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## New school year, new president

Duane

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President Duane Nellis and his wife each have a secret, here released in the Idaho press for the first time.

"I'm named after my father, Marvin. We have different middle names — I've always been, since birth, my middle name," Nellis said.

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been appoint- President ed during the same period One of Nellis' first acts in July was embarking upon a statewide listening tour. Nellis described the

trip as "priceless." 'In a sense it gave me a great feel for how people perceive the university, be-

cause I met not only with alumni and friends but with business leaders elected leaders, media around the state," he said: "It gave me a good perspective on how people perceive university, and it also gave me a tremendous amount of positive reinforcement

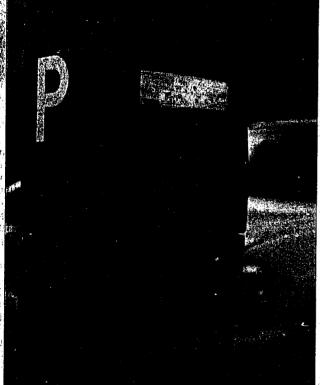
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pus follows a protracted, occasionally confounding presidential search following Tim White's departure May 2008 for University of California-Riverside. Nellis was reported' as having with-

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quirements, but following a campaign from alumni, the State Board of Education agreed to give Nellis a

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Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut The University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services has introduced a new type of electronic meters. The new meters are on Rayburn Street near the Shattuck Arboreturn, in the SUB parking lot and the SRC.

### New parking meters come to campus

**Jonathan Jones** Argonaut

Parking at the University of Idaho no longer requires coins in a pocket.

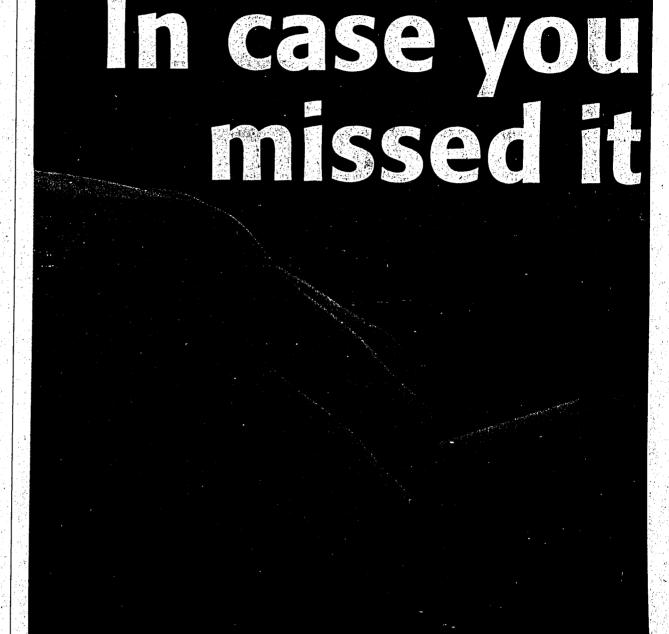
Instead of having one meter for each individual parking space, a new electronic meter system uses a single pay station in which patrons can pay via debit, credit, or coins. The system is identical to those used in

Seattle and Portland.

"People like them so far," said Becky Couch, a University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services information specialist. "I've heard good things.'

A total of four pay sta-tions have been placed in three different areas: the west parking lot of the Student Recreation Center,

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Moscow City Council passed a smoking ban for Moscow bars in July that went into effect Aug. 4.

Marcus Kellis

Welcome back, students and hangers-on. Though you may have skipped town for greener pastures, perhaps canning tuna in Sitka or summer-camp counseling in Wenatchee, Moscow did not pause for you. Following is a roundup of what made headlines from May to August.

#### **Chief inspiration** officer

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News in late May broke a story that the University of Idaho had a \$112,500 contract with Magaly Rodriguez, who worked out of Minnesota as an independent consultant and "Chief Inspiration Officer." Provost Doug Baker was quoted as strongly defending her employment, but her contract was not renewed after its expiration on June 30.

Rodriguez's contract attracted some controversy in the face of cuts to academic programs and departmental hiring freezes. Her position was chiefly as an arbiter and mediator, including working with the physics department when its undergraduate major was in jeopardy.

#### New president

President Duane Nellis, the 17th holder of the position at Idaho, assumed office on July 1, beginning a three-year term. Steven Daley-Laursen, the outgoing president, became part of Nellis' cabinet as a senior executive focusing on special federal initiatives. Soon after his position began, Nellis went on a statewide listening tour, visiting Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Boise, Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow and Lewiston.

Nellis became the State Board of Education's choice this spring following a nationwide search. He joins the university amid continued budgetary troubles and the prospect of more program cuts looming on the horizon.

#### Parma research extension

One of UI's many statewide offices, the Parma Research and Extension Center was recommended for closure earlier this year to help close budget gaps. Following an outcry from regional growers and researchers, the decision is being reconsidered. Nellis and Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter in early July jointly announced the postponement of a decision on the facility's fate.

Otter said that because the funding cut exceeded \$250,000, it ought to have been cleared by the State Board of Education. Both Otter and Nellis have emphasized no promises have been made as to the center's fate, but neither have they set a deadline for their decision. Alumni and farming groups have both protested the proposed closure.

#### Caine center controversy

Marie Bulgin, a UI veterinary medicine profes-sor in Caldwell, has been placed on paid leave after a controversy arose re-garding the center's research into bighorn sheep. Bulgin had told the Idaho Legislature that no documented proof existed of disease transmission from domestic sheep to wild sheep, but the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center — at which Bulgin is the administrator — conducted re-search concluding as much in an unpublished study in the mid-1990s.

A conclusive link that

originating domesticated herds can spread to wild populations could affect grazing on public lands.

#### **Smoking ban**

Those reaching the drinking age this fall will experience a different bat atmosphere than last year. By last call on Aug. 4, all bars and private clubs - among few exemptions from a statewide indoor smoking ban - became nonsmoking by city council ordinance. The new rules additionally prohibit stationary smoking within 20 feet of an entrance or exit anywhere smoking is prohibited. The smoking lounge at Bucer's has been closed, but hookah lounges remain exempt from the rules.

To date there have been no citations issued, but a first offense will carry a \$10 fine if paid within two weeks, and subsequent tickets will be \$25, \$50 and finally a misdemeanor upon a fourth citation. If paid after two weeks, the first and second offenses are both \$50.



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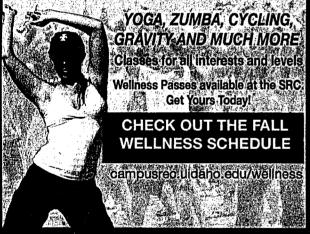
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### *iPodWARS*

Two iPods, shuffled and battling in The Argonaut's page 2. Defend your music. Look for this new feature every so often in The Argonaut.

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In the July 22 story "Plan B available at all Moscow pharmacies," it was incorrectly stated that Plan B was approved in August 2008. It was approved in August 2006 for over-the-counter use in women of child-bearing age that are 18 years of age and older.

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The generic brand has been approved only on prescription for ages 17 and younger. The over the counter generic form will be available for women. ages 18 years of age and older Monday.

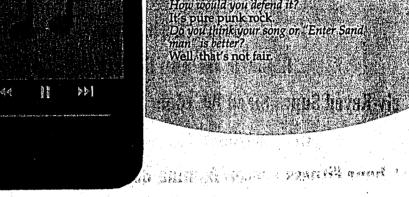
A federal court ruled that pharmacists must dispense Plan B regardless of their personal beliefs.

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The above table compares prices for required books for Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Math 170), Elementary Spanish I (Spanish 101), Contemporary Fiction (English 429) and Introduction to Social Psychology (Psychology 320). \*UI Bookstore price is bundled. Other prices are for book alone.

## Textbooks: you have options

**Marcus Kellis** Argonaut

For years, students have turned to cheap beer and cheaper noodles to save money. The university's dedicated course fee is mandatory, and for success in most classes, so are textbooks. Careful selection of classes can result in favorable schedules — nothing before 10:30 a.m., say, or permanent four-day weekends — but choosing classes to minimize textbook costs is a level of thrift to which few can aspire.

Although textbook manufacturers certainly have an upper hand, students do have options. The Internet has opened avenues previously unavailable - but it goes both ways. Some courses have proprietary bundles with one-time Internet access codes. Access to online quizzes and assistance may be valuable, but shrinkwrapping prevents returns and in turn may accelerate the decision to drop or keep a course. Even if books may be available more inexpensively online, online access is not guaranteed. If online quizzes are graded or online study components are part of the course curriculum bargainseekers may be left out in the cold.

To do effective price comparison, jot down the book's ISBN, a unique identification number, and search with that. Most online booksellers accept it directly in a

For this story, we chose four books to compare from mathematics, social science, foreign language and humanities courses.

Calculus, Spanish and Social Psychology require textbooks, and Contemporary Fiction requires novels. The Spanish and calculus textbooks both come with access codes when bought new at the University of Idaho Bookstore, but access codes are available from the publishers. The comparable access code for the Spanish textbook is \$40, and the access code for the calculus textbook is \$19.95.

#### Online booksellers ·

Amazon and Half.com are among the most popular, but eBay and Powell's are two other prominent entrants. EBay is most famously an auction house but in the past five years it has expanded to become a front-end to all kinds of businesses, selling items at both fixed and variable prices. Buying directly from Amazon or Powell's gives a certain reassurance, but Amazon Marketplace (used items available from third-party sellers) is fundamentally the same caveat-emptor Wild West as eBay.

Students can find bargains at both, but buyers have to determine how much trust to give the seller. A common eBay occurrence is textbooks in international edition, usually produced in the United Kingdom with the same content and nearly the same spelling but at a steep discount. Publishers call that, at best, grey market, but they can do little about it.

For eBay, we've selected the lowest "buy it now" price at time of publication, international edition or no: For Half.com, a fixed-price eBay subsidiary, we've listed the lowest price regardless of listed condition, as we have with Amazon Marketplace. Shipping prices are not included in the table.

#### **Book rentals**

Relatively new to the scene is the emergence of textbook rental services, which mail you a book to be returned after a specified period of time - usually a semester, with discounts for continuing on to a year. Chegg is the most prominent, and it carried the three traditional textbooks surveved but not the novel. BookRenter did not carry the Spanish textbook, and for the other two its prices were somewhat worse and dramatically worse than Chegg.

Both Web sites appear to go out of their way to reassure patrons. Chegg offers a 30-day any-reason refund for returns, and guaranteed delivery with a refund of shipping charges if the delivery date is missed. Return shipping for both Chegg and BookRenter is free at the semester's end, and BookRenter guarantees that only U.S. editions are stocked.

For the studious, Chegg allows some highlighting, asking for users to employ courtesy in determining how much is too much. BookRenter forbids highlighting, and both forbid writing in books. Both offer supplementary content (access codes, CD-ROMs, etc.) but neither guarantee that access codes will work, negating the benefit somewhat.

Chegg buys used textbooks, too, like the bookstore, and both sites allow you to convert textbooks rentals to purchases. They'll do so automatically if the book doesn't show up by the due date,

but BookRenter will first extend the rental by 14 days with an accompanying fee before charging 140 percent of list price, minus fees already paid, and a \$10 service fee. Ouch.

The prices listed in the table are for a 125-day rental. Prices vary on-the-fly in accordance with demand.

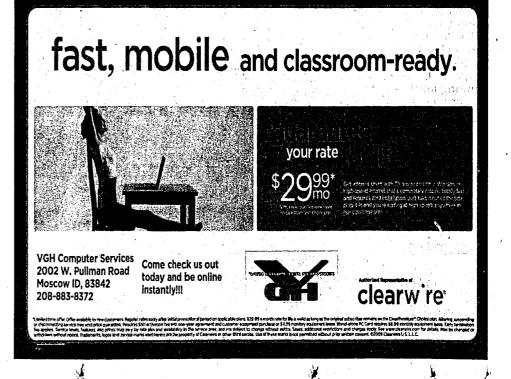
#### Digital editions

One day we may all have Sony Readers and Kindles – or Apple-branded tablet PCs, or digital implants in our eyes – but for now only two of the surveyed four books appear to be available for legitimate online purchase. (There are, of course, illegitimate sources of textbooks online, but the most prominent shut down for good last year. R.I.P., Textbook Torrents.) Social Psychology and Human Nature is available for the Kindle at a few dollars below the University of Idaho Bookstore used price, and James Stewart's "Calculus, Sixth Edition" is available for nearly \$80 under the UI Bookstore used price at the publisher's web retail site.

One low-tech approach to saving money on textbooks is included with tuition — the UI library, which holds both the calculus textbook and the novel. Professors sometimes place the textbook on reserve at the library, which means the book is available at the info desk to read but not to check out. The compromise may be worth the money, especially if it moves a student to study days ahead of exams instead of cramming the night before If a textbook isn't at the library, ask the professor if it could be made available at the library.

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## UI partners with community colleges

Jonathan Jones **Argonaut** 

Community college students faced with the loss of credits when transferring to the University of Idaho now have a solution to their problem.

UI has made the transfer process easier by forming articulation agreements with regional community colleges.

We've been working with partner community colleges to forge agreements between these institutions," said Nancy Krogh, UI's registrar.

Each of these agreements includes a specific list of classes required in order to attain a baccalaureate, spanning all four years, allowing for a flawless transition between community and

four-year college.

In the past few years the university has been working with North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho and College of Western Idaho.

The new program covers 11 community colleges in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"It certainly is well received by the community college advisers and students," Krogh said.

Over 700 program-specific agree-

ments have been made. 'More than 40 percent of all undergraduate students start at a community college," said Joni Kirk, associate director of media relations for UI. "We are providing a roadmap for them to come and complete their degree."

These agreements will help bring more transfer students to the university.

'Our new student transfer numbers for this fall are up 12 percent," Kirk said, "and still growing. Those numbers will continue to increase until we finalize our numbers."

No class is wasted with these agreements, saving students time and money.

Krogh noted that other colleges have been using programs similar to UI's articulation agreements.

"What's unusual about our program is we have them all online,'

#### Participating ... community colleges College of Southern Columbia Basin College Idaho

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### Veterans start over as colleges ignore experience

Alan Scher Zagier **Associated Press** 

Twelve years of military service left Donald Spradling highly trained in satellite imagery, nuclear engineering and foreign intelligence analysis. None of that made a difference to the University of Missouri.

When the fall semester begins next week, the 33-year-old father of five will be taking largely introductory courses with the rest of the school's freshmen.

"I'm going to be studying things I already learned all over again," the Navy veteran said.

Nearly half a million veterans are expected on college campuses this year as part of the new GI Bill. The surge is leading to a call for schools to re-examine their policies of declining to grant college credit for military training and

An estimated one in five colleges and universities do not give academic credit for military education, according to a recent survey of 723 schools by the American Council on Education that is believed to be the first systematic measure. Even more of the schools, 36 percent, said they

don't award credit for military oc-

cupational training.
For Spradling and others, that can mean spending more on tuition, stretching financial aid or GI Bill scholarships and delaying their entry into the work force.

"In most cases, it's simply an academic decision that they're not going to award any credit for learning acquired outside a tra-ditional classroom," said James Selbe, a former Marine and the council's assistant vice president for lifelong learning.

Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton said the school considers most military preparation "experiential learning." He noted that individual academic departments can choose to award credit on their own.

"It may be very practical skills acquisition, but that may not be what university education sets out to do," he said. "We're looking to build on a framework, a foundation of knowledge."

At Boston College, a private school, the standard has always been to accept credit only for institutions of higher education, said school spokesman Jack Dunn.

"That holds true for members of the armed forces as well," he said.

Many college-bound veterans said military recruiters often offer an unrealistic portrayal of what awaits in academia, suggesting their military coursework and training will count for college credit.

Some advocates also fault a campus climate where military training is poorly understood. They say many schools underestimate the quality of their education, and unlike community college credit or Advanced Placement classes, it's not easy to measure.

"Because of their lack of knowledge of the military, they don't equate it as the same as being in the classroom," said Kathy Snead, president of Servicemembers Opportunities Colleges. The Washington-based group is a consortium of more than 1,800 schools whose members are required to recognize military coursework and training. Among the participants: the California State University system, George Washington, the State University of New York schools and Ohio State.

Snead described one student at a Midwest research university who had worked as a Naval nuclear engineer but didn't receive credit for his experience.

"He had much more current knowledge than most of his professors," she said. "He ended up helping teach the class.

Derek Blumke, a six-year Air Force veteran, helped found Student Veterans of America, a group that plans to push for a greater acceptance of military credit. At the University of Michigan, which he attends, some military coursework - such as foreign language study - is accepted for credit. Other work is not.

"There needs to be a standard format set up," said Blumke. There are tens of thousands of vets coming home who aren't receiving the credit they deserve because the proper protocol isn't in place."

"It's insulting," he added.
"They were teaching leadership in a way most colleges will never be able to.

Army veteran Michael McIntosh noted that Missouri's policy meant he could not use his experience jumping from planes as part of an airborne unit to fulfill a physical education requirement - even as other students could enroll in scuba diving or similar pursuits.

'I would have liked for them to at least acknowledge it," he said.

"It might have been a military education, but it was still a lot of work and a lot of training."

He now attends Columbia

(Mo.) College, a liberal arts school with 18 satellite campuses on military bases including Guantanamo Bay. The school accepts military training for credit, and some oc-

cupational training.

And some colleges are even promoting their credits for military work as a way to recruit veterans.

At Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., that led to more than 300 veterans enrolled in the fall semester, said Pat Brown, the school's educational outreach dean. That's more than six times the number enrolled just a few years ago.

