add an ASUI Radio Coordinator as a position in the ASUI communication department, was overturned.

— Erin Harty

Local/BRIEFS

Residents walk for COMMUNITY

All Moscow residents are invited to the Moscow COMMUNITY walk noon Saturday at Friendship Square and East City Park.

The event is sponsored by many local businesses, and includes a free meal at the park and several speakers from the community.

At 12:30 p.m. the walk will begin, culminating with a community meal at 1:30 p.m. The main dish for the meal is provided, but guests are welcome to bring side dishes or desserts to East City Park.

A shuttle will be available to transport people between East City Park and Friendship Square.

Club sponsors concert, auction

The University of Idaho Environmental Club is sponsoring an Earth Week concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the 1912 Center.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Stataline Wetland.

The concert will feature both student and faculty musicians, including Dr. Stephen Mulkey and Forgotten Freight.

Admission to the concert will be a donation between \$2 and \$5. The concert will also include a silent auction, raffle and environmental confessions and pledges. Smoothies will also be available.

Awards given at convention

Two UI graduate students, Edward J. William II and Rachel M. Bonas received recognition at the 35th Annual National Society of Black Engineers Convention in Las Vegas.

William won the 2009 Mike Shinn Distinguished Member of the Year and received \$7,500. He will also get to fly with the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels. He was also elected to a national advisory board position as academic excellence chairperson.

Bonas received a \$3,000 Board of Corporate Affiliates Scholarship.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

Open house for admitted law students
8:30 a.m.
College of Law

Chip Corsi lecture
1:30 p.m.
College of Natural Resources room 10

Vandal Closet Sale
2 p.m.
Kibbie Dome Vehicle Court

National Resource Jeopardy
3 p.m.
TLC 223

Silver and Gold Football Scrimmage
5:30 p.m.
SprinTurf Field

Renewable energy debate
6:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons, Aurora Room

Guitar ensemble
7:30 p.m.
Lionel Hampton School of Music

"Die Fledermaus"
7:30 p.m.
Hartung Theatre

Saturday

Robb Akey golf tournament
8 a.m.
UI Golf Course

Vandal volleyball tournament
8 a.m.
Memorial Gym

VIEW business competition
9:30 a.m.
Albertson Building

Japanese movie showing
2 p.m.
JEB 104

The Unfortunate Case of Lucretia
4 p.m.
Commons, Whitewater Room

Vandal auction and dinner
5:30 p.m.
University Inn-Best Western

"Die Fledermaus"
7:30 p.m.
Hartung Theatre

Earth Week concert
7:30 p.m.
1912 Center

Sunday

"Die Fledermaus"
2 p.m.
Hartung Theatre

Monday

Jennifer Jensen geodatabase presentation
11:30 a.m.
Library Conference Room

Introduction to ArcGIS Server Image Extension
12:15 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Staff awards reception
2 p.m.
Student Union Building Ballroom

Study Abroad Advising
2:30 p.m.
Commons, Panorama Room

Charges weighed in death

Ed White
Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. — A prosecutor said Thursday that investigators would be "working all night" to develop a criminal case in the death of a 9-year-old quadriplegic girl whose body was found in a storage unit after her adoptive mother repeatedly insisted she was out of state.

Charges could range from felony murder to lesser charges such as misdemeanor moving a corpse. The woman was arrested Wednesday after police found Shylea Myza Thomas' body in a black trash bag, stuffed into a plastic bin with mothballs and locked in a storage unit near Flint.

Shylea had been taken out of school in January, and relatives told state officials they had not seen her in six weeks. At least one neighbor said she hadn't even been aware the little girl lived there.

"This is a very sad and tragic case that hurts all of us involved in the ongoing investigation," Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said in a statement. "It appears that Shylea had a rough go in life."

A court document filed in the family division of the Genesee County Circuit Court to seize custody of seven other children who were living in the home identified the woman as 39-year-old Lorrie Thomas of Flint. Leyton said he did not

know whether Thomas had a lawyer.

Officials said the woman was a blood relative of Shylea's who adopted her through the state. Authorities were reviewing evidence and results from an autopsy before deciding on charges, Leyton said at a late-afternoon news conference.

"I've asked the investigators to do more witness interviews. ... We're going to draft a couple more search warrants. The police are going to be working all night," he said.

"Before I charge somebody with a crime of this magnitude, I want to be sure. There's more information I would like to have to help me make a decision," by Friday, the prosecutor said.

The case unfolded this week when other relatives of the girl told the state Department of Human Services about possible neglect and said they hadn't seen the child in six weeks.

A case worker, Aaron Clum, visited the home Monday and was unable to confirm Shylea's whereabouts. Clum said in the court document that Thomas told him the family was moving to Virginia and the girl was on her way with a friend.

On Tuesday, the department asked Flint police to investigate. Thomas again insisted Shylea was bound for Virginia, Clum wrote, but that could not be confirmed.

Shylea's body was found early Wednesday morning hid-

den in a unit at Stor & Lock in Vienna Township, about 65 miles northwest of Detroit. The seven other children, ranging in age from 3 months to 15 years, are now in foster care.

Shylea had been paralyzed since nearly suffocating in her crib when she was 3 months old, Leyton said. She lived with several relatives in a Flint home that the prosecutor described as "absolutely filthy."

Shylea's home sits on a tough street with a number of abandoned and boarded-up houses. On Thursday, two children's bicycles sat on the front porch of the two-story home, where no one answered the door.

"For her to have to live like that, and then to die and be stuffed into a bag and plastic bin in a storage facility just breaks my heart," Leyton said.

The girl's family moved into the house around Thanksgiving, said Sabrina Williams, who lives across the street.

She had seen children playing outside, but not Shylea. She said she had seen deliveries of what she believed were medical supplies but added, "I thought she was taking care of an older person."

Judge rules fraud in Dole lawsuits

Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A California judge on Thursday dismissed two lawsuits by purported Nicaraguan banana plantation workers against U.S. food giant Dole and other companies on grounds of fraud and attempted extortion.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Victoria Chaney ruled after hearing three days of testimony that detailed a scheme to recruit men who would claim they were rendered sterile by exposure to a pesticide in the 1970s.

Witnesses and investigators told of being in fear for their lives for exposing the fraud.

The judge denounced the lawyers who hatched the scheme and said there was a group of corrupt Nicaraguan judges "devouring bribes" to make judgments and aid the scheme.

The lawsuits ended up in the California court seeking enforcement of extravagant damages determined by Nicaraguan judges.

"What has occurred here is not just a fraud on the court, it is blatant extortion on the defendant," she said. "... The record is so outrageous and profound."

Dole attorney Scott Edelman said he was pleased with the outcome but sad to see "blatant fraud."

"This is what you expect to read in a novel, not something you expect to see in court," he said.

Chaney said that as a result of the scheme no one will ever know whether workers were actually injured by pesticides in Nicaragua.

"This fraud was so pervasive it has undermined our ability to know the truth," she said.

She noted she had heard evidence of attorneys suborning perjury, doctoring medical reports and training recruits plucked from an impoverished

nation to make false claims in hope of reaping billions of dollars.

All of it, she said, was facilitated by a government which passed a special law to penalize foreign companies.

"There is a lack of respect for law down there," she said.

She noted that among those who testified were men who denied their own children.

"Plaintiffs have disavowed their own children. How sick."

An attorney who represented a Los Angeles lawyer alleged to have been one of the moving forces in the fraud conspiracy made no final argument at the hearing and later said he had no comment.

The judge said she accepted as credible the testimony of those who outlined the scheme and rejected all documentation presented by the plaintiffs before the hearing began.

"This court questions the authenticity and reliability of any documents that come from Nicaragua," she said. "I can't believe in lab reports, work certificates, medical reports — what is there for me to believe? Nothing."

In 2007, Dole lost a Nicaraguan banana workers suit with the same claim in a trial before Chaney. There was an initial multimillion-dollar jury verdict that was later reduced to \$1.58 million and is now on appeal.

In her ruling, the judge apologized to the jury in that case and said she thought there was "something wrong with the witnesses" but was unable to pinpoint it because claims of fraud had not yet been raised when that case was tried.

"What a tragedy," she said. "Sixteen jurors sat through 4½ months of trial. Millions of dollars were expended in that case, a case that was built in somebody's imagination."

She said she did not know what could be done about that outcome.

"This is something you expect to read in a novel, not something you expect to see in court."

Scott EDELMAN
Dole attorney



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Frank Warren, the founder of PostSecret, holds up a box containing his own secret during a presentation Tuesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Warren collects people's anonymous secrets sent to him on post cards and posts them on his web site at www.postsecret.blogspot.com.

House sends more money to roads, after economy grows

Associated Press

BOISE — House Republican leaders who have rejected six proposals to boost Idaho's gas tax floated a plan Thursday to add money for road maintenance from Idaho's general fund, but only after economic growth resumes.

The idea found little immediate favor in the Senate, and Democrats panned it outright, saying it's just an anti-government ploy to starve suffering general fund agencies once the current recession abates.

Still, House Majority Caucus Leader Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, said the proposal envisions using resurgent state revenue for highways "instead of taking that revenue growth and putting it into re-growing state government."

Idaho now uses federal and dedicated state gas tax money and fees for its roads.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, the assistant House majority leader, noted

that other states give general fund money to transportation projects. For instance, Oregon gave \$4.5 million from the 2007-2009 period from its general fund to rail programs, according to that state's budget; Utah in 2008 passed a 0.05 percent increase in its sales tax and dedicated proceeds to transportation.

"Other states are very successful in their approaches of having a blend," Bedke said. "If all the economy benefits from roads, then all the economy ought to participate."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has vetoed 35 bills already this session because the House has repeatedly rejected his biggest proposal of the 2009 Legislature: Raising more money to help fill what he calls a projected \$240 million annual road maintenance and repair backlog.

His aides declined to characterize Otter's stance on the new proposal.

Earlier in the day, however, Otter

gave no sign he's giving up his quest for as much as \$80 million in additional revenue by 2011, including through a gas tax hike.

Asked how to handle a House that says "No" again and again, Otter responded, "You keep trying."

The latest House proposal would use money from the general fund for roads only after covering Idaho's other statutory requirements, including fulfilling a pledge to begin cutting business equipment taxes once the state's tax revenue grows 5 percent from 2008 levels. The idea emerged as the House began considering three separate bills aimed at raising some \$30 million in new roads money.

They include abolishing a roughly \$18 million tax exemption on ethanol, charging \$13.1 million more in Idaho Transportation Department fees, including for driver's licenses; and revamping vehicle registrations to raise an extra \$3.1 million.

Idaho State University silences four languages

Associated press

POCATELLO — Students will not be able to take Chinese, Russian, Latin or Arabic courses at Idaho State University next year, the chairman of the language department says.

Four of the nine languages offered at the state university in eastern Idaho are being cut in the fall because of faculty cuts and low student enrollment, said department Chairman Jim Fogelquist.

