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Senators discuss executive powers

President could cut salaries, benefits without board approval

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

Under a proposed policy change set to come before the State Board of Education Oct. 14-15, University of Idaho presidents would have greatly increased discretion to declare and act upon fiscal exigencies. The change, discussed at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting, has faculty members worried, because it would allow presidents to cut salaries, including permanent and mid-year cuts, order furloughs and alter benefits across budgetary units.

"It does seem to me like it's an erosion of employment rights," said Jack Miller, the faculty senate chair.

UI General Counsel Kent Nelson, who stood for questions on the policy, spoke of it as a way to avoid the "Pandora's box" of an exigency declared by the board. According to Nelson, it would allow administrators to address adverse financial circumstances without the detrimental effects of a declared financial exigency — including a lower credit rating.

Miller and others feel the change would be a slight to faculty members.

"It seems to be saying to employees, 'We want you to work hard and be good employees and keep up your end of the deal, but, by the way, we reserve the right to change the deal whenever we want,'" Miller said.

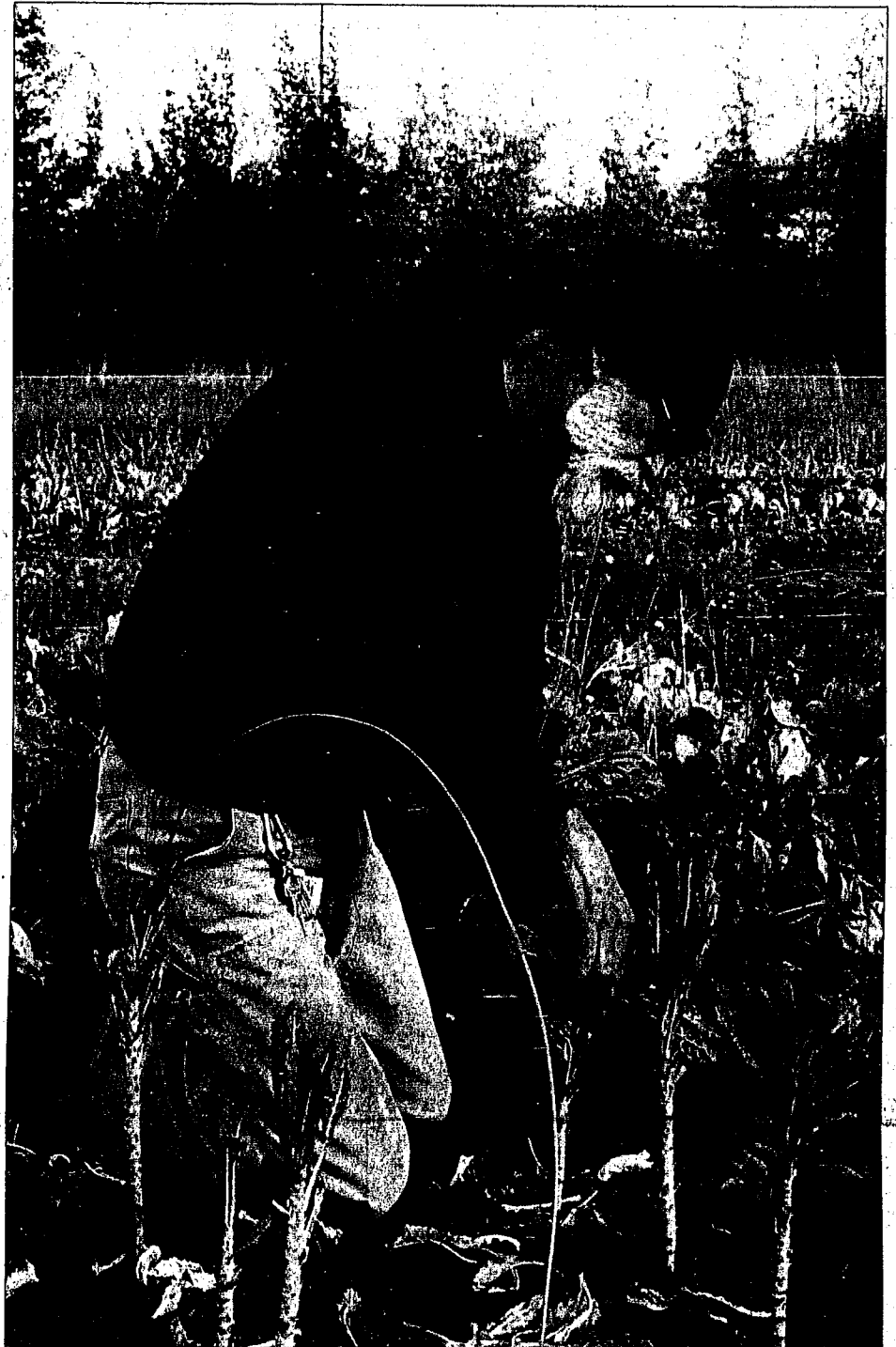
Whether these new powers actually end up with the president or not will ultimately rest on the outcome of the board meeting.

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Battle for the Pumpkin



Sebastian Edgerton/Argonaut
Co-managers of University of Idaho Soil Stewards Jannis Jocius, left, and Jonathan LeBlanc harvest potatoes at the UI Parker Research Farm Monday.



Steven Devine/Argonaut
Adriaan Geurtsen trims kale at the University of Idaho Parker Research Farm on the Troy Highway. The farm will host its first Palouse Harvest Festival from 12-4 p.m. Saturday.

City, University put on first Palouse Harvest Festival

Sebastian Edgerton
Argonaut

The Moscow community is having its first Palouse Harvest Festival at the University of Idaho's Parker Research Farm along the Troy Highway. This year's event, from 12-4 p.m. Saturday, is the first at Parker.

Eric Newell, Moscow's recreation supervisor for youth programs and aquatics, said this harvest festival is going to be the new and improved Halloween Hullabaloo, which they've run for the last 10 years.

"Looking around I saw that there were numerous Halloween events," Newell said, "but no real 'celebrate the Palouse' ... events, at least in the Moscow area."

So he started working together with the Soil Stewards, Jodi Maynard-Johnson and the local 4-H

programs, among other organizations, to put on the festival.

In talking with the 4-H supervisor Mauri Knott, Newell said they decided to take the event outside and have lots of activities going on. The activities planned include a pumpkin patch put on by the Stewards, a straw maze, a bounce house, live music, a petting zoo put on by 4-H children and hay rides.

Courtney Bowers, a UI senior in health, physical education, recreation and dance, designed the straw maze. Newell said Bowers also did a lot of the work finding live music and contacting people involved.

Bowers had come to Newell for her degree's practicum work. Bowers had never helped organize an event from beginning to end before, so Newell suggested the Palouse

Harvest Festival.

"The biggest challenge for me was the networking aspect for it," Bowers said.

She explained that since she didn't grow up in Moscow, it was hard for her to track down all the pieces of the event like the live music.

Newell said that Green

Bluff up in the Spokane region was his inspiration. There, 40 collaborating farms put on a farm festival.

Newell said it is all about collaboration.

"Bringing more people together to make the event bigger, instead of having a whole bunch of (little) Hal-

loween parties," he said, "... that will really impact the Moscow community for the better."

The event itself is free, but several of the activities, including the bounce house, will carry a charge. Pumpkins will be available for purchase, as well.

HFES studies user-friendly systems

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Ernesto Bustamante's office in the basement of the Student Health Center is unbearably hot in the winter. Other offices down the hall are very cold. By studying human factors and ergonomics, he is fixing the problems of the heating system of his building.

The study of human factors and ergonomics integrates concepts of psychology and engineering to make technology user friendly, with three goals: safety, effectiveness and efficiency.

"A lot of people don't think psychology goes beyond counseling therapy," said Rylan Clark, president of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society student chapter at the University of Idaho.

The study of UI heating systems is just one project the chapter is working on. Students are also working with the electrical engineering department on a handheld device that would assist

visually impaired people in crossing the street at busy intersections.

"Visually impaired individuals get to a point where they're very comfortable in space, but changes could require deviation," said Bustamante, adviser to the chapter. "We strive to place the human component from the early stages of design."

UI offers a master's degree in human factors and ergonomics, through the psychology and communication studies department. Members of the student chapter have the chance to work on real-life applications.

The UI student chapter was founded in the spring of 2008. Most chapters start in the fall, and the students wasted no time in applying for awards from the national division.

"We pretty much started from scratch," Bustamante said.

Three award levels, gold, silver and bronze, are given. Though some chapters get no money

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Students show appreciation

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Around 500 students gathered in the Idaho Commons Tuesday and Wednesday, together writing over 700 thank-you letters to scholarship donors. The coordinated effort was made in the University of Idaho's fifth annual Thank-a-Thon.

The two-day event was made possible by a partnership among the UI Student Foundation, the financial aid office and the donor relations and stewardship office.

"This is a really good opportunity for students and for donors to connect," said Sara Storey, UI's associate director for donor relations and stewardship. "It's touching for (donors) to receive something back from students."

For the 2009-2010 academic year, over 4,000 donor-funded scholarships were provided this year, and donors contributed more than \$4.3 million in scholarship money.

"It's good to think of all of the students who are getting help from donors," Storey said. "We try to show our students just how important donors are to UI. All kinds of things on campus come from donor financial support, like the Albertson Building, for example."