The school has established two degree programs geared specifically for service members: an emergency medical care degree for Special Forces medics and an emergency and disaster management degree for civil affairs personnel. Both accept military training and transfer military training for credit for other degrees.

"People need to recognize that the quality of education going on in the military is at a very high level," Brown said.

#### Cash for Clunkers ends Monday

**Ken Thomas Associated Press** 

The Obama administration will end the popular \$3 billion Cash for Clunkers program on Monday, giving car shoppers a few more days to take advantage of big government incentives.

The Transportation Department said Thursday that the government will wind down the program on Monday at 8 p.m. EDI. Car buyers can receive rebates of \$3,500 or \$4,500 for trading in older vehicles for new, more fuelefficient models.

**Transportation Secretary** Ray LaHood said the program has been "a lifeline to the automobile industry, jump starting a major sector of the economy and putting people back to work." He said the department was "working toward an orderly wind-down of this very

popular program."

The White House has touted the program's success in providing a targeted boost to the sluggish economy since its inception in late July. Through Thursday, auto dealers have made deals worth \$1.9 billion and the incentives have generated more than 457,000 vehicle sales.But the administration needed to put a halt to the program to avoid surpassing the \$3 billion funding level.

Consumers were on pace

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to exhaust the program's coffers in early September and dealers have complained about long delays in getting reimbursed for the car incentives

John McEleney, chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association, said he remained concerned that so few dealers had been reimbursed for Clunker deals. But he said the Monday deadline should give dealers time to get their paperwork in order.

"I think if we can get a clean cutoff Monday and get everything processed by then, it will have been a pretty darned successful

program," he said. But Mike Mahalak, who runs a Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep dealership in Winter Haven, Fla., said the Monday end date could lead to a similar rush that nearly crippled the federal government's computer sys-tems that were set up to handle claims.

That Web site will lock up again once everyone is cramming it again on Monday," Mahalak said. The administration has said it expanded the capacity of the computer network in an effort to improve the process for dealers.

The Transportation Department said they have reviewed nearly 40 percent of the transactions and have already paid out \$145 million to dealers. Obama officials said there are no plans to seek additional funding.

Applications for rebates will not be accepted after the Monday deadline, administration officials said, and dealers should not make additional sales without receiving all the necessary paperwork from their customers. Dealers will be able to resubmit rejected applications after the deadline.

The Transportation Department cautioned dealers about making sales this weekend, advising them to make sales only when the buyer's paperwork is clearly in order and can be submitted immediately for repayment.





## Idaho F&G commissioners approve hunt of 220 wolves

"Neither our

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**Associated Press** 

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission voted 4-3 Monday to let hunters shoot 220 wolves during a hunting season due to start in September.

Environmental groups who have challenged the lifting of federal protections from wolves in Idaho and Montana immediately said "hunting of an imperiled species at any level is inappropriate," and may seek to stop hunts.

One big-game advocacy group, how-ever, said the quota should have been set higher.

Idaho's policy to shoot one-quarter of Idaho's estimated 880 wolves was approved during a meeting in Idaho Falls, though commissioners don't foresee the roughly 70,000 hunters expected to buy an Idaho wolf hunting tag will succeed in filling the 220 years

ing the 220-wolf quota.

It was approved after commissioners voted 4-3 against an alternative that would have allowed hunters to shoot up to 430, or 49 percent, of the predators some hunters blame for eating too many elk and ranchers

complain prey on sheep and cattle.

Last month, wildlife officials in neighboring Montana voted to let hunters in that state shoot 75 wolves starting in mid-September.

Idaho Fish and Game Commission

members said without a hunt, there will be about 1,020 wolves in the state at the end of 2009. They've concluded there are enough roaming Idaho's backcountry — and straying into more urban locales like the resort region of Sun Valley — that a hunt at these levels won't put the species' survival in ing wolf numbers nearer the 150 animals

jeopardy.
"Neither our sportsmen, our ranchers or our elk herds can wait any longer," said Fish and Game Commission Chairman Wayne Wright, from Twin Falls, in a post-vote telephone interview with reporters. "It's time."

Commissioners they're sticking to their 2008 goal of eventually reducing Idaho's wolf population to about 518 animals, but said the threat of litigation — and the conviction that hunters are unlikely to kill even 220 animals this year — made aiming higher inflammatory and unrealistic.

"The pending litigation definitely had an effect on all of us," said Commissioner Tony Mc-Dermott of Sagle, when asked why com-

missioners didn't shoot for that target in a single year. "We're going to have

to take a look inside our toolbox, take a look at how the hunter harvest looks this year.

Nate Helm, Idaho president of the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, a . 1,000-member group that favors reduc-

and 15 breeding pairs called for by the state's federally approved wolf management plan, was unhappy commissioners voted down the proposed 430-wolf hunt to skirt litigation.

"As an organization, we disagree with that strategy," Helm said. "I don't think that the court case will be determined by a 210-wolf difference."

State Rep. Del Raybould, a Rexburg Republican who favors aggressive wolf hunts, was more blunt.

"I was disappointed we didn't have a little bit better attack on the problem today," said Raybould. "I'm not happy, ranchers won't be happy, outfitters won't be happy and the large that the happy and the large that the large t

Legislature won't be happy."
Meanwhile, Suzanne Stone, with prowolf Defenders of Wildlife that contends wolves have minimal impacts on livestock and big game, said commissioners are just

waiting for the day when they can kill as many wolves in Idaho as possible. "This is just phase one. This was just

about trying to avoid a lawsuit and an injunction," she said. "It's a political decision, not a biological one."

Lawyers for Defenders of Wildlife and 12 other environmental groups that have sued over the federal government's May decision to lift Endangered Species Act protections oppose such hunts.

On Monday, they told The Associated Press they'll be discussing the Idaho and Montana hunting quotas this week before making a decision on whether to seek an injunction in U.S. District Court in Missoula. An injunction handed down in July 2008 prevented similar hunts from moving forward a year ago.

Jenny Harbine, a lawyer with Earth-justice in Bozeman, Mont., which is handling litigation for the environmental groups, cited the 2008 federal court ruling that genetic exchange between individual populations of wolves dispersed throughout the region wasn't adequate. Increased mortality under state management would decrease the prospect of genetic exchange, she said.

"Hunting of an imperiled species at any level is inappropriate," Harbine said. "The science tells us this wolf population will remain imperiled and even become more so under state management."

## Free liquor tasting events plan nixed

A proposal to allow free tasting events featuring top-shelf scotch, bourbon, gin and other booze at state-owned liquor stores has been put on hold.

The idea was floated last month by State Liquor Dispensary Cheif Dyke Nally, one of four proposals from his agency being vetted for consideration by

the 2010 Legislature.

Nally suggests that in-store tasting events, like those held in restaurants or

in other states that own liquor stores, could boost annual sales of premium spirits. "It has generated more sales for other

states," Nally told the Times-News. "It's not about trying to sell more liquor but to sell more expensive liquor."

But the Division of Financial Management balked at the idea. The office is overseen by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and managed by Otter's budget director Wayne Hammon.

Hammon said the problem is the tasting proposal represents is a piecemeal reform that conflicts with the governor's preference for taking a more comprehensive approach to changing Idaho's liquor laws.

'Idaho may not be ready for that," Nally said. "The problem is our (constitutional) mission is to promote temperance, not sales, so that's a lot of thinking when these

alcohol bills come up."
Other states that operate liquor stores

have reported success in tasting events. For example, Pennsylvania in 2008 reported that more than 1 in 4 customers bought a bottle of what they tasted, Nally said.

Despite the struggling state economy,

the state liquor dispensary has reported increased revenue over the last several years. The increase has been driven by higher sales of more expensive varieties of alcohol, according to agency figures.

The dispensary reported sales of \$135.1 million for fiscal year 2009, which ended June 30. Sales for 2009 were up 3.3 percent compared to \$130.8 million reported in fiscal year 2008, according to agency figures.

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### Idaho GOP leader who helped spur coup arrested

John Miller Associated Press .

An Idaho Republican Party leader who helped oust the state GOP chairman in 2008 faces charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after an altercation escalated while he photographed a home with a delinquent mortgage.

Challis McAffee, 33, the GOP chairman from the Boise suburb of Garden City and one of 231 voting members of the Idaho Republican Central Committee, was in Ada County jail after being accused of pointing a gun at the homeowner.

McAffee works for a contractor hired by Wells Fargo & Co. to document the condition of homes where mortgages are past due or in foreclosure. A Wells Fargo spokesman condemned McAffee's behavior, calling it 'horrific and absolutely inexcusable.'

McAffee, a backer of libertarian-leaning former GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul and an activist in this year's anti-biggovernment "Tea Party" protests, helped organize Paul backers who aligned at last June's Idaho State Republican Convention in Sandpoint with other foes of then-state GOP Chairman Kirk Sullivan.

Sullivan was voted from office in favor of Norm Semanko.

According to police in the Boise suburb of Meridian, resident Robert Lutes called officers just before 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to report McAffee had pointed a .357 Magnum handgun at him during a verbal confronta-tion. McAffee acknowledged he pointed the gun at Lutes, according to the police account.

"I'm unarmed, I'm an old man," Lutes, 51, told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I'm trying to find out why he's taking pictures of my house. I said, 'Knock on my door, let me know what you want.' Then, I think he's reaching for his business card and he pulls out a concealed weapon and I

think he's going to blow my head off."
Lutes said the gun was beneath a cloth on the floor of the passenger side of McAffee's vehicle.

The Idaho Republican Party said the arrest of one of its southwestern Idaho leaders was a "personal matter."

"It's not a party matter," said Jonathan Parker, state GOP director in Boise. McAffee couldn't immediately be

reached in jail.

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Ryan Davidson, another Paul supporter who has gained attention by pushing promarijuana voter initiatives in the central Idaho town of Hailey, said McAffee told him a different version of the altercation in

a phone call from jail.

Lutes confronted McAffee, becoming increasingly hostile, Davidson said. When Lutes struck McAffee's Ford Escort with his hand, McAffee brandished the weapon to de-escalate the conflict, Davidson said.

'Challis is one of the most mild-mannered, good-natured guys," Davidson said. The conversation wasn't going anywhere, the guy smacked the car window. At that point, he (McAffee) felt threatened enough he picked up the firearm in front of the seat that he carries for protection. The nature of the job is, you're going to run into some unhappy people."

Davidson has sent messages via Ron Paul e-mail lists in hopes of collecting the \$50,000 needed to post bail for McAffee, whose arrest was originally reported in the Idaho Statesman.

"There will certainly be a lot of work to do on this case in order to help clear Challis' good name, but right now, the most pressing concern is to get Challis out of iail," Davidson wrote.

Tony Schewmaker, the Wells Fargo contractor who hired McAffee, knew him through libertarian-leaning groups such as We the People Foundation for Constitutional Education.

Schewmaker objected to the \$50,000 bond, saying the steep figure resulted from 4th District Magistrate Judge Kevin Swain's objections to the weapon. Schewmaker also keeps a handgun in his vehicle, in particular for business in isolated, rural areas.

"Apparently, we can't use a gun in our own protection," Schewmaker told the AP. "You can have it to look pretty. But if somebody is attempting to attack you, you can't pull it out of the holster. That's what I'm gathering from this.

After a call from the AP, Wells Fargo said it would investigate the incident.

"Mr. McAffee's behavior is horrific and absolutely inexcusable," said Jason Menke, a spokesman for the bank. "Our policy is to ensure that our customers, including those in financial distress, are always treated respectfully and with dignity. We have already begun to look into this with our contractor to make sure they are reinforcing these policies.

Meanwhile, Lutes, who concedes he's fallen behind on mortgage payments, said he may hire a lawyer to pursue a civil complaint against the bank, McAffee and

Schewmaker's company.
"The contractor is liable, he (McAffee) is liable and Wells Fargo is liable," Lutes said. "He wouldn't have been there if it wouldn't have been for Wells Fargo strongarming people."

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# Smokers cultivate their own tobacco to save money

Steve Szkotak Associated Press

Something unusual is cropping up alongside the tomatoes, eggplant and okra in Scott Byars' vegetable garden – the elephantine leaves of 30 tobacco plants.

leaves of 30 tobacco plants.

Driven largely by ever-rising tobacco prices, he's among a growing number of smokers who have turned to their green thumbs to cultivate tobacco plants to blend their own cigarettes, cigars and chew. Byars normally pays \$5 for a five-pack of cigars and \$3 for a tin of snuff; the seed cost him \$9.

"I want to get to where
I don't have to go to the
store and buy tobacco, but
I'll just be able to supply
my own from one year to
the next," Byars said.
In urban lots and on

In urban lots and on rural acres, smokers and smokeless tobacco users are planting Virginia Gold, Goose Creek Red, Yellow Twist Bud and dozens of other tobacco varieties.

Although most people still buy from big tobacco, the movement took off in April when the tax on cigarettes went up 62 cents to \$1.01 a pack. Large tax increases were also imposed on other tobacco products, and tobacco companies upped prices even more to compensate for lost sales.

Some seed suppliers have reported a tenfold increase in sales as some of the country's 43.3 million smokers look for a cheaper way to get their nicotine fix in a down economy. Cigarettes cost an average of \$4.35 a pack, home growers can make that amount for about 30 cents.

It's the latest do-it-yourself movement as others repair their own cars, swap used clothes and cancel yard work services to save money.

"Cigarette smokers say,

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'Yeah, we're going to die of cancer, but do we have to die of poverty as well?" said Jack Basharan, who operates The Tobacco Seed Co. Ltd. in Essex, England. Virtually all of his increased tobacco seed sales have been in the U.S., he said.

Provided the tobacco isn't sold or traded, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't regulate homegrown tobacco. Most people grow for cigarettes, but some

blend their own cigars and chew.

The FDA and U.S. Department of Agriculture don't keep statistics on home growers, though seed suppliers and Internet buzz suggest strong interest.

Seedman.com has sold more than 100,000 packets of tobacco seeds this year, compared with 22,000 in all of 2008, president Jim Johnson said. The Gautier, Miss.-based company offers 40 varieties of tobacco from around the globe and packages various flavor blends for first-time growers.

Agrower who purchased one of Johnson's Oriental and Turkish blends for \$24.50 could satisfy a packa-day habit for more than three years, according to Johnson's calculations.

However, growing and processing tobacco can challenge even the best gardeners. The nearly micro-

scopic seeds
must initially
be grown
inside and
transplanted after the
threat of frost
has passed.
The plants

are susceptible to an army of pests; must bе topped, pruned, encourage leaf growth; require rotating every few years; and require the proper chemical soil balance. The leaves must be cut and hung

started in March can be ready to smoke as soon as October. Some anxious growers have been known to microwave leaves to hasten the drying. For purists, the leaves can be cured, or aged, like a fine wine for up to three years.

to dry.

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"It's actually very labor intensive," said Ed Baker, general manager of Cross Creek Seed Inc. in Raeford, N.C., the No. 1 tobacco seed supplier in the U.S. "There's a reason why cigarette companies make all that money. If it was that easy, everyone would be growing their own tobacco."

Cross Creek has seen a big increase in seed requests from home growers but it sells in volume. It's smallest seed offering is 90,000 seeds for \$170.

Novices and veterans can find smoker-friendly havens like howtogrowto-bacco.com, a Web site that offers growing and curing tips, often including angry posts over ever-increasing taxes and smoking restrictions.

Many would not discuss their crops with The Associated Press, fearful a high profile would invite government scrutiny and taxes. Others proudly share stories and post photos

stories and post photos.
Arthur Skora, 42, records his success growing and curing in Greenwood, Wis., on a how-to DVD he sells online.

"Most of the people who are ordering are just getting fed up with prices and basically they're not going to take it anymore," Skora said.

Saving money wasn't the only motivation for Matt Schoell-Schafer, a landscape architect in Kansas City, who has 50 plants growing in his urban garden.

"It's not being a victim to their manipulation of this product," said Schoell-Schafer, 34, who enjoys an occasional cigar or cigarette. "So I'm sort of liberating myself by growing it myself."

Some growers contend their tobacco concoctions are safer than commercial products, which have a stew of additives ranging from colorings and oils to ammonia.

"The quick answer to that is no," said Thomas Glynn, director of cancer science and trends at the American Cancer Society. Glynn knew of only one study of the health risks of homegrown and commercial blends – and it concluded no difference in safety between the two.

Homegrown tobacco can also contain fungus and mold, which can cause chronic bronchitis and other ailments, Glynn said.

Philip Morris USA, the nation's No. 1 cigarette maker, and other big companies are unlikely to shudder. Philip Gorham, a tobacco industry analyst with the investment research firm Morningstar, said he had no data on smokers who switched to homegrown. But he doesn't see it as a mass movement.

"It's one thing to switch from a premium brand to a discount one. It's quite another to switch from buying a manufactured product to roll your own," Gorham said.

At VirtualSeeds.com, Joyce Moore said she typically sold tobacco seeds as ornamental plants to gardeners who appreciated their elephantine leaves. This year, her Astoria, Orebased company was overwhelmed by orders from tobacco users slammed by "the market collapse, the recession, then getting hit with exorbitant tobacco taxes."

Moore doesn't use tobacco herself but has no misgivings about her business.

"If I sold doughnuts in a bakery would I feel guilty because fat people come in and buy them?" she asked. "It just happens to be a very good year for tobacco seeds."

## Shaken baby bill proposed

**Associated Press** 

A 27-year-old mother from Twin Falls is working with state lawmakers on legislation that aims to educate new parents about shaken baby syndrome.

