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Senate discusses provost's memo

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

Tuesday's University of Idaho Faculty Senate meeting was dominated by continuing discussion of Provost Doug Baker's Aug. 25 memo.

The section of the memo at issue set forth a new policy to merge or cancel undergraduate course sections with fewer than 15 students and graduate course sections with fewer than eight students. Though the policy allows for exceptions, it expects them to be "infrequent."

Baker began his report to the Senate with a discussion of the state's fiscal situation, which grew more dire with the announcement of a \$173 million budget shortfall last week. The combination of this downgraded revenue forecast and the loss of federal stimulus money has placed the university's projected budget in deficit once again.

Since the university has no reserve fund, budget cuts will be necessary, Baker said. He presented a series

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PREPARED FOR FLU



Jake Barber/Argonaut

United Methodist Campus Minister John Morris, left, hands out a flu packet to students in front of the Idaho Commons Tuesday. The packets, provided by the University of Idaho Health Center, include hand sanitizer, a facemask, a forehead thermometer, a pocket pack of tissue and information on staying healthy this flu season.



Steven Devine/Argonaut

In Moscow, three agencies, Valley Transit, the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute and Wheatland Express provide public transportation. Riders have options to go to Lewiston, Pullman and other regional cities.

Saving fuel, money: Palouse has transit

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

Local transit can reduce parking fees and fuel price worries. Transportation to areas as far away as Elk River is available, with some buses at no cost to the traveler — and all are environmentally conscious.

There are three main service providers within the region: Valley Transit, Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) and the Wheatland Express.

Stephanie Pung, a University of Idaho graduate student studying English, has been riding Moscow Valley Transit for the last year and said she plans to continue.

"I didn't want to pay for parking," Pung said while waiting at the bus stop outside St. Augustine's Catholic Center. "The region is small enough to walk, ride a bike or take the bus."

Pung, a vehicle owner, isn't the only one saving on fuel and parking costs. While Moscow Valley Transit is available to all people in the area, many riders are students.

"I would have to say around half our riders are students," said Tom LaPointe, executive director of the Regional Public Transportation Corp.

LaPointe has been working for the Regional Public Transportation Corp. for more than 12 years and directs LC Valley Transit, Moscow Valley Transit, Moscow Valley Transit Interstate and the "State 8" Route.

"We are trying to provide public transport alternatives for Idaho's region two," LaPointe said. "It's about being frugal and having a smaller impact on the environment."

Moscow Valley Transit's fixed schedule functions within Moscow city limits. Buses run Monday through Friday from 6:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

and from 1:40 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. with no fare required for passengers. The buses have an east route and a west route through town.

"We are lucky to have it in such a small region," Pung said. "It's not always necessary to drive your vehicle. Consider the environment."

Moscow Valley Transit also provides routes to Lewiston, which run four times a day, Monday through Friday, with a fare of \$5 cash per boarding. The "State 8" route to Elk River stops in Deary, Bovill and arrives or departs from the Elk River Library. The service is offered on Wednesdays and is free of charge.

The PCEI also provides a service for commuters. The PCEI, founded in 1995, has organized a vanpool that runs from Lewiston to Moscow.

"The fee is \$120 a month," said Jen

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University IDC series begins

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

The first Interdisciplinary Colloquium of the season featured a University of Idaho linguist discussing his research into a novel model of language.

But UI doesn't have a linguistics department. To put it succinctly, Steve Chandler, a professor of both English and neuroscience, relies more than most on interdisciplinary research.

"Here, there's virtually nobody within about four or five hundred miles," Chandler said of his collaborators. Most of Chandler's research colleagues are based at Brigham Young University and

other universities in the Netherlands, Germany and Edmonton, Alberta.

The series, which provides an opportunity for UI faculty to discuss their research, is now in its 10th year. Michael O'Rourke, in philosophy, Dan Bukvich, in music, and Richard Fehrenbacher, in English, organize the colloquia.

Chandler's presentation, "The Analogical Modeling of Language," began with an introduction to linguistics, and the distinction between those who believe language is mostly innate — most prominently, Steven Pinker and Noam Chomsky. — and those who believe it is mostly learned.

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IDC series SCHEDULE

Sept. 15, "Buying Local: The Economics of Important Substitution," Stephen Cooke, agricultural economics and AERS

Sept. 22, "Harnessing Evolution: The Application of Artificial Evolution to Practical Problems," Terry Soule, computer science

Sept. 29, "Hold Infinity in the Palm of Your Hand and Eternity in an Hour," Robert Ely, mathematics

Oct. 6, "Culture Clash: The Political Economy of Local Land Use Conflicts," Steven Peterson, business and economics

Oct. 13, "Interdisciplinary Scholarly and Creative Activities at the University of Idaho: Challenges and Opportunities," Jack Moyer, University Research Office

Oct. 20, "Daniel Defoe, Colonialism and Space," Ian Chamber, history

Oct. 27, "In Your Face (and Voice) — Can Digital Facial and Voiced Expression Tools Enhance the Social Sciences?" Akira Tokuhiro, mechanical engineering

Nov. 3, "Constructing Tribal Architectures in Native American Communities," Anne Marshall, architecture and interior design

Nov. 10, "Clownish Figures in Aristophanes: Some Considerations on the Language of Aristophanes' Criticism," Rosanna Lauriola, classics and history

Nov. 17, "Feedbacks Between Insect Outbreaks and Climate Change," Jeffrey A. Hicke, geography

Dec. 1, "Understanding Knee Injuries," Kathy Browder, HPERD

Discover Life

at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

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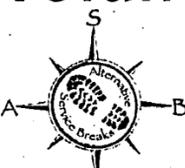
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First Year Build

Freshman looking to volunteer? Come meet other students at our first year build with Habitat for Humanity **September 25-27**. Students can register at <http://volunteer.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer/firstyearbuild> by **September 4th**. The weekend is **free** and everything is included.

International Student?

If you are an international student and want to volunteer in the community, a good way to get started is by registering to help build a house on **September 19th**. Students should register by **September 12th** at <http://volunteer.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer/intregister> Students will get a **free t-shirt and lunch**.



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Saturday: 9am-8pm
Sunday: 12pm-12am

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Saturday: 9am-8pm (will stay open later for programming)
Sunday: 12pm-12am

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iPod WARS

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.

Chava Thomas, Argonaut Writer

Vampire Weekend, "The Kids Don't Stand a Chance" (from the album Vampire Weekend)

Why is it on your iPod? It's off of one of the most-hyped albums of 2008, and I just happen to like it. How would you defend it? It's a slow, dubby song performed by guys in sweatervests. Awesome. Do you think your song or "Run" is better? Snow Patrol is weak. I think the geeky boys of Vampire Weekend could take them. My song is better.



Kelsey Moseley, Assistant Copy Editor

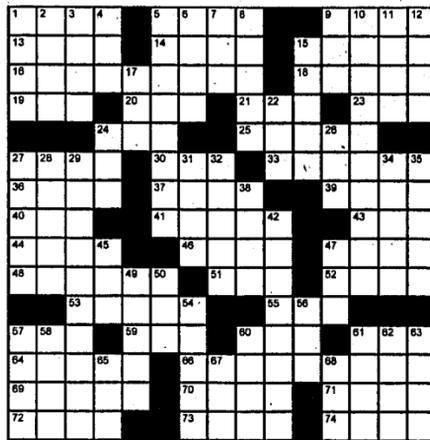
Snow Patrol, "Run" (from the album Final Straw)

Why is it on your iPod? Because Snow Patrol is awesome. How would you defend it? The lyrics are great and move the way the song builds. Do you think your song or "The Kids Don't Stand a Chance" is better? I've never heard the other song, but Snow Patrol is hard to beat.

Crossword

Across

- In the distance
- Slender
- Tin foil, e.g.
- Actress Kudrow
- Waikiki wiggler
- India's first P.M.
- Deserted
- Leaning
- AOL, e.g. (Abbr.)
- Unit of energy
- WW II arena
- "... so fast!"
- Classic card game
- Stallone title role
- Circus sight
- Strike caller
- Family members
- Nautical direction
- Flub
- Floor model
- Kind of truck
- Pay tribute to
- Plunder
- Church recess
- Actress Polo
- Pigeon's home
- Rifle kick back
- Dry, as wine
- Manipulator
- Put in a stake
- Flamenco cheer
- "... boom bah!"
- Author LeShan
- Phenom
- Can opener
- Clan Emblem
- Elm Street had one
- Pitchers
- Sloth's home
- Operatic solo
- Olympian Lipinski



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 - Little lies
 - Pronio notation
 - Campaigned member
 - In-depth
 - Like a jury, at times
 - Québec's d'Orléans
 - 4-time presidential runner
 - Rainy
 - Thick-skinned beast
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Golf stroke
 - One of the Judds
 - Cozy room
 - Browning work?
 - Colorado Indian
 - Hospital unit
 - Golden Horde member
 - Split to unite
 - TV personality
 - Like some points
 - Combréads
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 - Judicious
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 - Stage signal
 - Agenda entries
 - Called the shots
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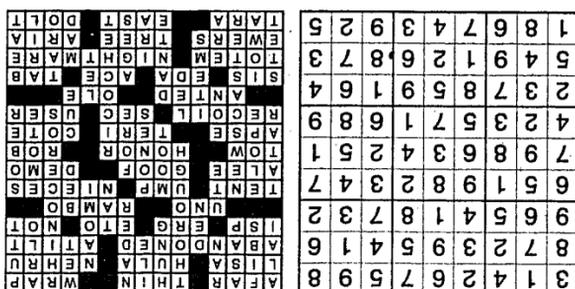
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Corrections

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 5.

Solutions



PoliceLOG

Monday

9:26 a.m. UI Swim Center: Caller reported suspicious person.
 10:08 a.m. Baker Street: Caller reported overflowing dumpsters.
 1:23 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller said his bike was accidentally locked up with another person's lock while securing their own bike.
 3:14 p.m. UI Campus: 35 bicycles were reported found.
 10:57 p.m. Baker Street: Officer requested case number for a parking problem.

Tuesday

2:41 p.m. Grad Student Housing: Caller reported her bike was stolen.
 2:29 p.m. West Sixth Street: 20-year-old female had a seizure. She was transported to Gritman Medical Center.
 4:30 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Young teenage male fell off his bike. Fire, law and EMS responded. Subject signed patient refusal.

Wednesday

12:16 a.m. UI Albertson Building: Fire and law responded to a fire alarm activation. Determined to be caused by dust.
 11:39 a.m. Memorial Gym: Subject hit by a car. Fire, law and EMS responded. Subject was transported to Gritman Medical Center.
 8:09 p.m. UI Children's Center: Caller reported a male that called her son's daycare stating he was the child's father.
 9:56 p.m. Baker Street: Caller reported loud music that has been playing on and off since 4 p.m.
 10:20 p.m. University Avenue: Law and EMS responded for a seizure. Patient was transported to Gritman Medical Center.
 11:22 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Elevator alarm was sounded. Officer responded and checked both elevators, but there was no report.

Thursday

12:45 a.m. Blake Avenue: Officers caught a subject urinating in public.
 1:00 a.m. Blake Avenue: Male cited for alcohol offense.
 1:31 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officer requested case number for a parking problem.
 1:41 p.m. Memorial Gym: There was a 911 call from the elevator. Nothing was heard.
 4:06 P.M. Law Building: Caller reported a dog that had been tied to a tree for two hours. Caller took the dog to the shelter and left a note for the owner.
 6:56 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported his bike was stolen within the last 24 hours.
 7:08 p.m. Blue Lot East

Side Campus: Caller reported that his vehicle was hit sometime in the last three days.
 9:01 p.m. Baker Street: Caller reported an illegally parked pickup in a handicapped spot.

Friday

2:46 a.m. Wallace Complex: Caller reported three people "hanging out in the dark" and skateboarding between Wallace and the SRC.
 8:41 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported some students that climbed over the wall by the second floor, over the roof and across the top. Caller said they threw another paver off.