This annual event occurs every fall,

so if students missed their chance to write a thank-you note, they'll have to wait until the fall of 2010.

"A lot of donors are alumni or have close ties with UI, so they'll usually come to football games and receive their letters around homecoming," Storey said.

"This is a really good opportunity for students and for donors to connect."

Sara

STOREY

Donor relations and stewardship associate director

"So we try to tie it all together. They give their hard-earned money to students and it's heartfelt and meaningful for both of them."

The Thank-a-Thon is structured for the benefit of the even the most time-constricted student.

"We have the paper, the envelopes, the addresses, and we even mail it out for them," Storey said. "All we ask is that they write a short letter saying thank you."

Lauren Armstrong, the president of the UI Student Foundation, spoke to the event's importance.

"I personally think it's one of the more important events that happen on campus," Armstrong said. "It puts a face to a donation, and we've had a bigger turnout this year so I think we'll get more student participation next year."

Storey and Armstrong, along with Danica Weiner, the vice president of stewardship under the Student



Steven Devine/Argonaut
Keelcy Perez writes a thank-you note to donors during the Thank-a-Thon Tuesday in the Idaho Commons.

Foundation, agree that more students should participate next fall to show their appreciation.

"We're acknowledging our appreciation to donors so they can continue to give to the university," Weiner said. "Every year the Thank-a-Thon gets more acknowledgement ... It's a great chance for donors to hear back from students and it makes giving a donation more personal."



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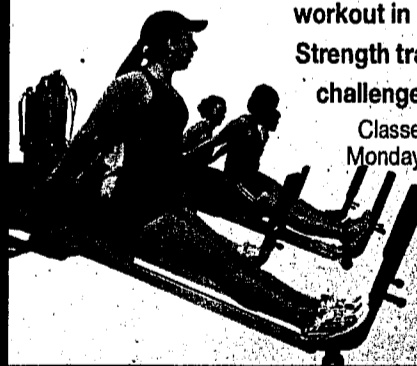
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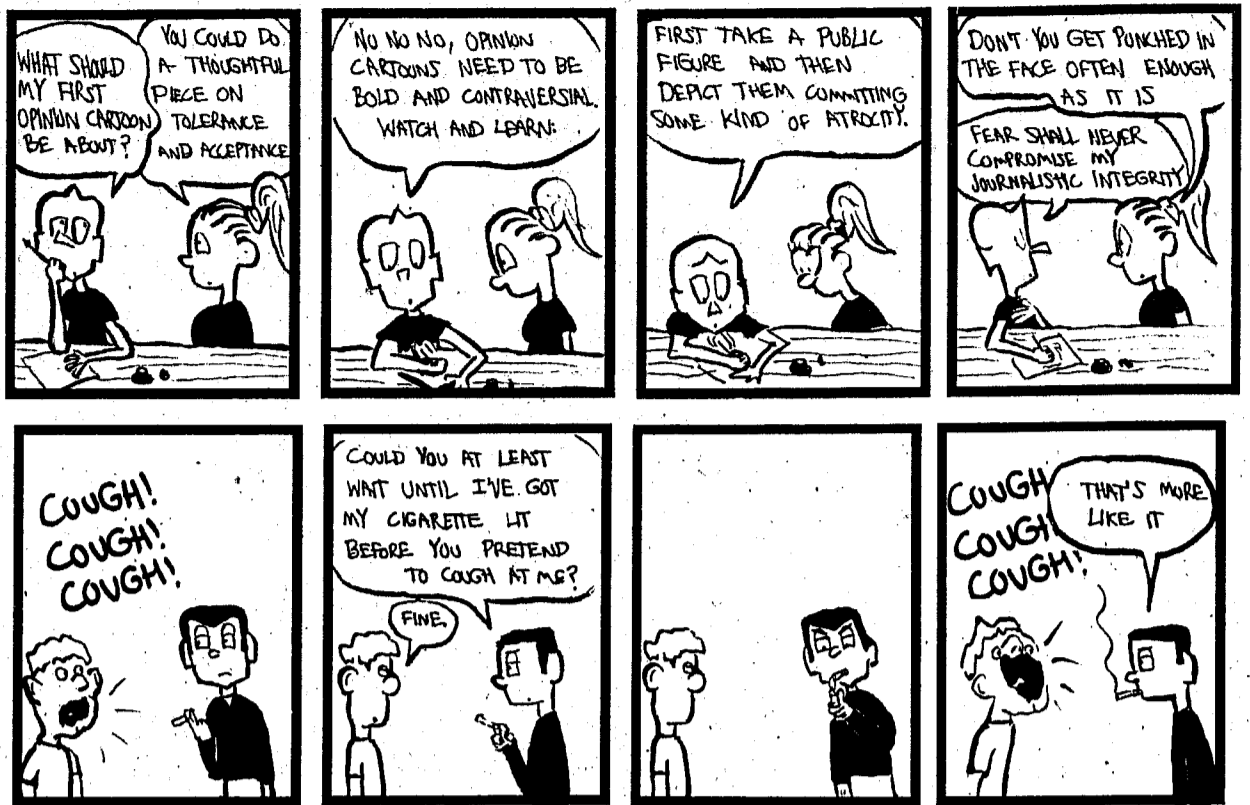
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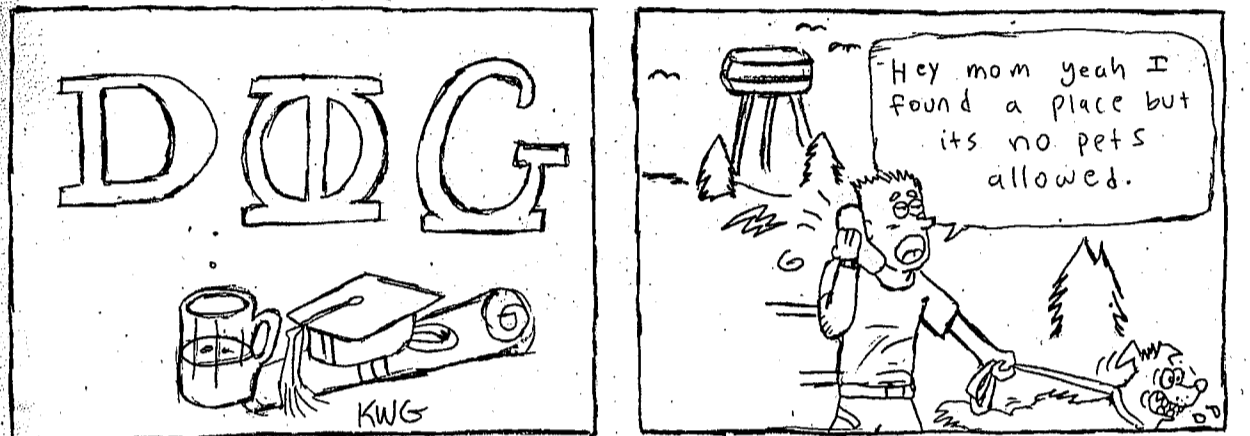
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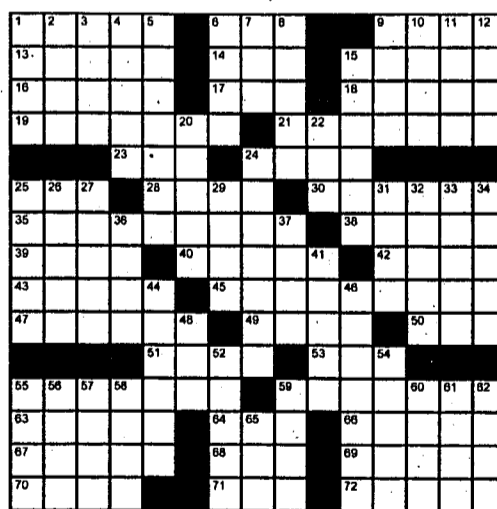
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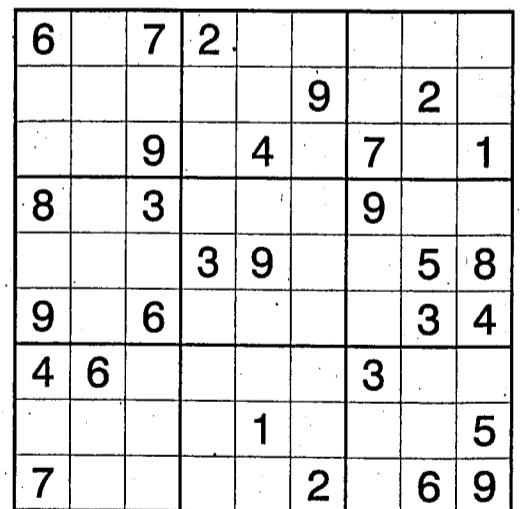
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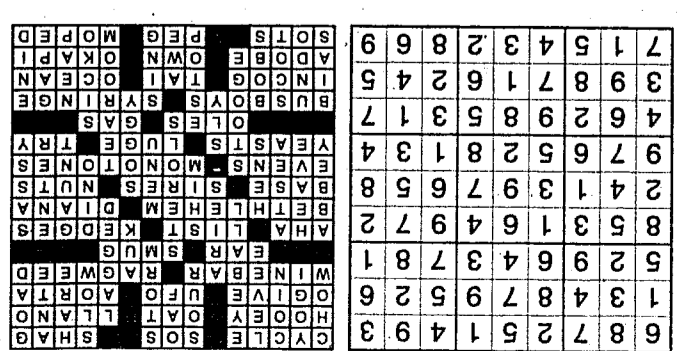
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corrections

In 'CNR celebrates its 100th anniversary,' printed Sept. 25, The Argonaut misreported the name of Dale Bosworth, a University of Idaho alumnus and a former chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 6.