Brandi Whaley says her daughter, who suffered injuries after being shaken at a day care two years ago, went undiagnosed for several days because she was not aware of the symptoms.

toms.
"I didn't know what
the signs were or what
it was," Whaley told
The Times-News.

Her daughter, Lauren, has since recovered from her injuries, which included broken ribs.

Whaley is now working with state Reps. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, on a bill that would be introduced during 2010 Legislature and increase awareness about shaken baby syndrome.

"I don't think people realize that three seconds of shaking can do so much damage," said Whaley, who testified before a House committee last year in support of tougher rules for Idaho day cares.

The National Center

on Shaken Baby Syndrome in Ogden, Utah, says an estimated 1,200 to 1,400 U.S. children are injured or killed by shaking each year, but that the number may be much higher since many cases likely are not detected.

# Stanford scientists scan 2,500-year-old Egyptian mummy

Associated Press

Scientists trying to unwrap the mysteries of a more than 2,500-year-old mummy believed to be an ancient Egyptian priest conducted computer scans Thursday to help determine how the man died, what was buried with him and what he looked like.

In a basement lab at Stanford University Medical School, Irethorrou's mummy lay tightly wrapped in tattered linen as a handful of scientists looked on. Starting with his feet, the scanner rotated around the mummy, snapping X-ray type images that appeared on nearby computer screens.

The pictures, showing well-preserved bone structure, were then mathematically manipulated to generate 3-D images that give a fuller picture of the skeleton.

The highly sophisticated scanning technology allows scientists to learn about the 5-foot-4 inch mummy in remarkable detail without doing invasive or damaging procedures.

"You begin to see features that relate to paleopathology, diseases that may have been suffered by the individual, also mummification style and patterns and how they may change through time," said Dr. Jonathan Elias, director of the Pennsylvaniabased Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium, which directs CT scans of mummies and archives the research.

The digital images will also be useful for teaching anatomy to everyone from small children through medical school, said Paul Brown, Consulting Associate Professor at Stanford's Department of Surgery.

"We'll be able to look at every bone in the body, see if there are any fractures ... any artifacts," he said. "It's a mummy, so it makes the interest factor high."

Irethorrou's mummy belongs to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. It was dug up from a cemetery in Akhmim, on the east bank of the Nile. Elias said Akhmim was an important provincial capital and the site of one of Egypt's major temples. The maternal relatives of the more famous King Tut also came from there, Elias said.

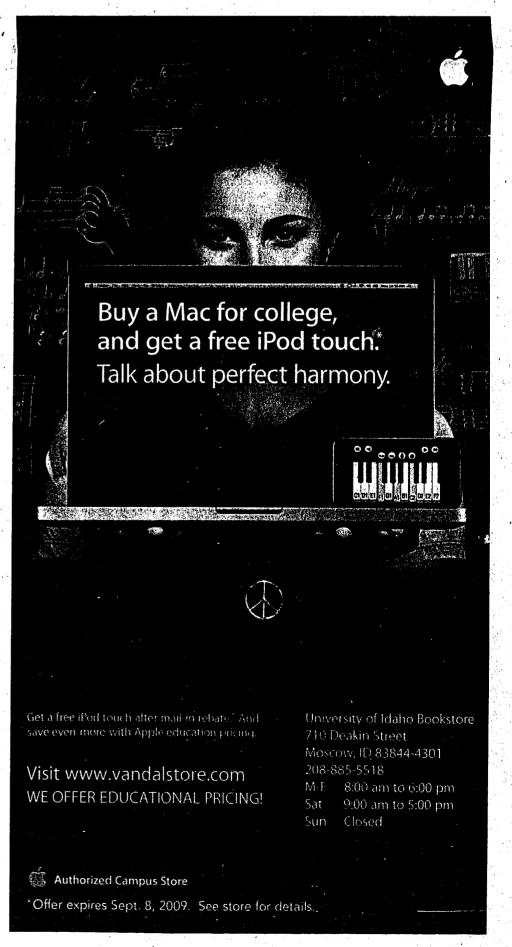
"The big picture is this is not just the analysis of one mummy," Elias said. Studying Irethorrou, for example, can lead to a better understanding of changes in population from his time to the Tutankhamun period.

Scientists have not been able to pinpoint Irethorrou's age when he died or his cause of death. The scanning tests may help them get a little closer. For now, they can only date him to around 500 B.C., just before the Persian conquest, when the last native Egyptian dynasty ruled.

"This is one era which is very poorly understood at this point," Elias said. "So if this mummy is of that period, which we believe that he is, we'll be able to begin to write a history that has never been written."

After scientists are finished with him, Irethorrou's mummy will be the centerpiece of an exhibit starting in October at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. The mummy has been out on loan from the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco since 1944, and the exhibit, "Very Postmortem: Mummies and Medicine," is considered his homecoming.

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## Afghan voters sees violence Obama pushes for

Jason Straziuso and Robert H. Reid **Associated Press** 

Millions of Afghans defied threats Thursday to cast ballots in the country's second national elections since Taliban rule, but turnout appeared weaker this time because of continuing violence, fear and disenchantment. In much of the Taliban's southern strongholds, many people did not dare to vote, bolstering the hopes of President Hamid Karzai's chief rival.

At least 26 people were killed in election-related violence, fewer than had been feared.

Officials began counting millions of ballots as soon as the polls closed at 5 p.m. after a one-hour extension. First preliminary results weren't expected for several days, and some major candidates were already alleg-

A top election official, Zekria Barakzai, told The Associated Press that he estimated 40 to 50 percent of the country's 15 million registered voters cast ballots – far lower than the 70 percent who voted in the presidential election in 2004.

Nevertheless, many Afghans did vote, some at great risk to their lives. Many waited until midday to see whether the Taliban would carry through with threats to attack poliing stations. Some proudly showed off the ink on their index fingers to prove they had voted.

"I know the security situation of my country is not good, but I have made my decision to come and cast my vote anyway," said Shukran Ahmad, 32, said as he waited at a polling center in western Kabul. "I wanted to be the first person to vote today in this polling center."

Authorities managed to open 6,202 polling centers — 95 percent of those

planned, according to Barakzai.

The top U.N. official in the country, Kai Eide, said the election "seems to be working well," and NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen hailed the balloting as "testimony to the determination of the Afghan people to build democracy.

International officials had predicted an imperfect election — Afghanistan's second-ever direct presidential vote — but expressed hope that Afghans would accept the outcome as legitimate, a key component of President Barack Obama's strategy

A low turnout and allegations of fraud could cast doubt over the legitimacy of the vote and raise fears that followers of defeated

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Afghan voter

Shukran

candidates may take to the streets like opposition supporters in neighbor-ing Iran following June's contentious presidential ballot there.

Hours after the polls closed, the deputy campaign manager for Karzai's top challenger, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, was alleging "very large scale" fraud in at least three of the country's 34 provinces where Karzai had been expected to run well but where turnout appeared low.

The ballot boxes were stuffed and now we're investigating to see how big it was," Saleh Mohammad Registani told the AP. "We're going to work under electoral law. Overall, we are satisfied with the election, and we are optimistic about the result. But so far we don't know about the extent of the fraud."

Another presidential candidate, Ramazan Bashardost, who had 10 percent support in pre-election polls, said he washed off the supposedly indelible ink used to identify people who had already voted. He called on authorities to "immediately stop this election."

Fraud allegations aside, a low turnout in the ethnic Pashtun south would harm Karzai's re-election chances and boost the standing of Abdullah, who draws his strength from the Tajik minority. Turnout in the Tajik north appeared to be stron-

ger, a good sign for Abdullah. Karzai, a Pashtun tribal leader who has held power since a U.S.-led invasion ousted the Taliban in late 2001 by a U.S.-led invasion, was favored to finish first among 36 official candidates. A strong showing by Abdullah could force a runoff if no one wins more than 50 percent.

The election was carried out despite Taliban threats to disrupt the vote and punish those who took part

in "this American process." Karzai said militants carried out

73 election day attacks in 15 provinces – a 50 percent increase over recent days, according to NATO figures. Karzai's ministers of defense and interior said attacks killed eight Afghan soldiers, nine police and nine civilians. A U.S. service member died in a mortar attack in the east Thursday, bringing the number of U.S. troops killed this month to at least 33.

In Kabul, security companies reported at least five bomb attacks, and police exchanged fire for more than an hour with a group of armed men. Police said two suicide bombers died in

the clash. Those militant attacks did not rise to the level that officials had feared, in part because of stringent security measures taken by Afghan forces and

their U.S. and NATO allies. Nevertheless, the Taliban preelection campaign of intimidation seemed to dampen turnout, especially in areas where the extremists are strongest.

An election official in Kandahar, the south's largest city and the Taliban's spiritual birthplace, said turnout there appeared to be 40 percent lower than in the 2004 election. The official asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to release turnout figures.

An AP reporter in southern Helmand province, where thousands of U.S. and British troops are battling the Taliban partly to make it safe to vote, said furnout was also modest. More than 20 rockets struck the Helmand capital of Lashkar Gah, including one near a line of voters that

## health care accord

Philip Elliott Associated Press

With control of the health care debate slipping from his grasp, President Barack Obama pitched his ambitious plan to both conservative talk radio and his own liberal supporters Thursday - and denied a challenge from one backer that he was "bucklin' a little bit" under Republican criticism.

Liberals were on the verge of revolt as Obama refused to say any fi-nal deal must include a government-run insurance option, while Republicans pressed their all-but-unified opposition to the White House effort. Obama, who will leave Washington Friday on vacation, said reason would prevail and it was no time to panic.

"I guarantee you ... we are going to get health care reform done. And I know that there are a lot of people out there who have been hand-wringing, and folks in the press are following every little twist and turn of the legisla-tive process," Obama told a caller to Philadelphiabased radio talk show host Michael Smerconish during a broadcast from the White House Diplomatic Reception Room.

"You know, passing a big bill like this is always messy."

Obama is struggling to regain the momentum

on a comprehensive bill that would extend health coverage to nearly 50 million Americans who lack it and restrain skyrocketing costs. Opponents of the overhaul have drowned out supporters at lawmakers' town halls around the country this month, and public backing for Obama's effort has slipped in opinion polls. Congressional Democratic leaders are preparing to go it alone on legislation, although bipartisan negotiations continue in the Senate.

defensive, On the Obama is embracing a new role of fact checkerin-chief, trying to correct untrue claims such as that the proposals would pro-vide health care for illegal immigrants, create "death panels" or pay for abortions with taxpayer dollars. Aides say the situation has left Obama exasperated.
"Now, c'mon," a mock-

ing Obama told a cheering crowd late Thursday at a Democratic National Committee appearance designed to re-energize activists who were instrumental in his drive to the presidency. "What we're going to have to do is to cut through the noise and

the misinformation." "I said during the campaign that the best offense against lies is the truth," Obama said. "And so all we can do is just keep on pushing the truth."

Yet for all the gnashing from Republicans and fiscally conservative Democrats, he faces equally tough opposition from lawmakers and activists on the left who insist any overhaul must include a government-run insurance option.

In fact, shortly after his comments Thursday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared the Democratic-controlled House simply won't approve the overhaul without it.

"There's no way I can pass a bill in the House of Representatives without a public option," Pelosi, D-Calif., said after a roundtable in San Francisco.

Obama told his DNC audience - as well as thousands watching online and listening by telephone – that health care was the toughest fight he has faced in office.

"Winning the election is just the start," he said. "Victory in an election wasn't the change that

we sought."

That election, though, came with his promise

of the government insurance option, a provision that Obama's team now calls "preferred" but not mandatory. During both his Thursday appearances, Obama declined to call it a

dealbreaker. "What we've said is that there are a number of components to health care," he told Smerconish, who is generally seen as a conservative, although he endorsed Obama last year and supports abor-tion rights. "I see nothing wrong with having public

option as one choice."

He said "the press got excited and some folks on the left got a little excited" when he and top administration aides last weekend made state-ments indicating that a publicly run health insurance option was just one of several alternatives.

Since then, Obama has faced increasing criticism from his left flank.

"And even though some White House advisers seem to have forgotten, the reason the public option has become central to reform is simple: We're fed up with the insurance companies and we need real accountability for them," liberal MoveOn. org said in a message sent to its 5 million members while the president was speaking with Smerconish. "They've had decades to fix the problems with our health care system, but they haven't done it."

One caller to Smerconish's program said he sensed the administration

was making a misstep.
"I'm getting a little ticked off that it feels like the knees are bucklin' a little bit," said the caller who identified himself as Joe. "You have an over-whelming majority in both the House and the Senate, and you own the whole shooting match, ... It's very frustrating to watch you try and compromise with a lot of these people who aren't willing to compromise with you." mise with you

Obama told his audiences he is trying to reach across the aisle to craft a bipartisan plan, even as he blamed Republicans for delay. He peppered his DNC remarks with jokes and jabs at conservatives that had the partisan crowd breaking into applause and laughter.

In response, a spokes-man for the No. 2 Republican in the House said he had a question for Obama and his team.

"We would love to know when, exactly -time, date, place - the president or his staff reached out to Republican leaders?" said Brad Dayspring, a spokesman for Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Republican leaders in May sent Obama a letter outlining the GOP's principles and asking to collaborate.

"And the president's response?" Dayspring said. "Meeting? Nah. Work together? No thanks. Further discussion? Nope. Instead, they went with, 'Thanks for the letter."

While the White House insists Obama is still looking for Republican support for a comprehensive health care bill, Democrats privately are preparing a one-party push, which they feel is all but inevitable. Polls show slippage in support for the president's approach, although respondents express even less confidence in Republicans' handling of health care.

Republican Former presidential cândidate Mitt Romney said Thursday that Obama is struggling to get a health care bill because he has been too deferential to liberals. Romney, who may challenge Obama in 2012, said on CBS' "The Early Show" that "if the president wants to get something done, he needs to put aside the extreme liberal wing of his party."

### Wrongly convicted man to get \$632,000

**Dena Potter Associated Press** 

A Virginia man who spent 22 years in prison for two rapes he did not commit will get more than \$632,000 in restitution, following a unanimous decision Wednesday by state lawmakers.



Arthur Whitfield, 54, of Norfolk was convicted in 1982 and sentenced to 63 years in prison. A 2004 DNA test proved his inno-

cence and he was freed. Whitfield needed paperwork stating his innocence in order to receive state restitution, but the Virginia Supreme Court could not issue such a finding called a "writ of actual innocence" - because the law at that time allowed that only for those who were

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incarcerated.

Whitfield's only hope was a pardon from Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, but because one of the rape victims opposed the pardon it took until April for Kaine to

"When we have a victim who continues to assert that the individual is guilty, we obviously had to take some time and make sure we had that right," Kaine said

Wednesday. Whitfield recently was cer and did not attend Wednesday's special legislative session because he was getting chemotherapy, said his lawyer, Michael Fasanaro Jr.

Whitfield has been working in a produce factory but struggles financially, Fasanaro said.

delighted we've finally gotten some commitment from the state to pay him some money,' Fasanaro said.

Whitfield will receive \$632,867, according to a formula outlined in state law that compensates the wrongfully convicted based on 90 percent of the state per capital income for up to He will get a lump sum

ity that he will receive beginning next year.
Whitfield also will receive \$10,000 in community college assistance. He would lose any unpaid amount if he is convicted of

then the remaining \$506,294

will be placed into an annu-

a felony. Instead of the usual 25year annuity prescribed by state law for such cases, legislators set it up so that Whitfield would consult with the attorney general's office and other state agencies to determine the best way for him to receive

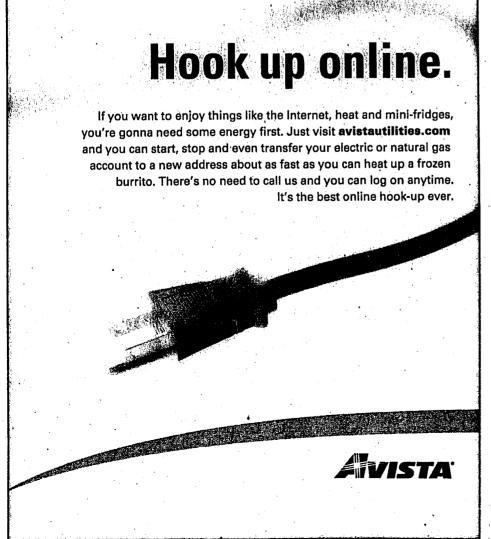
the money. Fasanaro said Whitfield had hoped to get all the money at once so he could buy a house. He currently lives in an apartment, and his father drives him to work.

"He's afraid that he's still going to have to work, and he's not going to be able to much longer" because of his health, Fasanaro said. Legislators said they

wanted Whitfield to get the money quickly to help pay for medical and other expenses.

Sen. Kenneth Stolle, R-Virginia Beach, pushed for restitution after learning this summer that Whitfield had not been compensated for his time behind bars.

"I was extremely amazed at the fact that this guy holds no grudges against the community or the victims," Stolle said. "He probably regrets what happened, but he is completely happy with being out of prison and is not asking for anything."



#### TRUCKING ALONG



Jake Barber/Argonaut Water rushed down Deakin Street Thursday as Alpha Tau Omega flushed out their water system in preparation of installing an emergency sprinkler system. Approximately six inches of water flooded between the SUB and bookstore.

#### **METERS**

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the north parking lot of the Student Union Building and on upper Ray-burn Street for on-street parking.

"It's a good idea," said Brenton Cook, a Washington State University senior in civil engineering parking midday Thursday at the SUB. "It's better than a parking meter."

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Current rates for old parking meters are \$1 per hour. Rates for the new system depending on the time of day, but usually will. be lower.