"With some of the languages that are difficult, the demand tends to be low," Fogelquist told the Idaho State Journal. "Languages like Chinese and Arabic are more easily sustained in larger urban areas."

The department will lay off the professor who taught Chinese this year. Professors who taught Russian and Latin are retiring at the end of the school year and their positions will be left empty.

The Arabic instructor will go back to teaching just chemistry on the Pocatello campus.

The university will still offer majors and minors in French, German and Spanish, along with a minor in Japanese. The Shoshoni language courses are offered in conjunction with the anthropology department, Fogelquist said.

At least two of the languages being eliminated — Chinese and Arabic — were targeted for cancellation largely because of low enrollment, said university Provost Gary Olson.

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replacing the sound and lighting system in the Kibbie Dome. He also oversaw five scoreboard upgrades.

"There's hardly a square foot in the dome I haven't set foot in," Evans said.

Evans is a UI graduate who raised a family in Moscow. He also met his wife here and doesn't want to leave Moscow unless he has to, he said.

"I'm polishing my resume and hoping something as interesting and fun and diverse will unveil itself," Evans said.

Locke is the tech coordinator and said he is the first contact most people have with the university when they call to set up an event.

"I talk with the client and take their reservation," Locke said, "and I get it assigned with the right person in the department to take care of it."

Locke is also a UI graduate who had placed an offer on a house, which had been accepted shortly before he was notified of the layoff.

"I'm going to miss the students and our clients

the most," Evans said. His work brought him close to the Lionel Hampton School of Music, ASUI and the various department heads.

A Facebook group supporting both Evans and Locke now has 137 members and can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?sid=fa17b89997b3baf31603fc314b6fee60&gid=699>

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Evans and Locke said many of the departments around campus have extended their support.

"We're looking forward to taking commencement out with a bang," Evans said. "We're going to have to work through the construction, but it will still be great."

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of Idaho Student Media Advisory Board, said the increase in ridership is due to many things.

"There are a couple of reasons," La Pointe said. "A year ago, it was because the price of gasoline and fuels in general went up.

My guessimate is that more people started riding because they tried the system, and the buses weren't too bad. They were clean and on time. Now I think more people ride because we are all suffering as the country goes through an economic crunch. We're all trying to save money, and a free ride through the Moscow campus or the community is good. It doesn't hurt to save a few pennies or nickels, and it's good for the environment."

La Pointe said he thinks people should take advantage of Valley Transit's services because not only is it free, but it's good for the environment as well.

"I want to encourage people to get out of their cars, walk a short distance and use the bus," La Pointe said. "Most, if not all, of the buses have bike racks, which help extend the bus routes. We have one Mother Earth and there are scarce parking spaces, and by riding the bus we can all pull together and help the environment."

From the wheel

Phil Schultz has worked as a driver for Moscow Valley Transit since 2003. He said the thing he enjoys most about his job is the interaction with the people who ride the bus.

"I get to meet people from different cultures and help people

and talk with them," Schultz said. "There's always someone new. It's a good way to meet people."

Schultz said there's a pretty steady crowd of passengers who use the bus consistently and the busiest travel times are early in the morning during the first three runs when people are going to work and classes.

Schultz said that the number of people riding the bus at any time depends a lot on the weather as well.

"On a nice day when people are able to walk there won't be as many passengers, but if it's raining it'll fill up," he said.

Schultz said a good run is when 10 or more people fill the bus' 22 seats.

Schultz said he typically sees more students than other Moscow residents on the bus, and there's always room for more. Around 3 p.m. he said the bus fills up with students from Moscow High School and Moscow Junior High School.

"There will be a lot of them sitting on each other and standing, but they are good kids," Schultz said. "Everyone is pretty good."

A pedestrian point of view

Haley Tate, an undeclared freshman, rides the Moscow Valley Transit to school and back every day. Tate said she enjoys taking the bus because it's free, and she doesn't have to pay for a parking permit to have transportation to and from school.

"They're really great about stopping for you," she said. "A driver will see you running after the bus trying to flag them down, and they'll always wait for you."

Tate said while she enjoys the convenience, sometimes the

"A driver will see you running after the bus trying to flag them down, and they'll always wait for you."

Haley TATE
UI freshman



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Students and community members ride the Moscow Valley Transit bus traveling the West route Thursday.

experience can have it's annoyances, namely from people talking on their cell phones in such a small space.

"It's really weird when you get to hear someone's entire conversation about what they're going to make for dinner that night," she said.

David Calderon, a secondary education major, said he's been using Moscow Valley Transit this year multiple times a week. He said he enjoys the free transportation because it's conveniently located with stops near his residence.

"They come right by my apartment," he said, "and I don't have to go very far."

Diana Steel, a freshman studying English literature and philosophy, also uses the Moscow Valley Transit to commute from her off-campus residence to class.

"It's so easy," Steel said. "It gets me where I need to go, and it doesn't cost me anything."

Steel said the busiest time to ride the bus comes in the morning when the first runs begin at 7:10 a.m. and 7:40 a.m.

"All the seats will be filled," she said, "and people will be standing in the aisle."

Steel said luckily her stop is early on the route, so she manages to catch a seat before the rest of the bus fills with people.

Tushar Jain, a graduate student working toward his doctorate in biological and agricultural engineering, said he rides the Moscow Valley Transit many times during his day. Jain said he typically rides the bus to class and back home, as well as to the Student Recreation Center. He said he also uses the bus for trips to the grocery store. While Jain lives in an area of town that is accessible from the East bus route, he can access the West bus route when the two buses meet at the SUB/St. Augustine's Catholic church twice every hour.

"The bus drivers are all very friendly," he said. "I have a good relationship with all of them."

Jain said he has met a variety of people during his travels on the Moscow Valley Transit and has also made some friends. He said while you get to see a lot of

the same faces, different people get on at different times, so it isn't always the same people riding all the time.

Jain said he also appreciates the reliability of Moscow Valley Transit and knowing he'll get to his different places on schedule.

"The drivers are always on time," he said. "If they say they'll be there at 10:25 they'll be there at 10:25."

Moscow Valley Transit's West route runs through campus and near the Palouse Mall, while the East route runs through the more residential areas of town and by the Eastside Marketplace. Buses arrive at each location twice every hour, with the exception of an hour and a half during midday for lunch, offering convenience and reliability for commuters, as well as a free trip through the sights and sounds of Moscow.

Moscow Valley Transit will continue its operations throughout the summer months on a different schedule, which is available now on their Web site at <http://users.lewiston.com/valleytransit/> and on the buses.

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budget for this year, state allocations make up about 85 percent of the research and extension program's \$33 million in resources, 57 percent of which was allocated for research. The rest was allocated for public service.

In addition to the 12 off-campus research stations spread across the state, UI staffs faculty in county extension offices in 42 of 44 counties in Idaho. The county stations are joint-funded by UI and the state, federal and county governments. They provide education to Idaho citizens about agriculture, health and natural resources, as well as family and environmental issues.

Paul McCawley, associate director of UI extension, said if the program undergoes personnel cuts, some of these offices may close without faculty to staff them.

"We're having very little flexibility to reduce operating costs," he said. "We've already sacrificed vacant positions."

Without UI faculty in these offices, they will likely be shut down by the counties that operate them, which could result in job-loss for support staff, such as secretaries and assistants, McCawley said.

Shuffling faculty from larger offices was possible, but it is difficult to find individuals that "fit" the needs of a given county, McCawley said.

"Fit is huge," he said.

The county offices also serve as a student recruiting tool for UI by supporting youth programs such as 4-H, he said. County offices also provide a non-formal education to rural citizens and the smallest offices faced the most risk McCawley said.

"You think of these people in these rural counties, that they would be the most vulnerable," he said.

McCawley said he hopes the economy improves, but the program has endured cuts before.

UI lost 17 county positions in 2002, most of which were eventually re-filled, he said.

"To take another hit, knowing they won't come back, is very hard," he said.

The college will be notified about the fate of the cuts this summer. In the meantime, different strategies are being considered, Eberlein said.

"We're still in a holding pattern, waiting," she said.

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SBOE that needs to be the master of the university."

All gifts and donations to the university pass through the UI Foundation, which distributes the money in accordance to what it feels are the needs of the university. The foundation gives the money to the university, and UI is responsible for final distribution. Although Gilbert said the foundation is not directly writing the check for the next president, the organization has agreed to support a contract of \$37,000 for three years. Gilbert said the SBOE approached the foundation about providing additional funding.

"I understand the concern people have, but donors will not be giving money directly to the president," Gilbert said.

When someone makes a donation to the university they can specify where they would like it to go, which would qualify as restricted funds, or they can give a general donation, which goes into unrestricted funds. Only unrestricted funds will be used to pay Nellis.

"His bosses have not changed," Gilbert said. "Also, this isn't limited to him. The same applies to all Idaho institutions, they can use similar support and compensation systems."

The board voted to waive two different policies in order to clear the way for Nellis' appointment. The policies stipulate institution presidents are ineligible for academic tenure or to receive supplemental compensation from institutional foundations. The board determined to waive those policies in connection with the appointment of Nellis, and asked its staff to prepare a revision to those policies for proposed future consideration by the board.

"(The SBOE) feels very comfortable with the system of checks and balances in place," Gilbert said.

An audit committee made up of three SBOE members and three independent members was created to ensure the foundation money is used properly. The committee could be a protective measure to allow the SBOE to strengthen its controls after the University Place incident, in which a UI satellite campus imploded as a result of financial questions.

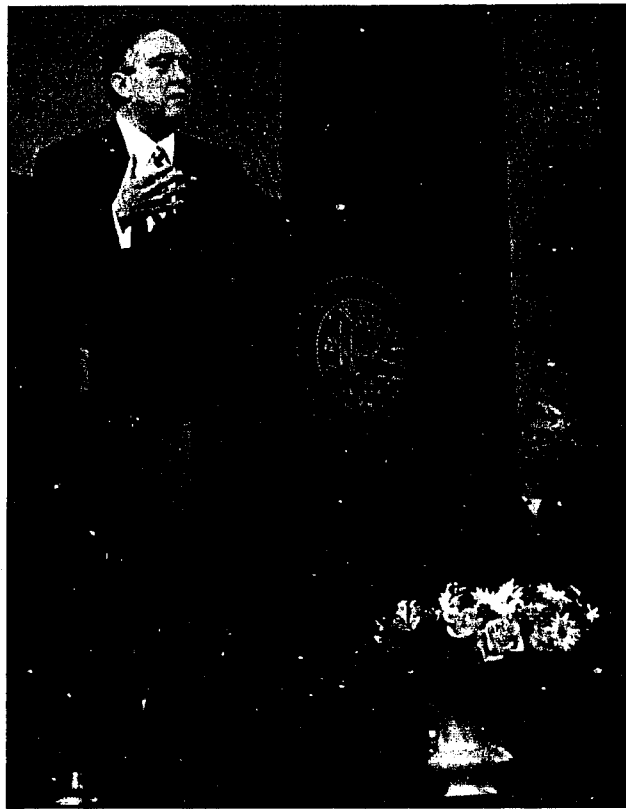
"We also now have agreements with all the foundations, so the concerns we had before have been addressed," Gilbert said.