2:08 p.m. Campus Drive: Caller reported that the Frisbee players have returned and are playing close to the statue near the Administration Building.
 2:56 p.m. Elm Street: Officer requested a case number for a bicycle theft.
 9:04 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller dialed 911. Nothing was heard.
 10:52 p.m. Elm Street: Subject was cited for alcohol offense.
 11:20 p.m. Blake Street: Citations were issued for alcohol offense.
 11:32 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Law, fire and EMS responded for an overdose. Patient was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

Saturday

12:11 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported noise complaint.
 3:20 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Trespassing intoxicated subject refused to leave.
 11:57 a.m. Elm Street: Caller reported an accident. No injuries.
 2:13 p.m. South Line Street: Caller requested assistance with making entry into a building.
 8:59 p.m. Ash Street: Caller reported loud bass noise possibly coming from the garage.

Sunday

12:46 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller smelled marijuana in the stairwell and on the second floor.
 1:06 a.m. Elm Street: Caller reported two guys hanging out in front of Kappa Alpha Theta acting suspicious. They walked up the walkway twice then turned around when they saw the caller looking at them. The two men walked around to the back of the house and made entry. Officers contacted the subjects.
 12:26 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported multiple missing bicycle seats found in a pile in a corner.
 9:11 p.m. West Third Street: Officers responded to a reported traffic offense.
 10:17 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Male arrested for driving without privileges.

Research veep talks shop

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Jack McIver's pencil erasers are pristine. In his office, books about the Civil War sit next to books about theoretical physics, and a brown leather ball rests on top of documents.
 "I'm still a human with lots of interests," he said.
 McIver is the vice president for research at the University of Idaho. It is his job to oversee the scientific research done at UI and help the researchers obtain grants. He said he wants to be responsible with what is done.
 "We need to be good stewards of the taxpayer's money," he said.
 McIver also said he

wants to protect live research subjects.
 "We want to protect the rights of the human subject," he said. "Animals can't yell back at you, either."
 McIver is trained as a physicist and mechanical engineer. He said his training helps him look at research, regardless of the topic.
 "It helps to just be curious," he said. "Training as a physicist, part of it is learning the facts, but a lot of it is learning how to solve the problems."
 Before coming to UI, McIver was chair of the physics department at the University of New Mexico and an interim vice president for research.
 He said although a lot of the agricultural research

at UI is new to him, he said he has the skills to help the researchers.
 "The real point of the job is synthesis of big problems," he said.
 McIver said all research done at UI is equally important.
 "Just because (certain projects) bring in the money, they aren't the most important things," he said.
 Polly Knutson, the interim director of the office of sponsored programs, said McIver has an outstanding background of research.
 "He blends his understanding of research with his understanding of compliance," she said. "I think he's been very important to UI to grow and move forward our research

programs."
 As a vice president for research at UNM, McIver saw four university presidents in six years.
 He said he is optimistic about UI's newly-minted President Duane Nellis, who began in July.
 "We have a great new president, and I'm an expert," he said.
 McIver said his favorite pastime is reading. He enjoys popular science and history, but also more humble books.
 "I can read the trashy novels on an airplane like anyone else," he said.
 McIver said he's been having a good time in Moscow.
 "I like the job, I like the university, I like the town," he said. "I'm enjoying it."

WSU swine flu outbreak may be easing

Associated Press

A swine flu outbreak at Washington State University that is suspected of sickening at least 2,200 students may be tapering off, a campus health official said Monday.
 Dr. Dennis Garcia said 40 to 50 students a day have contacted the health service at the campus in Pullman this weekend to report flu symptoms. That's down from roughly 150 a day last week.
 Garcia notes many students have gone home for the Labor Day weekend, but there are still signs the outbreak may have peaked.
 "It's hard to say exactly what's going on, but it seems like things are slowing down a little bit," said Garcia, senior associate director of Health and Wellness Services at WSU.

Colleges across the country have been seeing spikes in the number of suspected cases of swine flu as dorms fill up and classes begin for the fall semester, putting students in close proximity that makes it easier for the virus to spread.
 About 2,200 students at WSU have contacted the health service so far, and Garcia estimated 1,000 more may have gotten sick.
 None of the students required hospitalization.
 Based on estimates from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Garcia said about 5,000 students can be expected to come down with the bug. That's about one-third of the enrollment at the campus.
 In accordance with CDC guidelines, the university is no longer

testing patients to confirm swine flu infection.
 The outbreak at WSU began soon after classes started two weeks ago, and officials at that time thought it might last six to eight weeks. "But if this weekend is any indication, it could be over in another couple of weeks," Garcia said.
 Compared with other types of influenza, the swine flu or H1N1 strain is relatively mild, Garcia said.
 He said most students suffer three to five days of discomfort, such as fever, congestion, sore throat and fatigue.
 WSU is urging people who think they have flu-like symptoms to stay home, rest and get plenty of fluids. Officials also are handing out free flu kits, including a thermometer, painkillers, throat lozenges, sport drinks, hand sanitizer and tissues.

Clinton movie case reheard by Supreme Court

Jesse J. Holland and Mark Sherman
Associated Press

The Supreme Court appears poised to wipe away limits on campaign spending by corporations and labor unions in time for next year's congressional elections in a case that began as a dispute over a movie about Hillary Rodham Clinton.
 The justices return to the bench Wednesday — nearly a month early — to consider whether to overrule two earlier decisions that restrict how and when corporations and unions can take part in federal campaigns. Laws that impose similar limits in 24 states also are threatened.
 The court first heard arguments in March in the case of whether "Hillary: The Movie," a scathing critical look at Clinton's presidential ambitions, could be regulated as a campaign ad. The emphasis has shifted away from the 90-minute film.
 Deep corporate and labor pockets and the poten-

tial for corruption "amply justify treating corporate and union expenditures differently from those by individuals and ideological nonprofit groups," argued Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and other sponsors of a major campaign finance law who don't want any significant change to the restrictions.
 But former Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who six years ago defended the campaign finance provision he now is challenging, said

the limits are strangling corporate and union freedom to speak out.
 "Why is it easier to dance naked, burn a flag or wear a T-shirt profanely opposing the draft," Olson said at a Federalist Society event in July, "than it is to advocate the election or defeat of a president? That cannot be right."
 Wednesday's unusual session — the court only rarely orders a case to be reargued — also will be the first to include the newest justice, Sonia Sotomayor.

In August, the 55-year-old New Yorker became the court's first Hispanic and third female justice ever.
 Kagan, defending the law on the government's behalf, and Waxman will face skeptical conservative-leaning justices, who appear to hold the upper hand on this issue. Sotomayor's ascension to the court did not change its ideological balance, giving opponents of the current campaign finance laws hope this court will strike them down.

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Grocery aisle relief as food prices fall

Emily Fredrix and Sarah Skidmore
Associated Press

Grocery shoppers are finally seeing some relief from last year's steep price increases.

Food prices are dropping on some key items as retailers slash prices to better compete and food makers do more promotions and pass along savings from lower ingredient and gasoline costs.

It's welcome relief for American consumers who are looking to save money as they cope with stagnant incomes, job loss and economic uncertainty.

Prices for dairy, meat, fruits, vegetables and bread have all fallen.

A Labor Department price index of food sold to be eaten at home fell for the seventh time in eight months in July. The index, which is part of the Consumer Price Index, fell 0.5 percent in the most recent month and is down 0.9 percent in the past 12 months.

In fact, overall food prices — what's sold in groceries and in restaurants — haven't risen on a monthly basis since November 2008.

Still, that doesn't make up for the surge in food prices from last year, when costs for ingredients like wheat and corn and fuel costs for transportation soared to record highs. Food makers raised their prices and some even shrank package sizes to protect their profits. CPI's food-at-home index finished last year up 6.7 percent, so the less than 1 percent drop so far this year doesn't erase that.

But ingredient costs for major food makers, including Heinz, Kraft and Hormel, are down about 28 percent on average as of Sept. 1, from the same time last year, according to Jonathan Feeney, food analyst for Janney Montgomery Scott.

That means the food industry now has room to give back some of those price hikes — and feed the frugal consumer who is using more coupons, buying more store brands and switching to discounters to stretch a budget.

Consumers' demand to save money is pressuring retailers and manufacturers to cut everyday prices and boost promotions throughout their stores.

"The consumer really is very much in charge of the effort," said Herb Walter, a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. "They're picking the price points they want and when they want it."

Safeway Inc. recently announced lower prices on milk, eggs, cheese and other basic items. Whole Foods Market Inc. says low prices on produce, such as organic berries, has meant significant savings for shoppers.

And Costco Wholesale Corp., which aims to be the first of its peers to lower prices and last to raise them, says prices are down on items from paper towels to prime-cut meat.

Costco's Chief Financial Officer Richard Galanti said the company made some drastic moves in pricing, including reducing the price of its rotisserie chicken by \$1. The company sells just under 1 million of these chickens a week, so it hurt margins.

But Costco determined it would be worth it in the long run, and shoppers gobbled up the deal. The company said it helped solidify its position as a value-

focused company, which is so important to consumers.

"I think across the board, people are spending less and spending more consciously," Galanti said.

The factors that drive what consumers actually pay can vary wildly.

Weather, demand, oil prices and market competition all play a role. And each food category has its own economics of supply and demand. Falling prices for gasoline and transportation plus consumer resistance to price increases have helped drive this latest spiral downward.

April Schreiner, a mother of two, said she has noticed a difference in her grocery bill.

During a visit to a Portland, Ore., Fred Meyer store she paid 88 cents for a half-gallon of milk, which she rarely sees for less than \$1. Butter and other staples also were unusually low-priced, she said.

"Everything spiked for awhile with gas prices, it hurt to go to the store," she said. "Now there is some relief. I see it. My budget sees it."

Oil near \$68 as US summer season ends

Alex Kennedy
Associated Press

Oil prices hovered near \$68 a barrel Tuesday in Asia for a fifth day as the U.S. summer driving season wound down and OPEC planned to meet Wednesday.

Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 35 cents at \$68.37 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Trading was closed Monday in the U.S. for the Labor Day holiday, so the contract last settled on Friday at \$68.02 after rising 6 cents.

Labor Day is traditionally seen in the U.S. as the end of summer, and demand usually falls in the autumn before rebounding in the winter as heating oil consumption picks up.

"The seasonal demand is really coming to an end right now," said Jonathan Kornafel, Asia director for market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singa-

pore. "It looks as if the bearish pressures are going to win out."

Leaders of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have signaled they plan to keep output levels unchanged at the group's meeting Wednesday in Vienna. That could send oil prices lower as traders eye OPEC members producing more and more over official quotas.

"Compliance levels have been dropping every month because many of the members have been cheating," Kornafel said. "So if they don't cut quotas, more oil will be entering the market."

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for October delivery fell 0.63 cent to \$1.77 a gallon, and heating oil rose 0.98 cent to \$1.73 a gallon. Natural gas dropped 6.8 cents to \$2.66 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude was up 46 cents to \$66.99.

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Chandler's own research, which he detailed in the second half of his presentation, relates to language's syntax, employing mathematical modeling to make predictions about language.

O'Rourke, who has worked with the series for several years, said the colloquia both seeks and is sought by speakers — but some are more easily wooed than others.

"You'd be surprised how many people think no one would be interested in what

they do," O'Rourke said. He described the series' goal as putting passionate people describing their research in front of audiences.

O'Rourke said interdisciplinary efforts "tend to be greater than the sum of their parts."

"This university is moving in, and has been moving in, the direction of fostering interdisciplinary research for quite some time," O'Rourke said.

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Hiebert, the office manager in charge of the pool. "We mostly serve UI employees who are commuting from Lewiston, but it depends on demand."

The PCEI hopes to reduce the amount of fossil fuels being used and reduce greenhouse gases.