The total cost of the new system was \$64,080, including

extra parts and installation. Some useful features are included with the system that will give PTS more control.

"They collect user data," Couch said. "We can go on the website and see how many people have parked there for the day."

Such calculations will help PTS determine rates and whether or not any policy changes need to be made, which can be done within a few minutes.

"We determine the rates with the idea that we want to maximize the utilization," Couch said.

The new pay stations are solar powered, multilingual and can finalize credit card transactions

within 12 seconds. To use the pay stations, patrons insert their method of payment, select the desired amount of time and stick the printed receipt on the inside of the driver's window using the sticker on back, placed so

the text is viewable from outside. The parking stickers are valid only for the lot in which they were purchased.

Fines for failing to pay for parking remains the same \$20. However. if a ticket

happens to fall off the window, users can request to have the fine reduced to \$5 within 15 days of the initial infraction.

"This will be an educa-tional period," Couch said. "These first few weeks

we're going to ease into it."
PTS plans to eventually replace all individual parking meters with new pay stations or convert the spaces to a specific type to meet different needs.

## Virginia Tech gunman spoke to counselors

**Sue Lindsey Associated Press** 

University counselors should have discussed and addressed the mental health troubles the Virginia Tech gunman told them he was having before the massacre, victims' relatives said.

The criticism comes after records revealed three therapists within three weeks indicated they saw no serious signs of violence in the student.

**Documents** released Wednesday contain previously unseen handwritten notes from counselors who spoke with Seung-Hui Cho two by phone and one in person – in November and December 2005, a year and half before the shootings. The forms were filled out based on Cho's statements about the way he was feeling. He told them he was depressed and had feelings of anxiety, but had no homicidal or suicidal thoughts. On April 16, 2007, Cho killed 32 people and himself in the worst mass shooting in modern

U.S. history. The forms don't contain evidence of any real trouble with Cho's mental state, though one counselor encouraged him to return, which he didn't.

Still, relatives said they showed he slipped through the campus counseling center cracks and that therapists didn't dis-

cuss his case.
"They definitely weren't paying attention, and that's what led to April 16th," said Suzanne Grimes, whose son Kevin was wounded.

"It just sounded like he was going through a Mc-Donald's," said Michael Pohle, whose son Michael Pohle Jr. was killed. "It just looked like he was passed through from one person to another person and there was no collaboration

going on."
Cho talked to two different therapists during 45-minute telephone triage sessions, then made one court-ordered 45-minute in-person visit with Sherry Lynch Conrad on Dec. 14, 2005. That meeting at Cook Counseling Center came after Cho was detained in a mental hospital overnight because he had expressed thoughts of suicide to people he lived with after a girl told him to stop leav-

ing her messages.
However, Conrad, after speaking with him wrote:
"He denies suicidal and/or homicidal thoughts. Said the comment he made was a joke. Says he has no reason to harm self and would never do it.'

That was Cho's last contact with the counseling center. Conrad wrote that she gave him emergency contact numbers and encouraged him to return the next semester in January, but he didn't make an appointment that day, saying he didn't know his

The files first turned up July 16, when former center director Robert C. Miller found them in his home while preparing for lawsuits filed by victims' families, which name him as a defendant.

Robert Hall, attorney for the families who are suing, noted the records contained no mention of discussions former English Department Chairwoman Lucinda Roy had with Miller about Cho. She consulted the counseling center director when she was trying to tutor Cho that fall after his disturbing writings and bizarre behavior got him kicked out of class.

"It's like there are paral-lel universes," he said, one in which the faculty is concerned and tries to get help for a seriously disturbed student and another in which the school therapists appeared to know little about Cho's troubles.

Edward J. McNelis, an attorney for the three counselors, said he had advised them not to comment because they are named in lawsuits filed by two of the victims' families.

A telephone message left for Conrad was not returned.

Virginia Tech released the files after receiving permission from Cho's family, which was needed because of privacy laws.

'My mother, father and I all agree that it is the correct thing to do to release the newly discovered medical records of my brother," Cho's sister, Sun Cho, said

the release. University spokes-man Mark Owczarski said with the release of the records the school was seeking to provide the victims' families "with as much information as is known about Cho's interactions with the mental health sys-

in a letter authorizing

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said in a statement that his administration remained committed to openness about the mass shoot-

'We will never fully comprehend what led Seung-Hui Cho to carry out his assault," Kaine said. "His actions were by nature inexplicable, and I don't expect the questions surrounding the tragedy will ever re-

ally end."

Roger O'Dell, whose son Derek O'Dell was injured, said he hoped the records could be helpful in altering treat-ment of troubled indi-

viduals. "There are lessons to be learned," he said.

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three-year contract at \$335,000 per year. Nellis' salary will come from both state funding and the University of Idaho Foundation, UI's fundraising arm.

Part of Nellis' focus, based on responses

from the listening tour, will be more effective marketing of the university, which will

tie into enrollment and fundraising. People have this pride and this positive feeling about the university, but they feel like that story hasn't been told very well," Nellis said. "In other words this is truly a university that has had many successes but they don't hear about those successes

As the university's chief executive Nellis has plenty on his plate. More program cuts are likely this year following last year's university-wide Program Prioritization Process; the State Board of Education has continued to tamper down requested student fee increases; and the Legislature this year approved less money for education than the last year – a historic first.

Even in the face of challenges, Nellis said that his first month on the job reaffirmed his feelings that it was the right place for him professionally and personally.

Even just as an aside, we went looking for huckleberries the other day, for example," he said. "For me personally, I grew up in that environment and I enjoy having access to things that may seem like little things to some people but they're something that I really enjoy doing."

#### other presidential SEARCH

In April 2007, Duane Nellis was a frontrunger for the presidency at another school - West Virginia University, where he was once dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

Nellis spent most of his career at Kansas State, as a professor, chair and associate dean. After his time at WVU he returned to Kansas State as executive vice president and provost. Nellis was a finalist alongside Michael

Garrison, a former chief of staff to West Virginia's governor, and Daniel Bernstine, then the president of Portland State University. Bernstine withdrew from the race af-

ter touring the campus, leaving Garrison

and Nellis as the two contenders. The WVU faculty council approved a vote of no confidence in the presidential search, which was accused of being a sham with Garrison a preordained victor. Though Nellis had substantial support

from faculty and an endorsement from: the Daily Athenaeum, WVU's student

newspaper, Garrison won the post. Less than a year later, Garrison - only 38 years old when he became president - was forced to resign amid controversy over a degree conferred upon Heather Bresch, both the daughter of West Vir. ginia's governor and a former business associate of Garrison's. Records showed: that WVU administrators had falsified records of Bresch's attendance to retroactively grant her a master's degree in

business administration. Nellis said he made a conscious decision not to seek that office again upon Gamson's resignation in September of last year.

"In reality, if it wasn't for a political decision, I would've had that job," Nellis-said; "But, you know, even with that I always have wanted to come back to the Northwest."

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## OPINION

#### NEWS ITEM: NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 14-YEAR HIGH



**OurVIEW** 

## Use your head

Let's be clear about something there's no denying drinking and experimentation are just as much a part of the college experience as ivy-covered brick walls and Comm 101 classes.

The coming weeks will play host to hundreds of parties and gatherings chock full of booze and dozens of other things not to be written home about. For incoming freshman, this will be especially daunting as they're thrust into a foreign situation and left to fend for themselves.

New students must realize the events in the first weeks of school are quite different from what the college experience is on average. Most people can't earn decent grades in school while frequently partying and going crazy. It's not possible and unfortunately, students drop out at the end of each fall semester because they learned this lesson the hard way.

It's up to the older students to carry the torch. A seasoned college student who made the rounds before and knows A from B should set the right example for the younger students. As an older student, you should step up when someone wants to do something stupid such as get behind the wheel when they

clearly shouldn't. You have the power when you're a junior and especially when you're a senior, so use it.

Just last semester, two students died due to alcohol — Washington State University student Daniel Miller fell off a cliff and University of Idaho student Stuart Robertson went home from the bars, went to sleep and never woke up. These tragedies are an all too common event on college campuses nationwide and can be avoided by knowing your limits and knowing when to say no.

Those who choose to drink should keep in mind the tell-tale signs of alcohol poisoning include vomiting, seizures, slow or irregular breathing and low body

There's not a single reason to push yourself to exhibit those conditions. Not one. Accidents can and will happen, even if your pal standing next to you says you'll be okay if you take one more shot when

you don't feel comfortable with it.

These will likely be some of the best years of your life, so enjoy them. Make new friends and have a good time. Just be

-GC

THE DILETTANTE

## In defense of taxation

Idaho's chief northsouth corridor, US-95, is a breezy, comfortable and divided four lanes, where traffic can easily flow at the 65 mph speed limit. For about 20 miles, that

is, between Moscow and Lewiston. The highway is being widened south of Coeur d'Alene as well, but hundreds of miles between Lewiston and Parma remain an un-comfortable two lanes of opposing traffic, where speed demons meet all kinds of slow-moving vehicles - from RVs to semis to the occasional harvester or combine. Highway 95 goes through cities, too, as compared with federal interstate highways, which are designed

to avoid any stop signs. It is regrettable that, as Idaho's population may

reach two million citizens

within twenty years, its lawmakers wish to rule the state just as they did in 1980.

The Idaho GOP has started emulating other national poli-cies, specifically using primaries to knock out its moderate members.

No new taxes is the mantra for the GOP of 2009, and it is as impractical now as it was in 1992, when President George H.W. Bush had to soon renege

on that campaign promise. The Orwellian-named Club for Growth, which bankrolled much of former Idaho Rep. Bill Sali's

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campaign in 2006, prom-

ises to never support any candidate which has supported a tax increase - nev-ermind that Sali

voted in 2006 to increase the sales tax to 6 percent, balanced budgetwise by a simultaneous property tax decrease.

Nevermind, too, the sales tax is strongly regres sive, and unlike Washington, Idaho offers no

exemptions for groceries or diapers. Nevermind renters pay no property tax directly, and renters are more likely to be below the poverty line than

homeowners. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter should be applauded for continuing Dirk

Kempthorne's statewide transportation proposals. The anti-tax chorus in the Legislature should be decried. Nobody wants to raise taxes, and nobody wants to spend money unnecessarily – but government requires revenue, and living as we

do requires outlays. Though Idaho remains a rural state, rural legislators must feel a pinch: diverting traffic may negatively affect local business, and speeding tickets would certainly decline as a revenué source.

A strong highway system, a north-south corridor to complement I-84 in Southern Idaho, ought not be put off until after we need it. We cannot use horse-and-buggy taxes for car spending.

#### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Raw deal

Trading greasy onion rings for sushi? Where are all the biodiesel cars going to get their used oil from now? I don't think they run on sticky rice, do they?

#### — Erin Turn it down

I love living in an apartment on campus, but my window is a floor above the trash bin and across the street from a fraternity's volleyball court. Monday at 7: a.m. I hear the garbage truck at 100 decibels, and Wednesday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight or later I hear R. Kelly or Young Jeezy or I don't even know. Loudly. Aw man.

- Marcus

#### **Breathing again**

I'm so happy that there is no longer smoking in the bars. Words don't even explain. I'm not much of a bar hop, but the main reason I chose not to go out was because of the smoke. Even after one hour my clothes reek, my hair reeks and I have a headache — even if I didn't drink. So, thank you city for banning smoking in bars. Now I can drink and be happy the morning after. – Jennifer

#### **Noisy neighbors**

Last year I lived beneath some péople who treated every night like it was New Year's Eve. I could make all the noise in the world until 3 or 4 a.m. and it wouldn't matter since they were likely making more. Now I live above a two-month-old and the slightest sound has a good chance of ruining what little sleep the parents

get. There is no balance in my life.

- Greg

#### Time flies

This paper marks the beginning of my third year at The Argonaut. It seems like yesterday that I was just hired as a photogra-pher, and now I'm one of the editors who has been working here the longest. Combined with the fact that I'm a senior this year, it's a double whammy of realization that I'm almost done here.

— Jake

#### Summer's a tease#

I have been on campus all summer, working and taking classes, and the ability to park just about anywhere for free has been awesome. I would show up at whatever time and have a parking spot close to the building I was going to, but this past week has been chaotic. Even though it is still free, parking has been scarce, and I am missing my free, easy access, summer parking. What a tease.

#### Waiting for snow

I never thought I would say this, but it is too hot in this town. I'm counting the days until the snow comes. – Jeffrey

#### Honeymoon's over

I married my boyfriend of 3 1/2 years Aug. 16 in a wonderfully simple ceremony in Cannon Beach, Ore. Just as I was getting used to the breezy coastal climate and no responsibilities whatsoever, I come back to Idaho to 90-plus degree weather and hard work. The honeymoon was not nearly long enough.

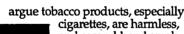
— Kelsey

#### Some changes over the summer As students return to Moscow af-

ter a hopefully relaxing summer, they might be surprised to hear about some changes to the city's laws. Last month the Moscow City Council unanimously banned smoking in bars across the city.

The new law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of an entrance or exit to a bar with monetary fines for anyone who chooses to light up. Reports from the meeting say the crowd in attendance cheered the decision, and the minutes show strong support and opposition for the measure.

The benefits of this new law are obvious. I don't think anyone can



and second-hand smoke has been shown to cause serious health problems and even death. The law will undoubtedly make Moscow a healthier city.

Despite the benefits, this new law is still wrong. The idea that the city has to violate the rights of property owners by forcing some of their patrons to go outside to light up is against the

entire concept of liberty. If it is acceptable for the to protect other people's

city to ban smoking in bars physical health, what about their psychological or mental health? I'm

sure there are people who would be harmed if they happened to watch a . film from the Saw franchise. Should the city ban those movies to protect the people?

Sure you could just tell those people not to see the movie, but you could also tell them not to go into smoke-filled bars.

Those who frequent bars should understand the choice smokers make. After all, they are consuming a substance that was at one time illegal, and as a local tragedy last year taught us, alcohol can be just as dangerous as tobacco if improp-

If there truly is widespread support for the smoke-free bars,

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## Open space. Empty minds.

G.K. Chesterton said, "The object of opening the mind, as

of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid." This year thousands of new and returning students will, no doubt, be urged by their professors and peers to open their minds. However, the reason given is not, as Chesterton said, to "shut them again on something solid, but rather to develop a permanent state of open-mindedness (at least nominally). This ideal of a continually open

mind serves no purpose. The mind is not to be like a tidal bay, into which anything, good or bad, can flow unrestrained at any time. What we must realize is if we insist on always being open to any idea that comes along, we have opened ourselves to any possibility except the possibility that something we believe is undeniably true. At that point we have closed our minds to truth. If the mind cannot, on principle, hold tight to anything (including

Honest uncertainty on a topic is one thing, but purposeful lack of conviction is quite another. We should be aiming for true convictions, not aiming to avoid conviction. Some might say, "But having strong convictions is so arrogant." This is a rather strange claim to make, because modesty is something to be applied to ourselves as individuals, not something

truth), why open it at all?

to be applied to ideas and claims. Being modest involves not thinking too

much of ourselves; it doesn't mean doubting the truth.

Of course, this raises a natural objection along these lines: Truth' just means whatever you already believe, and telling people not to 'doubt the truth' means 'just accept what you've been taught and don't think about it.' Really, all this talk is iust a cover for intellectual laziness."

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Perhaps. A closed mind can indeed be the result of a lazy mind not wanting to go to all the trouble of examining alternative views, but so can an open mind. The lazy closed mind doesn't want to spend mental time and effort, so it refuses to consider alternative positions, which would require examining others' arguments carefully. The lazy open mind doesn't want to spend mental time and effort, so it refuses to settle on any position, which would require examining others' arguments carefully.

Another objection could easily be raised on the grounds that closed minds lead to intolerance. Of course, we should all strive to be tolerant, but it is important we apply tolerance in the right place, which is the spirit, not the intellect. Our attitudes should be open and accepting, but our minds should be rigorous and demanding.

The ever open mind has the

potential to damage our thinking in two important ways.
First and obviously, if

the mind is always open to anything coming in or going out, good ideas may come along and find their way into our minds. If there is nothing to keep them there, they may leave as easily as they entered. If we want the content of our minds to be of high quality, we must be selective about what goes in and what comes out.

Secondly, the quest to maintain an open mind about everything prevents the development of a thorough, consistent worldview. Positions must be held, defended, and applied consistently in order to discover their true coherence. If we insist we will not tie ourselves unswervingly to any idea, we deny ourselves the opportunity to test them in this way, and it becomes extremely difficult to see past the surface of issues. Many false ideas look good when only viewed superficially. In order to see through them, we must see our own convictions through to their final conclusions and implications. If we have considered our own worldview in its entirety, along with its as-sumptions and implications, it is much easier to know where and how an idea agrees or differs, and a stronger case can be made for or against it.

Don't get me wrong; an open mind is not an inherently bad thing. As Chesterton says above, the important thing is that we open it with the goal of getting something good to hold on to. And, like the mouth, we shouldn't leave it hanging open for no reason.

You win some, you lose some

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The Boise Destroyer, a perfect fivefoot pipe bomb/potato gun, came into my life right before I moved to Idaho. It was made special for me by my best friend, James

We had a blast with that thing when we ran out of 'taters, we'd turn to pears. Anything with aerosol would work to propel them. Hairspray, bug spray, keyboard cleaner. It was one fun launch after another. Then, as tends to happen with anything that cool or explosive, it blew up.