If the Vandal Boosters serve as an indicator for how UI donors will feel about the new use of donations, university benefactors may not mind how their contributions are used. The boosters were avid supporters of Nellis and explored raising private funds to supplement presidential pay.

"I've been amazed at the level of support I've received from the alumni," Nellis said. "It's been very humbling, and I think it's a sign that we're starting off on the right foot. We're ready to start working together ... that level of support does a lot."

Nellis said he's "extremely sensitive" to why his pay is such a sensitive issue considering the UI budget. However, he cited his compensation is well below the national average and the university is catching up. Across the border, Washington State University President Mark A. Emmert makes \$623,000 a year.

"(Nellis' pay) is a statement about the importance of the



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The newly announced president of the University of Idaho, Duane Nellis, answers questions in the Administration Building Auditorium Wednesday morning as his wife, Ruthie Nellis, sits behind him. Nellis previously worked as a provost for Kansas State University in Manhattan.

university to this state," Nellis said.

Looking for stability

Nellis said having a stable president in office could alleviate some of the fears that have grown in the university over the last year.

"There has been a lot of uncertainty and I hope that having a president that people know will stick around will instill more confidence in the leadership," Nellis said.

Nellis takes over for Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen July 1. Daley-Laursen has been in place since June 2008. Daley-Laursen guided UI after Tim White left for the University of California-Riverside. UI has gone through five presidents during the past six years, both interim and permanent.

"The turn-over of leadership has been a problem among faculty, and I think it's encouraging to know he has tenure," said Dan Noble, chair of the staff affairs committee. "There is a lot of uncertainty at the university about whose going to have jobs ... it's important to have a leader whose planning to stay in place for faculty confidence."

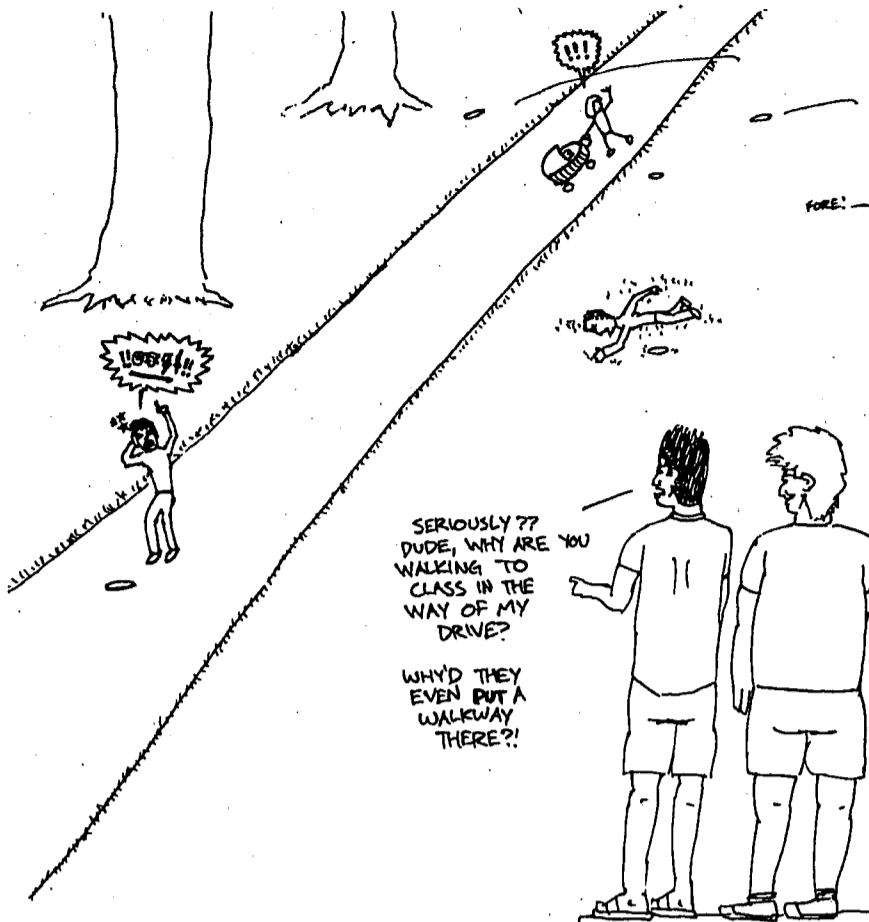
Nellis said he and his wife want to finish their careers at UI, and although he acknowledges the irregular nature of the process, which brought him to this point, he's glad to arrive.

"Getting adjusted will take some time, but I look forward to working with everyone here, to becoming part of this community," Nellis said.

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OurVIEW

6-cent ransom

House, governor at odds over gas tax

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is a man with a mission.

The state's highways are crumbling, and he has taken the Idaho Legislature hostage to save them.

Triggering what is now the second-longest session in the history of the state Legislature, Otter has vetoed dozens of bills sent to him by the Senate and House. He says he won't approve anything until the House passes a gas tax increase that would raise the price of fuel in Idaho by 6 cents over the course of 15 months. The tax, along with a series of Department of Motor Vehicle fee increases and an end to tax exemption for ethanol, would raise an estimated \$70 million a year for Idaho's transportation needs.

The Senate approved the bill, but House members insist they will not vote to raise taxes in a recession. So far, they have defeated the gas tax increase six times.

Among the vetoed bills were appropriations for the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho, the Idaho

State Police and — most important to the University of Idaho — the State Board of Education.

Without an approved fiscal year 2010 budget, the fates of at-risk educational programs remain in limbo.

For example, UI's agriculture research and extension program is bracing for possible cuts or closures of some of its research stations due to budget cuts. Major decisions can't be executed without a governor-approved budget.

Otter says he will consider the vetoed appropriations bills once the House approves his gas tax increase. But with summer quickly approaching, how long will the Legislature — and the patience of Idahoans — hold out before Otter calls it quits?

It's no secret Idaho's roads need improvement. But it's also obvious the House isn't backing down. Otter should be concerned with keeping the rest of the state on track, and vetoing legitimate appropriations bills is counterintuitive to the kind of progress he seeks.

— HB

Here's to Aaron Schock

I remember buying a T-shirt when I was in seventh grade that was poking fun at the Clinton tax policies. I had no idea what the Clinton tax policies were — I just thought it was a funny shirt. The year before, I supported Bob Dole for president, though I couldn't tell you why — I just remember I did. My first votes cast were in 2004 in Illinois. I was one of about 70 percent of state voters who chose Barack Obama for senator. I voted for John Kerry for president, a decision based almost entirely on watching the three debates with my roommate and realizing he was far more qualified than

the then-current president.

I also voted for a Republican for state representative, a 23-year old named Aaron Schock. In his case, though I disagreed with his general ideology, I had watched him work his ass off campaigning for the position and had learned a lot of awesome stuff about him. He had previously been a member of the school board after winning a write-in campaign, which I don't think anyone actually ever does. He later became president of said entity,

and he seemed like the best person for the job, ideology be damned.

Five years later, I stand

by all of those votes. Kerry, much like former Vice President Al Gore before him, was kneecapped by a lapdog media that failed to represent him honestly and instead spent their time spreading then-President George W. Bush's malicious character assaults. And obviously, I'm happy with my vote for Obama.

But I'm just as happy with my vote for Schock. In the following years as state representative, I don't think there was a city function I went to where he wasn't present. After seeing him at an Itoo Hall Lebanese dinner (a staple in Peoria, Ill.), I said hello, and thanks for coming, and he addressed me by name and asked about my family. I'd

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

New paint

Thanks, city of Moscow, for repainting lines on the streets. While the dotted lines separating lanes are cool, the crosswalks are what really spur my grateful attitude. Now, vehicles have even less of an excuse not to stop for me, the vulnerable pedestrian.

— Sydney

No need for a job

I thought it was interesting how future UI President Duane Nellis handled his questioning during his acceptance ceremony Wednesday. I especially enjoyed his answer to why he accepted the job even though the university offered no work for his wife. He responded with something about how she'll be too busy being his wife to care. Haha, oh, Duane, how 1900s of you.

— Alexiss

It's a bird, it's a plane

A Florida police station bought paragliding gear so the cops can soar over the rooftops of residential neighborhoods, thwarting burglars. I'm glad they don't have those in Moscow. Nobody wants to see a bunch of vulture-like cops circling the Kibbie Dome parking lot on game day, raining MIP citations on the crowd below like a license-revoking snowstorm.

— Kevin

Phishing

I read this week e-mail scammers only have to get one person in a million e-mails to click and fall for the scam. I find it ridiculous even one person fell for these scams. Face the facts, people; a prince will never e-mail you to get his massive fortune out of the country.

— Jens

Not gonna do it

I have come up with a list of things I will not fight. A) Grizzly bears — Because they will eat my face. B) Poison dart frogs — You think they look cool, until you punch it and then die.

C) People who speak in the fourth person — If you refer to yourself by your own name, who knows what crazy Jackie Chan shit you can do. D) Major League Baseball pitcher — Seriously, the guy can throw a fastball in the mid-90s? I'm not blocking that punch with my face.

— Levi

Celebrity meltdown

It's nice to get a reminder that America isn't the only country with celebrities who break down and ride the train to crazy town. A Japanese pop star known for being clean-cut was found drunk, naked and shrieking in a Tokyo park early Thursday morning. Of course, he wasn't a blonde ditz like the ones we have here, but it's still comforting.

— Holly

Aww, Schuck's

I don't pretend to know what is going on when it comes to fixing my car. I also don't appreciate it when I go to the car parts store, and the men working look at me like I should be born with this knowledge or pity me because I'm just another woman without a clue. That's why I want to thank the guys at Schuck's Auto Supply for helping me figure out — without judgment — which gas cap my car needed Tuesday morning. You guys rock.

— Christina

So many zombies

It seems like every class I have has at least six people who are completely tuned out from the world while the teacher's speaking. I can't blame them — even I'm not sure if I really care anymore. But I feel bad for the teachers. Maybe they should start bringing blow horns to class.

— Lianna

Got a map?

I went to do a photo assignment Thursday and went to the wrong building. I've been on this campus for three years now, but I still occasionally can't figure out where I am going. This doesn't bode well for someone who wants to trek across the third world for National Geographic someday.

— Jake

MailBOX

Permit costs are reasonable

This letter is in response to Garrett Holbrook's letter to the editor regarding Parking and Transportation Services and Carl Root.