"In one year, we saved 4,000 gallons of fuel generated by 12 UI employees," Hiebert said.

The 15-passenger van runs from Lewiston to Moscow. It leaves at 6:50 a.m. from the Community Center in Lewiston and arrives at the Student Union Building at 7:30 a.m., depending on the weather. The van departs from the UI Commons at 4:30 p.m. and arrives at the Community Center in Lewiston at 5:10 p.m.

"When people join the vanpool, we ask them if they would be interested in driving," said Hiebert. "That way no one has to drive every day. It saves time and fuel and people who participate enjoy it."

Service between Pullman and Moscow is also available. The Wheatland Express' Moscow-Pullman Commuter Bus runs Monday through Friday, free of charge to UI and WSU students with picture ID. The bus runs from 6:30 a.m. to around 7 p.m. and makes various stops around campus.

Wheatland Express also provides rides from Moscow to the Spokane airport. Their full schedule can be viewed on the Web at <http://www.wheatlandexpress.com>.

"Buses are a great place to meet people and get around in the winter," Pung said. "In the summer there is plenty of seating and air conditioning."

Bus schedules for services are available at all bus stops and at the Student Union Building information desk. Contact information for Moscow Valley Transit is 883-7747. The PCEI can be reached at 882-1444, and the Wheatland Express can be reached at 509-334-2200.

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of slides showing the breakdown of courses by number of students enrolled at the lower division, upper division and graduate levels for each college. Senators expressed concern that setting hard minimums for enrollment in courses would not be strategic.

"Maybe it's not as much a class load issue, but more a program issue," said Senator Karen Guilfoyle.

Baker said he expects deans to take strategic issues into account.

"I'm willing to have a rational conversation," he said in response to concerns faculty members were being left behind in the discussion.

Chair Jack Miller moved to amend Baker's memo, adding a clause to allow exemptions to the class size restrictions for "other good causes shown" and striking the language about infrequent exceptions. The motion was seconded for discussion, but tabled until next week's meeting.

The only other business discussed was a motion by Guilfoyle to recommend class cancellations during UI President Duane Nellis' inauguration on Oct. 16.

Though some senators said their instruction may be adversely affected, and that students may not attend the inauguration, the motion was carried.

Discussion of changes to the Faculty-Staff Handbook was on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting, but was tabled until next week.

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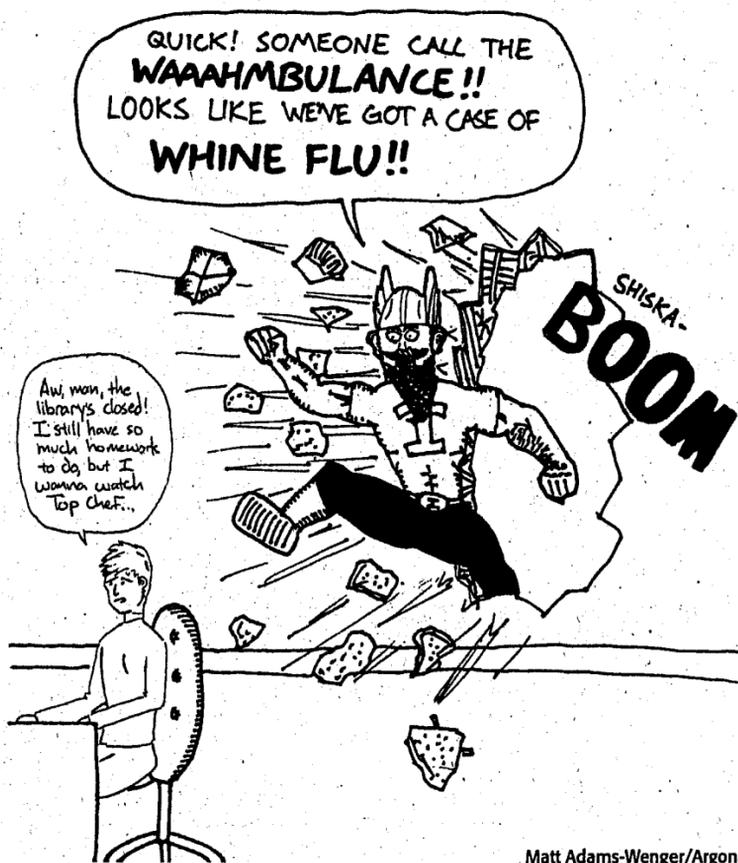
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OurVIEW

Go Vandals

Idaho athletes start the season right

While students and faculty were enjoying a three-day weekend, Vandal athletes spent the weekend dominating their opponents.

Idaho football players kicked off the season with a 21-6 conference win over New Mexico State. The football team has only one victory over a Football Bowl Subdivision team over the last two seasons, and Saturday's game showed promise for this season.

After the win in New Mexico, freshman punter Bobby Cowan earned Western Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week. Cowan averaged 49.2 yards per kick in his first collegiate game.

Meanwhile, in Boise, the Vandal soccer team ended up on top of the Governor's Cup tournament. The Vandals played well enough for Liz Boyden to win WAC Defensive Player of the Week.

While at a tournament in Las Vegas, the volleyball team beat UNLV and Loyola Marymount, but lost to ninth-ranked UCLA. The team still has a win-

ning record of 4-2.

After playing in Las Vegas, senior outside hitter Sarah Conwell earned WAC Volleyball Player of the Week.

Finally, several Vandal runners have been honored in cross-country. Markus Geiger won WAC Cross-country Athlete of the Week after completing a 6,000-meter course in just over 20 minutes.

At the Clash of the Inland Northwest meet in Spokane, four Women's cross-country runners placed in the top ten, with senior Melissa McFadden finishing third.

These team victories and personal honors should be congratulated and make every Idaho student proud.

The semester is now in full swing, and many students are finding themselves buried in schoolwork. But it is important not to forget the Vandal athletes. These students make it to class, do all the same work and make it to practice and games.

So support Vandal athletics, attend the games and wear your Vandal gear.

— JR

Twenty-first century racism

While the general public likes to claim a progressive attitude when it comes to multicultural society, there are still those who have a problem with racism. No one likes to be called a racist, and most people like to believe they have never been intolerant or small-minded. But racist remarks are everywhere.

Yesterday while dining at a Chinese restaurant, I heard a gentleman say with amusement, "Aren't we at a Chinese restaurant? Because everyone working here seems to be Mexican." He then went on to repeat his "joke" on his cell

phone to a friend.

I find this remark to be problematic. First of all, the restaurant is clearly billed as Chinese-American cuisine — so does it really matter what nationality the employees are? I don't see why anyone with proper training and good recipes couldn't be a Chinese chef. Second, the people this gentleman were referring to as Mexican, while they very well could have been Mexican, could just as likely be Cuban, Puerto Rican, Peruvian, Argentinean, Chilean or Guatemalan. Insert any other culture or ethnicity here.

Americans should never lose

sight of their heritage, as it is a large part of their history. They must also remember no matter what nationality an American is, they are still a person. We don't need to be labeled by the color of our skin, the language we speak or the way we dress. We are all just people, living in a country where we are supposed to be free to express ourselves and grow up to be whatever we want to be, even a Latin-American Chinese chef if we so choose.

Some people don't realize they are being racist, and some people prefer to place the blame on our politically correct society. People sometimes blame their racism on their upbringing, which is common

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BEYOND THE SHEETS

Clean up your sex life with dirty talk

People tend to talk a lot. Quite often this is inane yammer resulting in the listener's eyes glazing over while daydreaming about puppies (or whatever suits the person's fancy). However, there are other times when speech can make one so involved as to heighten sexual arousal. It is neither uncommon nor really taboo to engage in "dirty talk," and in fact, most people should experiment with some derivative of this activity.

Now, I am not suggesting you immediately jump into full-blown pornographic dialogue ("I have your pizza... with extra sausage"), but rather experiment with different types of speech. This can be as simple as giving verbal feedback during sexual encounters. Verbal feedback is brilliant for various reasons. It allows your partner to know you are experiencing pleasure and will encourage continued fulfillment. This feedback can also raise the arousal level in your partner.

The next level in dirty talk involves incorporating mild sexually explicit language. This does not require using language you are uncomfortable with, but rather a vocabulary you do not often use, especially in public.

Try telling your partner what activities, being specific, you are going to perform or would like to participate in during the situation. You can also tell your partner what actions you would like done to your body. Again, you do not need to be explicit or overly graphic; rather it can be something as simple as, "I want you to kiss my neck...right here."

Performing at the next level is quite similar to the last, but this is when more explicit language is involved. You can use this during different stages of your sexual experience. Clearly it can be used as directions during actual acts or it can be used as a precursor during foreplay.

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Market is the answer to health care

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The blessed overlords in Washington, D.C., are telling us if we just put our faith in them, we'll all be taken care of.

Besides being a moronic fantasy denying the very notion of scarcity, it's a complete denial of the principles of freedom of choice and self-ownership. Add to that a healthy dose of economic fallacy, and you've got a recipe for disaster.

What's the problem? The problem, to be clear, is not health care per se; it's health insurance and the requirements put on doctors. No, our health care system is not perfect. People die every day. This will always happen as long as people err. Insurance is a hedge against the risk of things that are not under our control. Think of car insurance: we have insurance against things that we cannot directly control (wrecks,

things falling on our cars, vandalism) and things that are relatively expensive for us to fix.

What is health insurance these days? Besides the part that is real insurance, it is essentially prepayment for medical services. The government requires insurance companies to offer all manner of coverages to people.

What if the people don't want this or that particular coverage? "Too bad," say the overlords, "you will take our benevolent gift." This control over the service itself has the effect of driving up prices. If companies are forced to insure all their customers against every disease under the sun, they obviously must charge more to cover the risk.

Another factor driving up prices deals with government control over supply. The most distinct example of this is arbitrary restrictions on consumer choice of insurance. We are restricted by the federal govern-

ment from purchasing insurance in other states. This reduces competition since the companies in any given state have a "captive market" — a captive market created by the government.

Government licenses are required to start a medical school, to open a hospital and to practice medicine (not to mention that nurses are arbitrarily prohibited from doing many things they really could do). All of these factors have the result of increasing prices by limiting supply.

If one has to jump through such hoops to set up a medical school and maintain licenses, not only will there be a smaller number of these schools (which means fewer doctors), but he or she must charge students more to pay for all the bureaucracy that is created.

After a doctor has incurred massive debt in these schools, he or she must then charge higher prices to pay off the debt and to

pay for all of his or her licensing fees. Further, the doctors who do exist can charge higher prices because there are fewer doctors than there would be in a free market.

Why are the politicians not talking about this? They operate on the fallacy that holding down prices will fix the problem. If the price of a product drops artificially, more people will demand it. This will create a shortage of care, and we will all be poorer.

The solution? Cut the government out of it. They've done enough damage. Cut out the care requirements and the license laws. Now, some might worry that without governmental control, doctors will have no incentive to keep things clean and to provide good health care.

Nevertheless, the market has a solution. An example of this solution is Underwriters Laboratories. If you have not heard of UL, then look at any one of

your electrical appliances. I can almost guarantee there is a UL seal on there somewhere. This seal indicates that Underwriters Laboratories has put the product through rigorous testing and has certified its safety.

How would this work in health care? I don't know exactly because I'm not a doctor or a hospital administrator.

The general idea goes something like this: people demand to know their doctor is a decent person and has good training. Some person, seeing this desire in consumers, founds a company (somewhat like UL) that certifies the soundness of a particular doctor's practice. We trust the market to keep us safe from the hazards of potentially dangerous appliances. We trust the market to tell us if a certain higher educational institution is up to par (i.e. accreditation companies). Why can't we trust the market to give us safe medical practice?

Students should stop whining about time

Florencia Ulloa
Cornell Daily Sun, Cornell U.

The expectation to have successful time management during college is truly a remarkable thing.