Times with James and the Boise Destroyer formed the guts of my undergraduate years. Now, as a rising second year law student, I know just enough about the law to scare me out of doing anything really fun. No sending

pears into the stratosphere - those beautiful glowing blue streaks against the summer night sky. No. Instead, in the next day or so, I have to deal with the guts of my current life—the law school's court of professional perception. They will ask and I will tell them what I chose to do this summer instead of playing with bombs. I will tell them that all I did was ball up my first big-girl summer job.

At first blush, it was a sweet deal. Flexible hours. Cash flow. Cool bossman. Hell, there was even an office airplane. Some parts of my job allowed me to play grown up — they gave me my own office and a copy of the Idaho Code. I spent the two months of summer tricked out in Ann Taylor, trying like hell to come off as confident, not confused.

My boss, a high-energy trial attorney with a mega-brain, cracked my ideas like eggs. It's no wonder — my "epiphanies" came out garbled, sounding like the crud pulled out of a drain looks, I spent two months asking dumb questions and dropping things. Finally, the bossman's buyer's remorse of hiring a first-year student eventually set in. I knew it and he knew it. You can't draw blood from a stone.

It doesn't matter what your undergrad is in — if you want to be comfortable in law school, you need a degree in ambivalence. You need thick skin and if you're smart, earplugs The kicker is that most of my classmates are brighter, faster-learning and better looking. It's an enthusiastic, self-selected group who arose from their Undergrad Achievement club

or whatever, and moved to Moscow for the sole purpose of pinning down their law degrees so they can maintain their lifetime status as winners.

And even now, with five days to go before class starts, there's a symphony

of inquiry. Echoing down our badly-lit brick hallways, you hear this: My decision to (work for broken-nosed housemoms/ save cats/help Mexicans/middle schoolers) perform legal maneuvers you've never heard of was a way more complex political and personal decision than most people are equipped to fully understand.

What this actually means is this summer they chose to work for free so they could make good contacts. Later, because of these contacts and this free labor, there's a good chance they'll be hired by rich firms and be paid enough to

buy back this summer, even though 'It's not about the money' and 'It was

a great experience.'
Recently, my redneck boyfriend took me fishing. He's penniless most of the time, but when it comes to certain things, no price is too high. A lifetime fisherman, fishing poles are counted among the nicest of the nice. For this stick, he paid nearly \$200.

We're out there. I'm pounding cheap beers, and nothing is happening. Even though we can practically reach out and touch shore, it's like 86 feet beneath us because we are fishing a deep, dark earth hole. Suddenly, half of his pole snaps off and sinks to the depths of the earth-hole.

This very expensive, non-floating stick basically died, for no reason. Yes, it is intended for use around water. Yes, it is designed to bear the weight of heavy fish. Yes, it is usually used around alcohol. Should've worked, but it didn't. I guess that stick sucked at its job too. When they ask, I'll probably tell

them. All I did for three months was suck at my job. The job that should've worked but didn't. Instead, I sunk right here in Moscow, my favorite place in the universe. Moscow, a dusty, Suburu-sprinkled place with a WinCo. Moscow, a place I loved because it's a place that has good odds-good odds at staying alive through undergrad. There's good odds of finding a parking space downtown, but above all: there's great odds that most of the law school graduates will go be winners someplace else.

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someone will open one. If not, there are other sources of entertainment, and if people still feel the need for alcohol, the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary and grocery stores are smoke-free establishments.

Businesses should not be forced to change

their policies just so one group can impose its will on others. The final authority on issues like smoking should rest with property owners. The decision to frequent or boycott smoke-filled establishments remains with the customer. The government's only involvement should be politely warning the people about the health consequences of tobacco, protecting minors from tobacco and banning tobacco on government-owned property like university

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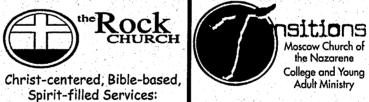
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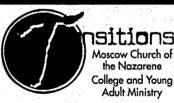
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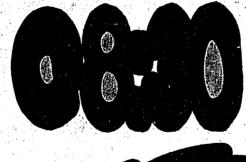
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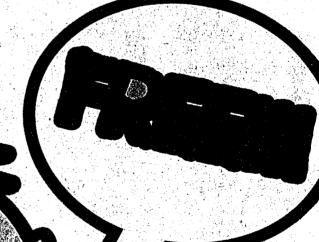
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Friday, August 21, 2009

# Palousafest: relaxation after orientation

Elizabeth Rudd Argonaut

Palousafest 2009, one of the main events of orientation weekend, will begin Saturday evening and is free to all students.

The night will start at 5:30 p.m. with booths lined up along Sixth Street. This year will feature 152 tables, a record number and an increase of 20 from Palousafest 2008. Tables range from student organizations to university officials and offices, volunteer programs in Lewiston and Moscow, as well as local businesses and religious organizations.

Christina Kerns, student activities coordinator, said businesses are putting more money into Palousafest this year, making booths more interactive and offering more

giveaways and food.

She also said there will be a booth where people can design street signs for students that will stay open until 8:30 p.m. The Original Butt Sketch artist will also have a booth where people can have sketches done for free. Kerns said the sketches are of people from behind, not just their behinds, putting a twist on traditional caricature. This booth will be open until 9 p.m.

Kerns said free food will also be provided, including shaved ice and pizza. She said there will also be a water-

melon eating contest, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The booths will shut down, with a couple of exceptions, after an hour and a half, just in time for the evening's entertainment. At 7 p.m. comedian John Mulaney, known for his appearances on VH1, will perform a 45 minute bit, followed by singer and songwriter Jeremy Fisher. Fisher, who has a pop-style sound, will also play a 45 minute set.

The final performer of the evening will be Joshua Radin. Radin; a folk-rock singer and songwriter has performed all over the country, including a performance of his single 'Today' at Ellen DeGeneres' wedding. Kerns said they were excited to get him because he will be starting a fall tour in a month, which involves shows in both

the U.S. and Europe.



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The hip-hop group Blue Scholars performs during Palousafest 2008 on the Tower lawn. This year Palousafest will feature comedian John Mulaney, pop musician Jeremy Fisher and folk-rock musician Joshua Radin.

#### **WeekendEVENTS**

#### Friday, Aug. 21

New Student Welcome Convocation

9 a.m. Memorial Gymnasium

1001 University Ave. in Moscow President Duane Nellis and ASUI President Kelby Wilson will welcome students and parents to the University of Idaho. Students who attend will receive a free planner.

#### Saturday, Aug. 22

Non-traditional and Transfer Student

Orientation 10 a.m.

Idaho Commons, Whitewater Room

875 S. Line St. in Moscow Students returning to school, starting school or are transferring to the Univer-

sity of Idaho are welcome to attend. This

meeting will give information about area

employment, child care resources and financial issues for non-traditional students. More information can be found by calling the Dean of Students office at (208) 885-6757.

Diversity and Community Welcome Barbeque

Barbeque Noon to 2 p.m.

Shattuck Amphitheater

Multicultural student leaders, faculty and staff will host a barbeque for new and returning students. Door prizes will be awarded.

#### Student Recreation Center Fair

1 p.m.

Student Recreation Center 1000 Paradise Creek St. in Moscow

Explore the different activities campus recreation has available for students to participate in throughout the year. Free food, games and prizes will be offered.

#### employment, child care resources and Palousafest 2009: Here We Have Idaho

5:30 p.m.

Theophilus Tower Lawn

Sixth Street, between Line and Rayburn Streets in Moscow

This welcome for new students takes: place from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Tower Lawn and Sixth Street. Informational tables run until 7 p.m. There will be free food and live entertainment until 10 p.m. The theme this year is Here We Have Idaho.

#### Sunday, Aug. 23

Common Read Discussion

3 p.m. Library Plaza

850 Rayburn St. in Moscow

Students participating in the Common Read with the book "Deep Economy" are invited to join fellow students, faculty and staff for a structured conversation on the book. For more information, visit

www.students.uidaho.edu/summerread.

Vandal Walk and Barbeque with President Duane Nellis

4 p.m. ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center, North Field 1000 Stadium Dr. in Moscow

1000 Stadium Dr. in Moscow
A long-standing tradition, new-students gather at the ASUI-Kibbie Activity
Center where they are met by University
of Idaho President Duane Nellis, campus leaders and the university's Vandal

Marching Band. Students will learn University of Idaho traditions and the Vandal fight song and everyone gets a Vandal Walk T-shirt.

The president then leads the students through campus to the Administration Lawn, where he and Ruthie Nellis, along with other campus leaders and faculty serve new students a barbeque dinner as part of the official welcome to new students.

## Warped Tour: a punk-rock circus

Corbin and I stood in the driveway in the early-morning mist, shivering slightly and rubbing our bleary eyes as Rob's car pulled up. He stepped out into the 5 a.m. darkness, smirking slightly. "Wakey, wakey," he said

playfully as we threw our bags in the backseat and got in the car.

The three of us were on our way to Boise for the 15th annual Vans Warped Tour. This was the first time Corbin and I attended the all-day punk rock festival, so we weren't sure what to expect. We were glad to have Rob, a Warped Tour regular for the past ten years, with us.

We arrived at the Idaho Center Ampitheatre 45 minutes after the 12 p.m. opening time. Fortunately, we didn't have to wait in line to buy tickets, and were able to walk right in.

able to walk right in.

The sight that greeted us upon entering was overwhelming, to say the least. Just inside the gates was the Kevin Says Stage, where The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band was cranking out some psychobilly-punk-

accordion music. Everywhere I looked, there were tents selling t-shirts, CDs, sunglasses, stickers and any other manner of punk-rock memorabilia. With about 70 bands, seven stages and 3 to 5 shows happening at any given time, it was

punk-rock circus.
Rainy weather had forced the Main Stage and Hurley Stage indoors, running side-by-side in alternating 30-minute sets. The other five stages were scattered around outside, strategically placed to minimize sound in-

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terference. The setup was awkward.
It took forever to travel
ho back and forth between the
indoor and outdoor stages

**Gus Simpson** 

**Argonaut** 

As we entered the venue, we noticed a sign saying Underoath was playing the Main Stage at 1:15, so we hurried inside to land a good spot.

because the entrances and

exits were relatively small.

Underoath put on an energetic, dynamic show, playing a mix of songs from

See **TOUR**, page B3

### Palouse Pride shows support

Ashley Centers Argonaut

Temperatures more like autumn than those of the August it is supposed to be didn't stop nearly 100 people—rainbow clad children and animals included—from coming out to show their support of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in Moscow's 17th annual Palouse Pride event.

Coffee cup in one hand and signs promoting peace and equality in the other, many participants — from all walks of life — marched from Friendship Square in downtown Moscow to

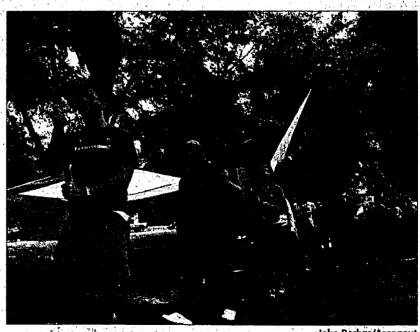
Eastside City Park.

"(Palouse) Pride is about creating a space for LGBT folks to come out and celebrate who they are, surrounded by friends in a supporting environment," said Rebecca Rod, coordinator of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied office. "Coming out is a very personal experience, and support from friends and loved ones is important."

Proof that Moscow has pride and isn't afraid to show it is in the numbers. According to Rod, the number of marchers present this year was double the amount from the 2008 parade. There were also 34 vendors set up in Eastside City Park to provide information and cater to marchers and guests.

Also set up in the park was the well-known local band "The Fabulous Kingpins," who provided hit after hit of classic rock 'n' roll standards that everybody from the young to the elderly enjoyed. A beer garden was also present for those 21 and older.

Inland Oasis, and more specifical-



East City Park fills with colorful flags and music as participants begin the pride march during Palouse Pride Saturday. This year's march had the most participants of any year out showing their support.

ly chairperson Kathy Sprague were responsible for making this year's dependent of the responsible for making this year's dependent on her eyes and a look of bewilderment on her face, Sprague looked as if she felt a bit overwhelmed as she

stepped on stage to welcome everybody to the event.

"Kathy is very involved with the community and does a great job at making everyone feel connected to each other no matter what they're doing," Rod said.

According to their website, www. inlandoasis.org, "The mission of Inland Oasis is to develop and maintain

a community center in which to conduct and support educational, social and health programming for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and allied communities on the Palouse, Southeastern Washington and North Central Idaho."

Often noted as being the most liberal town in Idaho, Moscow is the perfect place to organize and showcase an event such as PalousePride.

"Moscow's the liberal hotspot of Idaho and I've always felt comfortable

See **PRIDE**, page B3

## Beyond the microwave: Pass the cheese, please

Cheese is the ultimate superfood. It's compact, high in nutrients and tasty. I like putting cheese in almost every dish I make, and it's always an

improvement. Cheese can be categorized by firmness: soft, semi-soft, semihard and hard. Soft cheeses, like Neufchatel, mascarpone and chèvre are often used for spreading and in desserts. Neufchatel is a type of low-fat cream cheese from the Netherlands, and is a great alternative if

you want to cut calories but keep great taste. Mas-carpone is an Italian soft cheese, and is used in the classic dessert tiramisu. It adds a richness and smoothness nothing else could provide. Chèvre, made from goat's milk, adds sharpness and saltiness to my favorite grilled cheese sandwich.

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Semi-soft cheeses tend to be rather bland and creamy, but still delicious. Havarti, a Danish cheese that often contains dill, is very rich and goes great with roast beef on fluffy bread. Muenster is another semi-soft cheese that pairs well with most meats on sandwiches.

Semi-hard cheeses are the most popular type in the U.S., and include Cheddar, Swiss and the Jack family. Cheddar cheese is named for the region in Eng-land it was originally from, but is now made all over the world. Tillamook Cheddar, made in Western Oregon, is one of my favorite brands, and this cheese is arguably one of the best eaten

without accompaniment. Swiss cheese is not one

particular varietal, but rather a

family of cheeses made in France and Switzerland, like Gruyère and Emmental. These cheeses get their holes from bacteria that also give them a sharp, pungent flavor. Gruyère is great for melting as well as eating, and my favorite cheese to put in scalloped potatoes.

Hard cheeses are used for grating. Parmesan is **Chava Thomas** the most famous of these cheeses, and one of the most ubiquitous in Italian cooking. Lower cost domestic Parmesans can

be used in a pinch, but the best is a well-aged Parmigiano-Reggiano. If you cook Italian food or pasta often, I recommend going to Costco in Lewiston and buying a large block of this superior variety for about \$20. It may seem like a large expense, but it's a great value and you will get more pleasure out of

Halloumi is a unique Medi-terranean cheese that does not melt when heated because of its unique protein structure. Try it lightly fried with eggs, tomatoes and toast for an indulgent breakfast.

Blue cheeses are made with edible mold from the penicillin family. My favorite salad is made with dark leafy greens, blue cheese, apples, walnuts and a simple, homemade balsamic vinaigrette. It's a classy way to impress a date, or just a method of turning a weeknight dinner into something more.



Chava Thomas/Argonaut

#### Grilled goat cheese and apricotapreserve sandwich

but this one rises far above the standard American cheese melt. The sharp-ness of the goat cheese and the sweet flavor of the preserves melt together to create a unique flavor that blows any other sandwich out of the water. This makes one sandwich for a snack of light lunch.

- 2 slices sandwich bread/preferably 100 percent whole wheat 2 tablespoons spreadable goat cheese, like Chevre 1 tablespoon apricot preserves

1 1/2 tablespoons butter

Spread goat cheese on one piece of bread and apricot preserves on the other piece. Heat a skillet on a burner set to medium. Put the sandwich together. Butter one side of the bread. When the skillet is hot, place the sandwich butter side down in the skillet and butter the other side of the sandwich. Cover and cook for about 1 1/2 minutes. Flip, re-cover and cook for 30 seconds. Place on a plate and cut into triangles.

## New levels of realism in video games

Jeff Myers

For the past three years the world of console gam-ing has been engaged in a bitter battle royal, pitting the giants of the industry, Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo, against one another to draw the attention of a growing community. One of the main focus points for all three companies during the "Next Generation" has been altering control methods, making them more intuitive to better suit new gamers, while creating a more realistic, immersive experience for veterans.

The highly publicized Nintendo Wii stepped up early to establish itself as the leader in the world of

innovative controls. The Wii Remote, an entirely new design built with motion detection capabilities, brought thousands of new gamers to the table and introduced the concept of exercise to the traditionally sedentary old boys.

The Wii remote's capabilities were new to the market, but they initially left something to be desired, with less than responsive controls and very little precision in recreating the player's movement.

Last month Nintendo released an add-on to the Wii's controller called Wii MotionPlus. The device, which attaches to the base of the Wii Remote, contains a gyroscopic sensor and increases the accuracy and responsiveness of the controller immensely.

Games utilizing the controller's new capabilities are still scarce but Ninten-do did release Wii Sports Resort, a collection of minigames demonstrating the new functionality. The functionality. games are mostly shortlived and a little shallow, but they provide a wonderful showcase for how much the Wii MotionPlus can do.

On the virtual golf course, strong wrists and a steady swing are just as important as on the real greens, with the gyro constantly measuring the angle of your swing. Other games, including table tennis and sword fighting, feel equally realistic, allowing the player enough control to curve a ball just out of their opponents' reach or slip inside an enemy's defenses to deliver a satisfy-

ing blow. Opting to keep the tried and true PlayStation controller layout, Sony incorporated the new Sixaxis control into what looks like a cordless PlayStation 2 controller. Similar to the Wii, the PlayStation 3 controller can detect when it is

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Courtesy Photo Microsoft's Project Natal is a motion sensor system for the Xbox 360 that will allow gamers to play using their bodies as the "controller."

being moved.