No cloves

FDA bans flavored cigarettes

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

The Food and Drug Administration late last month banned flavored cigarettes, citing them in a press release as a "gateway for many children and young adults to become regular smokers."

The ban, based on statutory authority granted to the agency by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act signed this year by President Barack Obama, exempts only menthol. Kreteks, or clove cigarettes, can no longer be legally sold, nor can fruit or vanilla-flavored cigarettes.

Mark Deleve, the owner of the Third Street Market in Moscow, said flavored cigarettes were a "fairly minute percentage" of his sales before the ban, but that he was concerned about the FDA's justification.

"This whole idea that stores are marketing ... 'candy-flavored cigarettes' is a complete misnomer," he said. "It's a fallacy. Pipe tobacco has been around

much longer than cigarettes, and pipe tobacco and cigars, for that matter, have been cherry flavored and vanilla flavored for forever, but we're not being accused of selling vanilla or cherry-flavored cigars or pipe tobacco to minors."

In its press release, the FDA said studies demonstrate 17-year-old smokers are three times as likely to smoke flavored cigarettes as are smokers over age 25.

Deleve said the market for cloves and other flavored cigarettes are more upscale consumers, those who buy cigarettes only occasionally — people who buy cigarettes often, like people who buy beer often, usually buy less expensive brands in Moscow.

"It's definitely not kids straight out of high school that are trying to buy these expensive cigarettes, you know," he said. "They're going to smoke what their parents smoke or what their friends smoked in high school. These are high-end customers."



Photo illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut

Clove cigarettes, or kreteks, can no longer be legally sold due to a ban on flavored cigarettes by the Food and Drug Administration that took effect last month.

Djarum, an Indonesian kretek manufacturer, has skirted the ban by selling clove cigars, which are wrapped in tobacco instead of paper.

Those are available at

both Third Street Market and Big Smoke.

"My gut tells me that these will not be around long either, but as of right now they are legal," Deleve said.

Matt Vicente, an assistant manager at Big Smoke, said the clove cigars have been selling "quite briskly."

"It's not a huge percentage of our business, but

when people were expecting the ban to kick in they came in and cleared us out pretty fast," he said. "I'd say we were completely out of cloves a week or two weeks before the ban."

Vandal Solutions gives real-world experience

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

University of Idaho students are gaining experience marketing, consulting and advertising for real businesses — all without leaving the Palouse or taking on internship credits.

Vandal Solutions is a student-run marketing agency, based out of the College of Business and Economics, that provides market research, consulting, secret shopping and other services for area businesses.

Vandal Solutions VP of Marketing Nicole Strunks said the program allows students to take skills they've learned on paper in the Integrated Business Curriculum and utilize them in real-world experiences.

According to President Tyde Sirk, Vandal Solutions is a "win-win-win" for all those involved. He said the CBE wins by receiving the money the organization takes in for its services, students win by gaining experience and clients win by getting services not widely available in the Quad Cities, at below-market rates.

Students in the organization are able to make mistakes and get exposed to climbing a corporate ladder in an environment more forgiving than their first post-college jobs will likely be. They're also able to work in teams on things more substantive than school projects and papers.

"They have to go out and make the sales. They have to approach the client," Sirk said.

In addition to the services it provides its clients, Vandal Solutions is running a deli in the J.A. Albertson Building, con-

ducting a large consumer behavior survey and participating in a business plan competition held by Students in Free Enterprise. According to Sirk, the last consumer behavior survey the group fielded was instrumental

in convincing Old Navy and Bed Bath & Beyond to come to the Palouse.

Vandal Solutions is hosting a recruiting session for new members Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. in Albertson Building Room 102. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend

and apply.

"Everyone has a skill they can contribute. We're not picky," Strunks said.

Competition for the five to 12 slots can be intense, though. According to Strunks, business professors plug Vandal Solutions heavily, and students see it as ideal résumé fodder. Those interested in applying should contact Sirk at tydesirk@vandals.uidaho.edu or join the organization's Facebook group.

"I've been doing it for three years now, and I still look forward to going to class Monday, Wednesday and Friday," Sirk said.

UI tree patent grows dividends

Sebastian Edgerton
Argonaut

Only four gnarly poplar trees remain in the nursery at the Parker Farm, a variety developed and patented by George Newcombe, a University of Idaho forest pathology and plant symbiosis professor.

More will be available next spring and specimens of the tree can be seen in the University's Arboretum.

Alison Nowakowski, the assistant director for the Office of Technology Transfer, and a colleague visit with the researchers on campus to see if anything needs patenting. She said when they approached Newcombe about his research he asked if a tree could be patented. The gnarly poplar, patented in 2005, is the first tree the University has patented so far.

"You just never know where the next useful invention is going to come from, and that's what makes working in this office so interesting," Nowakowski said.

The parent tree came from Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Nowakowski said Newcombe

was working in a test plot of poplars to create faster-growing trees for the pulp industry. He said he was once walking through and noticed one of the trees had an attractive, zigzagging growth pattern.

Newcombe crossed a Japanese poplar and a Pacific Northwest black cottonwood in his test plot. The gnarly poplar was a genetic quirk.

Newcombe said the two parent trees they crossed were both first-generation hybrid trees already, and the only reason he made a second cross was for research purposes. But it was in that generation that the gnarly poplar popped up.

Newcombe did research on the genetics of disease resistance for poplars on Vancouver Island.

"As I was doing this I kept noticing this contorted tree. It was the only one out of a progeny of (about) 70 to 80," Newcombe said.

Newcombe and Nowakowski thought the tree could be commercialized as an ornamental tree. Since it has been patented, Nowakowski said it has only been sold through the UI's nursery, but also



Sam Eaton/Argonaut

The gnarly poplar tree is the University of Idaho's first patented tree. The National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., features the variety.

been planted in several arboretums nationwide.

Nowakowski learned that the Pacific Northwest black cottonwood was one of the first to be cataloged when the Lewis and Clark expedition came out west. In 2005 was the bicentennial of their expedition, and Nowakowski was able to tie the gnarly poplar patenting to the event. As a result, the tree was

allowed into the national collection in the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

The gnarly poplar trees for sale are only four feet she said, but should get between 40 and 60 feet at maturity. She said contorted trees never get as big as their non-contorted siblings, so they expect this tree probably will get to be 40 feet.

"Everyone has a skill they can contribute. We're not picky."

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Open Forum

Gregory Lee, ASUI Director of Health and Wellness, came before the senate meeting on Wednesday night to give an update on his work. Among other things, Lee said he has been looking closely at the ways in which depression affects college students.

Alexis Olson, ASUI Director of Advancement, gave an update about her work with the Larry Craig Endowment Scholarship and Alternative Service Break funding.

Juan Corona, ASUI Director of Adversity Affairs, updated the senate on their ASUI tabling duties

outside the Idaho Commons today.

Presidential Communications

ASUI President Kelby Wilson gave an update to the senate on the things he has been working on this week.

Wilson said he will have the chance to sit down to lunch with student governments from all over Idaho and bring back information about the things that work well for their schools. In return, Wilson said he will also share the things that work well for ASUI.

"I am really curious to see what student governments across the state of Idaho are doing," Wilson said. "I want to

bring back some of those ideas here to the senate."

Another project that Wilson has put into planning is the Campus Community Hour. This hour will be set aside each week for campus and the community to get together and discuss topics of interest.

Wilson said they are tentatively looking to schedule the hour on Mondays around 12:30 p.m.

He said more discussion is required before a time is found that will best fit the university as a whole.

"A lot of the events are currently taking place," Wilson said. "It's just that the students, faculty and staff have other things going on and they are not able to attend."

He said there will be no instruction at these discussions and the hour can be put to good use in hosting events like the Borah Symposium and other presentations put on by the Martin Institute of International Studies. The hour can also be utilized by guest lecturers, such as the author of the University of Idaho's Common Read book.

"The idea of going with a 12:30 lunch hour type time is that students are still on campus, athletic events haven't started practicing, students (organizations) and clubs haven't started to meet yet," Wilson said.

Unfinished Business

Resolution F09-02, a resolu-

tion in support of the University of Idaho Dance Team, was withdrawn.

New Business

Bill F09-36, a bill amending the ASUI Bylaws, was passed after discussion.

Bill F09-38, a bill adjusting the assignment of senators to ASUI standing boards, was passed. This bill will reassign three senators to standing boards due to schedule conflicts.

F09-39, a bill transferring \$1000 dollars to the homecoming committee for the homecoming fireworks display, was passed after discussion.

— Cari Dighton

HFES

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at all, last year Idaho's chapter received the silver award. This year, the chapter received the gold award.

"It promotes awareness of the university on an international level," Bustamante said.

Bustamante said there are two approaches to designing a piece of technology — human-centered and

technology-centered. Technology-centered was the standard until the 1950s.

"It was the first time people couldn't handle the information," Clark said.