For some reason, people expect you to be able to take on a ridiculous amount of things and be able to pull it all off. A challenging course load, extracurricular activities that demand at least five times the time they would have taken you in high school, paying your bills, doing your laundry (and the dishes), doing homework, keeping fit, eating healthy, having a job (or five), having a relationship and not going nuts.

Well, people really do not require you to not go nuts. That's just a personal preference.

But, really. Procrastination is something that is getting more serious by the second. I try to figure out what I did in Madrid to make it work, because something was definitely working: During my second and last year there, I had a course load equivalent to around 35 Cornell credits, a job that gave me enough for rent and food, a jazz band, a choir, an electro-rock album recording and a social life alive enough to keep me awake and truthfully entertained from midnight, when

Metro closed, to 6:00 a.m. when I could go home again.

Why can't I do that anymore? A week into school, my brain-death is so serious that I'm having a hard time following the character's names on "Chopped." I had to rediscover caffeine, after over three months without drinking a single cup of coffee, to take me through Friday (coffee-high included, mind you). I have restarted to making literary theory out of commercials because my neuropharmacology book has stopped making sense and chemistry is still not coming back to me. My legs hurt from walking across campus on back-to-back courses.

I just had a flashback from student counseling and how much I complained about stress being the one thing people would always talk about as their issues. I thought it was both funny and a little pathetic (yes, I am swallowing my words now, quit it with the "I told you so") to feel that the actual problem for everyone was just a lot of courses and stress over not getting everything done. But, when you think of it again, stress is usually THE problem. Because, whatever else is going on, it's just piling up with everything else, and

that's what freaks you out.

I am still not sure if I shouldn't consider myself a sissy for complaining my life is stressful, though. I do think that we might be complaining too much and not doing enough. Then again, if we are actually getting everything done, does it really matter whether we complain every step of the way? Maybe not.

We can take a relatively behaviorist-like approach to it: all that matters is the behavior. Who cares where it comes from ... or why? That approach works well almost everywhere else! Ask the professors that think kids have ADHD because they're not obedient enough, parents being OK with their kids as long as their grades are decent, governments that are happy to announce statistics that they made because they simply do not include the nasty data in their reports. The world kind of moves that way. So, as long as I get things done, my going nuts doesn't really matter, right?

Right. The problem with that, though, is that I'm still going a little nuts and have problems believing it doesn't matter. At least to me, anyway.

Maybe all we need is to stop thinking about our po-

tential for nutness and that's it. You know, when people didn't think stress was something that was real, it wasn't that it didn't happen, but not worrying about it saved a big chunk of time that you can, you know, actually use to get your stuff done. But we keep on being bombarded with this stupid idea that we are doing something so different from other people living their lives that we actually deserve some sort of special treatment (Oh, poor children, their first time away from home. Poor little things, never having been away from home before, they should be stressed and scared and blah, blah, blah). Yes, college may be a little harder than ...

Than what? Than working full shifts as people that don't go to college do? Than being unemployed and having a hard time with it? Than being parents or taxpayers? Why do we deserve the preference, the special treatment, the justification for our frailty? Being smarter does not make you better (yes, repeat after me: being smarter does not make you better) enough to be worth more than the guy next to you.

So, and this goes for me as well: yes, life is hard. Grow up or grow a pair.

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in a state like Idaho where diversity has been a slow process. It can be difficult to shake the ideas you were brought up with, but it is not impossible. Whatever the cause of racist thinking, it is wrong. Everyone should make an effort to be more aware of those around him or her and the effect a few simple words can have.

The best advice in any situation is the advice heard by mothers everywhere — think before you speak, and if you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all.

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Remember the point of doing this is to increase not only your partner's arousal, but also yours. If you are not enjoying talking dirty, then call "game over."

If you enjoy all of the prior levels and seek to achieve higher levels, the sky is your limit. You can incorporate dirty talk in increasingly explicit and graphic amounts.

Some of the benefits of participating in dirty talk include increased arousal as well as achieving orgasm. Further, using mild language long before the encounter is actually going to take place can give both your partner and yourself something to look forward to. This can also be used when distance is a factor. Really, dirty talk is similar to phone sex, another viable and healthy form of sexual expression.

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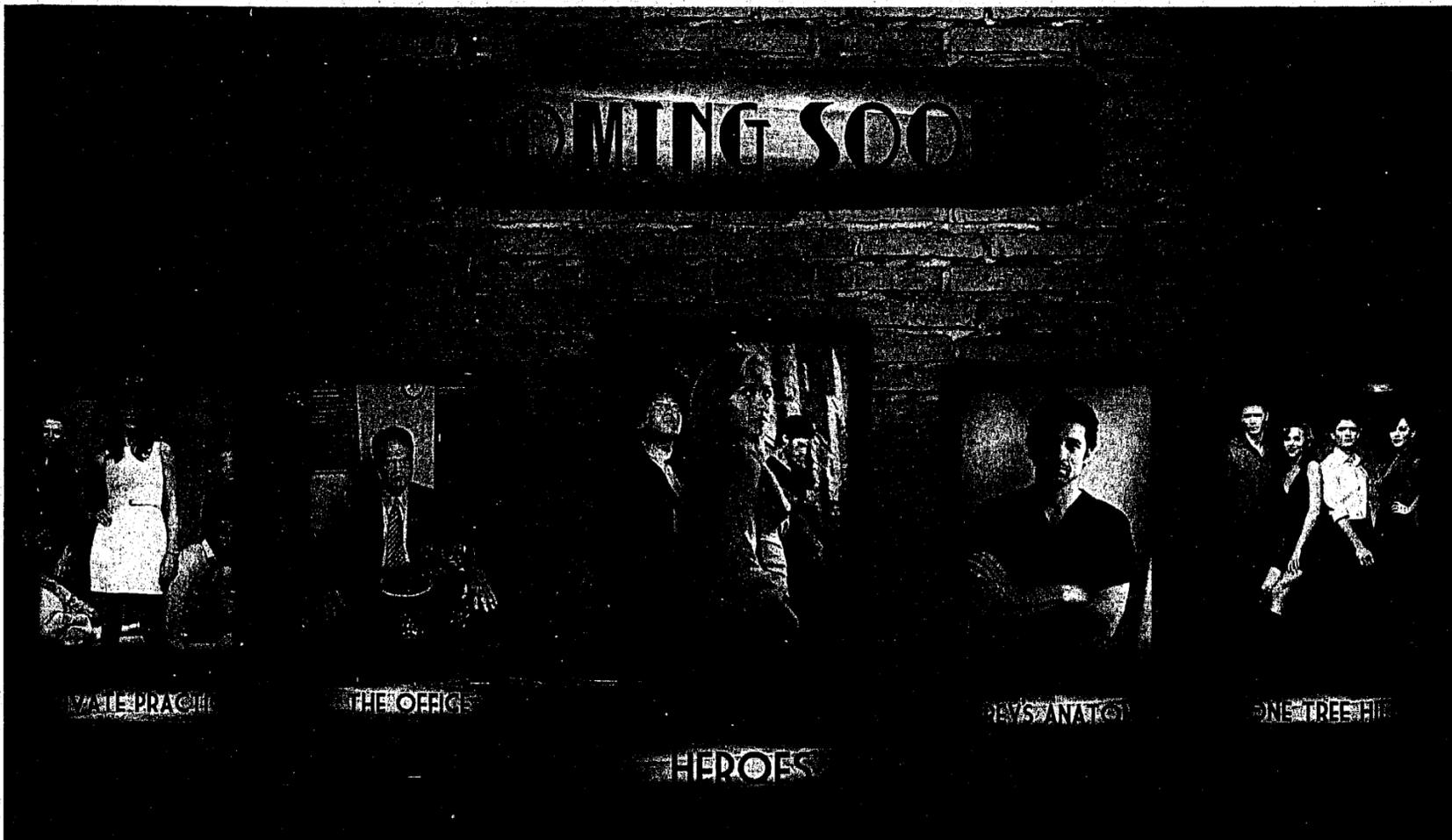
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Weddings, funerals and fresh starts

Keldie Moseley
Argonaut

This fall's lineup of television shows, whether drama, comedy or otherwise is full of questions. What was up with the "Grey's" finale? Is Pam from "The Office" pregnant? Will "Private Practice" lose Violet and her unborn baby? How will "One Tree Hill" fare without Chad Michael Murray and Hilarie Burton? Unfortunately, none of these questions will be answered for a couple more weeks, but here's a recap of what happened and which premieres to invite people over for.

Private Practice

This still-fledgling spin-off of "Grey's Anatomy" ended its second season with just as much drama as its mother show, leaving Violet (played by Amy Brenneman) and her unborn child's life hanging in the balance.

Other drama included Addison nearly giving in to her affair with Noah, Sam and Naomi once again trying to figure out their relationship, Charlotte getting fired and Violet choosing Pete over Sheldon. The finale closed in a disturbing fashion with Violet lying immobilized on the floor while a patient she had been counseling prepared to cut out the child she was carrying.

This show had its finale among the earliest this year, and it will unfortunately start among the latest. "Private Practice" premieres Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9 p.m. on ABC.

The Office

The well-loved mockumentary starring Steve Carell is in its sixth season this year, and plenty of plots hang in the balance. The season finale, titled "Company Picnic," was full of relationship surprises.

Amy Ryan returned as Michael's renewed love interest Holly, when they performed "Slumdunder Mifflinaire" together at the picnic. The spark between the two of them reignited, leaving viewers wondering what the future might hold for them.

Other business staff shakeups will test the future of "The Office," but the biggest news of the finale came when Jim and Pam had to visit the emergency room after Pam sprained her ankle during a volleyball game. Though the camera stays behind the glass so no dialogue is heard, the finale closed with the doctor telling the

couple some news — it is heavily hinted that Pam is pregnant, given the couple's ecstatic reaction.

Season six premieres Thursday, Sept. 17 at 9 p.m. on NBC.

Heroes

In its third season, titled "Villains," TV drama "Heroes" ended its season finale with all of the main characters standing around the fire where the character who is supposed to be Sylar is being burned alive. Characters Angela, HRG and Parkman know it is not truly Sylar, but all of them walk away from the fire and the scene closes with him being consumed in the flames.

In a different twist, the season finale also previewed the next installment of "Heroes," which is titled "Redemption." Tracy, played by Ali Larter, hunted down and killed former agents of "Building 26" in this preview, and it concluded with Nathan/Sylar watching a clock running a minute and a half fast, then correcting it to run on the right time.

Confused yet? There's plenty of information online to help viewers catch up, including NBC's Web site. Season four is said to begin with the main characters trying to adjust to their new surroundings while more subplots and characters threaten to destroy everything they know. The fourth installment of "He-

roses" will begin with a two-hour premiere Monday, Sept. 21 on NBC.

Grey's Anatomy

Even without watching the show, most have heard about the season finale of "Grey's Anatomy," which aired in May. The show intentionally kept viewers in the dark through the entire episode about a John Doe patient who jumped in front of a bus to save someone else, and took the audience on a rollercoaster with Izzie Stevens and her battle with cancer. Both lives were left hanging in the balance during the last seconds of the finale.

Audiences will find out what happened to both characters in the season premiere. T.R. Knight has publicly stated he is not returning to the show for the sixth season, but nobody knows how the characters will react to George's death. Katherine Heigl, who plays Izzie, is signed on for this season, but it is not known if she will be present as a real character or a ghost.

Meanwhile, rumors say Cristina and Owen will face more troubles this season with his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and of course Meredith and Derek will have their fair share of relationship issues, as always.

"Grey's Anatomy" premieres Thursday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m. on ABC.

One Tree Hill

"One Tree Hill" is in its seventh season this year, and this will be the first year the show does not have all of its core characters in place. Having ended last season with Lucas and Peyton's marriage and very quickly after welcoming their baby girl, it is reported that the two characters will not be returning to the show. Chad Michael Murray and Hilarie Burton did not renew their contracts for the seventh season, leaving many fans wondering what the future of the show will be.