The Sixaxis also suffers from many of the same issues as thé original Wii Remote, making it difficult to wield properly.

The motion controls can even become a hindrance, making some games infuri-atingly difficult. Fortunately for anger prone gamers, the Sixaxis serves mainly as an augment to the controller's traditional capacities and few games actually require its use.

At this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo, Microsoft announced their new Project Natal, a camera based control system for the Xbox 360.

During Microsoft's press conference the famed game designer, Peter Molyneux, took the opportunity to show off a few of Natal's unique features. His demonstration consisted of a woman interacting with an AI controlled boy named Milo. The conversation

showed a surprising level of realism as Milo responded to the woman's words, voice inflection and body language.

The woman was also able to draw a picture of a fish then hand it to Milo by holding it up to the camera, creating an in-game reproduction of the image.

Project Natal is still in development, but so far it shows potential, upping the ante in the race to virtual reality.

### Kerouac opens readers' minds to subconcious

"Book of Dreams" is Jack Kerouac's record of his dream life, and is said to be a parallel autobiography of the soul to the sleeper's "On the Road." In

fact, in the book's foreword Kerouac even admits to similarities between the current selection and several of his other novels and gives the reader a table of characters to refer to.

Each morning upon rising from bed, oftentimes while still in a half-awake state of consciousness, popular beatnik writer, Kerouac, recorded his dreams; and wild dreams he had.

Spontaneous, intimate, violent, powerful and raw are words that can't even begin to describe this

personal journey into Kerouac's brilliant mind and sometimes dark outlook

I was instantly hooked. Kerouac's "Book of Dreams" isn't always easy to understand, especially if you've just picked the book up on a whim and have never read any of his previous work.

I wish now I would have read one of Kerouac's other novels before pursuing what is, no doubt, a masterpiece nonetheless. No matter how intriguing his dreams were, I had to constantly refer back to the table of characters, and if there is a quicker way to gain frustration from a seemingly simple task, I haven't yet found it.

Kerouac's attention to detail is something to be admired, but the more-often-than-not vulgar lan-

guage could easily make the average person feel uncomfortable and his cult following, right at home. Examples of specific content present in "Book of Dreams" is hard to give without wanting to spend

just as much time explaining it, and

you can't just have any of Kerouac's

work explained for you. Each per-

son has to go and experience and interpret Kerouac's work for him, or herself, because everybody is going to relate to Kerouac, his life and his story in a different way.

Kerouac is not an author to be taken lightly in his novels, or in his personal life, which oftentimes told its own dark and depressing tale full of disappointments and heart-

breaking failures. I'd recommend "Book of Dreams," but only to those who are familiar with Kerouac's writing style and storytelling. If you're not, but still want to get inside the mind of a brilliant man, then I wish you the best of luck and a lot of patience, you will need it.

#### 'Hunger Games' trilogy not just for kids

**Kelcie Moseley Argonaut** 

Suzanne Collins' novel, "The Hunger Games" was released last year as the first installment of the series. Despite being written for young adults, the storyline and themes of the book are very mature and appeal to a wide audience.
The book revolves

around 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, a teenager living in a drastically different version of the U.S., called Panem. In her world, the country is divided into 13 districts, 12 of which are inhabitable. Katniss lives in District 12, which is also one of the poorest places. She is forced to illegally hunt for food in the forest to keep her family from starving, and has been doing so since her father died years before in a coal mine explosion, and her mother stopped being capable of car-ing for the family in her

The districts of Panem are ruled by the Capitol, which the people tried to rise up against years before. As punishment for the uprising, every year the Capitol holds The Hunger Games, a fight to the death between two randomly chosen children, a boy and a girl, from each district. The Games serve as a reminder of the Capitol's authority, as only one of the 24 children returns alive. The winner of the games and his, or her, family is taken care of for the rest of their lives, making the incentive to win that much more appealing, especially for starving districts.

When her 12-year-old sister is drawn for the Games, Katniss volunteers to go in her place, and she's entered with Peeta Mellark. Over the course of their training, Katniss finds herself caring about the boy she has to kill to survive, and that is just the beginning of the moral dilemmas presented throughout the book. The Games are like a warped version of "Survivor," and every movement the players make is caught on film and broadcast to the world,

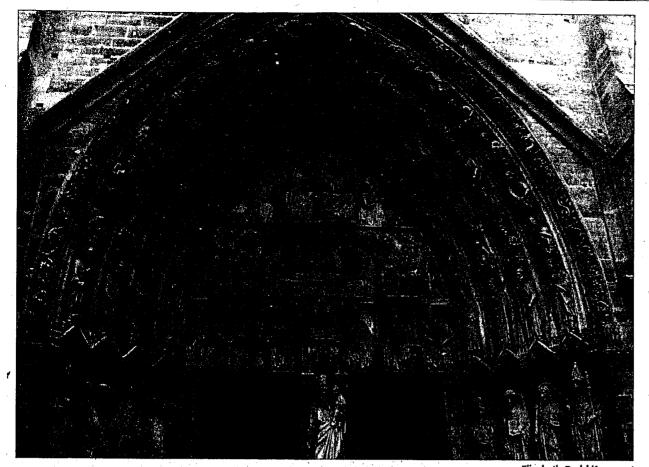
especially every death.
"The Hunger Games" is the ultimate pageturner, not only because it's easy to read, but also because the plot is fast-paced and the need to know what happens next and how or if they will survive is insatiable. Katniss is a complex, slightly frustrating character to follow, and the power of the Capitol is a fascinating dimension of the story that grows in importance toward the end. The closer the reader comes to the end of the novel, the more twists and turns present themselves, leading to an unsatisfying, unresolved ending - an ending that quite literally leaves the reader "hungry" for more.

If there are any com-

plaints to be found, it is only that the writing is fairly simplistic. Readers who enjoy complexity in the way a novel is written won't find much of that here, but the plot and characters make up for it.

Collins' novel is as much fantasy as it is a cautionary tale, or a glimpse of how far our obsession with reality television and the rise of governmental power could go. "The Hunger Games" is a story of survival, romance, friendship and rebellion on a battlefield.

And that's just the



Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in the world. The entrance displays the cathedral's religous aura with detailed carvings of the Old Testament kings.

## **Notre Dame creates** powerful presence

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris gained quite a bit of publicity courtesy of Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame, but when it was first

constructed between 1163 and 1250, it didn't need a movie to make it famous.

Notre Dame, a French expression meaning "Our Lady," was built as a dedication to the Virgin Mary, but the strong Gothic architectural features have created a tourist attraction for even the most secular people. The structure stands 115 feet tall and spans an area of 427 feet by 157 feet.

arg-arts@ uidaho.edu Each element of Notre Dame is intended to propel the building high into the sky, as a way of reaching toward God. The high altar, pointed arches, western facade and nave, along with porches, chapels and other em-

bellishments, make this one of the most exquisite examples of Gothic architecture in the world. Another feature Notre Dame

possesses is a series of flying buttresses. It was one of the first buildings to use a flying buttress, which is an exterior arch used to support and strengthen the walls allowing for huge stained glass windows. Flying buttresses also add a light feeling to the building — extending it upward

Elizabeth Rudd The flying buttresses allowed for three impres-Argonaut sive rose windows to be installed, all of which still

glass. The colorful windows let light into the darkened cathedral, while also telling biblical stories. The entrance of Notre Dame

acknowledges a different element

Gargoyles, another popular theme of Gothic architecture, also line the roof tops of Notre Dame and display detailed sculpting. Although gargoyles serve a functional purpose as water spouts for heavy rain falls, they were also intended to scare away evil spirits Notre Dame Cathedral makes

of Gothic art and architecture. Rows of Old Testament kings are

carved with great detail above the

entrance, accompanied by a bibli-

cal scene trimmed with decorative

a powerful statement in both its structural architecture and its intricate details. The religious heritage of the building adds to its looming presence as it extends toward the heavens, and the biblical stories instill deep meaning and purpose. Notre Dame's overall package with its flawlessly executed features, easily makes it the finest example of Gothic architecture in Europe.

#### "District 9": anything but ordinary

**Kelcie Moseley** Argonaut

From the very beginning, it is difficult to describe the simultaneous oddity, insanity and genius that is "District 9."
Produced by Peter

Jackson, but a far cry from Frodo and the Ring, this movie explores a plausible response to an alien invasion, which is with bureaucracy. In the movie, the aliens landed over Johannesburg, South Africa 20 years prior to the start of the film, and a poorly designed quarantine was set up for the creatures in the city. The government

agency, Multi-National United, was set up to keep the aliens in check, but the quarantined area is, at best, a slum. The aliens are terrorized not only by the locals in Johannesburg, but by MNU as well. Spending the first chunk

of the film in a documentary style with believable interviews of experts and historians, "District 9" is unique all the way around in style and form. The camera movements are jarring, the violence is graphic and frequent and all the clichés ever created by alien films have been taken and made original.

The aliens look like typical depictions, and they have liquefying weapons that only they can operate, but they also like cat food and have a family structure. They are violent with the local South

Africans, but it seems only in retaliation and desperation for the conditions they live in. Though they do not resemble or speak like humans, the audience ends up sympathizing more with their side than the humans'.

Events start

rolling when the agency hands out

eviction notices to

the aliens. Wickus Van De Merwe, a well-known,

well-liked MŃU

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out the notices.

He becomes sub-

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'District 9" Rated R Now playing

events. For sci-fi amateurs and avid fans alike, the good aspects of this movie that make it worth seeing are the fantastic special effects, the uniqueness of the film in general and the dynamics between the aliens and

non-stop action in a series of stranger and stranger

humans. Its drawbacks lie in the fact that the style and subject is so different, it may be too much for the casual moviegoer. But the film can capture and keep the audience's attention if only because they spend the majority of the time wondering who could have possibly come up with a

graphics. Make no mistake, "District 9" is definitely one of the most interesting films of the summer.

ing at the beauty of the

movie like this and marvel-

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here," Rod said. "However, sometimes elements-often times religiou religious ones-will vocalize their displeasure with the LGBT community, but we're not going away and just continue to grow stronger."
For many like Rod, who grew up in conservative households in the middle of the 20th century, pride is a loaded word.

"We were taught that pride is a sin," Rod said, but it's our loving nature to love who we love and there's nothing wrong with that."

#### **TOUR** from page B1

their last three albums. Vocalist Spencer Chamberlain kept his words brief between songs, trying to squeeze as much music as possible into their allotted time.

After Underoath we headed to the schedule board to plan out the rest of our day.

After making a list of bands, stages and set times, we went outside to take in some of A Skylit Drive's performance while perusing the merchandise booths scattered around.

After wandering through the soggy grass in the drizzling rain, we went back inside, wanting to watch

InnerPartySystem, but found we were at the wrong stage. (We got the Hurley.com Stage and the Hurley Stage confused-why did they give them such similar names?). We decided to stay anyway, since it was taking so long to fight through the crowds and Chiodos was playing the Main Stage in half an hour. We ended up watching

Gallows play instead. Although I was not a huge fan of Gallows' sound, their energy and stage presence made them worth watching. The hardcore punks from Manchester iumped offstage after their first song, playing the rest of their set from the middle of the crowd, instigating a gigantic, swirling circle pit. It was quite the sight from the stands, watching as hundreds of kids ran in a huge

circle with the band playing

in the center. After Gallows we walked around to the other side of the bleachers to see Chiodos. Although vocalist Craig Owens seemed a bit drunk, he and the rest of the band played well, doing a great job of getting the crowd involved. They were trying to break the record for most people crowd-surfing in a single minute, and they probably did. There was a solid wave of people moving from the back of the crowd to the front, creating a very cool effect for those of us watching from above. I also witnessed my first "Wall of Death," where the crowd lined up at opposite sides of the floor, rushing towards one another in Braveheart fashion once the

breakdown hit.

Perhaps the most entertaining thing that happened during Chiodos' set was the guy who tried diving from the edge of the bleachers to the crowd 10 feet below. Although they tried catching him, the weight proved to be too much, and he ended up on the floor in a spectacular

belly-flop. After Chiodos, I wanted to see Black Tide, so we fought our way back outside to the Hurley.com Stage to watch the speed-metal prodigies do their thing. By this time the grassy area in front of the stage had dissolved into a slippery, Woodstockesque mud pit. We decided to forgo the sloppy mess and watch the show from the Monster Energy lounge.

We hung out in the lounge long enough to finish our drinks, watching Black

Tide and catching some of Breathe Carolina's electroscreamo-pop as well. After checking out more booths. we then headed back indoors to catch We The Kings and Scary Kids Scaring Kids. Scary Kids Scaring Kids was especially entertaining, as their skinny, flowing-haired keyboardist spent most of his time beating his chest and making sexual advances on his keyboard (I wish I were joking, but I'm not).

After going to a signing with Hit The Lights and catching a disappointing performance by Senses Fail, Corbin and I secured a spot close to the stage for A Day To Remember, one of the final bands on our list.

However, when ADTR led off with the chanted intro to "The Downfall of Us All" and the crowd began

pressing in, I realized I had a problem: although I had a great view of the stage, I could barely breathe for the crushing weight of the crowd. As crowd-surfers passed overhead and the music got heavier, the strap to my backpack snapped from the pressure and I real-ized I needed to get out of there before I lost all my belongings, collapsed, or both. So I fought my way out of the crowd and watched the rest of the set from the bleachers.

We ended up in a silent, nearly-deserted Taco Bell, with ringing ears and tired legs. A bit anticlimactic, but after eight hours of screaming crowds, rain and loud music, we were just glad for a little reprieve from the mayhem that is Warped

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## Scrimmages show promise

Jennifer Schlake

Afternoon heat could not slow down the Vandals as they pushed through their second scrimmage of the season Wednesday.

The first time the Vandals scrimmaged last Friday, football head coach Robb Akey saw things he liked.

But like any other scrimmage, there were things he wanted to see improved upon.

We are a work in progress," said Akey. "The challenge will be between now and our first game. Are we there yet? No. Are we on our way? Yes."

And after the scrimmage Wednesday, Akey was seeing a more improved team before him.

"Offensively, we ran the ball better to-day," said Akey. "I don't think we finished well enough as an offense today. Defense did a tremendous job of recovering.

In one large play from the defense, wide receiver Daniel Hardy breezed by the line with a 51-yard touchdown.

But after giving up the score, the defense answered back and JoJo Dickson blocked

Another spotlight on the defense was Tyler Brooks who had six tackles, two of which resulted in a total loss of 10 yards and one sack for a loss of eight yards.

"Who's going to show up?" said Akey.

"Whatever it takes, they just need to play their tail off.

Among the offense were the running backs who "played their tails off" and improved by yards from the last scrimmage.

Junior Deonte Jackson, the active leader in rushing yards, is always pushing hard and finding the holes to break the tackles.

"My goal is to continue to push further," said Jackson. "I want to do everything that I can to lead my team and put some more victories in our column.'

Jackson finished the scrimmage with nine carries for 44 yards, but it was sophomore Corey White who stepped

up his game. White led all the rushers in both scrimmages, this time with 12 carries for 86 yards and a touchdown.

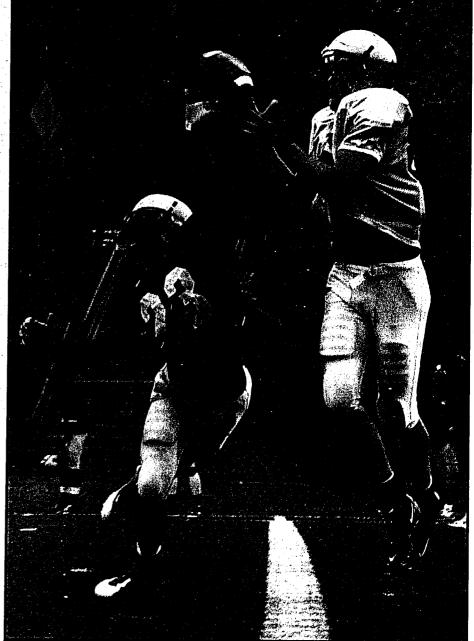
The Vandals will not be carried by their rushing game alone.

Akey still has not decided who will be the starting quarterback, and Wednesday's scrimmage only made the job harder.

Between the two scrimmages, junior quarterback Nathan Enderle connected on 70 percent of his throws. Sophomore Brian Reader's completed pass percentage rose from 59 percent to 67 percent since the first scrimmage.

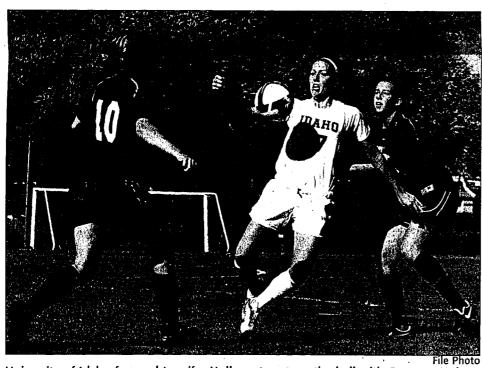
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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Weaver tries to evade UI defense during a scrimmage Aug. 14 on the SpinTurf. The Vandals will play their first game Sep. 5 against New Mexico State University in Las



University of Idaho forward Jennifer Hull, center, stops the ball with Gonzaga University's Taylor Hall, left, and Catherine Cullen closing in during the University of Idaho soccer game Aug. 29, 2008 at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals will be playing at 3 p.m. today against Washington State University in Pullman.

### Soccer confident for opener

Jennifer Schlake Argonaut

As the 2009 season begins for soccer, the bench seats only four seniors.