Human factors and ergonomics helped personal computers make the transition from text-based user interfaces to graphical user interfaces, like Windows and the Macintosh operating system, making computers easier to use for the average person.

"(Human factors) can be applied

when people are doing anything," Clark said.

The HFES also hosts guest speakers. One was a man with cerebral palsy whose sister had earned a master's degree in communication by creating a numerically based method of communication for him.

He cannot speak properly, but he can communicate with foot, hand and finger taps.

"If you can't make technology do what you want, you can't use it," Clark said.

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"(It) is a policy decision for the board to make, Nelson said. "They can say, 'No, we want you to come with us.'"

With regard to other fiscal matters, Sen. Jim Murphy moved to endorse a set of recommendations from the University Budget Advisory Committee. Along with provisions for creating a rainy-day fund, the recommendations call for faculty Y-accounts to be subject to more scrutiny and for accounts with three years of surplus to be rolled up to the college level.

Y-accounts have been a source of

controversy in recent weeks, because of a section in Provost Doug Baker's Aug. 25 memo calling for them to be centralized at the college level.

Murphy, who also sits on UBAC, said the committee does not believe in centralized Y-accounts, but he referred to the accounts as an "untamed animal" under the current system.

Faculty members generally favor the recommendations, but all who weighed in believed some sort of minimum should be applied to exempt low-dollar accounts from sweeps. Senators disagreed, however, as to what that minimum should be.

Those in favor of higher minimums — anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000 — felt the money in Y-accounts is generated by faculty

members and should be used at their discretion.

"People who have a Y-account feel that they earned that money and they should have responsibility for that money," Sen. Dale Graden said. "And their fear is that other people — the track record in this university is not a particularly good one — are suddenly going to have access to it."

Other faculty members said that, by setting the minimum too high, it might undermine their argument that too much oversight of Y-accounts impedes research.

"It really is not my money," Sen. Sharon Fritz said. "It's the university's money, ultimately."

Discussion of Murphy's motion was tabled until next week.

Sales starting to turn around

Anne D'Innocenzio

Associated Press

A tally of sales at top stores managed a gain in September for the first time in more than a year. It was a pleasant surprise for retailers, but analysts say shoppers still aren't coming in the door unless they see deep discounts.

The increase in the sales figure from the International Council of Shopping Centers and Goldman Sachs on Thursday was small — just 0.1 percent — yet significant because many analysts expected sales to keep falling, as they had since August 2008.

Shoppers are hungry for markdowns. Auto showrooms drew throngs of customers this summer because of Cash for Clunkers rebates. Home sales and construction are being fueled by a tax credit for first-time homebuyers and low mortgage rates and home prices.

At stores, they're keeping an eye out for sale signs.

"The tone is better, and I am encouraged, but it is still a very difficult environment where retailers have to promote in order to get shoppers to buy," said New York-based retail consultant Walter Loeb. "Overall, it's going to be a slow recovery."

By regular measures, it was a weak month. In the previous five Septembers, sales rose an average of 2.6 percent compared with the year before. Analysts figure stores will have to entice shoppers with discounts through the holiday season.

Laura Rogers of Erlanger, Ky., said she and her husband, who has a lawn care business, are doing all right financially but they don't want to add any more debt. She plans to trim her holiday shopping budget but has yet to decide by how much.

Overall, spending levels are about where they were in 2005, according to data provided by SpendingPulse, a service of MasterCard Advisors that estimates monthly U.S. sales from all types of payments, including cash and checks.

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OURVIEW
A message from the Editorial Board

Seek help

Those with mental illnesses are not alone

The University of Idaho Counseling and Testing Center states 20 percent of UI students said they have felt depressed within the last year, and 10 percent have experienced anxiety.

Yesterday, the CTC conducted screening in the Idaho Commons to participate in National Depression Screening Day.

Depression, as well as other mental illnesses, affects all kinds of people. Maybe a friend or family member is affected, or even you. Raising awareness to this issue is of immediate concern. It is nothing to be ashamed of or embarrassed by. Student Health Center psychiatrist Dr. William Cone said mental health issues are treatable and common.

One way to combat mental illness is by attending support groups. The University of Idaho Counseling and Testing Center offers various support groups,

steered at groups such as LGBT and non-traditional students. It also offers counseling for personal issues, couples, substance abuse and career choices, among others.

Sessions are free for full-time students, but there is a fee for some tests and assessments.

The Icarus Project is a student-led organization that provides support and awareness. UI chapter founder Ann Wharton said it's a peer support network where people can talk openly about their issues.

Support is arguably the most effective way to help someone with a mental issue as a friend or family member.

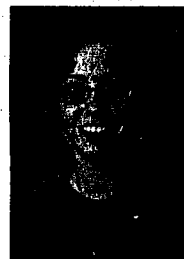
Although screening was yesterday, assistance is available any time of the year. Urge those who show signs to seek counseling. Show them they are not alone and support is available.

— KS

Size 8 is not too big

Fashion designers don't know how to design for real women

I'm always looking for designer clothes at a bargain. So, when I found a Web site that offers five new designer looks every day at 70 to 80 percent off, I was elated. I found a cute outfit styled for an hourglass figure, and I clicked on "make it yours." When I went to put in my size, I found it strange that the drop menu only went to size 6. I checked out the other looks — they all only went to size 6, except for the "full-figured" look, which went to size 10.



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myself full-figured. In fact, the average American woman wears a size 11 to 14. Who is this Web site catering to?

I have seen garments made by the designers featured on the Web site in size 14. Does the Web site not stock them because, surely, no one interested in designer clothing would be so fat?

Karl Lagerfeld, arguably the king of high fashion, designed a line for the Swedish department store

H&M. When his designs were produced in plus sizes, he com-

plained and said his clothes were only meant for slim, slender people. Lagerfeld was very overweight at one point in his life. Shouldn't he understand how hard it is to find clothing in larger sizes?

"Project Runway," one of my favorite TV shows, shows how out of touch designers are with the average American woman. For a recent challenge, the designers had to make an outfit for a pregnant woman. Doctors recommend that women of a normal body mass index gain 25 to 30 pounds during pregnancy, and underweight women could

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Republicans hitting Obama miss mark

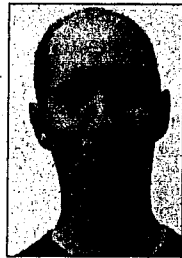
Nobody would decry Queen Elizabeth II for failing to get the Olympic Games to Scotland, but Republicans have lately been cackling about President Barack Obama's perceived failure to get the Olympic Games to Chicago.

But in the United Kingdom, the head of state and head of government are two distinct people. With thanks to Thomas Paine and others, in America, Obama fills both roles. He is the leader of our country's government, and in that capacity, he is a progressive Democrat who will criticize Republicans in Congress.

In his capacity, as head of state, he is the Boy Scouts of America's honorary president. He is a cheerleader for American interests, whether they benefit red states or blue states. In that same capacity he worked to bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago, a city he has called home for decades.

Rush Limbaugh, the popular GOP radio figure,

declared "the world has rejected Obama," and Matt Drudge wrote "the ego has landed."



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Not much of a surprise from Limbaugh, who in January made clear that he doesn't want Obama to succeed. When it comes to the United States Olympic Committee — a nonpartisan body, which exists to support American athletes competing in the Olympics and other games — Limbaugh's anti-Obama rhetoric is a little like cutting off the nose to spite the face.

We saw this recently too with the noncontroversy, if I may use a portmanteau, over Obama addressing schoolchildren. Obama's remarks, readily available online, mentioned "comrade" zero times, called for neither great leaps forward nor five-year plans, nor encouraged state ownership of means of production.

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Quick takes on life from our editors

Non-libraries are not libraries

People ought not get upset when other people talk in the SUB or Commons or anywhere else that isn't a library. And even then, the shushing librarian is a negative stereotype. I presume librarians would agree with me. Anyway: shut up and let me talk in the SUB, come on.

— Marcus

What should I say?

People were on campus yesterday passing out New Testaments. To make it short and sweet, I'm not interested. How should I handle the situation? Lie and say I already got one from someone else? Plainly say I'm not interested? Give them the silent treatment? Instead, I make a windy path through campus to avoid the situation. Next time, Bible passers, next time.

— Kelsey

Every Time

In a book by a famous photojournalist, he described the steps he goes through when trying to complete a project, and I realized that I am exactly the same way. Step one: Procrastinate till almost too late. Step two: Try to do it but fall into despair when you realize it can't be done. Step three: Feel sorry for yourself. Step four: Sudden feelings of determination lead to the project being completed with gusto in a caffeine/alcohol/nicotine-fueled craze.

— Jake

Friends?

Why are the contacts on Facebook called friends? It seems to me that quite a few members have "friends" they don't even know. Is it a status thing or does it make people feel less lonely?

Either way, perhaps Facebook should change the contact title to "People I might want to know."

— Erin

Chickens

For my public affairs reporting class we have been assigned to report a story about chicken coops in Moscow over the weekend. We get to borrow Flip cameras and make our own video. My parents raise chickens, so I find this story idea amazing, and I'm anxious to finally get started on a "new media" story.

— Jennifer

I miss George

I am a fan of "Grey's Anatomy." Yep, I am guilty. I love the show, but ever since they killed George, watching it makes me sad. I love George. He was adorable, quirky and just as cute as a bug. I miss him dearly and hope to see T.R. Knight in a new show soon.