Brooke Davis, played by Sophia Bush, looks to be taking control of the lead in the show, with her fashion line and new love Julian Baker to keep her busy. Adding to these storylines are Nathan Scott and Haley James Scott. Nathan is now in the NBA, and Haley is working on finishing her current record. New characters are rumored to be hitting the scene for the seventh season, including Robert Buckley ("Lipstick Jungle"), playing Nathan's agent, and Shantel VanSanten ("The Final Destination" movie), playing Haley's younger sister.

So can Tree Hill move on without the character that started the show and his epic love interest? Season seven premieres Monday, Sept. 14 at 9 p.m. on the CW.

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MUSICIAN PROFILE

Steve Von Till talks ritual, ancestry and tradition

Ian Corrigan
Argonaut

Singer and songwriter Steve Von Till has built a formidable body of work over the past twenty years, and lives just 45 minutes outside of Coeur d'Alene. His band, Neurosis, is the godfather of post-metal influencing bands like Isis, Cult of Luna, Om and Old Man Gloom. In the past five years he has released four solo albums, two under his name and two under the moniker of Harvestman.

"I've always had some sort of home recording studio ... once I started recording songs that weren't epic compositions like Neurosis songs, the projects were born without even having a project in mind," Von Till said.

"Harvestman is a nod to-

wards space-rock and kraut-rock, also nodding towards Celtic and Germanic folk. It is my own way of approaching different styles of music that I don't get out in Neurosis, Tribes of Neurot or my solo work," Von Till said.

A few songs on *In a Dark Tongue* come to life in how the music is mixed.

"Some of the songs might sound like a folk song when I write it, but it is completely obliterated into something different after it is mixed," Von Till said.

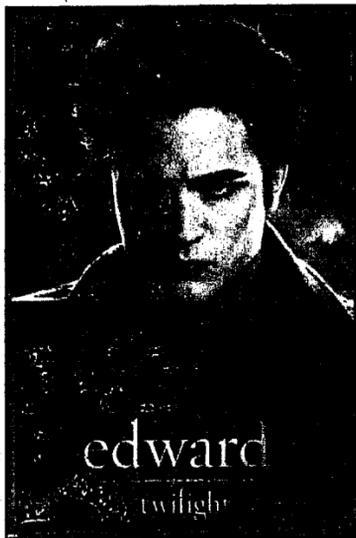
With that in mind, a problem is posed when trying to tour on the record and being able to execute the music live.

"I don't labor over the post-production, it is very free form ... I've played a few shows in Germany and

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GEEK IS SEXY

Real vampires don't sparkle, sorry Ed



Courtesy Photo for Edward Cullen is the vampire's choice for many girls after the "Twilight" series became a big screen production.

I'll admit it — I have a soft spot in my heart for the "Twilight" series. The teenage girl in me can't resist a forbidden romance. Even so, I feel guilty every time I read it. Vampires shouldn't sparkle, feed on animals or be creepy stalkers. Well, maybe the latter.

If Stephanie Meyer's books about Edward and Bella make you cringe, maybe you need some real images of vampires that aren't geared toward romance-loving teenagers.

"The Lost Boys" is one of my favorite '80s movies. It follows the story of young vampire hunters trying to rid their California town of glam bloodsuckers, with a side plot about a young man in love with a female vampire. The movie has a great soundtrack with offerings from INXS, Echo and the Bunnymen and other fixtures of the time. The vampires aren't sissies, and

it's actually scary when they bare their teeth. The death by stereo sequence is an '80s classic, and I recommend it to anyone trying to get the Cullens out of their head.



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Another enjoyable '80s vampire movie is "Fright Night." Sure, it has its cheesy moments, but the huge vampire monster teeth are terrifying and have none of the cloying sweetness of Edward. When the main vampire's servant dissolves into a pile of goo, and the morning sun destroys the vampire, there is a certain victory for mankind.

Give me a book with a strong female lead, and I'll give it back to you in two hours after I've devoured it. One of my favorite characters is Anita Blake, the heroine of Laurell K. Hamilton's series about vampires, werewolves, zombies

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Hip-hop for the nerdy kids

I like hip-hop. I love the beats and the energy, but to be honest, I can't connect to the message a lot of the time. Luckily, there's a sub-genre of hip-hop that speaks to me: nerdcore. Nerdcore hip-hop has been around for almost a decade now and is defined by being hip-hop of, well, a nerdy nature. Here are my Top Five nerdcore hip-hop artists.



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4. YTCracker

Said just like it looks, YTCracker is the MC handle of Bryce Case Jr. An honest-to-goodness computer hacker who spent his early years learning to speak BASIC, he gained notoriety for hacking a number of websites before writing rhymes about it all. His album, *Nerdrap Entertainment System*, features solo rhymes about hacking to a backbeat of Nintendo music. Quotable rhyme: "View source, my code is mental; to the exponential cyborg, the quintessential..."



3. MC Lars

MC Lars is the stage name of Andrew Robert Nielsen. Lars was an English major who studied at Stanford and Oxford, all the while gaining credit as a lyrical poet. Less overtly nerdcore than the others on this list, he prefers to call his act "post-punk laptop rap," which is his right. But his songs are all over the cultural canon, with subject matter ranging from Guitar Hero to Hamlet to the green revolution. The titular song off his album, *This Gigantic Robot Kills*, is about a giant ska robot killing the actors of Laguna Beach. Quotable rhyme: "Since I was three, I had ADHD, got in trouble constantly, said just gotta be me! Nineteen years later, I've got this piece of paper, it says Congrats! You're broke, English major!"



2. Optimus Rhyme

Optimus Rhyme is a Seattle based act who, as their name suggests, takes their mythology from the Transformers. They refer to themselves as Autobots, who fight their enemies, the Wackacons. The music is basic funk: drums, bass, guitar and vocals. The rapper, who goes by Wheelie Cyberman, has a fast, crisp lyrical style and spins rhymes all from the perspective of a robot in man's flesh. At times it is funny, other times surprisingly poignant, considering. Quotable rhyme: "Stand straight, got a casual gait, never sweat 'cause my model wasn't made that way."



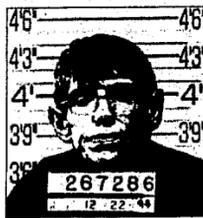
1. MC Frontalot

MC Frontalot is the stage name of Damian Hess, who is recognized as the godfather of nerdcore, having coined the term in 2000. Probably the most popular commercial nerdcore artist, Frontalot has rapped about everything from Canada to ping pong to blogging to Little Red Riding Hood to having Asperger's. Many of his songs are available free at his website, frontalot.com. Quotable rhyme: "I keep gettin' older and hairier on my neck back and derriere, but not atop the pate; dear DNA, let's negotiate."



5. MC Hawking

MC Hawking is the creation of Ken Leavitt-Lawrence. He records tracks from the perspective of British physicist Stephen Hawking as if Professor Hawking were a hardcore gangster rapper. With the same voice synthesizer used as the real Stephen Hawking, the result is strangely authentic. Even if you don't know who Stephen Hawking is, or don't care, it's ridiculous to listen to a voice synthesizer rap about science. Quotable rhyme: "I explode like a bomb. No one is spared. My power is my mass times the speed of light"



'Catching Fire' burns hot

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

"Catching Fire," the second book of "The Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins, can only be described as a bumpy ride.

This novel is too chock full of spoilers to even begin to try to describe the plot, but it starts a short time after where "The Hunger Games" left off. Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have returned to their family and friends in District 12 against all predictions, but life there isn't quite how Katniss left it. As the victor of the games, she and her family have all the money they need and more, and a beautiful house in the Victor's Village. She no longer has reason to hunt or worry about her family's survival, but that fact has caused her to feel useless, so instead she hunts for Gale's family.

However, Katniss and Gale, her best friend, are not as close as they

were before the Games. Her on-screen romance with Peeta created a rift between them, and he spends most of his days working in the mines.

Not only that, but Katniss and Peeta aren't on friendly terms either. Things are awkward and tense between them, and they only come together again when they are about to take their Victory Tour around the country.

While she prepares for the Tour, Katniss receives an unpleasant visit from the president of Panem. He informs her that riots are breaking out because of her act of defiance to the Capitol that allowed two victors from the Hunger Games rather than one, and he threatens to destroy everything she loves if she can't prove her love for Peeta is real.

"Catching Fire" is full of plot

twists and shocks that will keep the reader turning page after page. The main difference in the experience of reading "Catching Fire" versus "The Hunger Games" is the feeling throughout the entire novel that the reader is being left out of some larger plot, just as Katniss feels. Though she doesn't expressly say it often, something feels wrong and she seems to be the only one who doesn't know what it is. It builds the suspense and tension throughout the story, making the reader wonder how much power the Capitol actually possesses.

"Catching Fire" is every bit as interesting as its predecessor, though the beginning does start more slowly than the first book. But once it gets going, it's impossible to put down.



"Catching Fire"
Suzanne Collins
Scholastic

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'The Lovely Bones' brings out heartache

Ashley Centers
Argonaut

Alice Sebold's "The Lovely Bones" is undoubtedly fresh storytelling and Sebold's way of expressing the joys and sorrows of a young girl continue on without her makes the book almost impossible to put down. Transitioning from being a living, breathing teenager with a father, mother, brother, sister and a family dog to a dead girl still living in her own version of heaven that includes a roommate and multiple dogs is something that Susie Salmon is still getting used to.

Now that she is in heaven and has almost everything she wanted while on earth, Susie recounts her murder and spends most of her time watching the planet below. She sees how her family grieves and mourns her, and how they slowly pick up the pieces, trying to move on with their lives knowing that nothing will ever be the same. Susie watches her mur-

derer's mental state fluctuate like a toddler's temperament while he secretly

keeps close tabs on the police investigation of her death. He calculates his every move so as not to uncover the skeletons in his closet which lead to a dark history.

She also peers into the lives of her neighbors and schoolmates as rumors circulate about exactly what happened to her and insert their own outrageous guesses.

Even if she is stuck in a perpetual yesterday for those on earth time marches on and eventually Susie must

let go and say goodbye to those she loved, loathed, and to her life on earth because she can't change what happened.

Sebold shows how the grief of losing a daughter, a sister and a friend can change someone in inconceivable ways and shape the rest of a group of characters' lives.

When all is said and done, the reader is left with a feeling of peace and knows that even if the book did have a cruel start, in the end everyone — including Susie — made the best out of the curveballs life threw at them, and they're better for it in the end.



"The Lovely Bones"
Susie Salmon
Little, Brown & Company

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England," Von Till said. "I definitely have a traveling spaceship, I expand it for the gigs, and I alternate the textures of destroying the guitar sounds mixed with my love for synthesizers."

An amazing aspect of Harvestman is the imagery created through psychedelic soundscapes. Waves of delay, guitar feedback and subtractive synthesis mesh together with folk instruments and song titles pointing toward Celtic and Germanic

folklore to create music that taps into a world long gone.

For example, the song "Hawk of Achill," is in reference to a Celtic myth about the eldest of all creatures.

"The influence of folklore has always been there ... the genealogy of how our thoughts evolved Biologically we are the immortality of our ancestors no matter what lineage you come from," Von Till said. "There is a proud river of luck, good fortune and survival running from the mathematical chance that we are here individually."

He further explained the depth of

importance of ancestry, ritual and tradition, both in his life and his music. He said he felt that Americans had forgotten how important it is, and have become lost to modern consumerism, which he said makes "our souls sick." Von Till said modern consumerism does not have depth or ritual, and because of that it has given him a perspective of why it is important to maintain tradition "in a world that seems to be distraction," Von Till said.

Harvestman's new record, *In a Dark Tongue*, is out now on Neurot recordings.

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and every other mythical creature you can think of. Blake is a short girl with a lot of fierce presence who raises zombies and kills vampires for a living. The books are all about her crusade to bust supernatural crime and descent into the paranormal world.