The team may be young, but soccer coach Pete Showler is excited with what his team will bring.

"We are a really young team," said Showler. "But they are tremendous soccer players both mentally and physically. We're seeing their knowledge and talent combined in practice and the challenge is to put that into the games."

Today at 3 p.m. the women's soccer team will play against WSU for their season opener.

Although WSÛ is 21st in the nation, the ranking only gives Idaho reason to play harder.

After winning their exhibition game last Sunday, 3-0, Guy Wicks field has been a stir of encourage-

ment and excitement. Senior goalkeeper and team cocaptain Anna Sandman is one of those full of talk, supporting those out on the field.

"It's a completely different challenge," said Showler. "With that brings other opportunities. They're our toughest opponent to play all core of leadership throughout."

vear but it's a good way to start to get a true measurement of where we're gonna

With returning talent and strong freshman, the team heads into the game with confidence and an opportunity to learn.

'Can we go in there upset things?"
Showler. "Can said Showler. we make it harder for them? Right now we've got more depth than we've had in a

while. That's a huge positive. I'm very comfortable about the bench."

Showler said whether they win, lose or draw, the team is bound to learn from it. With tremendous confidence in

his team, Showler found it difficult

above the rest.

"They are

group with

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**SHOWLER** 

Pete

a strong

"It's a team game," said Showler. "They are a strong group with a good Junior Jennifer Hull

hoped the team will take that leadership and confidence and build off Sunday's "We need

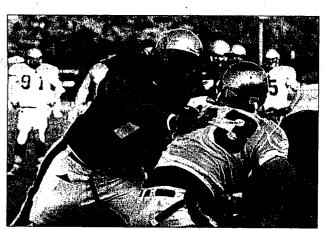
keep the high," sai intensity said Hull. Hull is the active leading scorer with two goals and two assists last season, but she sees the freshman on the team helping her

improve.
"The younger players are great goal scorers," said Hull. "I think other teams

will underestimate our freshman players and that will help them to bring in the goals.' After today's game, the team is

scheduled to travel for their second match versus Seattle University to name one player that stood out Sunday, Aug. 23.

Check out a Vandal-to-Cougar match up of soccer payers on B8.



Players look on as offensive lineman from Aneheim, Cal., Mike Iupati, blocks defensive tackle Michael Cosgrove during practice on the SprinTurf Sep. 10, 2008.

## Big Mike feels success early

Jennifer Schlake Argonaut

He started at the University of Idaho as a backup

By his sophomore year, he started in all 12 games. In 2008, he earned the sec-

ond team All-WAC honor. This season, senior guard Mike Iupati was named to the All-WAC first team and the success didn't stop there.

Iupati has earned the honor of being chosen to the 2009 Outland Trophy Watch List and the 2009 Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List. Both honors are awarded annually to the player regarded as the best lineman in the country.

But even after all the success Iupati said he has no added pressure—taking each step at a time.

I just know what I gotta work for and I know what I need to stay focused on and get better everyday," said

Īupati. While those named to the list are chosen by committees, it is obvious that the 6-foot-6, 330-pound guard is seen as a leader on

the Vandal field. During their spring practices, Akey asked the players to vote for captains and

they repeated the votes at the end of summer. Voting twice allowed the players to see who was stepping up after the effort and leadership needed to take place.

'I want players to tell me who they look to as their leaders," said Akey. "He's a fantastic leader. His teammates voted him captain for the offensive side. That tells me that they see it that way as well."

Whether or not Iupati is selected for the award even being named to the list — spotlights the Vandal as one of the best lineman in the country.

The Outland Trophy; that's a special, special award," said Akey. "Even getting named to the watch list is a nice honor.'

As the Vandals near their final scrimmages and the season opener, Akey said the offensive line is progressing well and Iupati's achievements are just another moti-

vator for the team. With the line's obvious size, Akey said it's obvious Iupati is the leader of the

group.
"It's a great thing for this
"acid Akey. entire program," said Akey. 'It's gonna come from Mike and his opportunity is go-

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## New seniors filling shoes with confidence

Jennifer Schlake Argonaut

With the loss of four strong seniors, two who were leaders in the WAC for kills and assists, many question how the Vandal's volleyball team will replace such vital positions.

But as the team prepares for their tournaments just around the corner, head coach Debbie Buchanan said fans might be in for a surprise.

"Everyone is going to be a vital player on the court," said Buchanan. "We're going to be pretty dynamic. You're going to (see) some kids doing some great things."
The season will start for

the women Aug. 28 when they head to Fullerton, Calif. for the Crowne Plaza Titan Classic.

After, they will face three more tournaments before beginning the WAC schedule on the road and finally coming home Oct. 3.

"The tournaments should prepare us for the WAC really well," said Buchanan. "We're playing a tougher schedule now more than last year."

Although she admits that in los-

ing their seniors they also lost a lot of their experience, Buchanan is more than confident in the women stepping up to fill their shoes.

"Now, it's the experience that we are lacking more than anything," said Buchanan. "But if you look at the positions that we lost and the kids that are returning to fill the positions, I feel a middle.

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Head Coach

BUCHANAN

Debbie

The toughest position for Buchanan to fill is going to be Haley Larsen, the number one outside hitter in

But senior Sarah Conwell is more than promising in Buchanan's eyes and said she feels good about her in the outside position.

'Sarah is by far more physical," said Buchanan. "She's swinging high and she's one of our best blockers. She's

going to be a huge part of our offense this year.

In looking ahead to the season, Conwell doesn't even think about the shoes to be filled.

"To me, I'm in my own shoes and our team is going to be completely different now," said Con-well. "I feel like we're really working well together right now and it's going to come together for good."
And in her own shoes,

she was. While Larsen stacked up the num-

bers in kills, Conwell was right on her trail with 249 kills last season. One thing the team has kept from last year is their leading blocker, se-

nior Anna McKinney. Ranked No. 12 in the nation and

the leading defensive player in the WAC, McKinney had 149 blocks

"Obviously, she's a great defensive player," said Buchanan. "Offensively, I think she's going to be better. She brings the whole package as

Another middle blocker, senior Debbie Pederson, had 79 blocks last season.

Each blocker, McKinney at 6-foot-2 and Pederson at 6-foot-3, can reach over ten feet of air.

With that as a huge factor, it is obvious Buchanan has a strong defensive team.

And for the 2009 season, she has six new players competing for defensive specialist.

Senior Meredith Rice, who Buchanan said has made a huge improvement since last season, is already set in the spot of libero, but freshman Brittnee LaFollette who totaled 201 digs during her senior year in high school might be the next best one to potentially play

Overall, Buchanan is excited about the team before here, but looking into the season in general, there are some things they are working to change.

"We can't have any matches mid-season that we let go," said Buchanan. "We have to be consistent and you can't have a bad loss in the middle of the year or it kills

Pushing everyday through practices and pushing each other to be better, brings the women closer to the season each day.

'I'm super excited for the season," said McKinney. "Just the level of play we've had so far in double-day practices is amazing. The freshmen are pushing us returners and we're getting better every single day."

### sports BRIEF

As non-traditional sports are on the rise, most universities offer a variety of sport clubs to students. But Gordon Gresch, sport clubs director, said

most people are not aware of the variety available

As of last spring, there are approximately 30 different sport clubs available to students including boxing, horse polo, lacrosse, rugby and soccer. But the list doesn't have to stop there.

To find out if a club you might be interested in is offered, stop by the Student Recreation Center and check out each issue of The Argonaut for sign-up deadlines, practices and tournaments.

#### Holliday in St. Louis

Argonaut

Matt Holliday is so legit. The mellifluous tune of lumber striking a baseball hasn't been deafening for the St. Louis Cardinals

since Albert Pujols clubbed a threerun moonshot off Brad Lidge in the 2006 NLČS. Lidge took a year to get over that one, but the choir of "Matt Holliday is a product of Coors Field" may never get over this — he's hitting .459/.490/.776 in 85 at-bats as a Cardinal.

arg-sports@ uidaho.edu In recent years, it's not as though that argument had much merit anyway. Holliday's average on the road began at a paltry .240 in 2004, but it's crept up in recent years so by the time the Rockies went tear-assing into the World Series in 2007, he hit a solid .301 on the road and .374 at home while it is a sizeable difference, it's obvious that he could at least per-form well outside of Colorado. In 2008 it jumped up to .308 on the road, and now, in 2009, he's hitting .330 at home and .310 on the road. Not bad.

Holliday has become the CC Sabathia of 2009. When the Cards picked him up on July 24, they were 53 – 46 with a one and a half game lead in the NL Central. Now they're 67 - 52 with a five game lead over the Cubs.

St. Louis began 2008 as that pretty girl with questionable acquaintances and a tendency to stay out of everyone's collective thought. One winter has passed and all of a sudden she's the life of the party. Everyone knows her in a good way and she's evolved into the gal

to mom and dad. The club has the foundation of a winner, something the dysfunctional Cubs, prehistorically old Astros and

floundering Brew Crew don't have. No need to mention the Pirates or Reds in that sentence.

The reasons for the change are many: full season contributions from Pujols and Adam Wainwright are a **Greg Connolly** great start, along with a healthy Chris Carpenter. Joel Pineiro isn't walking anyone

and has evolved into a groundball machine under the influence of Dave Duncan. Even the bullpen — a fairly mediocre bunch in 2008 — has whipped it into shape, and that's with the loss of Russ Springer, the best arm they had last year and Chris Perez, the supposed closer of the future.

The Cardinals also picked up super utility player Mark DeRosa. He hasn't been hitting so well as a Cardinal, but he can be played at second base, third base, left field, right field etc. etc. That sort of versatility is a rare commodity.

There's an adage that the small, below the radar moves a team makes are crucial in its success. The Julio Lugo pickup certainly seems to back that one up. He was castoff by Boston in favor of a woeful, scrapheap shortstop named Nick Green even though Green's offensive numbers have been in a nosedive since the end of May. Lugo is hitting .354/.403/.585 as a Cardinal and greatly bolsters the strength of their bench.

Big things are happening in St. Louis yet again

### Bolt gets gold, another record in 200 at worlds Raf Casert

Raf Casert **Associated Press** 

Usain Bolt startled the

world again.

The Jamaican sprinting great captured the 200-meter gold medal in 19.19 sectors of the sectors of onds Thursday, yet another world record.

His time in the 200 slashed 0.11 seconds off the mark he set last year at the Beijing Olympics and came four days after he broke his 100 record by the same margin.

"I am on my way to being a legend," said Bolt, who gritted his teeth and pointed to the clock as soon as his time flashed.

near capacity crowd at the. 70,000-seat Olympic Stadium disagreed.

"If Queen Elizabeth knighthooded me and I would get the title Sir Usain Bolt, that would be very nice," Bolt said.

Bolt is now 5 for 5 in major sprint events. He won the gold in the 100, 200 and sprint relay in Beijing's Bird Nest, each time with a world record. Now he is one race away from doing likewise in Berlin.

"I was running my heart out," Bolt said. "I got my start right and that was the key."

Alonso Edward of Panama was second, a distant 0.62 seconds behind Bolt. Wallace Spearmon of the United States took bronze.

"Just coming out there, I'm just waiting for the lights to flash 'game over,' 'cause I felt like I was in a video game," said Shawn

Crawford, who finished fourth. "That guy was moving — fast."

Bolt's spirits got a boost

before the start when teammate Melaine Walker added the world title to her Olympic gold in the women's 400 hurdles, another success for the Caribbean island with outsized performances at the championships.

After defending champion Tyson Gay had withdrawn because of injury, Bolt's main competitor stood beyond the finish — a huge track clock painted in the same colors as his Jamaican jersey.

With a new take on mous Cold War quote "Ich bin ein Berliner," Bolt pleased the locals with a training jersey saying "Ich bin ein Berlino," referring to the bear mascot of the championships.

His running was even better than his show. From Lane 5, he gobbled up all opposition by the end of the curve, and then let loose those huge arms and legs in a whirl of unmatched speed.

Once across the line, he stuck out his tongue much in the manner of basketball great Michael Jordan.

Bolt took off his orange shoes, which had taken him though through eight races in six days, and he started celebrating on the eve of his 23rd birthday.

It was the first sultry evening in Berlin, with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees, reminiscent of the warm night, exactly one year ago, in Beijing.

"I definitely showed people that my world records in Beijing were not a joke," Bolt said

During warmups, Bolt faked knocking out Spearmon, with the American happily playing along, taken in by the Bolt aura.

The decathlon was won

by American Trey Hardee, taking over from injured teammate Bryan Clay. Despite a slow closing 1,500 meters, Hardee held on for gold, edging Leonel Suarez f Cuba.

Yusuf Saad Earlier, Kamel of Bahrain and Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia started their chase for winning the 10,000 on Monday, Bekele was domi-nant again and crossed first in his heat of the 5,000.

The Ethiopian great won a long-distance dou-ble at the Beijing Olym-pics. Two golds in Berlin would establish him as perhaps Africa's greatest distance runner.

Competing on two hours sleep, Kamel followed his victory in the 1,500 late Wednesday with a win and easy qualification for the semifinals in the 800.

"I did not sleep last night because I was very excited," said the Kenyanborn Bahraini, the son of two-time 800 world champion Billy Konchellah.

Favorites Yuriy Borza-kovskiy of Russia and Abubakere Kaki of Sudan qualified alongside him.

Olympic hurdles champion Dayron Robhurdles

les had a bad day. The world-record holder had been slowed by a hamstring injury the past few weeks and after hitting the first three hurdles in his semifinal, he cried out in agony, grabbed his leg and slowed to a stop. He had to be helped off the track, leaving the final late Thursday wide open.

In the men's pole vault, another Olympic champion was in trouble. Steve Hooker made it to Saturday's final on a bad leg with his only jump of 18 feet, 61/2 inches, but was unsure whether he could continue.

"I am not sure about my pearance in the final Hooker said. "It is just that I am not healthy."

Defending champion
Brad Walker of the United

States pulled out of the event before qualifying with a pelvic injury. A day after winning her

first 800 world title amid a gender-test controversy, 18-year-old Caster Semenya was unruffled by the dispute when she accepted gold medal on the podium, grinning and sing-ing along with the South African anthem. Her stunning improve-

ment in times, muscular build and deep voice have raised questions if she is indeed competing as a woman.

"She said she doesn't see what the big deal is all about," South Africa team manager Phiwe Mlangeni-Tsholetsane said. "She believes it is God given talent and she will exercise it.'



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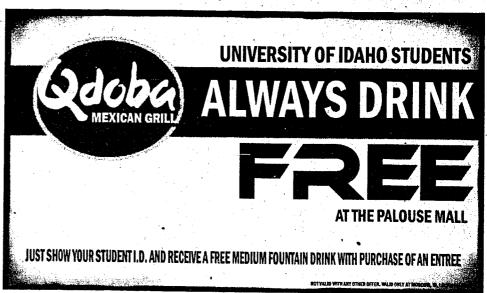
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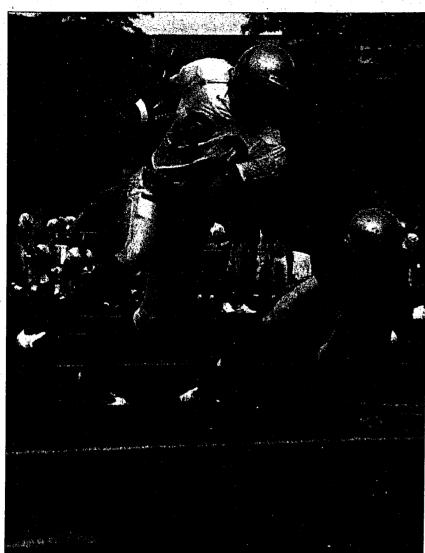
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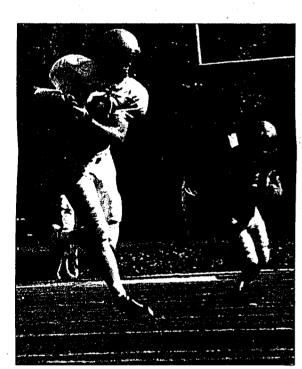


Jake Barber/Argonaut University of Idaho wide receiver Landon Weaver tries to evade UI defense during a scrimmage Aug. 14 on the SpinTurf. The Vandals will play their first game Sep. 5 against New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.

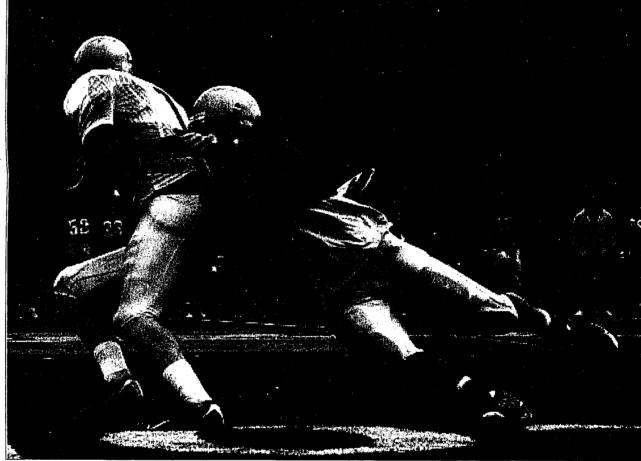
## Football players jump-start season with scrimmages



Shiloh Keo, right, dodges past defenders to successfully return a punt to the endzone during a scrimmage Aug. 14 on the SprinTurf.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut Tight end Peter Bjorvik catches a pass during a scrimmage Wednesday on the SprinTurf.