Upon reading Mr. Holbrook's hostile letter, I feel a few things need to be said to the students at the University of Idaho. Too often, we hear only one side of the story, and it is the responsibility of students who have concerns about something on campus to educate themselves about it. Like Mr. Holbrook, I encourage all students to engage in dialogue with parking services regarding their concerns. However, taking the hostile tone Mr. Holbrook has taken will cause you nothing but grief.

We all know you catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Making personal attacks on people in the department is not only childish, but it is unprofessional and disrespectful. All employees of the university have nothing but the interests of the students in mind, and rate increases (be it tuition, parking or otherwise) serve a purpose. As adults, we cannot expect the cost of anything to always stay the same. I encourage all students to educate themselves about the cost of maintaining and improving a large parking system — I assure you, the cost is quite high. Safe parking on

campus is essential, but it does not come for free.

I would also like to mention the relatively low cost of attendance at UI. UI students should consider themselves lucky they are receiving such a quality education at a low cost. The cost of parking at UI is also low in comparison with other universities across the country. I will be attending University of Miami Law next year, and on top of my \$38,000 tuition and other fees, I will be paying \$444 for my parking permit — after some research, I find this higher number more representative of the cost of parking at many universities. If you visit the school's Web site, you will find students at Washington State University are paying far more for parking than UI students, and the two schools are only a few miles apart. I realize it is my choice to be attending such an expensive school and purchase a permit, but it is the price I have chosen to pay to better educate myself and be able to park on campus.

UI students, I encourage you to be grateful for what you have — a quality education at a low price along with reasonably priced parking. Always feel you can voice your concerns with departments on campus, but if you want to see results, do it in a professional, educated and respectable manner. Always go into battle prepared.

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Sincere apologies

I always wince when a Christian group uses the word "crusade" in its name. I'm more than annoyed — I'm ashamed. The time of the Crusades was one of the darkest periods in the history of the Christian church — a time when the church itself organized murderous warfare and did so in the name of Jesus. As Christians, we should be apologizing for the acts of the Crusaders, not using them as mascots.



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The Crusades are an obvious example of a time when the actions of Christians were an insult to the Gospel, but there are many others. European colonizers slaughtered people in the Americas in the name of spreading Christianity. Preachers tried to use the Bible to defend slavery. During the Holocaust, the church in Germany stepped back to let Hitler carry out his plans.

Though we rarely do it, Christians should be quick to admit the times we have misrepresented and distorted the message of Jesus. However, apologiz-

ing for the sins of others in history is the easy part, because it doesn't demand anything from us. Even if we apologize for it, we know in the back of our minds we aren't personally responsible for the Crusades. It is much more difficult and important to ask forgiveness for our own individual failings.

The truth is, Crusaders and slaveholders from hundreds of years ago are not the ones who give Christianity a bad name.

They may help a little, but the real culprits are all of us who call ourselves Christians and yet do not do what Jesus taught us.

Jesus told us to care for the sick and the poor. He told us to love our enemies and pray for those who hate us. He told us to serve others, putting their needs ahead of our own, and he told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. If we actually did these things, the rest of the world would have a very different image of Jesus, Crusades or not.

I am a Christian, but I serve my own needs more than anybody else's, I am full of pride and I don't love my neigh-

bors as myself — let alone my enemies. As long as that is the case in my own life, I can't pretend it is nasty people in history or televangelists on TV who turn people away from Christianity. If I'm honest, I know it's me and my own hypocritical life.

Of course, our own sins and failings are the exact reason Christians need Christ.

Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Yet no matter what the real message is, as long as the world sees only hypocrisy and self-righteous judgment coming from Christians, it won't have any reason to listen to what we say. If we want people to see the power we know is in the Gospel, we'll have to start living like we believe what Jesus said and freely admitting when we fail.

I'll start: on behalf of Christians everywhere, I'm sorry for all the terrible things we've done, and more than that, I'm sorry for the way I've lived my own life. Please don't judge Christ based on my weak efforts. After all, it's the sick who need a doctor.

South beats the North

Bryce Taylor
Yale Daily News

When I asked my 14-year-old brother what I should write this column about, he told me to "write about how much better the South is than the North." I replied that I could not write in such rigid terms, that I would have to present a balanced and fair-minded assessment of the different strengths and weaknesses of the two regions.

Then I realized that my predilection for disinterest was only the knee-jerk reaction of a soul too long saturated in the effeminizing, diplomacy-obsessed mores of Yankee-land.

I'm half-kidding. Nevertheless, in honor of Colonel Sanders, Davy Crockett and my brother, I will be forthright: the South is categorically better than the North.

The first reason is obvious. Southern English actually has a pronoun for the second person plural. Y'all probably use it from time to time, having grown tired of your vexing "yous" or your disyllabic "you guys" or (God save us) your vexing and disyllabic "yous guys." A high school friend of mine, who wasn't a native Southerner, used to say "y'all guys," which was partly endearing and partly disgusting, but plain old "y'all" is about as good as it gets, dictionally speaking.

Southern weather is astonishingly superior to its boreal Northern counterpart. As I write, it is 44 degrees here in New Haven, Conn. On nights like these, one can understand why Eliot called April the cruelest month. After six full months of temperatures in the 50s, 40s, 30s and colder, one would hope to be able to walk to class without a jacket. After more than a month of "spring," one would expect to be able to walk to Gourmet Heaven for a late-night snack wearing shorts and a T-shirt. Two nights ago, as it happens, I made the walk in shorts and a T-shirt, but I did so shivering and cursing the frigid North.

In the culinary arts, we find another point for Dixie. The best meal Yale serves is its Southern fried chicken and mashed potatoes, and even this — as any Southerner will tell you — amounts to little more than a feeble imitation of the real McCoy: Momma's cooking. Add to this the fact many Northerners have never heard of Blue Bell ice cream, and you begin to see why the people here are less — how do I put this diplomatically? — renowned for their friendliness.

I suppose I should pause to qualify these judgments with a kind of disclaimer. I barely pass for a Southerner myself, having grown up in Orlando and spent my teenage years in a suburb of Dallas. I do not like country music, do not own cowboy boots and do not "reckon." In high school, I would not have labeled myself a Southerner. Things change.

It took an urban, Northeastern, cosmopolitan school like Yale to awaken my inner Southerner. It happened naturally enough. I simply looked around and thought about the things I missed. Southern food, warm weather, decent pronouns, yes — but what struck me most of all was something more difficult to describe. Something to do with the South's aliveness, as it were — its passion. Its pulse.

Let us not confuse pulse with hurriedness. Southerners are notorious, of course, for their dilatory pace, their slow speech. What I'm getting at, rather, has something to do — at least, I imagine it does — with what is also one of the downsides of the South — namely, its higher rates of violence.

As detestable as violence may be, it is nonetheless a sign, a symptom, of the stirrings of passion within the human spirit, of a still unvanquished sense of pride or honor, of what William Faulkner called "the old verities and truths of the heart." There is a vehement Southern spirit that finds off any tendency toward the soulless state of Nietzsche's blinking Last Men.

Southerners do not necessarily have more energy. But their energy is in touch with something deeper than the concerns of everyday life, deeper than the discoveries of science, deeper even than the ideas of great literature and great art.

Flannery O'Connor, a Southern writer who was also a fierce critic of the South, described the region as "Christ-haunted." She recognized that for all their faults, for all their past sins and current vices, Southerners continue to be pestered by a persistent sense of the holy — the sacred — and it is this that gives them an aliveness that is lacking in almost every other part of the Western world.

I do not presume to submit this as some sort of definitive apologia on behalf of the South. A truer Southerner than I should tackle such a task. Much less do I intend any offense to my Northern friends. My hope is simply that as the world grows more homogenized, as Yale grows more cosmopolitan and regional distinctions melt slowly away, we Southerners will remember where we come from.

FEMINIST FRIDAY

Bringing superficiality to shame

By now, more than 40 million people have watched the video of Susan Boyle's surprising performance on "Britain's Got Talent," and I'm sure you have, too.

Middle-aged, overweight and "au naturale," the 47-year-old woman defies all beauty standards of the recording industry. The media love her and made her into a worldwide sensation.

As with so many of the talent shows, contestants are pre-screened, and the middle of the pack is weeded out — bringing on only the best and worst to the judges.

So, when Boyle bravely stepped in the spotlight, people sniggered. The facial expressions of the audience showed they were expecting just another comedic disaster, one to be fed to the lions and humiliated for comedy.

Professing her dream of becoming a professional singer could have been the punch line of a comedic act.

"I've never been given the chance before, but here's hoping it will change," Boyle said confidentially as the judges and audience looked at her skeptically.

But within the first minute of her performance, people were standing, jaws dropped, widely applauding her sheer vocal talent.

The lady can sing. "We were all being very cynical, and that's the biggest wakeup call ever," said one of the judges after the

performance and with it acknowledging the preconceived notions held by herself and others watching.



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The Susan Boyle sensation is exactly that — a wakeup call. Instead of being humiliated, she humiliated us all and our superficial natures that were expecting her to fail based purely on the preconceived notions prompted by her appearance.

Boyle shares the spotlight with the realization of how ridiculously superficial we are as a society.

What made her a sensation is not that people were blown away by her exceptional talent but rather that the talent comes from some average, middle-aged Scottish woman — as though average people can't be talented.

Since her performance, the media have turned her into a worldwide sensation and shared some of Boyle's background, particularly that she's never been kissed.

Still, the media are doing exactly what Boyle just exposed — being superficial. The attention has been largely focused not on her talent, but on her looks and her virginity. Bloggers, news outlets and TV shows are all talking about a potential makeover or finding her a guy.

Even the porn industry jumped on Boyle, seeking to exploit her fame by offering her \$1 million to lose her virginity on camera for a porn flick. "We want to get this movie shot

and out while Susan has the world's attention," said Mark Kulkis from Kick Ass Films, who made the offer.

Meanwhile, images of Boyle after a virtual makeover have popped up on the Web.

Why can't we take her for what she is — a talented, middle-aged woman who never had the chance to share her exceptional voice?

The media are calling her "plain Jane," "average" and "the 47-year-old virgin," pointing out that she's jobless, alone and poor — and gifted with a surprisingly good voice.

One glance at her life, however, shows she's everything but average. She may never have been kissed or bedded, but she raised her eight brothers and sisters, cared for their parents until their deaths and volunteered at her Catholic parish.

Giving up your own dreams to take care of others is no easy feat. Yet we don't see that. The moment Boyle stepped on stage, people saw an overweight woman not up to par with the recording industry's beauty ideal, and she was not taken seriously. Certainly, people assumed all sorts of unrelated things about her — she must be untalented, lazy, unloved, etc.

Boyle's performance brings all those ugly thoughts to the surface, and as the video is making its way around the world like none other, I really hope we take a moment and acknowledge the absurd beauty discrimination, bad assumptions and self-hatred that made us assume she would fail.