Sadly, the series slowly breaks down into badly written pornography, and from the ninth book on, it's difficult to go 50 pages without a hardcore sex scene. Before this, the books are a romp through a Surreal world, and the vampires are a lot tougher than anything you'll read about in "Twilight."

Get in the Van: Low Red Land talks about tour, music

Ian Corrigan
Argonaut

San Francisco-based band Low Red Land has become a staple in the Moscow music scene in the last two years with their unique mix of post punk and folk or country. August 30 was their latest stop, but they have toured through Moscow four times since their first appearance here in 2007. With legions of bands crossing the U.S. every year Low Red Land has performed in towns and cities that aren't on most touring band's radar.

"We all grew up in small towns on the east coast," said Neil Thompson, guitarist and vocalist. "Our jobs are very flexible and forgiving with the

hours we need off, we're all really blessed to have the jobs we have."

The band also has an ulterior motive for playing in small towns across the U.S.

The more intimate setting puts the listener at arm's length of the bands massive live sound. The rhythm section transitions from loud and abrasive to soft and chilling, the bass lines harmonize beautifully with a thick blanket of guitar melodies working perfectly with the band's southern tinged vocals.

Songs with subject matters reminiscent of storytelling folk and bluegrass creates an interesting relation between the band's small town tour schedule and the rural listeners that

adore them.

"We like to stop as often as we can, it really helps out with gas. Also at any given time in a city there might be three to four other shows in a city like Seattle or Portland," said Mark Devito drummer. "When you play in a smaller town or city you're usually the only thing going on."

LowRedLand's sound has evolved considerably since their first release, "Weight of Nations," in 2006. Moving from three minute energy bursts like *West Texas* and *Dog's Hymns* to a longer more complex song structure found in "Abraham," a song set to be released late next year on a concept album about Abraham Lincoln.

"We never really planned to make

the songs longer and more complex, it was organic transition for us," Devito said.

Playing in a small venue like John's Alley makes the experience of Low Red Land that much more enjoyable.

On tour four months out of the year, Low Red Land has hit up every major city in the U.S. and self-released two full-length records. In an age of music where if bands aren't selling ringtones on the Internet to go with their songs they stand little to no chance to making money, Low Red Land choose to print all their own CD's, shirts and posters. They even offer earplugs for listeners at their merchandise table.

Bassist Ben Thorne, a graphic designer by trade, hand screened 100 copies of their last album *Dog's Hymns*.

"I like having control over the look of our merchandise," Thorne said. "I figure if I can do it myself, why not?"

After the show in Moscow, Low Red Land planned to kick back and have a few drinks before they packed up and played a show in Missoula the next day. The idea of driving six hours on four hours of sleep didn't seem to faze them in the slightest.

"We love touring and playing music, we all decided four years ago that this is what we were going to do and we have," Thorne said.

WAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

After a winning week-end for Vandal athletics, four athletes were named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week.



Liz Boyden
Soccer

Sophomore goalkeeper Liz Boyden was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week. On Sunday, Boyden earned her third career shutout, leading the Vandals to a 1-0 win against Montana. Finishing off a strong week winning the Governor's Cup, Boyden led the Vandals to a 2-0 record with 6 saves.



Sarah Conwell
Volleyball

Sarah Conwell, a senior outside hitter, was also selected as WAC Player of the Week. This is the first player of the week honor for Conwell. At the end of the three-match tournament, Conwell's hard work earned her 50 kills, 23 digs, 8 blocks and a 2-1 record for the Vandals.



Bobby Cowan
Football

Freshman punter Bobby Cowan was named WAC Special Teams Athletic of the Week. Cowan averaged 49.2 yards per kick and had a long of 55 yards in the season opener against New Mexico State over the weekend.



Markus Geiger
Cross-country

Markus Geiger, a sophomore from Germany, was named WAC Cross-country Athlete of the Week after he earned his first career victory with a time of 20:10. His finishing time was 10 seconds and 15 places better than last season.

If the Vandals continue to bring home victories, fans can only wonder what athlete will be chosen next week.

Bringing home the win

The Vandals come home confident after 21-6 win over New Mexico State Aggies

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Every goal the Vandals set as they headed into their season opener, they accomplished, giving fans what they wanted — a win. "It was an important game to get the kind of start we wanted to in the beginning of this season," said coach Robb Akey. "Having success early was important. It's probably as big of a game that's been played at the University of Idaho in a long, long time."

Akey said as a football coach, every game is a must-win — having success early will help the team build and meet his expectations.

To start off, the Vandals dominated the first half. Sophomore Kama Bailey ran a 33-yard return off the opening kickoff. While the Vandals started off a little rusty, with an incomplete pass and a no-gain running play, the team was forced to make something happen at third-and-10. Nathan Enderle threw a deep, 48-yard pass to Preston Davis leaving the Vandals with a first down on the 19-yard line. Deonte Jackson moved the ball to the 7-yard line, where wide receiver Daniel Hardy completed a 7-yard pass with a touchdown.

While the offense impressed Akey, the defense also proved to be a strong force.

On the New Mexico State Aggies first play, they gained yards against the Vandals, but by the third down, the Vandal defense held them at the Idaho 40-yard line and forced the Aggies to punt.

"We were making plays," Akey said. "Defensively we need to get them stopped, and in the

first half that was something we did pretty well."

The Vandal defense held the Aggies and left them at halftime with a zero in the score box — all in the first half.

Idaho's first half shutout was its first since Oct. 1, 2005 against Utah State — a game that also resulted in a victory.

In the last few minutes of the first quarter, Max Komar fumbled as he was tackled to the ground. The Aggies' Stephon Hatchett recovered the ball and ran it into the end zone, but after officials reviewed the play, Komar was ruled down and Idaho was given the ball. Hatchett, however, redeemed his team for the lost touchdown and intercepted Enderle on the next play.

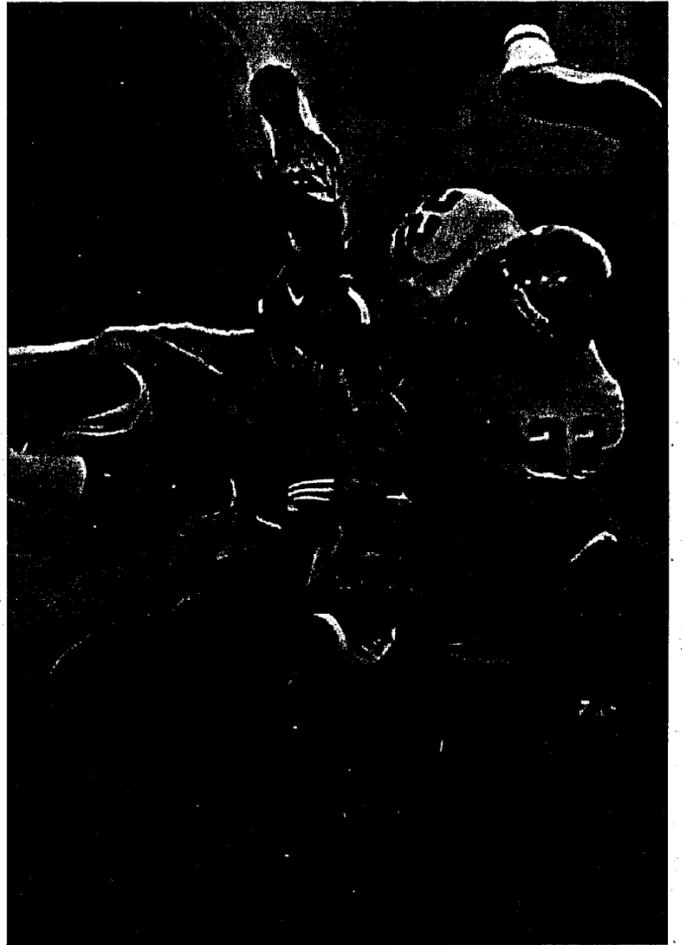
The Aggies only ran one play before they fumbled and Andre Ferguson recovered, leaving Idaho at its own 17-yard line. After several passes to gain yards, Princeton McCarty broke through the defensive line and ran 67 yards only to unexpectedly fall on the 1-yard line. In the next play, McCarty was able to break through the line for one more yard to bring the Vandals score to 14-0. McCarty's 67-yard run was the longest of his collegiate career.

Another great play from the Vandal offense was run by Komar for 37 yards to score.

At 5:31 to go in the first half, the Vandals led the Aggies 21-0.

The second half saw a struggling moment for both sides of the ball, as the offense finished the game with a no scoring half and

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Idaho Athletic Media Relations/Courtesy Photo University of Idaho wide receiver Max Komar goes down with the ball during Saturday's football game against New Mexico State in Las Cruces, N.M. The Vandals defeated the Aggies 21-6.

Idaho breaks drought

Soccer wins Governors' Cup for first time in 11 years

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

When University of Idaho soccer coach Pete Showler said he wanted his team to go out and "play our game" this past weekend, he couldn't have dreamed of a better result.

Despite being chosen to finish near the bottom of the conference, the Vandals roared into the tournament, defeating Idaho State 2-1 in a thrilling come-from-behind victory, and dominating University of Montana 1-0 to capture the Governors' Cup. The last time the Vandals won the Governors' Cup was in the tournament's first year in 1998.

In addition to capturing the elusive cup, the Vandals got plenty of individual recognition, having four of their players named to the all-tournament team. Sophomore defender Desirae Hull, freshman forward Chelsea Small and freshman midfielder Cassandra San were honored and senior Sari Morrison was named as the tournament MVP.

"I'm pleased we got four players in there, plus Sari's MVP," said Showler in a university press release. "It was nice to have a great team performance, to have the team get a couple wins, and to have individuals recognized because of those wins."

Both games featured outstanding defense and exceptional goaltending from sophomore Liz Boyden, who was selected as the WAC Defensive Player of the Week for her outstanding effort — her first such award. Boyden tallied 6 saves over the span of the two games and allowed only 1 goal.

With the Vandals defense holding their opposition to only 18 shots



File Photo

University of Idaho midfielder/defender Erica Hart, center, and Washington State University midfielder Melanie Johnston, left, fight to head the ball as Lauren Layton looks on Aug. 21 in Pullman. The soccer team defeated both Idaho State University and University of Montana last weekend in the Governor's Cup.

over two games, with only 6 of those shots finding their way to the goal, the Vandals offense was given free rein to generate chances.

The Vandals had a scare early into the tournament when they allowed a quick goal ISU in the 15th minute of the game, but they stayed true to their game and were rewarded when Sari Morrison scored the tying goal in the 40th minute.

In the 70th minute, Morrison scored the game-winning goal when she was awarded a penalty kick, which she deftly put past ISU goalkeeper Bailey Williams. Morrison now has four goals this season.

In Sunday's game against UM, the Vandal defense clamped down and

never gave the lady Griz a chance to set up, while pressing their own attack at the same time. Freshman Jill Flockhart gave the Vandals the early lead when she fired a rocket of a shot past UM goalkeeper Grace Harris in the 22nd minute of the game. With the one goal lead, the Vandal defense took over and protected the lead to give UI the win.

"We're getting shots from all over the field and that's usually important," said Showler in a university press release.

Up next for the Vandals (3-2-0) is a trip to Boise for the Holiday Inn Classic, where they will face North Colorado (2-2-0) on Friday and Arkansas-Pine Buff (2-0-2) on Sunday.

Vandals battle hard in Sin City

Lisa Short
Argonaut

The Alexis Park Classic started with a battle last Friday, Sept. 4 at University of Nevada-Las Vegas, when the Vandals took on the Loyola Marymount Lions. The long, five game match ended victoriously for the Vandals, 3-2. It was the first win over the Lions in four matches.

The team put up impressive numbers including career highs for Sarah Conwell with 27 kills and 15 digs. In addition to Conwell, Alicia Milo had 13 kills, Debbie Pederson had 9 kills and 5 blocks, Anna McKinney had 7 kills and 8 blocks and Katie Tribley added 48 assists.