Jake Barber/Argonaut Shiloh Keo tackles wide receiver Eric Greenwood during a scrimmage Aug. 14 on the SprinTurf. Keo was injured during the fourth game of the 2008 season and missed the rest of the season, but he will return for the 2009 season.



## How much does Favre have left?

Jon Krawczynski **Associated Press** 

The salt and pepper in Brett Favre's hair is long gone, with only a few flecks of brown remaining in the silver atop his 39-year-old head.

He has a torn rotator cuff in that famously bionic arm and it's been 12 years since he won the last of his three consecutive MVP awards.

Most Minnesota Vikings fans are celebrating Favre's arrival as the missing link between their franchise and the Super Bowl glory that has eluded it for 48 years. They envision the exuberant, 27-year-old showman running around the Louisiana Superdome with his helmet aloft after throwing a touchdown to Andre Rison in the Packers' Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots. But that was 13 years ago.

So before the purple faithful book trips to Miami for the Super Bowl in February, one question remains to be answered: Just how much does Favre have left?

Even Favre doesn't know. 'I'd be the first to admit that I don't think I'm capable of making some of the plays that I used to make," Favre said. "My mind may tell me I can. But I don't know if physically I can do that. So understanding my limitations, how it pertains to what I can do, is

all part of this process."
Favre practiced with the Vikings for the second time Wednesday, and the team thinks there is at least one more year's worth of magic in a right arm that turns 40 in October. So the defending NFC North champions have brought in the once-hated rival to lead them past the Packers, Bears and Lions and to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1977.

"I think sports fans in general are going to say, 'Can the old man do it again? How well can this guy said NFL Network analyst Steve Mariucci, who served as Favre's quarterbacks coach during his best seasons in Green Bay. All eyes are going to be upon the Vikings because they want to see if he can do it. My guess is he will.'

Favre is entering his 19th season in the NFL, having played at his pinnacle from 1994-97, when he revived the dormant Packers and helped return the franchise to elite status.

In those four seasons, he won three MVP awards while averaging 4,015 yards passing, 36 touchdowns, 14 interceptions and a 94.6 quarterback rating. The Packers won one Super Bowl and played in another in that span.

He became an icon in Green Bay, and throughout the NFL really, during those golden years. Zinging passes into the tightest of windows in double coverage, taking chances few other quar-

terbacks would take and laughing about it all the way earned him adoration few others have enjoyed.

The numbers continued to pile up in the ensuing years, but the Packers never got back to the big game with Favre.

The statistics have dipped over the last four seasons, three with the Packers and one with the New York Jets. He has 3,848 averaged

yards passing, 22 touchdowns, 21 interceptions, a modest 80.1 quarterback rating and has only thrown more TDs than interceptions once during that time.

**Brett** 

**FAVRE** 

Minnesota quarterback

"I haven't been the best player. But I would love to think that every player I played with would love to have me in the foxhole," Favre said. "I have no idea what's going to happen this year, as I had no idea last year. As I look back, I gave it everything I could give. And that's what I'll do this year."

Favre was playing at a Pro Bowl level through the first half of last sea-

son with the Jets "I would love before a torn biceps tendon rento think that dered him inefevery player fective. He threw two touchdown I played with passes and nine interceptions as would love to the Jets finished the year 1-4 have me in the and missed the playoffs. foxhole."

**Favre** had surgery in May to alleviate the pain, but he still told the Vikings he was staying retired at the start of training camp.

With Sage Rosenfels and Tarvaris Jackson both struggling with injuries and inconsistency in practice, Childress made one more call Monday to see if Favre would change his mind.

Less than 24 hours later, he was on the practice field wearing a purple helmet and talking about playing in the preseason game

Friday night against Kansas City. "There's no question Brett

Favre is going to make this team better," tight end Visanthe Shian-coe said. "He's the nucleus to this offense right now. He ran this offense for a long time."
This year should be different

for Favre than last season in the Big Apple because he has more offensive talent around him reigning NFL rushing champ Adrian Peterson in particular and is running essentially the same playbook he did for 16 years in Green Bay.

"Much easier from a system standpoint," Favre said. "Still have to learn the guys and stuff, but it was so much easier just to call the plays I was familiar with.

So what does his arrival do for the Vikings' chances? Quarter-back was considered the team's lone glaring weakness, so if Favre can provide consistent leadership and a few of the big plays he has become famous for — the Vikings should be a legitimate

"I'm not going to sit here and make predictions," Favre said. But I didn't come here to lose. I don't think any guy in that locker room is here to lose. I think we can be as good as we want

contender for the NFC crown.

### Eagles not rushing Vick

Dan Gelston Associated Press

Michael Vick was under center and Brian Westbrook in the backfield. Brent Celek took his spot at tight end.

In Vick's ideal scenario, he'd be taking snaps with the Philadelphia Eagles first-team offense in a reg-ular season game, not just a routine preseason prac-

Yet that's all it was. Vick ran the scout team offense on Tuesday, calling plays for Westbrook and

"He looks

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other starters who -- are injured or recovering from injury, and not ready to play in Thursday's preseason game against Indianapolis.

"Best scout team ever," Celek said.

October beyond. and Vick could be . taking snaps ie starters in a game that counts.

"I don't necessarily know where he's going to fit in as a player, where he's going to fit in this of-fense," Westbrook said. The Eagles are not

in a two-minute drill to find out.

It's been all about normalcy in Vick's first week of practice with the Eagles. No special looks, no Wildcat packages, just a fourthstring quarterback watching and learning. And he's not traveling with the team to Indianapolis because he cannot play in the game — Andy Reid's usual policy.

Vick, who has not com-

mented since Friday's press conference introducing him as an Eagle, can only play in the last two preseason games, starting with a home matchup against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Aug. 27.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he would consider Vick for full reinstatement by no later than Week 6 (Oct. 18-

Vick is not getting any special treatment in practice. He takes his reps at quarterback behind Donovan McNabb, A.J. Feeley and undraft-

• ed --- rookie Di-Adam Michele. McNabb's backup, Kevin Kolb, is out with a knee injury.

"He looks read the degood me," fense." Celek said of Vick. "He throws Celek the ball real well and can **Eagles Tight End** read the de-

> Reid has insisted that Kolb will be the No. 2, but only two quarterbacks are normally active. Once Vick is eligible for a regular season game, Reid could activate Vick at the expense of a player at another position, likely a special teams player. Reid also could make Kolb the No. 3 QB.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do there. Something will happen," Reid said.

More crucial to Philadelphia's success this season than Vick is a healthy Westbrook, Westbrook, a two-time 1,000-yard rusher, has felt good in his first few practices since offsea-

son ankle surgery.
The star running back had surgery to remove scar tissue and bone fragments from his right ankle in June. He initially hurt the ankle last season in Week 3 against Pittsburgh.

Westbrook also had his left knee cleaned out shortly after the Eagles lost to Arizona in the NFC championship game last January. He experienced pain in the ankle while rehabbing the knee.

has increased Westbrook's workload in each of his last three practices. The versatile Westbrook may just sit out the entire preseason and take his first snap in the Sept. 13 opener against Caro-

"I think I'm right on time, right where I want to be at," Westbrook said. "I wouldn't mind getting in a game a little bit, but I don't think not having any preseason games would hurt me as far as the regular season."

There should be plenty Indy. Defensive end Trent Cole (shoulder), cornerback Sheldon Brown (ribs), guard Todd Herremans (foot), defensive end Darren Howard (groin), tackle Jason Peters (quad), tackle Shawn Andrews (back) and guard Stacy Andrews (knee) are all staying behind. So are Westbrook, Vick, and three others.

Shawn Andrews had his back examined in Los Angeles on Monday and no structural damage was found. Reid was unsure when Andrews would practice.

Reid said starters will play the first half against the Colts.

#### Rizzo gets GM job with Nats

**Howard Fendrich Associated Press** 

When he was a kid, Mike Rizzo wanted a job in the majors. As a player, not

When it was clear that wasn't going to happen, when he was released after a four-year stint as an infielder in the minors with the California Angels organization in the early 1980s, the question was: What now? Rizzo sat down for a talk with his father, a baseball scout whose advice was to stick with the sport, but to switch his focus.

'He said, 'Mike, you could be a minor league bum your whole life. You're not going to play in the big leagues. You're not talented enough for that," Rizzo re-

called Thursday.

Instead, Dad suggested, be a scout, coach, manager or general manager.

"It was a driving force," Rizzo said, "in the coaltion I have today."

me getting to the position I have today." After a lifetime of working his way up the ranks, including 11 years as a low-level area scout, always figuring well, hoping — he would one day hear the words "Mike Rizzo" and "general manager" in the same sentence without "assistant" or "acting" or "interim" there, too, it happened. He took over Thursday as the full-fledged, permanent GM of the Washington Nationals, a job he felt he deserved for a while and

"I took the long road," the 48-year-old Rizzo said, "and learned my craft."

he had earned.

the team finally decided in recent days

He joined the Nationals as assistant GM in July 2006, after seven seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, primarily as director of scouting. When his boss in Washington, Jim Bowden, abruptly resigned as GM during spring training March 1, Rizzo took over most of the dayto-day duties, but he was still technically an assistant general manager.

After 51/2 months of doing that work including signing No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a record deal just a few days ago — Rizzo gets the big

"I certainly knew he wanted it. Before

we hired Mike (three years ago), that was one of the things people said about him, both pro and con: 'You know, he really wants to be a GM," Nationals president Stan Kasten said. "I don't think he would have been a GM three years ago. He clearly is a GM today, because of what he's experienced, because of what he's done, because of what he's learned in the last three years.

Rizzo acknowledged his strength all along was player evaluation. He needed the on-the-job training under Bowden that Rizzo called an "internship into the general managership.

Kasten said he compiled a list of about 75 candidates back in March, a group he whittled to about a half-dozen people by June. Rizzo did have a "home-court advantage," Kasten said, but added that was

not the final factor.
"This is a can-do guy. And he's proven to be 'can-do-more-than-I thought," Kasten said. "It's a joke, but it's true: I just hired a first-time GM with an awful lot of GM experience."

The promotion lends stability to a franchise that hasn't enjoyed much, dating to the days when it was the Montreal Expos and there was talk of folding the team. One of Rizzo's first tasks will be deciding whether to keep interim manager Jim Riggleman, who took over last month when Manny Acta was fired.

Rizzo was plain about the "holes" on his roster. This is, after all, a team on pace for a second consecutive 100-loss sea-

"We know we have a lot of work to do," he said, mentioning veteran starting pitching and bullpen help as priorities. "We are, I think, really on the threshold

of putting things in the right order and being able to become a competitive ballclub in the very, very near future," Rizzo said.

Despite his — and his father's background in scouting, Rizzo conceded the importance of using statistical data when evaluating players. It's something he is new to, but also something he is growing comfortable pairing with his more traditional — he called it "old school" — methods.

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## Soccer player match-up Idaho

#16 Danielle Hayward, So., 5-foot-6

Hayward is a feisty, quick athlete on the field. Although she didn't start much last season, she is one to add some tough competition.

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#24 Erica Hart, Fr., 5-foot-4

As a senior at Gonzaga Prep, she ranked third in the Greater Spokane League in scoring. Hart was a member of the Spokane Shadow club team, which she helped earn a 2007 West Regional title, as well as two West Regional semifinal appearances. She was a six-year starter for the club team

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#20 Lindsay Parlee / jr., 5-foot-7 She's ranked seventh at WSU for a career high of 99 saves last season ... Coalkeepe

#23 Elysse Van Leer, Sr., 5-foot-8

Van Leer is the leader scorer for the Cougars with seven goals last season. She is also ranked on WSU career lists in game-winning goals

#3 Kiersten Dallstream Sr. 5-foot-7 Last season Dallsteam scored four goals and five assists) the moston e team She won gold medal with U.S. at the 2008 FIFA U-20 World Forward Cup and was named to the All-Pac-10 Second Team last season

#11 Carly Dobratz, Sr., 5-foot-9 Her rankings on WSU career lists: Game winning goals: 6

The goals were earned last season along with two assists.

Midfielder

#6 Mallory, Pox. Jr. /5-foot-6 Although she isn't ranked at WSU; she stacked up three goals and . Midfielder

#18 Caitlin Bonney, Jr., 5-foot-8 🕥

Started in 20 matches last season and earned an assist. She was also Defender voted most improved player.

Started in all 21 matches last season and scored two goals. She was also named to the Pac-10 All-heshman team and participated in the USA. Detender

## NCAA throws out Memphis' Final Four run

Teresa M. Walker **Associated Press** 

Memphis has lost every one of the 38 victories it piled up in a basketball season that ended with John Calipari's Tigers

just missing out on a national title.

The NCAA stripped Memphis of all its wins from 2007-08 Thursday, saying the Tigers used an ineligible player who is believed to be NBA star Derrick Rose.

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ment that the school is appealing what she called an unfair penalty.

"We know the rules," Raines said. "We did our due diligence. We did everything we could to determine the student-athlete was eligible and that the rules were being followed.

The NCAA announcement came 16 months after the Tigers lost the national championship to Kansas in overtime at the end of the 2007-08 season. It marks the second time both Memphis and coach John Calipari had to vacate Final Four

chusetts team lost its 1996 berth.

Now the basketball coach at Kentucky, Calipari said in a statement he was "very disappointed and disheartened by the NCAA's findings" and that he would not comment again until Memphis' appeal is concluded. Calipari said he's looking forward to coaching Kentucky this fall where officials are fully supporting him

despite the Memphis scandal.
"I'm not worried about it because they have never said Coach Cal did anything wrong at all," said Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, who appeared with Calipari at the Kentucky State Fair on Thursday before the NCAA announcement. "I think he's a very upstanding guy. I think that's his reputation and I think that reputation will be with him here. I really don't foresee any problems."

Memphis finished 38-2 in 2007-08, setting the NCAA record for wins in a season.

The NCAA report did not identify the ineligible player by name, though descriptions of the athlete involved lead to the conclusion it could only be Rose. He was the only player who played just that season at Memphis — a fact noted by the governing body of college sports. Rose went on to be selected by the Chicago Bulls as the No. 1 pick in the 2008 draft and later won the NBA rookie of the year

The player was accused of having another person take his SAT exam in Detroit so he would be eligible as a freshman after failing the ACT three times in Chicago.

Memphis argued that the university did not have enough information to substantiate the allegations in November 2007 and cleared him to play. Memphis officials defended their investigation Thursday and said four people interviewed the player, with neither Calipari nor athletic director R.C. Johnson involved.

"That person responded that he took the test, and we believed him," university legal counsel Sheri Lipman said.

However, the SAT officials later conducted their own investigation and notified the player, the university and the NCAA's eligibility center that they were canceling his test in May 2008.

The agency said it sent letters to the player in March and April 2008; the second letter was sent three days after Rose and the Tigers lost to the Jayhawks. The player did not respond to either letter.

The infractions committee said it struck hard with its penalties because the ineligible player was used the entire season, Rose played in all 40 games, starting 39.

In a statement released by his attorney Thursday, Rose said "it is satisfying to see that the NCAA could find no wrongdoing on my part in their ruling.
"I think it is important for people to

understand that I complied with everything that was asked of me while at the university, including my full participation in the university's investigation of this issue, and was ultimately cleared to play in the entire 2007-08 season by the NCAA clearinghouse and the university."

In addition to the lost season, Memphis also must return the money it received from the NCAA tournament to Conference USA and will be prevented from receiving future shares doled out in the conference's revenue-sharing program a total loss estimated at \$530,000 on top of the \$85,000 already paid by the school. If Memphis loses its appeal, Johnson said approximately \$300,000 in bonus money Calipari earned from that season would be paid back.



#### **PROMISE**

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continuing to push," said Akey. "We gave Brian extra time with the No. 1 line today. They are both doing good things.

At the end of the quarterback's throw sit the receivers, all who made great plays and showed Akey promise.

Junior Eric Greenwood is a strong wide receiver and can use his height to his advantage when the

throw might be a little too high. Greenwood had three catches for 66 yards and not far behind was freshman **Justin Hernandez** with four catches for 45 yards.

Freshman kicker Trey Farquhar continued consistency from the first scrimmage, making a 50 yard field goal—his farthest

"My goal is by the time we get into the game, we've already covered every scenario that will come up," said Akey. ""I wanted to see how we're gonna grow Whatever it takes to win the New Mexico State game, I want to put them in a scenario so it's not the first rodeo."

A number of penalties occurred during the scrimmage, including three false starts against the offense, although Akey admits that most were with the younger players that can be cleaned

up.
"I want to see things get better," said Akey. "I'm just looking for things to get cleaner.

The Vandals will scrimmage again Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

#### MIKE

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ing to come from the success of the whole group. I think those guys are gonna wanna play well along side him.

Looking forward on the season, Iupati said he has nothing but confidence in the

'We'll be up there," said Iupati. "We just gotta stay on the same page and it'll

Although he's feeling good about being named to the lists, Iupati's thoughts are only on his team.

"My goal is to have a winning season," Iupati said. "I want the Vandals to have a great year this year."

The Outland Trophy Watch List is the third oldest award in major college football. The trophy was named after John Outland, an All-American lineman at Penn and Kansas at the turn of the century. The winner will be announced on the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show on Dec. 10.

The Rotary Lombardi Award has been around since 1970, after the death of the leg-endary football coach Vince Lombardi. The watch list includes 153 players from teams across the country. This award is awarded to defensive or offensive linemen who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the discipline of Vince Lombardi. On Oct. 14, 12 semifinalists for the award will be announced and on Nov. 11, four finalists will be chosen. A ceremony to announce the winner will be Dec. 9 in Houston.