— Elizabeth

Cliff Lee

Cliff Lee threw a one-run, complete game in his playoff debut. The Phillies are in a great position to make a deep run into October.

— Greg

Wash your hands

Since when has it become socially acceptable to blatantly not wash your hands in a public bathroom? It's flu season. Couldn't you just humor everyone else and rinse your hands off before walking out?

— Jeffrey

Moonbase

Now that we have officially found water on the moon, I am surprised that we don't already have missions to build a bunch of different bases. On a related note, how do you buy land on the moon?

— Jens

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Dangerous opinions

Sexual attitudes have real consequences

We respect people's beliefs because beliefs make us who we are. This is wrong. Last spring, Carrie Prejean was penalized for giving an unpopular stance on gay marriage during her interview on the Miss America Pageant. She defended herself on TV by saying she shouldn't be attacked for her beliefs because that's simply who she is. That notion is ridiculous.

Beliefs are not important because of their ability to shape a personality; they are important because they are statements about the nature of reality, and false beliefs should be attacked and exposed. It was right to reprimand Miss Prejean if her stance was in fact foolish and wrong-headed. Those who agree with her should defend the truth of her statement, not the validity of her personal expression.

We should be serious and rigorous in evaluating beliefs and opinions because they shape our view of the world, either to make it more accurate or more fallacious, and they have real, physical consequences. They are

not just reflections of personal preferences or cultural identities.

A prime example is our view of sexuality. Broadly, we treat sexuality as something open, public and casual. We make it something to be flaunted and encouraged as far as possible, rather than something that is exclusive, private and tied to commitment and marriage. On both sides, these views are not just personal preferences; they have far-reaching consequences.

As a result of our loose attitudes toward sex, which continually encourage lust and promiscuity, we have created a society in which adultery is common, marriages are weak and short-lived, and non-committal sexual relationships are the norm.

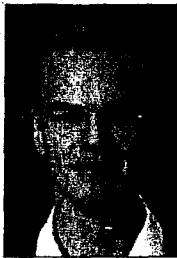
The obvious and inevitable result is that families are broken on a regular basis and many unwanted children are born each year out of wedlock and without a father. How much distress, regret, guilt and depression today is due to casual, lust-

driven, selfish sexual relationships? While we may accept that we have to live with the consequences of our own actions, the children involved have no choice in the matter, and their lives are seriously impacted no matter what their personal preferences turn out to be someday.

This brings the consequences of our beliefs home with a crash. Our personal attitudes toward what is appropriate when it comes to sexuality have profound and devastating results. We flaunt and encourage sex constantly in entertainment, advertisements, our behavior and even our newspapers. As a result of this attitude, we have done immeasurable damage to our bodies and our souls, and tonight millions of children are suffering psychologically, emotionally and even physically. Maybe if we explained to them the joys of liberation they wouldn't mind.

A skewed personal opinion should be attacked because it can quickly create a skewed reality for someone else. We should consider that before we rush to express "who we are" through our beliefs.

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Two-tiered justice needs to end now

I get upset every time I hear a Sean Hannity or a John Boehner talk about America as the greatest and

bestest country in the known and unknown universe. Because when they say that, they mean we have more freedoms, more opportunities and a better standard of living than any other country. In theory, that's true. On paper, the Constitution guarantees incredible freedoms to every single person in this country, and our economic system allows that anyone, anywhere, may end up a gazillionaire.

But my problem with people saying these things is they aren't talking about everyone equally. They mean that, assuming you are white, affluent and conservative, you are free to do and say as you wish. The rest of us have some restrictions within which we must operate. Most notably, they think that America is a country of laws to be obeyed — unless you're famous, rich or in any way involved with the Bush administration, in which case, you do whatever you want.

The latest proof of this is in the re-arresting of Hollywood director Roman Polanski. In 1977 the 44-year-old Polanski drugged and raped a 13-year-old girl. He confessed to and was convicted of the crime, but fled the country before sentencing and has been living in France until just recently, when he was arrested in Switzerland on his way to the Zurich Film Festival.

There is no doubt that he's guilty. None. Now if someone drugs and rapes a 13-year-old girl, and confesses to it, then shouldn't that be the end of it? I thought so, until I noticed people lining up to say he'd suffered enough, it wasn't a big deal, and arresting him would infringe on his freedom. Hollywood types like Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and even Whoopi Goldberg have all come out

to rally for Mr. Polanski. It makes sense for a clique to rally around one of its own: they would like the same treatment if this ever happened to them. They empathize more with his situation than apparently the rest of humanity, which empathizes with the 13-year-old girl who was drugged and raped. Despite the moral depravity of it all, I understand, but that doesn't make it right.

Unfortunately, not being right doesn't have a whole lot to do with it.

There was a period of time where Karl Rove was subpoenaed by congress to appear and testify about his role in the U.S. Attorney firings. He didn't bother to show. He just blew off a congressional subpoena. The whole point of a subpoena is that you have to show up. Anyone who watches "Law & Order" knows that. But he got away with it. Do you think you or I could get away with that?

George W. Bush has lied about just about everything of importance in his life, but let's pick an early one: his National Guard service. He flagrantly disobeyed the rules of service and eventually skipped out on the guard altogether. Anyone could look this up, and he got elected president. Meanwhile, people just like you and me are getting thrown in jail at a remarkable rate for petty drug offenses or milquetoast acts of civil disobedience. Hell, Harvard professors are getting Tasered for mouthing off to cops.

It's despicable. The law is the law. A third-grader knows that if you screw up, you pay a penalty. The rich and famous ought to have to play by the same rules, no matter how good their movies are.

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Warning: blasphemy ahead

Argonaut opinion columnist Benjamin Ledford, using his writings as evidence, regularly attempts to persuade us

regarding the virtues of his ideas, especially those concerning his religious faith. Yet others also request I devote myself to their beliefs. I've not had a religious experience, some claim they have, and some believe despite the absence of such an experience. How shall I decide which religion is most legitimate? Alternatively, why believe in the idea of religion at all?

Humans make sense of the world. They need to see patterns so they can survive. Uncertainty is a disadvantage to the existence of people for the purposes of securing stable foods, waters, relationships, etc. People convey the information they learn to others and certain ideas get shared more widely and even expanded.

It is shared ideas that facilitate all the kinds of transactions that occur between people, the idea of

bread, the idea of money, the idea of exchanging the two. As an example, let's imagine the ideas communicated over thousands of

years about the 'magic' of beer fermentation. Today, many would find these old-fashioned ideas about what fermentation was laughable.

Yet the basic observation, that aging grains with water and other stuff would produce a beer, is correct. However, the interpretation of the observation — that magic was happening — was inaccurate due to the limits of technology. The fermentation-magic-idea had a life cycle, it arose and was helpful, it got modified over time due to new information, and eventually it was out-competed by other ideas that explained things better.

The same life-cycle holds true regarding ideas and our brains. We make observations and develop hypotheses: unhappy infants cry and moms pay attention to them. Infants like mom's attention,

therefore they cry when they want it. During events such as these, our young brains created synaptic networks. Over time, the pathways linking the attention-crying neurons become faster and more durable; they changed from nothing to dirt trails, to gravel roads, to super-highways. Eventually we become the Tiger Woods of attention-getting. Eventually, mom reduces her attention to our cries and we try other ways to get her attention. The original synaptic superhighway between attention and crying gets pruned back to a two-lane road. The old-fashioned mother-attention idea becomes less useful, though remnants are likely to remain. Attention may instead become linked in varying strengths to the neurons of friends, Vandal football, beer, etc. The brain's structure, which reflects our ideas and their inter-relationships, changes over time.

So here's the blasphemy. Religion is an old-fashioned idea. In the past, religions helped to explain things that were, at the time, un-

explainable. They are some of the most prominent synaptic networks within societies, yet in the US, it appears they are being pruned faster than they are being built. The idea of 'no religious affiliation' is gaining grounds as evidenced by a recent national Pew poll (<http://religions.pewforum.org>) that found support for it by 16 percent of Americans. As old people tend to die earlier than young people, the 25 percent of those under 30 who have no affiliation points to a more secular future.

Is a less-religious US terrible? No. Other trans-religious ideas are more firmly entrenched in the brains of society, civil rights, public health, education and poverty reduction. It is these brainy ideas that allow the believers of competing old-fashioned ideas to join together, and to join with those of us who give credence to more revolutionary ideas.

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Obama's remarks to school-children leaned on anecdotes of other children overcoming obstacles to succeed in school. His own nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States, Sonia Sotomayor, has an exceptionally powerful story about dedication to education being well-rewarded and worthwhile.

Obama's folks were normal, educated people. His story ought to inspire anyone. The loss of the Olympics in Chicago is a loss for America, not for Obama, who would hardly stand to benefit from them in 2016, at the end of a hypothetical second term as president. He won the presidential election, by a substantial popular and electoral vote margin, which Republicans might well remind themselves of. He's not going anywhere.

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gain up to 50 pounds. The models went from waifish to pregnant with a pillow strapped to their abdomen. The male designers complained about the challenge because they had to design clothing for a woman with curves.