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met him once or twice in my life, so, I don't know how he did it. Months later, I sang the national anthem at a rededication ceremony for my high school's practice football field, and he came to that. I told him how nice it was to see him out so often, and he replied, "My feeling is that complacency is for second-termers." I

haven't seen him since, but he never made it to a second term. Instead, he ran for the U.S. House and won. I was in Idaho by then, but I followed the election back home, and I still would have voted for him. He's a hard-working, dedicated person, and I have no doubt he'll represent his constituents well.

More so, at only 27, he's the youngest member of Congress, so, with incumbent re-election rates being what they are, he should be there for quite some time, assuming he doesn't

continue his meteoric rise in power and become president in eight years.

Today, our major political parties seem to exist for the sole reason of providing adversarial approaches to policy — and I mean adversarial. It's rare we get to experience our politicians as just people who want to work for us and make things better. I pray people like Rep. Schock will work to change the way things are done. I think he will. Regardless, how many people can say their congressman knows their name?

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Badfish Band is back

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

John's Alley Tavern will have the funk. And the reggae. And the rock. And whatever else will get dancers to their feet.

Returning for the first time since a performance in December, the Badfish Band will play at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at John's Alley. The show is for people 21 and older.

The Badfish Band, which specializes in reggae and funk music, is made up of six members who play everything from saxophone, keyboard, guitar, trumpet, bass, trombone and drums. The group formed in 2004.

"(The Badfish Band) was started by a bunch of people who knew each other from the music department at Oregon State University," said John Desmarteau, who sings and plays guitar. "We just kind of grooved from there."

Desmarteau, who also goes by Johnny D, said the group does from 40 to 50 shows a year. The group decided to visit Moscow again because they enjoyed the December performance so much.

"(We) loved the people that were there," Desmarteau said. "Loved all the people that came out and stayed to the very last song. They were just going crazy throughout the whole night. They really got us going."

And it doesn't hurt that Moscow reminds the group of their hometown of Corvallis, Ore.

"We like the area," said Curtis Monette, who also plays guitar and sings. "We kind of call it the Corvallis of Idaho. It's very similar to the Oregon State community out there."

Monette said the group plays about 60 percent original songs with the rest dedicated to what he called "tasteful covers." Those covers are also one of the reasons they said they liked the last show at John's Alley and were excited to come back.

"The songs that we cover, as we're playing them, (even with) the somewhat obscure songs that we cover, people in the crowd are singing them," Desmarteau said. "People in the."

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MUSINGS OF A CRAFT GEEK

Bring a little light into life



Meagan Robertson
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What you'll need:

A couple of empty egg cartons (not Styrofoam)
One strand of twinkle lights
Scissors
Paint
An X-acto knife or a box cutter
Glue

Step one:

Making flowers from egg cartons is a simple task. Start by cutting out all the individual cups in the egg carton. The more excess carton there is at the tops of the cups the longer the flower petals are, so don't go too crazy when cutting up the carton. Once all the cups are cut out, make four small v-shaped cuts, one on each side. You should now have what resembles a weird-looking four-petal flower. Trim up the ends of the petals to make them rounded and more flowery-looking.

Step two:

It's probably best to decorate the little flowers, because the natural bland color of the egg carton isn't very exciting. The egg cartons can be painted with acrylic paint, scribbled on with markers or dyed with food coloring (as long as they're given adequate time to dry and there isn't too much food coloring used). Spruce those suckers up, let everything dry and move on to step three.

Step three:

It takes two cups to make a completed flower. Stack one cup inside another so the petals are on opposite sides, making the flower look fuller and more like an actual flower. Glue the

I like to think twinkle lights have a life outside of being a Christmas decoration, especially since the lights' glow is so soft and inviting. Decorated twinkle lights are even better, but tend to be a bit more costly. Since it's Earth Week, why not do a little something to please the planet and your crafty side, as well as spruce up your living space? Save some empty egg cartons from the garbage and recycle them into some fancy flower-shaped light covers for your room.

two securely together, but leave a little uncovered spot in the middle inside the cup (it'll be easier to poke through the bottom of the cup if there isn't a lot of glue). Once the glue is dry and the two cups are secured together, gently bend the flower petals so they curve out.

Step four:

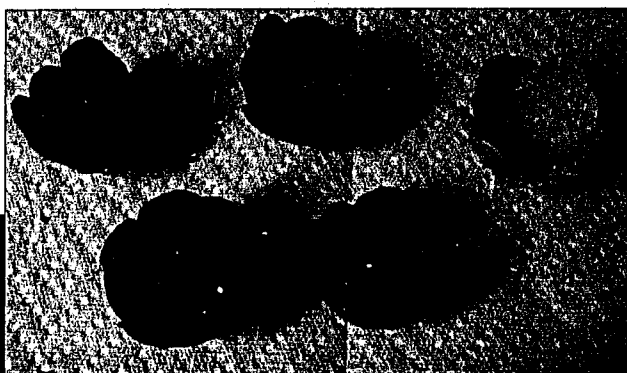
Using the X-acto knife, a box cutter or some other sharp tool, cut a small X in the bottom middle of the cups. Make sure the X is big enough the bulb on the strand of twinkle lights will fit through, but not so big the twinkle lights will be loose and the flower will fall off. If the hole is a little too big, the flower can always be

securely attached to the light with a little glue.

Step five:

Attach all the flowers to the twinkle lights by pushing the bulbs all the way through the little X's that were cut in step four. Make sure to push the bulb all the way through so the flower is above the actual bulb and placed over the top of the plastic light cover (see image).

All that's left to do is hang those pretty flowers up, whether it be in your bedroom or on a porch (although they probably wouldn't last long in the rain). Now you've got some sweet lights that would make anyone jealous, and you've saved an egg carton from rotting away in the trash.



Photos by Meagan Robertson/Argonaut

UI theater students to apprentice in Louisville

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

Two graduating University of Idaho theater students will travel 1,684 miles east and 2,113 feet lower in elevation to Kentucky for an apprenticeship with the Actor's Theatre of Louisville.

The students, Jessica Rice and Matthew Whitfield, will make the trip in August.

"It's designed to further educate you as an actor, set you up as an actor and bridge between the educational and professional world," Whitfield said.

Rice and Whitfield are among 22 actors selected out of about 2,000 who auditioned nationally.

"Ideally, being down there, I'd like to develop contacts and friendships to start my own theater company somewhere like Chi-

cago or New York," Whitfield said.

The program, now in its 37th year, lasts for a theater season of nine months, beginning in August and running through early May.

No tuition is charged the apprentices, who are offered a living stipend for their time in Louisville.

"It'll be a really good chance for me to see what the professional world is like," Rice said, "and whether that's something I'd like to pursue."

Whitfield, from Kellogg, did not start his academic career in the theater department.

"I started as general studies and flirted with veterinary studies and geology before settling on theater performance," he said.

Rice, from Hailey, said she has always been interested in theater, to the point of enrolling her sister and

her friends in small plays when she was a child.

"When I was younger and I went to the library, I'd always go to the section on theater," she said.

Between graduation and the apprenticeship's beginning, Rice said she is planning on spending time in Hailey to babysit and enjoy outdoor recreational activities.

Whitfield will be playing the role of Paris in William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," which the Idaho Repertory Theatre is producing this July and August at the Hartung Theatre.

During the season, the apprentices will focus on new works, including short solo pieces written by the performers.

They will also produce plays written by winners of a regional contest for middle school and high school



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Jessica Rice and Matthew Whitfield pose in the Hartung Theatre Thursday. The two graduating theater students are among 22 actors chosen to travel to Louisville, Ky. for an apprenticeship with the Actor's Theatre of Louisville.

students, and winners of the National 10 Minute Play Competition.

Rice and Whitfield have not seen much of the American South, but neither expressed much trepidation. "I'm excited about it," Rice said. "It doesn't scare me too bad, especially since Matt will be there."

"It'll be a really good chance for me to see what the professional world is like and whether that's something I'd like to pursue."

Jessica RICE
Theater student

REVIEWS

Rewinding time with '17 Again'

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

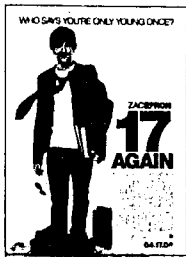
High school — the very words can strike fear in the heart of some and nostalgia in others. Either way, repeating it is not something many have in mind.

"17 Again," which is currently in theaters, tells of how Mike O'Donnell (Matthew Perry) lives with his nerdy best friend Ned Gold (Thomas Lennon) after his wife, Scarlet (Leslie Mann) kicks him out of the house. His wife hates him, his children don't like him and O'Donnell doesn't really care for what he's become.

When passed over for a promotion at his job — and subsequently fired — O'Donnell revisits his high school to revel in the memories of his glory days as the basketball star who had it all. Of course, he doesn't expect a meddling janitor to return him to his 17-year-old form.

Armed with his new youth, O'Donnell (Zac Efron) enrolls in his old high school with the help of Gold acting as his father and sets out to live the life he abandoned.

While the plot is very simple, it does have several endearing moments. Like when the young O'Donnell helps his wife plant and build her show backyard so that she can finally fulfill her dream of being a landscape designer. Or when he soundly trounces the school bully verbally, only to later be beaten up in a fistfight that quickly gains fame on YouTube.



"17 Again"
Matthew Perry, Zac Efron
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The film also has unintentionally creepy moments that earn the title of cringe-worthy. These mostly come from the age-gap or familial relationships, such as when Maggie O'Donnell (Michelle Trachtenberg) tries to make out with her father in his teenage form. Thankfully, no lip contact is made.

One of the most amusing side plots is when Gold tries to woo the principal of the school, Jane Masterson (Melora Hardin). He starts small (asking to smell her hair) and works his way up (giving her a school bus and other gifts.)

It's a fresh take on the high school story, and that's what gives "17 Again" part of its charm.

New toon on Fox proves promising

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

"Arrested Development" was the best show. Forget "The West Wing," with its deliberate pacing and behind-the-scenes political drama. Forget "Sopranos," with its gangsters-going-to-therapy. Forget "Small Wonder," with its robot daughter who gets into mischief. To me, "Arrested Development" trumps even "The Simpsons."

Consequently, it was with mixed emotion I started watching "Sit Down, Shut Up," "Arrested Development" creator Mitch Hurwitz's new animated project for Fox.

Hurwitz, who got his start as a producer on the excellent "Golden Girls," has brought Will Forte and Kristin Chenoweth to the project along with

"Arrested" alums Henry Winkler, Jason Bateman and Will Arnett. Kenan Thompson, Nick Kroll, Tom Kenny and Cheri Oteri round out the ensemble cast, all of whom are faculty and staff at Knob Haven High School.