"This was a great win for us," coach Debbie Buchanan said in a press release. "We need to keep serving and passing at a high level throughout the entire match."

The team got the message and the next day three Vandals finished the match with double digit digs, helping the Vandals to a 3-1 victory over the UNLV Rebels.

"Defense was one of our strongest points [this weekend] and it should be a strength to watch for," Buchanan said. "We were a solid passing team, and so far we've had more aces than errors."

Continued improvement will help the Vandals remain strong into their season.

Kelsey Taylor led the team and posted career highs of 14 kills, a .520 hitting percentage and added 5 blocks. Conwell contributed 11 kills and Pederson, Milo and McK-

inney each added 7 kills. "Each player got better throughout the tournament," Buchanan said.

Milo and Conwell were selected for the Alexis Park Class All-Tournament team. This is Conwell's second all-tournament team honor this season, but well-deserved with the 50 kills, 23 digs and 8 blocks she earned over the weekend. Milo finished with 33 kills, 13 against University of California-Los Angeles and earned her first career all-tournament team honor.

After dropping the second set to UNLV, Buchanan asked the team not to relax for a single point and they responded, winning the match. The Vandals carried that intensity over to its next match against the nationally ranked No. 9 UCLA Bruins.

The last match of the tournament ended with a Vandal loss. Not a disappointing loss, as the team fought hard with Meredith Rice earning a career high 21 digs. Rice

added great defense to the Vandal offense with Milo's 13 kills and Conwell's 11.

"We did some great things defensively and battled with the No. 9 team in the country," Buchanan said in the press release.

Bringing home two victories, some career highs and more experience from good competition, the Vandals improved and are looking ahead to next weekend's tournament, the Nike Cougar Classic at Washington State University.

"WSU is going to be a tough opponent, they're a good team," Buchanan said. "But we'll prepare for them this week, and with one match a day it should be a good weekend."

"Each player got better throughout the tournament"

Debbie BUCHANAN
Volleyball coach

Talented men's squad looks to improve on last season

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

When Jeff Beaman, coach for the University of Idaho men's tennis team, took the position four years ago, he made it a goal of his to have a nationally ranked team at UI in three years. Last year, his third as coach, the Vandals came close but failed to achieve that goal.

"We had opportunities and matches that could have gone either way or matches we could have won," Beaman said. "We were regionally ranked and had a winning record, but this is the year I want to take that step."

Thanks to an aggressive recruiting campaign and the return of several key players, Beaman's dream of a nationally ranked tennis squad may soon be realized. Joining veteran UI players Artem Kuzentsov, who finished last year ranked 20th in singles, and Stanislav Glukhov, who finished last year 12th in doubles play along with Kuzentsov, is a batch of young talent.

In addition to adding transfer senior Adrian Simon, a nationally ranked player from Texas Christian University, the Vandals added transfer junior Lachlan Reed, who comes from the University of Queensland and is a highly ranked player in Australian tennis leagues. Incoming freshman Abid Akbar, who is ranked 5th in Pakistan singles play, was also added to the team. Beaman expects all three players to have an immediate impact on the team.

With a large roster, the Vandals have not only talent, but depth on their side in their upcoming season. Since everyone is competing for just a few spots, Beaman said the players have stepped up to the challenge, from the seniors to the freshmen. Even though practice doesn't of-

ficially start until Sept. 9, many of the players have taken training into their own hands.

"They (the players) started working out from the day they arrived," Beaman said. "They have a strong work ethic and a desire to get better."

Beaman is pleased that the players have taken such a competitive drive, as it allows him to focus more on match play and tournament preparation. Since the Vandals have a tournament only three weeks after their first practice, Beaman said it's important to figure out doubles pairing early on and prepare the incoming players for tournament play.

"You need a good team dynamic to have a really good year," Beaman said. "We are going to do a lot of match play (early in the season) and play practice sets because they have to compete really soon."

It's likely that Kuzentsov and Glukhov will again be paired together for the upcoming season. At the end of last year, the two players finished ranked 12th in doubles, and compiled a 16-10 record, which they hope to improve this year. Despite the figures, Beaman said he doesn't have any concrete double pairs yet.

The Vandal squad looks to have a high ranking in singles play this year as well. In addition to Kuzentsov, Simon ranked as high as 54th in singles, and Reed, who compiled a 43-26 career singles record, will be looking to bolster the Vandals' singles play. Akbar looks to figure high into the ranking as well, despite being only a freshman, as does sophomore Sam Lyons, a top junior prospect who redshirted for Portland State last year.

Reed, who brings an impressive record and a breadth of experience, also has one other advantage Beaman hopes will



Stanislav Glukhov, a senior from Russia and Vandal tennis player, hits during practice in the Kibbie Dome Jan. 23, 2008. Glukhov is one of this year's returning tennis players and was ranked 12th in doubles in the WAC with Artem Kuzentsov.

strengthen the team — Reed is left-handed. Beaman said this allows his team to practice taking serves from a left-handed player, which are drastically different than a right-handed player's serves.

"Many teams only have guys that play right-handed, so they don't get practice returning serves from a left-handed person, which moves in a very different way than a serve from a righty," Beaman said. "Having Reed helps us

be prepared to face left-handed players from other teams."

Reed, who is from Australia and played tennis in what Beaman calls "some of the toughest events in the world," replaces departed southpaws Tim Huynh and Hugh McDonald, who graduated last season.

Even though every member of the squad has rankings and looks good on paper, Beaman is cautious about throwing around predictions. He is excited to see how the team will perform when they

travel to Spokane, Wash. for the season opener on Oct. 2. With only four tournaments scheduled for the fall, Beaman will work out any kinks the team may have to prepare them for a national rank run starting in the spring season, when the Vandals will face against nationally ranked teams Fresno State, Boise State and Hawai'i. Beaman contends that it will be a tough, but very balanced schedule.

"We have a lot good of talent and depth," Beaman said. "We have great potential this year."

Tennis adds depth

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

The Vandal men's tennis team announced last Wednesday that it will be adding Kevin Lee, a junior transfer from Lewis-Clark State College.

"Kevin will be a strong addition, as he has three years of college experience under his belt," coach Jeff Beaman said. "He has a strong counterpunching singles game and smart, consistent doubles game."

Lee, who was part of the nationally ranked LCSC tennis program, joins transfer players Adrian Simon, Lachlan Reed, Abid Akbar and Sam Lyons on a squad loaded with talent and potential.

Lee was ranked as high as 42 in singles play at LCSC and compiled a 13-10 singles record and a 10-12 doubles record.

Before playing for LCSC, Lee had an outstanding junior career, earning four tennis varsity letters at S.M.K. St. Columbia, a missionary school in Malaysia, and being named captain of its tennis squad

for three years in a row. He was awarded athlete of the year twice by his school on the road to winning divisional, state, and national tournaments. Outside of school, Lee became the youngest player to ever win Borneo Island Closed Singles at age 15. He was ranked as high as second in the national junior ranking, and 1,581 in the International Tennis Federation World Junior ranking.

In addition to being part of a nationally ranked team, Lee is also an outstanding student, coming into the University of Idaho as a junior in good standing with a 3.9 grade point average. He will be studying chemical engineering.

Beaman said that the plan is to have Lee redshirt for the '09-'10 season, and have him compete next year.

"With Adrian Simon, (Artem) Kuznetsov, and (Stanislav) Glukhov in their last year of eligibility, we now have several players to step into the lineup in 2010," Beaman said. "(Lee) will definitely be competing for a spot in the lineup next year."

COMMENTARY

College football needs punched

After watching the comical events unfold last Thursday on the ridiculous blue turf field in Boise, I cannot help but think LeGarrette Blount's jab to the jaw of Byron Hout will be the most memorable moment of the opening weekend, if not the entire college football season.

In reality, Boise State's victory over Oregon was a boring game that opened a rather dull weekend of college football. Unless you are a fan of sloppy play and blowouts, and who isn't, there really was little else on display expect for that little bout of madness that occurred Thursday night in the capital of Idaho.

A majority of college football analysts have deemed the actions of both

players to be reprehensible and bad for the game itself. I, however, do not necessarily see it that way.

Players cannot go around punching people after the game, but in the context of the situation, I did not find the actions of either player as heinous as others have stated.

Both teams had a certain animosity toward one another after last year's contest and Blount did nothing to dissuade that by claiming

Oregon was going to Boise looking for payback earlier this year. Sixty minutes of football later, Blount had to eat his words after neither he nor his Duck teammates could muster anything against a BSU defense led by Hout.

The ending of all football games are met with pure chaos as hundreds of people are on the field shaking hands, cleaning up, praying and doing who knows what else. It was during this time of confusion that Hout decided to tap Blount on the shoulder and remind him of his now worthless promise of payback.

The Oregon running back returned the courtesy by punching Hout in the face. While everyone has been quick to criticize the actions of both players in their handling of the situation, the players acted as to how I would expect college students to act in that situation.

It is ridiculous to expect two guys in their early twenties to make calm, rational decisions after competing in an incredibly aggressive, emotional



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Jennifer Eugenio: making an impact



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University of Idaho defender Jennifer Eugenio runs to the ball during the soccer game Aug. 30 with Utah Valley. The Vandals scored and went on to win 3-1.

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

You may not see her name in headlines, but junior Jennifer Eugenio said she isn't involved in sports for the recognition but plays for the team.

"My favorite part of the game is scoring," Eugenio said. "Whether it's me or my teammates — it's just being a part of something good."

The outgoing 5-foot-4 defender grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she first learned to play soccer and became attached to the family atmosphere.

In high school, she helped her team win two state championships in 2006 and 2007, earning Honorable Mention All-State honors. She also spent four years competing for the Leahi 90 Premier Club team — a club team located in Hawaii.

When Eugenio first came to the University of Idaho, coach Pete Showler said he expected to see great things come from her talents.

"Jen is tenacious, feisty and possesses a great work ethic," Showler said. "She has a small stature, but she goes hard through the tackle and she has great speed."

Now, after Eugenio has been at UI for three years, Showler said his expectations have risen, but Eugenio is stepping up and taking over those challenges.

"This year, we've seen huge improvements from Jen," Showler said. "The play has risen from everyone; my job has become

a lot harder."

Last season, Eugenio played in all 19 games and started in 15. She also created her favorite memory of college soccer so far—scoring her first career goal that sent her team into overtime against California State-Bakersfield in 2008.

After the team won its first home game of the season, Eugenio said she is anxious to see what the other teams will bring.

"Coming off that field I was really excited, it was a great start," Eugenio said. "It just makes you excited to play the next game."

Off the field, Eugenio describes herself as unique and has several different interests besides soccer — one of them is the individual sport of boxing.

"It is a completely different take than soccer," Eugenio said. "Boxing really helps you focus more on yourself and how you need to push yourself."

While boxing is about pushing oneself, Eugenio is one to continue to push her teammates.

"She is very excited by how much freshmen talent is here," Showler said. "Her performance is great and every player is involved in making us a better team."

Eugenio is originally a defender and has only tallied 5 shots, 2 of which were on goal this season, but Eugenio doesn't reference individual records.

"I just want to be an impact and help my team out," Eugenio said. "We're getting better and I want to be a positive impact."

Eight sport clubs placed on probation

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

Eight University of Idaho sport club teams were placed on probation for the 2009-2010 school year at the end of last semester, said sport club director Gordon Gresch.

The clubs placed on probation were cited for not participating in intercollegiate events and will only receive money for the current school year if the club can prove it will go toward taking part in an intercollegiate event, Gresch said.

"This is not necessarily a bad thing for any of the clubs placed on probation," Gresch said. "The sport club federation is for clubs that compete in intercollegiate events and it is important that the money we distribute goes to clubs serving that purpose."