It's easy to make thin women look great. They look amazing in tight clothing, and in baggy clothing they don't look like they are concealing a pregnancy. Lazy designers take advantage of this and only design their clothes for thin women. It takes real skill to make the average woman look good in clothes. Expensive clothing options are limited for women who wear a size above 6 because the designs are made for runway models. Instead, bigger women turn to Old Navy instead of Banana Republic, where the clothing is made for larger women.

High fashion designers are out of touch with the average woman. They need to stop designing for models and make clothes for real women, and more people will be able to buy and look good in the clothing.

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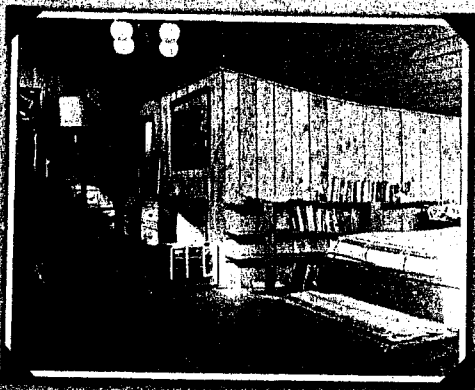
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CHARLIE BROWN HOUSE



One man's legacy

Poverty Flats: a relic from another time

Gus Simpson
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At the base of Moscow Mountain, just off of Idler's Rest Road, there is an old three-story house. Graffiti covers its walls, and on the floor of the front porch, three spray-painted words serve to identify the place: "Charlie Brown House."

The house is barely visible through the encroaching forest, but it's there, preserving the legacy of an outlandish figure from Moscow's history.

Most towns have at least one of those characters that is a little "out there." James Douglas Brown, known to all by his self-imposed nickname Charlie, was Moscow's.

He built the house, which he called Poverty Flats, with his own hands over the course of a decade during the 1970s and early '80s.

"He was an amazing fellow," said Leanna Barr, who lived down the road from Brown in the late '80s.

The first aspect Barr remembered about Brown's house was the front porch — four inches thick, with hand-made cast-iron hinges and leather handles. Barr was impressed by how heavy the 400-pound doors swung. He was definitely a craftsman, she said. "Everything he did was so perfectly fit."

The doors still stand today, though locked shut and covered with graffiti and obscenities. The house is run-down and fire has charred the interior of the windows, which are shattered broken shards like the ground around the house.

It's prime now for Poverty Flats, the crowning jewel of Brown's accomplishment.

a feature-length story about Brown's house, with a full description of its history, features and construction techniques. But the story left out an important figure: Brown's ex-wife.

Linda Rogers married Brown in 1970 after being introduced by mutual friends. When they met, Rogers said Brown was living in a cabin on the road from the site of Poverty Flats, which later burned to the ground.

In 1971, the couple bought two-thirds of an acre near Idler's Rest Nature Preserve and started building Brown's dream house. They did most of the work themselves, with occasional assistance from friends.

Brown told the Idahoan he knew nothing about construction, which started. He dug the foundation with a shovel, a wheelbarrow and a bit of dynamite. It took him a year and a half.

Rogers said when the cement truck showed up to pour the foundation, the operator was skeptical of their hand-built forms.

They held their breath as the concrete poured. They may not have all been happy, but they held their breath.

Rogers said she and Brown used most of the lumber for the house in a barn on the old 1960s-era highway. Brown had a small mill, each of the cedar timbers cut by hand using a hand saw.

They got all their materials from the area, including the concrete. Rogers said she and Brown used to go to the store and buy things like toilet paper and soap. They would buy things like toilet paper and soap.

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'Zombieland' delivers

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

The opening of "Zombieland" makes one thing clear — no amount of gore is too much. The makers of the film were even kind enough to present the montage in slow motion, leaving nothing to the imagination. You might think, "Nasty: another pointless, gore-filled horror romp. Way to go, Hollywood, and you couldn't be more wrong."

It's a hack and slash, shoot 'em up zombie horror extravaganza set weeks to months after a far sweeping zompocalypse. The four main characters are easy to latch onto and love and it rises above the fold and does something new with a tired genre.

The first seconds of the film make it obvious the bleak, nihilistic approach to zombies is nowhere to be found. Zombie purists, likely fans of the 28 franchise or of Romero's hopeless social commentaries, might take issue with the comical tone of the movie, but chances are even they will find something to like.

The film opens in Texas, with the socially inept Columbus — the characters are named after cities in their background — explaining his set of rules, which he says are the sole reason for his survival thus far. These are simple and easy to remember, ranging from "cardio," which states he should remain in good shape so he can outrun the living dead, to "beware of bathrooms," since encountering zombies in a restroom stall is a sure fire way to end up dead, like pretty much everyone else.

The rules are a recurring theme throughout the movie and are constantly used for great comic effect.

Examples like the "double-tap" rule — which states that a second shot must be fired into a downed zombie to ensure they're really gone (dead doesn't seem accurate) — were woven with just the right mix of hilarity and gore.

Columbus hasn't seen a real person in weeks.

He's on his way to Ohio to find his parents when he runs into Tallahassee, a macho southerner with a sawed-off shotgun and a knack for spouting one-liners. Tallahassee's only goal seems to be finding a Twinkie — fate teases him with a crashed truck full of Snoballs seconds after he's introduced

— which proves to be quite the undertaking for him.

Eventually they find Wichita and Little Rock, two sisters who have managed to survive the apocalypse by keeping to themselves. Initially, the two raise more questions than they answer, but it's obvious the four of them will need to work together if they want to survive, even if there is quite a bit of tension at the outset.

It's with the introduction of the sisters that the movie really takes off. The dialogue between the four is witty and poignant, taking the style of the exchanges in "Superbad," minus the copious sexual references. It never feels forced or overwritten.

Mix in plenty of gore, a cameo appearance which may be the funniest part of a hilarious movie, and you have what's probably the best comedy of 2009.

The movie clocks in at a whopping 90 minutes, easy to scoff at as way too short for a mainstream movie before you set foot in the theater, but it works. All of it works.



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Asian flavors for American kitchens

Like so many other white people who like to appear cultured and diverse, I've picked up a love for Asian food. A trip to Seattle, San Francisco or Portland is incomplete without pho and dim sum.

I love these foods, but they are strictly for eating out. Pho and dim sum are very labor intensive, and require obscure ingredients I have never been able to find outside of a big city. In addition, it is a very rare occasion that I find someone willing to eat chicken feet or beef tripe, so I don't really see

the point in preparing all that food if I'm the only one to eat it.

When I want to cook Asian food at home, I turn to more simple incarnations, usually to incorporate leftovers. While it is hard to duplicate restaurant tastes, the home cook can bring Asian flavors to their food with the addition of a few ingredients and some flexibility.

Fried rice is a staple of Chinese cooking, especially in America, and it's easy to make at home. Plan ahead

for it by cooking rice the day before, then refrigerate it — cold rice makes better fried rice. Toss the rice in a heated skillet with vegetable oil, then push the rice to the edges and scramble a few eggs on the exposed surface. Mix the rice and eggs, and then add soy sauce to taste. Spruce up the rice by adding cooked vegetables and meat. Diced pineapple makes a lovely addition to pork-fried rice.

One of my standard meals growing up was homemade egg flower soup. Simply heat chicken broth in a saucepan, and add beaten eggs. Cook until the eggs are just solidified. Add cooked veg-

etables for a little color. Use low sodium chicken broth, and add soy sauce to taste. This makes a wonderful snack or light dinner.

Miso is a flavoring from Japan used primarily in soup. Brush liquid miso onto salmon while it bakes for a salty, malty glaze. It also goes well with scallops, but it is much easier to find salmon in the Palouse.

Although my mother is from Eastern Europe, she dabbles in Asian cooking. She makes excellent Korean rice bowls, or bibimbap, that taste great and are relatively low in fat. The fried egg on top of the bowl is the crowning glory.



chava
THOMAS
Argonaut

Korean Rice Bowls

This is an adaptation of Madhur Jaffrey's recipe and it serves four.

- 1 large head of garlic, grated on small holes of box grater
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds, toasted
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- Sesame oil
- Pepper
- Soy sauce
- Kosher salt
- Safflower oil, for frying
- 1 pound tri-tip steak, julienne
- 5 cups raw spinach
- 4 shiitake mushrooms, washed and chopped
- 2 cups bean sprouts, washed or 1 pound fresh zucchini, washed and julienne
- 3 cups cooked white rice
- 4 large eggs

If using zucchini, place in sieve set over sink. Add large amounts of kosher salt, allowing it to soak for half an hour. Strain and dry on paper towels.

Heat 2 tablespoons safflower oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat for 45 seconds. Add spinach, 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, 2 tablespoons garlic and a dash of sesame oil and cook until spinach is wilted. Transfer to bowl, add 2 teaspoons soy sauce and set aside.

Heat leftover oil plus 1 tablespoon more in same skillet until hot. Add mushrooms, 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, 2 tablespoons garlic and dash of sesame oil, and fry until mushrooms release their water. Transfer to bowl, add 2 teaspoons soy sauce and set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in same skillet until hot. Add zucchini, 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, 2 tablespoons garlic and dash of sesame oil, and cook until soft. Transfer to bowl, add soy sauce to taste and set aside.

Heat leftover oil in skillet until hot. Add steak, 1 tablespoon sesame seeds, 2 tablespoons garlic and dash of sesame oil, and cook until thoroughly browned. Transfer to bowl, add soy sauce to taste and set aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in skillet. Add eggs and cook, sunny-side-up. While the eggs are cooking, split rice between four serving bowls. Add spinach, mushrooms, steak and sprouts or zucchini to each bowl. Top with fried egg. Pass soy sauce at the table.