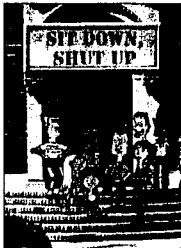
The pilot, which aired last Sunday, does an adequate job of introducing the characters, including Chenoweth — who starred in "Wicked" on Broadway — as Miracle Grohe, a homeopathic hippie of a science teacher, and Bateman's Larry Littlejunk, a gym teacher simultaneously in love with Grohe and disgusted by her ideology.

In the second episode, premiering Sunday after

"The Simpsons," this tension is the central conflict, as I suspect it will be for the season. Grohe accidentally distributes hemlock to the staff after finding beautiful flowers among peaceful and still wildlife. Only after mentioning this to Littlejunk comes the revelation.

Arnett, as a bodybuilding English teacher named Ennis Hoffard, casually asks whether hemlock ought to be smoked or whether it's "like

peyote, where you chew on it and try to f--- the desert." Notably absent from the show is much teaching. No



"Sit Down, Shut Up"

Created by Mitch Hurwitz
Sundays at 8:30
Fox

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crowd are knowing exactly what songs we're playing. That's really cool to us. We're able to connect to them."

The band said they always like the chance to perform.

"As a band, it's always cool to drive X amount of hours and then all the sudden, step on a stage and just have people rocking out," Desmarreau said.

"When you're out of your element ... and still you're able to get people moving and grooving with you, you're feeling the vibe."

The group said the music they play is high-energy party music to encourage people to get up and dance.

"Basically, anybody who's just looking for a good dancing time to something they might not have heard before, but are definitely going to enjoy, it's a good time to come out," Monette said.



Courtesy Photo
The Badfish Band is playing at 9:30 p.m. Saturday in John's Alley Tavern.

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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Today
Women's tennis — The Vandals will continue competing in the Western Athletic Conference Championships which started Wednesday in Honolulu.

Men's tennis — The team will continue competing in the WAC Championships which started Thursday in Honolulu.

Men's golf — The Vandals continue play at the Ping Cougar Classic which started Thursday in Provo, Utah.

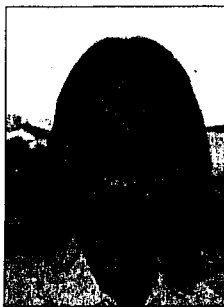
Football — The team will continue spring practice with the annual spring scrimmage. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. on the SprinTurf.

Track and field — The Vandals will compete in the Oregon Relays meet. Starting time is to be announced and the meet will take place in Eugene.

Saturday
Track and field — The team will compete in the Duane Hartman Invitational. Starting time is to be announced and the meet will take place in Spokane.

Vandals to watch

Kayla Mortellaro
 Women's golf



Mortellaro helped the Vandals take second in the Women's Golf Championship at Wolf Run Golf Course. Mortellaro finished the final day of the tournament in second place overall. Mortellaro's effort, combined with her year-long successes, earned her a place on the all-WAC first team and Freshman of the Year honors.

Paul Dittmer
 Track and field



Dittmer led the team with a season-opening 14.30 second effort in the men's 110-meter hurdles to become Idaho's first track athlete to punch a ticket to Eugene, Ore., for the NCAA West Regional, at the Mt. SAC Relay. He then shaved down Friday's 110-meter hurdles time to 14.13 to place sixth in the Olympic development section. His season-opening weekend in the event resulted in WAC-best effort and moves him to 31st in the NCAA.

Did you know ...

The Volleyball Spring Tournament begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym. The event is free to the public.

Vandals by the numbers

6 The Vandal men's tennis team has lost six WAC matches this season heading into the WAC Championships Tournament.

2 James Rogan has been awarded WAC Track and Field Athlete of the Week twice during the outdoor season.

20 The women's tennis team won 20 regular season games heading into the WAC Championships Tournament.



Jake Barber/Argonaut
 Matt Grogran pole vaults during practice Thursday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The University of Idaho track and field team will compete at the Oregon Relays in Eugene, Ore., this weekend as well as the Duane Hartman Invitational in Spokane Saturday.

UI goes to 'track town'

Kayla Desjarlais
 The Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team is on a mission to add to its growing list of NCAA Regional qualifiers. The team participates in its second national competition at the Oregon Relays in Eugene, Ore., today through Saturday, while some athletes attend the Duane Hartman Invitational at Spokane Saturday.

After a successful four-competition weekend, the team hopes to carry its momentum into this weekend's showdown and ultimately increase its eight regional qualifier total.

Also, for athletes keen to punch their tickets at the NCAA West Regional Track and Field Championships, the Oregon Relays will provide an opportunity to test the facility where the national student-athlete meet will be held.

An unbroken streak of strong, consistent performances solidifies the throwers' role as the track and field team backbone. Already, five throwers have achieved regional qualification this season and are led by junior James Rogan as he vies for his spot in the Idaho record books.

Rogan's personal-best 211-foot, 8-inch toss ranks as second all-time best at Idaho and 14th in the NCAA in his choice

event, the men's hammer throw. Representing the Western Athletic Conference as its Field Athlete of the Week, Rogan enters the competition as one of the top contenders in Saturday's men's hammer throw event.

"My goal for this meet would be to (make a personal-record) this weekend," Rogan said. "It would be kind of cool to make it in the top 10 in the nation, but it's kind of far away."

Rogan will have his chance as the current NCAA No. 10 spot-holder, University of Wyoming senior Jake Shanklin will be one of his competitors. Rogan must improve his mark by nearly four feet to best Shanklin.

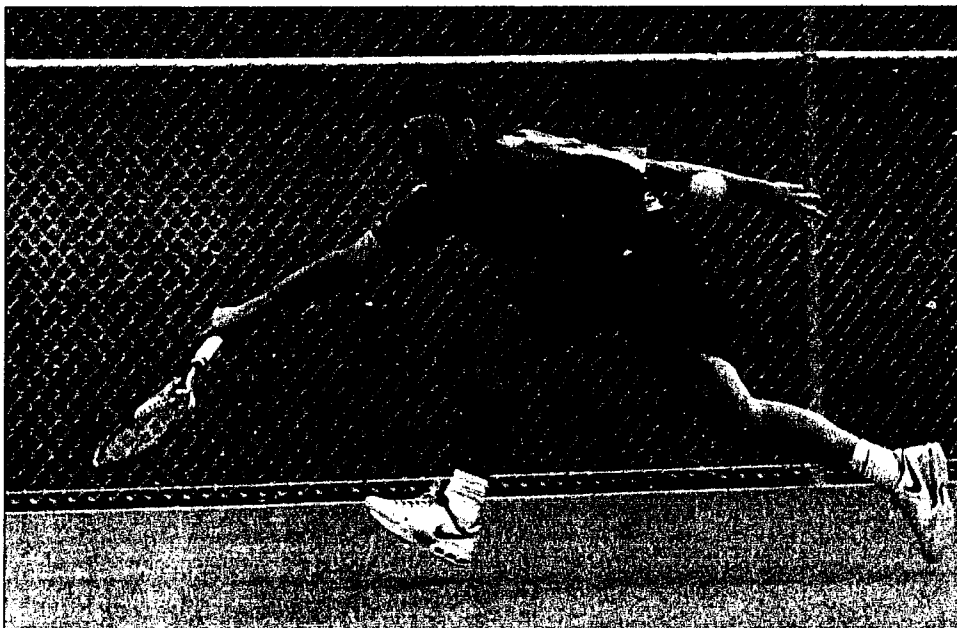
The track team is led by sophomore Paul Dittmer who opened his season last week to become the team's first track athlete to punch a ticket to the NCAA West Regional, running a WAC-leading 14.13 second, 110-meter hurdle race to place 31st in the NCAA.

Senior Elvie Williams aims to buckle down and come away with solid marks this weekend in his respective events.

"I think I'm going to qualify for regionals in the triple jump and be ranked top 10 in the nation in the long jump," Williams said. "That would be the

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STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal tennis player Stanislav Glukhov stretches to return a serve from an Eastern Washington University player Sunday afternoon on the tennis courts behind Memorial Gym. Glukhov lost his first set 6-7, battled back to win his second set 6-4, but fell short in the third set 4-6. The Vandals' match against EWU marked the end of a successful regular season with a winning, 16-10, match total. Glukhov and the Vandals will head to Hawaii for the Western Athletic Conference tournament this Wednesday.

Cyclists prepare for races on the Palouse

Cheyenne Hollis
 Argonaut

For the University of Idaho Cycling Club, size does not matter. The team, one of the smallest in the Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference, is gearing up for the NWCCC championships held in Moscow this weekend.

"It is difficult trying to compete with some of the larger teams in the region because they have more competitors and are able to participate in more events," Idaho Cycling Club President Katrina Finley said. "We have two women and 10 members overall, so for what we do have, we are

doing really well."

Idaho is currently first place in the Men's B category and third place in the Women's A category. The A category is for experienced riders, B for intermediate skill levels and C for competitors new to racing.

"Our guys are doing really well and have had an awesome season so far," Finley said. "We have five guys participating in men's B, and they have worked really hard this year to come together as a team."

Teamwork is one of the elements in cycling that is often overlooked, Finley said. "A lot of people who are new to the sport think racing is about trying to win as

an individual, but there is more to it than that," Finley said. "There is a lot of strategy involved, and it is important to work together to ensure we gain maximum points in the events."

The cycling team competes in road races, time trials and criteriums. A criterium is a shorter road race held over a predetermined amount of time.

"Even though are teams are doing well, we still do not have enough riders on the women's side to compete at nationals as a team," Finley said. "It's a bummer because we can compete in individual

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To practice or not to practice

Scott Stone
 Argonaut

Everyone has heard the saying "practice makes perfect," and until today, I truly believed it.

After playing golf nearly every day since I was 14 years old, I finally got burned out two years ago and decided it wasn't for me.

In the last two years, I played just 18 holes of golf and never once missed it. But this week, I finally picked up my clubs again for the first time

in 13 months and shot a legitimate one-over par. How could that be?

For about six years, I practiced every chance I got, played in as many tournaments as I could, and I even enrolled in the University of Idaho Professional Golf Management program to pursue a career as a golf pro. After all those years of experience, I would never complain about a one-over-par round. Of course this week, I expected to suffer the consequences of my absence, but it was as though I had never left the sport.

Tiger Woods and I have a lot in common. He took the entire season off last year with an injury and then came back and played better than he had before. Meanwhile, every other golfer in the world is practicing non-stop

just to compete. Therefore, I'm convinced that practice does not make perfect when it comes to golf.

Tiger may not agree with me. No one practices their profession more than him, but he might agree it doesn't hurt to take time off. It appears to have benefited him, and it certainly did me.

I'm not yet convinced I should be trying out for the PGA Tour yet, but golf is a lot more fun

when you're playing well, especially when you're not trying.

That's the reason I got out of the golf profession in the first place — golf became a job rather than recreation, and while my buddies were enjoying themselves, I was busy focusing on perfecting my swing.

This time I was the one playing for fun, and my buddy was the one trying to get better — and I beat him by five strokes.