Boxing, climbing, disc golf, gymnastics, Ju-Jitsu, swimming, shooting and triathlon were the

eight clubs placed on probation, Gresch said.

Triathlon club president Jessica Smith said she was shocked to find out her club was one of the eight placed on probation.

"We had not heard anything about being placed on probation before that point and it was really confusing to try and figure out how anyone would think that we were not a sports club that benefited the university," Smith said. "The probation really hits me hard because they are threatening my beloved tri-club."

The triathlon club joined the newly formed Northwest Collegiate Triathlon Conference this year and is trying to set up smaller competitions with colleges in Washington and Montana throughout the year, Smith said.

"We are going to try to jump through the appropriate hoops, show that we are valuable members of the sports club commu-

nity, but I cannot make a guess as to what decision will be made regarding our probation," Smith said. "A lot of this has to do with the Sport Club Federation's budget and them needing to find places to make cuts from."

Gresch said the Sport Club Federations budget was not cut but the move was proactive to help ensure money is spent on clubs who are participating in intercollegiate activities.

"We did not receive a budget increase last year and it is important we make sure that the money is used in the best ways possible," Gresch said. "It is unfair to the clubs who do meet the requirements to sustain clubs that may not necessarily be sport clubs."

Disc golf president Trina Johnson said she thinks it is unfair that the Sport Club Federation is trying to marginalize disc golf and the other seven clubs despite it already being recog-

nized at Idaho as a club sport.

"Disc golf is a relatively young sport, especially to the western portion of the United States, and as a result this region does not have many official collegiate tournaments," Johnson said. "We fulfilled all but one basic qualification of the new regulations, and that qualification is one that is impossible for us alone to fulfill."

The disc golf team is trying to organize a tournament co-hosted with Washington State University but that would not be enough for the club to get the club off probation, Johnson said.

"As a senior, I'm too busy to write a constitution and stand before the ASUI board to recreate the club through them," Johnson said. "I highly doubt the club will be able to survive probation and remain as a sport club."

Gresch said it is important to make a distinction between sport clubs and social clubs that may

be based around an activity.

"It is important sport clubs recognize the need to participate in intercollegiate athletics and represent the university from that standpoint," Gresch said. "It may be better for some clubs to become a student organization and promote their sport in a different way without having to worry whether or not they can find intercollegiate competition."

Smith said she hopes the triathlon club is able to prove it belongs as a sport club and come off probation at the end of the school year.

"The tri club has helped me develop better mental focus, get in much better shape and make some amazing friends from a wide range of walks of life," Smith said. "We also offer university students the chance to improve themselves because the students matter and without them the university is just hollow buildings."

Taking long strides

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Before their season even began, cross-country coach Wayne Phipps said only three seniors returned to the men's team and the team needed time to development.

After returning from the Clash of the Inland Northwest meet in Spokane, Wash., several of the runners proved the team could hold the competition for yet another year.

Markus Geiger, a sophomore, took home the men's 6,000-meter title with a time of 20:10.0 — 10 seconds faster than his 16th place finish last season.

"His training has been going very well and he's looked good in practice," Phipps said, in a University of Idaho press release. "We followed our plan of starting out comfortably and progressing

throughout the race, and he looked good all the way through."

Among the women's team, four Idaho runners finished in the top 10 with senior Melissa McFadden finishing third with a time of 16:16.0 — only six seconds behind the first place runner.

Although the women's team ran without two of its top runners, Phipps said he was happy with how the team finished.

"I was very pleased with how all of the girls ran," said Phipps in the press release. "It was very nice to see Melissa, who has been injured for awhile, get back to her form, and I know she felt very good about this."

The runners will have a break this weekend, but are not stopping to rest for Sept. 19, the Sundodger Invitational.

"We'll have a hard, high-volume next week," Phipps said. "We want to get better every time we race."

WeeksEvents

Wednesday

Soccer league begins

Thursday

Singles Tennis tournament entry deadline
Frisbee golf tournament entry deadline

Friday

Holiday Inn Classic (soccer) Boise, ID vs. Northern Colorado

Volleyball @ Pullman, Wash. vs. Washington State

Saturday

Singles tennis tournament
Volleyball @ Pullman, Wash. vs. Cal State Northridge
Football @ Seattle, Wash. vs. University of Washington

Sunday

Frisbee golf tournament
Holiday Inn Classic (soccer) Boise, ID vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff

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It is ridiculous to expect two guys in their early twenties to make calm, rational decisions after competing in an incredibly aggressive, emotional game where the stakes were high. If anything, it is bewildering that this sort of thing does not happen more after college football matches.

Anyone who has been to a men's intramural sporting contest on this campus knows fights between guys playing sports will break out. I have no idea why our gender is so prone to fighting when we play sports but it happens, and much like the tides or bad movies starring Julia Roberts, it is seemingly inevitable.

I remember playing a meaningless game of pick-up basketball and two players on the same team started grappling after the final basket for no apparent reason. Everyone else on the court saw it as commonplace — simply part of the game. Emotions tend to get the best of everybody once in a while and college athletes are no exception to this.

Blount moved on to the fans after his altercation with Hout where a massive fight almost broke out between Boise State supporters and the Oregon player as coaches and police were trying to lead him to the locker room.

Going after BSU fans was probably not the best choice Blount has made in his life, but then again how many of us would have honestly kept our cool with thousands of yahoos shouting insults?

I would venture to say very few would, even if one was unknowingly appointed to represent his or her university.

The fact remains these occurrences will happen from time to time because the athlete's in question are not professional but simply college kids who have been propelled into the national spotlight.

It is ridiculous to suspend Blount for a year based on his actions in Boise. He made a mistake and should be punished for it. There also has to be a chance for him to learn from this. While Blount's previous disciplinary shows he is prone to make bad judgments, he has to be given the chance to learn not just athletically or academically but personally as well.

Suspending Blount for the entire season suggests the coaches at Oregon are more concentrated on the football than the students playing the game for them. The only worrying thing about this is that it is something that seems prevalent across the college football landscape.

Have a question for Cheyenne? Send it to arg-sports@uidaho.edu.

COMMENTARY

MLB fine the way it is

The Cubs and Mets finished a series this weekend in Queens, with the reeling Mets taking two of three from the North Siders. The Cubs are now one game over .500 while playing in a division that — outside of the Cardinals — is marked by mediocrity and underachievement.

The Mets have been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention and the Cubs have a robust 9 percent chance of making it. Yeah, the 2009 season has been lost for the Cubbies.

Inept management and key injuries aside, this time of year always sprouts a laundry list of columnists and other baseball enthusiasts opining for some great overhaul to bring parity to baseball.

ESPN's Buster Olney suggested that MLB adopt a new schedule that's set up like the NFL, where a losing team is paired up against other losing

teams the majority of the time. Others have said the NL-AL division is antiquated, or that half the teams should be admitted to the playoffs like in the NBA.

No. Let's start with Olney's idea. Imagine the Kansas City Royals playing the Pittsburgh Pirates 18 times in one year. They also get to play 18 games against the Nationals, 18 against the Padres, the Reds etc. For teams that perennially struggle with attendance, why take away the big draws like the Yankees and Red Sox? Fans swarm to those games because those two teams happen to be two of the most popular at the national level.

Many of those teams — especially those with inept management like Kansas City — would continue to fester in the basement of their division while revenue dropped off

even further.

Maybe the AL-NL division is antiquated, but why change it? Interleague play allows fans in one team's city a chance to experience teams from the other league. It also helps fuel decades-old rivalries — the Cubs and Cardinals, Red Sox and Yankees etc.

There are few things more exciting in professional sports than September games between two teams steeped in rivalry who are competing for one playoff spot. Last year the Yankees and Red Sox were at it all season, fighting over the wildcard spot. September was a powder keg, and it was fun to watch.

The split also gives us two games in one. The NL — having no designated hitter — adds new strategy to the game that just isn't seen in AL baseball. If the two leagues were to contract into one, it seems the DH would be forced upon the NL teams. No, thank you.

And finally, the number of teams allowed into the playoffs

Eight teams is just right. You get one from each division as well as two wild cards, one from each league. What more could you want? The NBA playoffs feel like they take five years to get through. After a 162-game season, does there really need to be another few months of baseball? No.

Think about this — since the inception of a division series in 1993 (though the first one wasn't played until 1995 due to the strike) — only three teams have yet to play in one: the Toronto Blue Jays, Washington Nationals and Pittsburgh Pirates. That means 27 other teams have appeared, many of them more than once. Seems fair enough to me.

The fact of the matter is that baseball is not a perfect game, but the schedule is built well. It fosters entertaining rivalries and a month and a half of extremely dramatic baseball at the end of the season. Let's keep it the way it is.

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the defense giving up a touchdown.

The defense could not stop the Aggie's Tony Glynn as he pushed through the line with a 16-play drive that lasted over nine minutes. With 2 minutes and 37 seconds left in the third quarter, the Aggies put themselves on the scoreboard.

"I like that we only gave up one score, but I'm also disappointed we gave up that score," Akey said. "It was a so-many play possession against a route that we had practiced countless times. I'm a little disappointed."

But Akey admits he has to be nit-picky. He said the defense did a number of things well and the three out of four times the Vandals had their backs against the wall — they stopped the Aggies

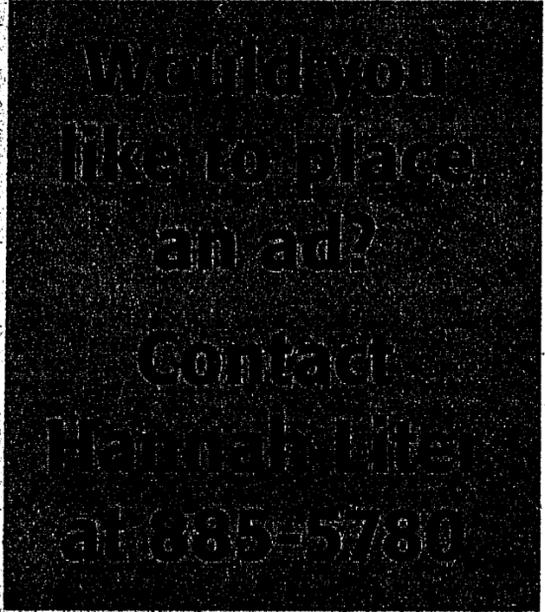
"We can't make a living as a defense that's going to be on the field for that period of time," Akey said. "I'd like to hope we can push these guys to have high expectations and play well."

In the end, the Vandals proved that each phase of the game can contribute to their success. Akey said the early success will be a great step forward.

"A lot of big things came from the win, but there are still a lot of things that we can do better and we need to do better," Akey said. "To me that's a good sign of things to come."

For Vandal fans, the win has placed Idaho at the top of the WAC, where they will sit until Sept. 18 when Boise State goes against Fresno State.

Now that the team is back on campus, Akey and the team are focused on their challenge ahead when they will take on the University of Washington Huskies Sept. 12.



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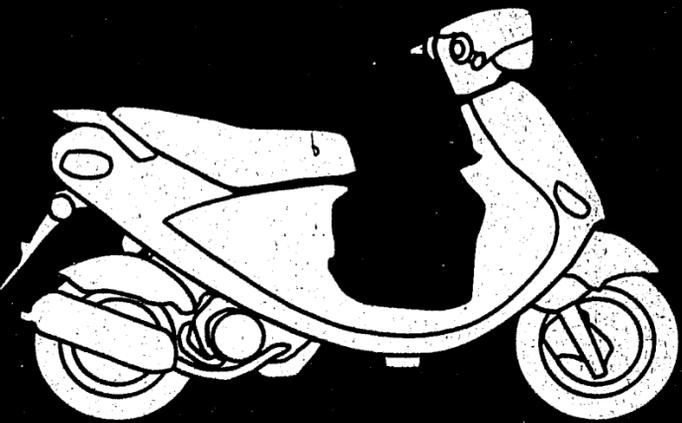
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