Chava Thomas/Argonaut

live performance REVIEW

'Sitting in Circles' heartbreakingly comical

Rachelq Harman Argonaut

Chad Goller-Sojourner began his college tour of the one-man play and memoir, 'Sitting in Circles With Rich White Girls,' this week. The play, a true story of his adolescent struggle with being an adopted homosexual black man struggling with bulimia, was performed Wednesday at Washington State University's Compton Student Union Auditorium.

Goller-Sojourner's tale began with his birth and jumped around throughout his childhood and teenage years, touching on various experiences that shaped his personality. At the beginning of the performance, there was not much variation in set or costume and his move-

ment between stages in his life was confusing. However, his facial expressions and slight changes in accent when portraying different ages or perspectives (looking back or speaking as if the audience was witnessing the events firsthand) made it easy to follow the storyline.

As the play progressed, Goller-Sojourner touched on almost every depressing and controversial topic possible — verbal abuse, eating disorders, absorption into religion and loss of virginity, to name a few — but managed to keep the piece from being overwhelming and, in fact, kept the tone humorous for the majority of the play.

In the post-performance question and answer session,

he mentioned his goal was not to force any morals upon the audience, but to enlighten about his experience and hopefully inspire those in positions of power (specifically, educators and bystanders) to be more observant and notice bullying and bulimia before they become life threatening issues.

'Sitting in Circles With Rich White Girls' lasted approximately an hour and a half, with five or six 30-second musical interludes when Goller-Sojourner danced around stage and changed the cover on his stand, which over the course of the play served as a Jeopardy name board, a church's podium and a diorama of the major events of 1984.

He also took frequent drinks of water due to a sore throat

aggravated by over an hour of nonstop talking. Occasionally, he stumbled over his words or had to restart sentences. However, this did not take away from the performance and instead gave it a more honest and human quality. Throughout the show, he made it clear that while he wanted to inform people about his fight for stability and identity, he also could laugh at himself and was able to look back at the negative parts of his life without bitterness.

Overall, 'Sitting in Circles With Rich White Girls' was an honest look at a difficult period in Goller-Sojourner's life that served to both amuse and enlighten the audience about a segment of the population which is often overlooked.



Rachelq Harman/Argonaut Chad Goller-Sojourner performs his one-man play and memoir, 'Sitting in Circles With Rich White Girls,' at Washington State University's Compton Student Union Auditorium, Wednesday.

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addition to their full-time jobs. Rogers was a biology lab technician at Washington State University, and Brown a lab tech at the waste water treatment plant.

Pointing to a photo of the house's round kitchen, Rogers added that she installed every one of the six-sided floor tiles herself. The tiles are still there today, covered by a thick layer of dust.

Rogers has a small scrapbook devoted entirely to Brown and Poverty Flats. The pages are filled with snapshots of the house at various stages of construction and newspaper clippings. She even has photos taken after she and Brown divorced in 1977, which she obtained from friends and family members.

"He was just a very free spirit," she said about Brown. "He didn't look at things the same way as other people."

She said Brown's different way of thinking was par-

tially due to head injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident in the fall of 1971.

Brown was riding his Honda down Sixth Street on the University of Idaho campus when a driver failed to notice him and made a left turn in his path. Rogers said the impact sent Brown "chin-first through the windshield."

Brown was wearing a helmet, but suffered severe head injuries. People who knew him before said he was never quite the same after the accident. Doctors had to insert a steel plate in his head, which he later said helped him receive radio waves and make predictions.

Alan Solan, copy editor for the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, wrote a feature on Brown in the late '80s for the UI Argonaut. At the time, Brown was working as a janitor in the UI Student Union Building. Solan recalled Brown's concern about an impending earthquake he was convinced was on the way. Brown claimed even the forest animals knew

about the earthquake and were preparing for it.

Brown received a lot of attention in 1987 when the Lewiston Morning Tribune ran a feature story about his predictions of the "Big One." Both he and the Tribune were blasted when the quake failed to happen.

Other memories Solan has of Brown include his curious interest in water witching and his love of music — Brown used to be a disc jockey at KUOI, and was known in the late '70s for inviting the community out to his house for what he called the People's Blue Mountain Rock Concert.

"He probably did a few drugs in his day," Solan said, "but he was a nice guy. I enjoyed talking to him."

Although most remember Brown as a "nice guy," he was not without his share of controversy.

In a Lewiston Tribune story issued after Brown's death, his former friend Kay Moore said in Charlie's later years, his house was where "young people could do drugs and keep the rain

off their heads."

"One farmer came up to me and said, 'If I could, I'd shoot Charlie Brown,'" she told the Tribune.

Rogers said most people simply didn't understand Charlie, an "independent, back-to-earth, do-it-yourself character."

"He was a very naive soul in a lot of ways," Rogers said. "He was so non-judgmental about so many things."

Barr said Brown was a "very jolly, mountain-folk sort of guy."

"He didn't want to trouble anybody or be troubled by anybody," she said.

When Barr was Brown's neighbor, he helped her by building a bridge across the creek on her property. Barr said the bridge was further evidence of the quality craftsmanship revealed in his house.

"You could drive a dump truck across it," she said.

Barr also recalled Brown's conspiracy theories. She said he bought into most popular conspiracy theories of the day, and was convinced that "every-

thing was out to get him."

"I don't really think it mattered what," she said. "Any popular theory, he probably had an element in his soapbox."

Rogers said that as a child of the Vietnam era and a "conscientious objector" to the war, Brown was always distrustful of the government, but probably took conspiracy theories to heart more than most because of his head injuries.

"He was physically flawed because of that wreck," she said, "and that made some of his less-than-mainstream ideas even more out there."

Brown died on Dec. 7, 1999 at the age of 51. He was found unconscious by his caretaker Linda Starr, who later told the Tribune she believed Charlie decided to "turn off the heat, disconnect the phone and slip away."

Instead, Brown died of pneumonia at Gritman Medical Center, and his remains were cremated and sent to his home state of Colorado for burial, with little mention in the local media.

After Brown's death, ownership of his property eventually passed to his mother, Geneva Ogren. In 2001, Moscow attorney John Norton purchased the property.

Norton, who used to be involved with the Palouse Land Trust, said he purchased the property to help enhance the nature preserve nearby. He put in a lot of work cleaning up the old buildings and debris left behind by Brown.

"It was an eyesore," he said.

Norton has been working with the neighbors to keep people out of the house and off the property, which he recently posted with "no trespassing" signs. He said he is worried about someone getting hurt in the old house, and stressed that it is not a part of the nature preserve, and not a public attraction.

But public attraction or not, Brown's old residence at Poverty Flats remains a monument of one man's resolve to build his own little kingdom, and to do so in his own way.

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Vandal offensive lineman Mike Iupati runs through drills during practice Tuesday afternoon on the SprinTurf. Iupati and his fellow linemen have played a major part in the Vandals' success this season, only allowing Vandal quarterbacks to be sacked 2.2 times per game. The Vandals get back into conference play this Saturday against the San Jose State Spartans in San Jose. Nick Groff/Argonaut

Conference raises the bar

After tallying a 4-1 record, the Vandals must now prepare for conference play

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Pulling off a victory over the Colorado State Rams last Saturday and leading Idaho's overall record to 4-1, some worry the Vandals may be overconfident for Saturday's conference game. The San Jose State Spartans sit 1-3 overall, but Idaho coach Robb Akey said he doesn't expect his team to get

too ahead of themselves. "I think that some people on the outside may be looking at that record and thinking they are not very good," Akey said. "I don't think we are." Instead, Akey has been training his team for Saturday like he would for any other game. What concerns him more is San Jose State could have top players returning from injury — potentially

changing what might have been an easy win to yet another obstacle for the Vandals. While the Vandals have had the usual week to practice for the game, the Spartans will have had double the time, as last Saturday was their bye week. "They've had some extra time to be spending time on us, so I think we have a great football game coming up this week," Akey said. During their two weeks off, the Spartans were able to bring back key players that have been injured the past couple games, including

several running backs. One player the Vandal defense will have to watch out for is running back Lamon Muldrow, who in the last four games has tallied 228 yards on 32 carries. But even with Muldrow, San Jose State coach Dick Tomey expects Idaho to be one of the biggest challenges they'll face in the conference. "This week we face a huge test for our program," Tomey said. "The University of Idaho has done such a great job and is one of the two best teams in our conference."

Currently, the Vandals lead the WAC in run defense and are 54 percent for third down conversions — something Tomey said is unheard of in college football. "I think we are well prepared to get into the WAC race," Akey said. "I think because of the success we've had out of those games there is some spark among the team and where we're heading." The biggest change in the players, Akey said, is they believe they are going to do better and overcome any obstacles that are before them.

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tennis

Joitoiu takes title

UI players battle each other in the finals

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

As Lachlan Reed and Alex Joitoiu took the court for Monday's GU/EWU Fall Invitational singles final, the stakes were raised for what turned out to be a spectacular final between the two University of Idaho juniors. Although the two teamed up to defeat Montana's Carl Kuschke and Mikolaj Borkowski in the doubles final last Sunday, only one would wrap up the tournament with both the doubles and singles titles. Joitoiu's consistency and solid baseline play paid off in the second set and third set tiebreaker, ousting Reed in three sets. The two Idaho internationals fought with intensity through each set and Reed, who recently transferred to Idaho from the University of Queensland in his native Australia, took the first set 6-4, despite being broken early on.