Golf is a funny sport, and I don't ever want to be good enough again to have to worry about being good enough. There's a serious flaw in the logic of "practice makes perfect" when it comes to golf, because at some point, you end up over-practicing and trying too hard, and it only makes you worse

Of course, I wouldn't

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Kiper still talking at draft time

Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For a guy who makes a living critiquing others — created a cottage industry out of it, even — Mel Kiper Jr. sounds a little thin-skinned when it comes to how others perceived him way back when.

Back before he became a first-name-suffices celebrity. Before the NFL draft felt like a made-for-TV event.

"When I started," Kiper recalled, words tumbling forth as he rocked in his chair during an interview with The Associated Press. "I had everybody telling me, 'You're crazy. You're wasting your time. It will amount to nothing.' I was, like, the point man for the draft to get ripped — and about seven, eight years ago, I noticed that all those massive critics shut up."

This weekend marks the 25th anniversary of Kiper's 1984 debut on ESPN's NFL draft coverage, and while his no-time-to-breathe delivery, polarizing declarations, and puffy hair (his wife, Kim, cuts it) haven't changed all that much through the years, his relevance and popularity sure have.

The relevance and popularity of the draft itself have increased, too. The 1984 telecast drew a 0.6 rating ESPN has averaged better than a 4.0 rating for its past five day one draft shows. In 1984, there were 10 hours of live coverage; this weekend, there will be more than 16.

"It's unbelievable to even fathom that it's become this big. And Mel's the 'Founding Father' of it all," said Kiper's ESPN colleague and on-air foil, Todd McShay, one of the new breed of "draft gurus" who owe their jobs to the original. "If you're in the NFL in any way, shape or

form, you have to love what Mel has done in terms of publicity for the NFL draft. Almost single-handedly, he added two to three months to the attention the NFL gets."

Football fans certainly pay attention to Kiper. They probably couldn't avoid him if they wanted to on ESPN's various TV channels, ESPN Radio and ESPN.com.

"The draft is the second-biggest day — or two days — in the calendar year, next to the Super Bowl.

And Mel had something to do with that," said Ernie Accorsi, a former GM for three NFL teams, who is Kiper's mentor and friend. "He also was a beneficiary."

ESPN's knack for cross- and self-promotion never was more apparent than a little past noon on March 12, when the following scrolled across the bottom of the ESPNEWS screen, tucked in among other sentence-length

items of the "breaking" variety: "Mel Kiper Jr. picks Georgia QB Matthew Stafford as No. 1 pick in NFL mock draft."

How much do the people picking in the real draft take Kiper's kibitzing into account?

How about the players he's ranking? Or their parents? Or agents?

The quick answers to all of those questions: None, some, or a whole lot, depending on whom you ask.

"I always say to people, 'I'm not picking.' My opinions, to NFL teams, don't matter. Teams don't care what I say," said Kiper, who has three years left on his current ESPN deal. "If I were an owner, and I knew my team was worrying about what Mel Kiper said, I wouldn't be happy."

Still, front-office jobs often hinge on the draft, a pressure that leads to a desire to cover every angle. The last thing anyone wants is to be asked by the boss why so-and-so player from such-and-such small college never was mentioned in the

war room.

Which is why some of the thousands of draft preview books sold annually by Mel Kiper Enterprises, Inc. — literally a Mom-and-Pop operation, its only full-time employees are Mel and Kim Kiper — are bought by people who work for NFL teams.

"Nobody wants to miss anybody or anything," said Redskins executive vice president for football operations Vinny Cerrato.

When Cerrato worked for the San Francisco 49ers, he said, defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes "would always have Mel's book, every year. We'd be sitting in the draft meetings, and he'd always look up what Mel thought about the guy. We called Ray, 'Ray Kiper.'"

Others, such as retired Green Bay Packers GM Ron Wolf, downplayed Kiper's impact. He remembered taking a look at one of Kiper's publications decades ago, when Wolf worked for the Raiders, "just to see what it was."

"He just listed names. Anybody can list names," Wolf said.

The people whose immediate futures might be affected most by Kiper do want to know what he has to say: Those are the players he's ranking in order of expected NFL success on his "Big Board," and the ones he's trying to match with actual draft slots.

Agents say some players will lower their expectations based on what one particular 48-year-old from Baltimore thinks — and other players get angry if Kiper pegs them lower than they figured.

Whether or not NFL teams do, indeed, pay Kiper much heed, players clearly believe his opinions can sway draft decisions and, therefore, the way dollars are doled out. Consider: The first quarterback selected in the 2008 draft, Matt Ryan at No. 3 overall, received \$34.75 million in guaran-

teed money. The second QB, Joe Flacco, went 15 spots later and was guaranteed \$8.75 million. The third QB, Brian Brohm, lasted until late in the second round and was guaranteed closer to \$1.5 million.

Not too shabby for a kid straight out of college, but a significant difference nonetheless.

Which might explain why so many players' relatives take Kiper's analysis so seriously. He's heard complaints from parents and siblings, uncles and cousins.

"They call me up, give me a piece of their mind, and hang up," Kiper said.

Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis' father, Joe, hasn't contacted Kiper. But he thought about doing so after Kiper's rating dropped for James, a two-time AP All-American.

"One day, you're the next-best thing since skim milk. The next day, you're supposed to go low in the first round," Joe Laurinaitis said. "What did he do to fall off the grid?"

And then the elder Laurinaitis, voice rising, trotted out a criticism Kiper has heard often: "The question is: OK, where has he coached? Where has he coached? What makes him a so-called

'guru'?" That stance was most famously espoused on live television by Indianapolis Colts director of all football operations Bill Tobin during the 1994 draft.

Beforehand, Kiper insisted Indianapolis needed a quarterback. After the Colts took Marshall Faulk at No. 2 overall, Kiper chastised them for not picking QB, Heath Shuler or Trent Dilfer. When the Colts selected linebacker Trev Alberts at No. 5, Kiper said, "That's why the Colts are picking second every year in the draft, not battling for the Super Bowl."

Tobin, running his first Colts draft, chuckled about Kiper's as-

essment, then launched into a diatribe, moving a half-full glass up and down for emphasis.

"Well, you know, we've got a guy up there — who in the hell is Mel Kiper, anyway? I mean, here's a guy that criticizes everybody, whoever they take ... And in my knowledge of him, he's never, ever put on a jock strap. He's never been a player. He's never been a coach. He's never been a scout. He's never been an administrator. And, all of a sudden, he's an expert."

"Mel Kiper has no more credentials to do what he's doing than my neighbor," Tobin concluded. "And my neighbor's a postman — and he doesn't even have season tickets to the NFL."

It took less than a minute for Tobin to, essentially, take a well-known Kiper and help make him famous.

"We'll be attached forever," Kiper said.

All this time later, Tobin doesn't regret the episode.

"I put together the thoughts in my mind: 'I'm going to correct him. I know what I'm doing.' I didn't need instant critics, and he was an instant critic," said Tobin, now an area scout for the Cincinnati Bengals. "A year later, we were in the AFC championship game. And Heath Shuler went on to a career in politics."

Tobin continued: "I wanted to set a tone: 'You're not going to slap the Colts around like you have in the past.' And it worked. I probably helped make him who he is, but I also changed the attitude people had about the Colts. And there were general managers around the country who burned my lines up, congratulating me."

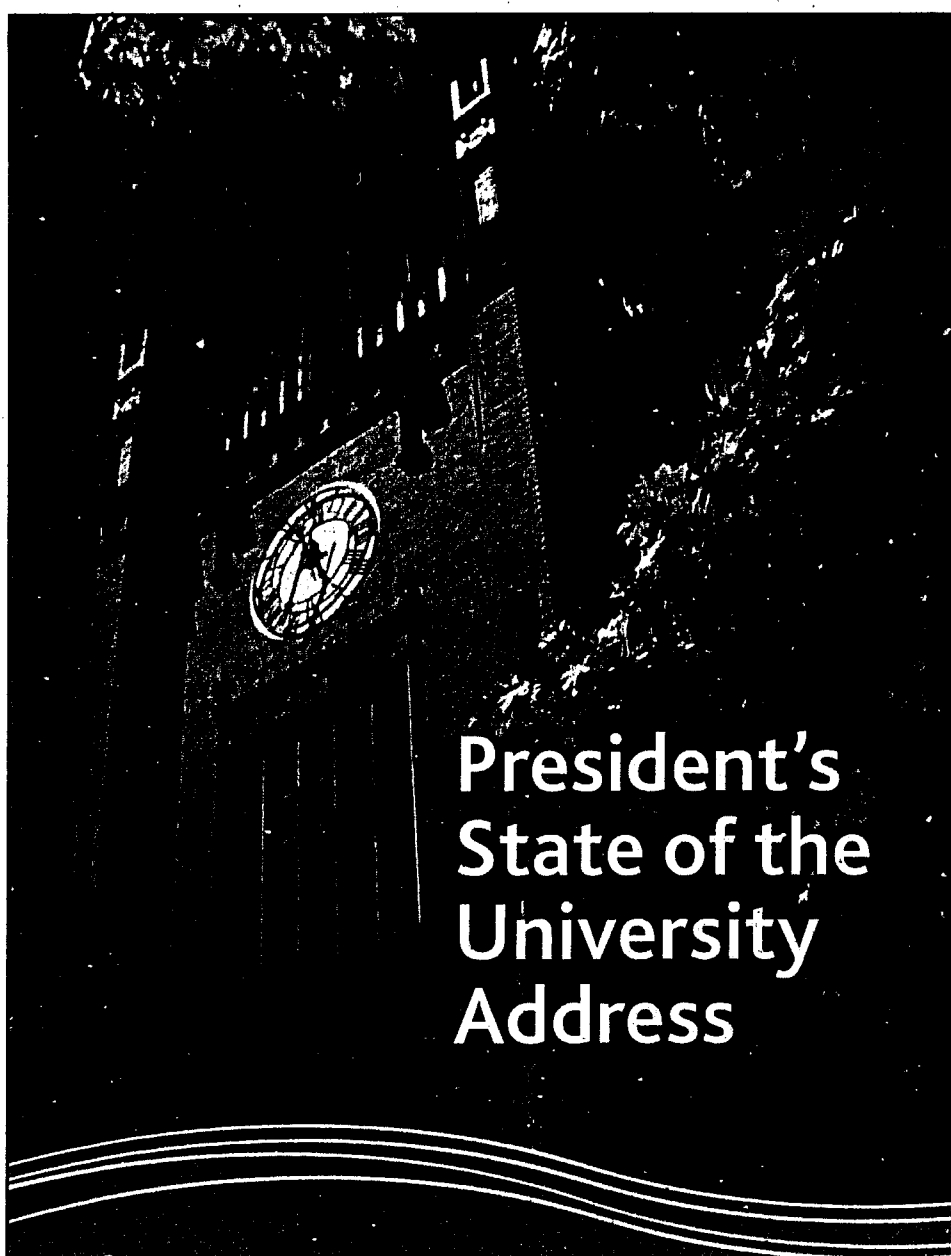
Kiper was never an NFL player or coach, of course. But what qualifies him to do what he does, according to Kiper and his supporters, are his love of football; an insatiable appetite for information; a willingness to watch game after game and to make phone call after phone call; and an unmatched thoroughness. Kiper accumulates statistics and 40-yard dash times, but also pointed out.

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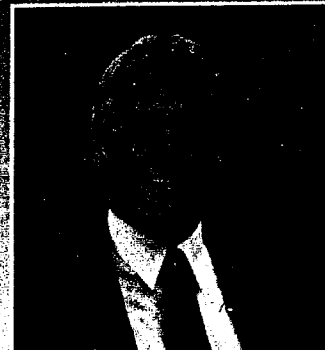
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events at nationals, but we really would like to represent Idaho as a team."

Finley said people get scared away from cycling because they believe experience is required in order to participate.

"We have people who have never raced before in their lives join the team and start competing," Finley said. "The great thing about cycling is the different categories to ensure beginners are not thrown out in the deep end against more experienced riders."

Even those who do join the club are not required to compete unless they want to, Finley said.

"Sometimes people sign up for the club because they want to support cycling and enjoy riding with other people in the community," Fin-

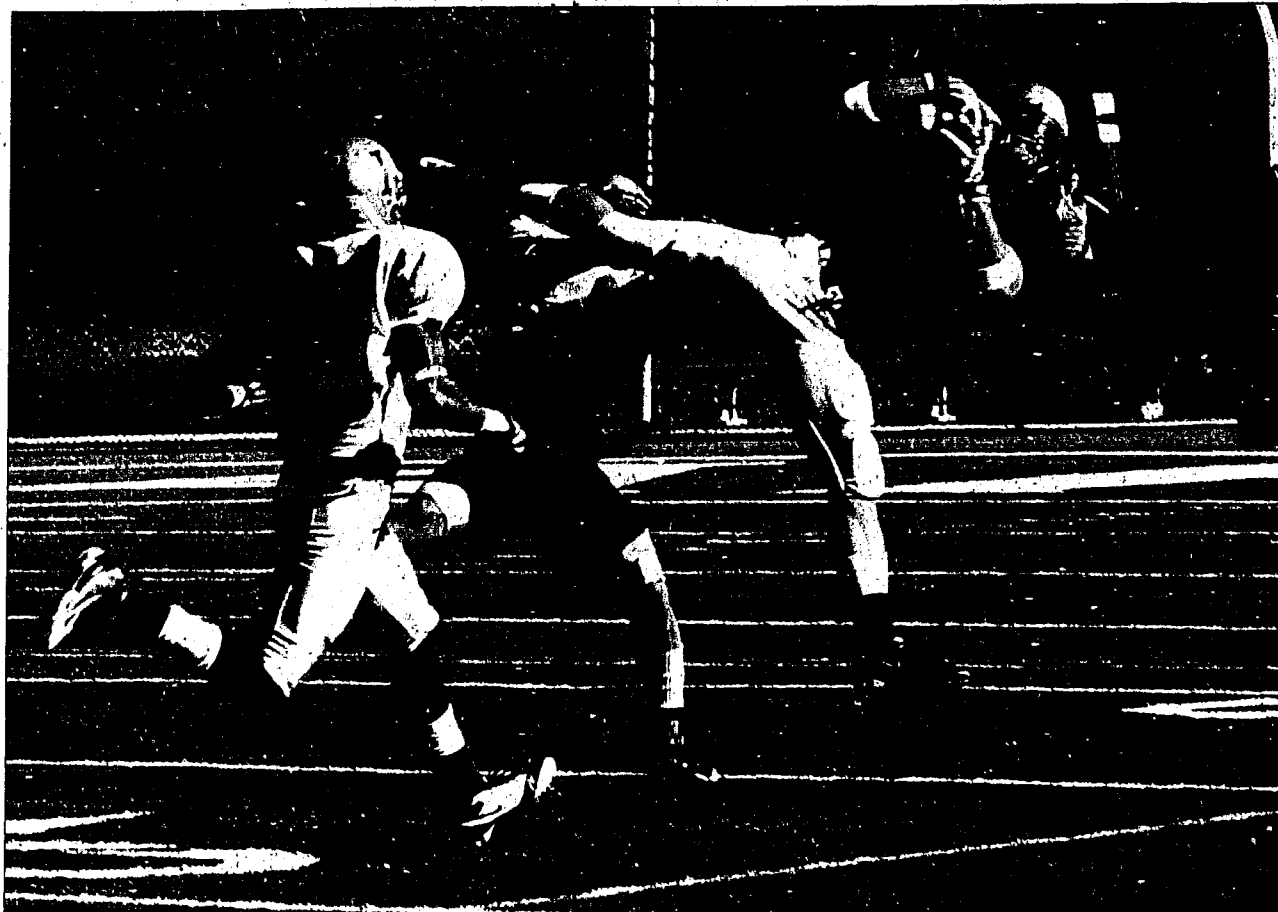
ley said. "After a while, they get comfortable with their abilities and want to challenge themselves by competing."

The cycling club will get a chance to show off its skills at home this weekend as UI and Washington State University co-host the NWCCC championships. Events will be held in Palouse, Wash., Genesee and a special road course designed around the Idaho campus.

"The criterium is held on campus, and it is one of the best events to watch because there is so much happening, and you get to see riders on a regular basis," Finley said. "We would love to have people out there cheering us on and enjoying some cycling."

The competition starts at 9 a.m. Saturday in Palouse with the road race and concludes starting at 8 a.m. Sunday with the Idaho campus criterium.

A LEAP OF FAITH



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Vandal wide receiver Preston Davis catches the football as sophomore linebacker John McKinley tackles him. The Vandals finish spring practice Friday with the Silver and Gold game at 5:30 p.m. on the Sprinturf.

NCAA

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perfect day."

His goals, specifically in the men's long jump, may not be too far out of reach, as Williams placed fourth in the event at the 2008 NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Still, while Williams will enjoy adrenaline-pumping cheers from the throngs of fans and the prestige of competing at the famous Hayward Field, the unpredictable Oregon weather threatens his performances that he says are particularly condition-sensitive.

Securing a win at last year's Oregon Relays, Mike Carpenter returns to defend his title against overwhelming competition, including the NCAA

No. 3 men's pole vaulter Scott Roth of University of Washington. Carpenter will have to improve his height by more than a foot and a half to overcome Roth to champion the event.

Filling the women's pole vault ranks is freshman and Eugene-native Lindsay Beard who hopes to secure the regional qualifying mark she's been close to all season. Freshman James Clark will test his legs against three of the nation's top distance collegians in the men's 1500-meter race in hopes of improving a personal-best 3:51.31 time.

The Oregon Relays competition started at 10 a.m. and will continue through Saturday. The Duane Hartman Invitational events will begin 10 a.m. Saturday and conclude in the evening.

PRACTICE

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have shot the score I did this week without a background of practice and experience, but I have to wonder how much time I wasted all those years practicing golf when my time could have been better spent elsewhere.

There's no way to know when you've overpracticed, but next time you hit the links and nothing seems to work right, consider taking a break — the longer the better. More importantly, remember you are not

on the PGA tour, and today's round will not make or break the rest of your life, or even the rest of your day.

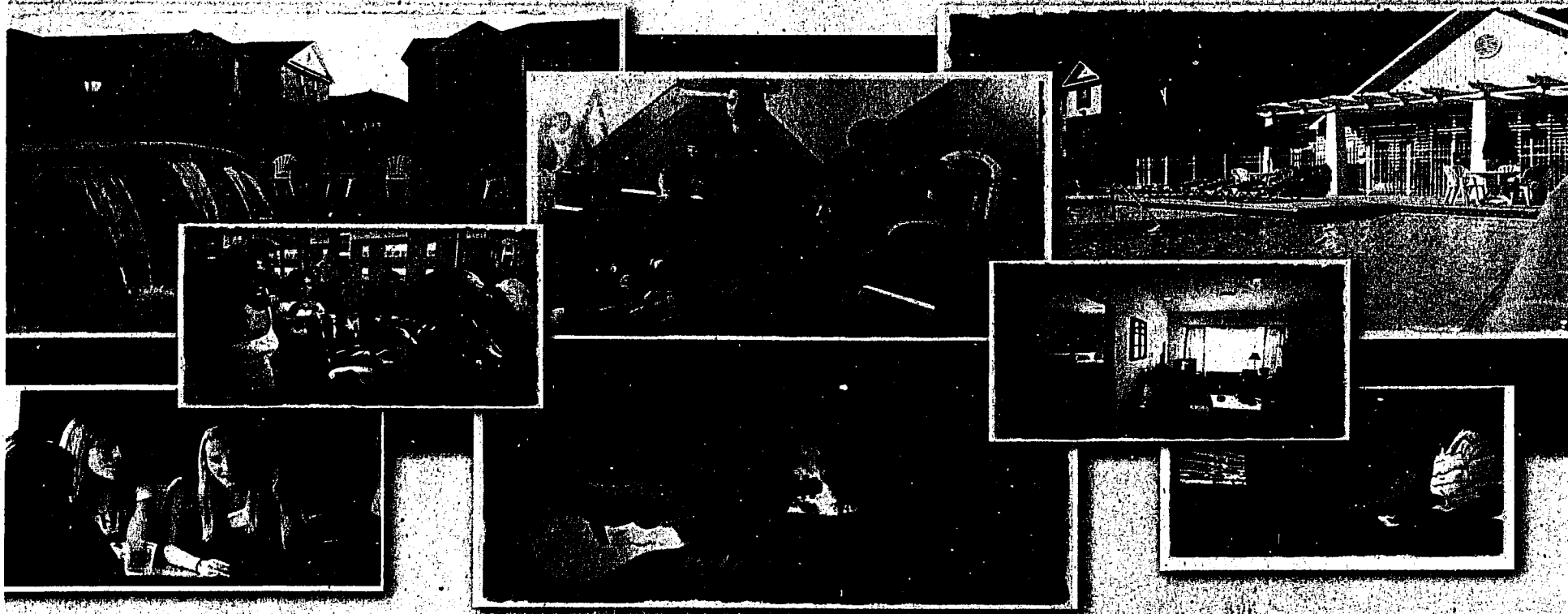
You will no longer see me throw my clubs on the course or kick my golf bag, because I'm certain as soon as I begin to care about my score again, I will fall into the rut of constant practice all for nothing.

After this week, I think I'll take some more time off before I hit the links again — I wouldn't want to practice too much — and I figure at this rate I'll be a scratch golfer in about six months of not playing.

The Argonaut is now hiring writers for the summer.

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