Both played an extremely tentative first set, exploiting each other's strengths and weaknesses. "It helped a little bit knowing his playing style but he knew mine as well, so in the end, it equaled out," Reed said. While Reed began the second set more aggressively than the first, Joitoiu played more relaxed and let his teammate make the unforced errors. Joitoiu, a native of Romania, broke again and continued to scatter drop shots throughout the set, coming out on top with 6-4, sending the players into a third set. Coach Jeff Beaman proposed the idea of a tiebreaker instead of a traditional third set, and both players agreed to play a ten-point tiebreaker. Joitoiu dominated the tiebreaker using the same style of play that won him the second set and closed out the match fashionably.

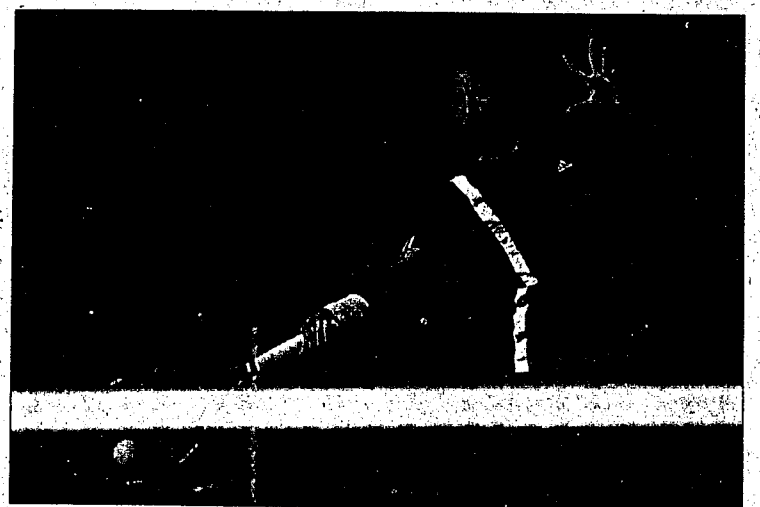
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Game, set and match

Beaman and men's tennis readies for Boise State tournament

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

When Lachlan Reed stared down the court during his singles match final Tuesday, he saw a familiar face in teammate Alex Joitoiu. He had been in this situation before, but only in practice. This was different. The awkward position for the players is a boon for director of tennis and men's tennis coach Jeff Beaman. "We had four of the eight quarter-finalists, three of the four semi-finalists and the two finalists at last week's tournament," said Beaman, chuckling under his breath at the absurdity of the situation. "In the past, having a few guys make it to the second round was considered a good job. Now, that's not the case." Reed walks slowly to the service line and unleashes a serve which is quickly followed by a rally. In many other schools,



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut
Alexandru Joitoiu returns a serve during practice on Wednesday. Joitoiu captured the single's title against fellow teammate Lachlan Reed as well as helping the Vandals capture the doubles title.

Reed would not play this match; it is a common and unspoken policy that if two teammates end up in the final, one will default

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My top 25: because the BCS is just plain wrong

Now that college football has reached the sixth week of play, the nation's elite teams have started to show their talent and strength as deserving in the Top 25 rankings. Here's how I stack them up, beginning with my No. 1.



Nick GROFF
Argonaut

Gators need him back to continue on undefeated. **Alabama**- I kept them at the No. 2 spot with a 5-0 record and with their next two games I might even have them jump Florida — granted they stay undefeated. **LSU**- Last week the Tigers did a fine job against a strong Georgia squad. They deserve No. 3.

Texas- If the Longhorns had played a more difficult previous four games I would jump them over LSU. But for now, this is as high as they can go for me. **Virginia Tech**- The Hokies are a one-loss team, but that was to Alabama. They are on a four game winning streak that includes two ranked teams. **USC**- What a route of ranked California. The Trojans are playing like they have something to

prove and they are proving it. **Miami**- The Hurricanes knocked off Oklahoma. Enough said. **Ohio State**- Their schedule hasn't been too difficult but in the last three games the Buckeyes have outscored their opponents 101-14. **Cincinnati**- The real test for the Bearcats will be tomorrow against South Florida. They will be able to jump a rank or two or lose it all tomorrow. **Iowa**- If the Hawkeyes hadn't

beaten Penn State and didn't have a 5-0 record, I'm not sure I would have them in the Top 10. **Oregon**- I'm still skeptical. The Ducks are going into the weekend with a four game winning streak and a rout of Washington State. They could crush UCLA or lose by 10 points. **TCU**- Because Houston lost, I see the Horned Frogs as the most qualified of the BCS Busters left

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NHL skating on thin ice

In case you missed it — and given the underwhelming lack of coverage, chances are you missed it — the National Hockey League dropped the puck on a other season amidst little to no fanfare.

It is also the start of my own personal love/hate/general disinterest relationship with hockey. Every year I try my hardest to rekindle my passion for the sport, but every year my effort falls woefully short.

There are a plethora of reasons why I fail each year. It is impossible to find games, or any coverage for that matter, on TV. People do not seem to care about the sport and I do not fully commit to following the NHL for a full season.

I will always watch a few games, completely forget about the NHL for six months, and get

extremely angry when two teams I despise advance to the Stanley Cup Finals. This process has happened for the past four seasons and it will probably happen for the next four as well.

It was not always like this. Most sports fans have the one moment or one event in which they became hooked on sports. For me, that event was the 1994 Stanley Cup playoffs. If it was not for the New York Rangers, led by Mark Messier, I may have never become a sports fan.

It started with the Wales Conference Finals — actually 1994 was the first year it was termed the Eastern Conference finals but the old conference names are much cooler — between the Rangers and New Jersey Devils. In seven of the most intense games imaginable,

Stéphane Matteau, Jeff Beukeboom and company fought their way past the despicable Devils.

The series has lived on in sports lore because of Messier's guarantee the Rangers would win game six with the Rangers trailing 3-2 and staring a 54-year Stanley Cup drought square in the eyes.

The Rangers won game six and seven in two games. I still watch today when they are shown on ESPN Classic with unbridled excitement, despite knowing the outcome. However, that would only be a warm-up for what was to come.

The plucky upstart Vancouver Canucks took on the Rangers in what was the greatest championship contest of my lifetime. People claim last year's Super Bowl between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Arizona Cardinals was great, but compared to the 1994 Stanley Cup Finals, it was pure rubbish.

The Canucks-Rangers series had everything. Overtime games, penalty shots (at the time they were a rarity), spectacular goaltending, comebacks and anything else one could desire from a sporting contest.

The image of Messier, Adam Graves and Craig MacTavish — the last player in NHL history to not wear a helmet — embracing the Stanley Cup has stayed with me to this day. It was everything sports should be. While my love of hockey has dissipated, if it was not for the game I would not be the sports connoisseur I am today.

This brings us back to the present day and the NHL's lack of relevance in the sporting world. The problem is there is not one thing hockey can do to become popular again. There have been years of terrible decisions that have sandbagged the NHL, starting with the awful expansion of the late '90s that cre-

ated too many teams people did not care about. The strike only further hindered any attempts to bring about the exciting league of the '80s and early '90s.

New rules put in place after the strike to attempt to draw in new fans, such as the shootout, have only made the NHL worse. As much as I want the NHL to be the sport I fell in love with, I doubt it will happen.

We all have times in our childhood we wish we could relive again. I will always be grateful for the skillful play of Brian Leetch and brilliant goaltending of Mike Richter for showing me the true scope of sports.

I may never again be able to enjoy hockey like I did in my youth, but I can appreciate the role it has played in my sporting life. Maybe one day the NHL will get its act together, but until then it will remain one of my favorite memories of sports and my youth.

The future is passing

Lisa Short
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team has a streak of away games against Fresno State this Saturday and Boise State on Monday, continuing their conference matches from last week.

Idaho and Fresno State met up last Saturday in a close five-game match in Memorial Gym. With the win, the Vandals advanced to 2-1 and the Fresno State Bulldogs dropped to 1-2 in the WAC. The Vandals came out on top, but with the game being away the team will have to fight without the help of their fans.

In their last match against Fresno State, the team didn't pass as well as coach Debbie Buchanan had hoped, and if they can improve that they can run a harder offense, she said.

"Our serve receive could definitely improve," sophomore Cassie Hamilton said.

With a better passing game, the team should be able to move the ball around more on the net and in turn take the other team out of sync. Along with better passing, communication will be key in

these away matches.

"If we communicate well, we're going to be really successful," Hamilton said.

Passing and communication are what Buchanan said will lead the Vandals to victory in the close match up against Fresno State and in the rival match against BSU.

Boise State is 1-3 in the WAC and 1-14 overall, but rival matches are always intense. The Broncos are mixing up their offense a little by moving their middle blocker to the right side and bringing in new defensive specialist Kersti Whitney.

The Broncos are led by Sadie Maughan, who set a recent career high of 22 kills in the Utah State game. Maughan will be a force against the Vandal blocking, which is currently No. 1 in the nation.

With this tight line-up of three matches in five days, the Vandals need to stay focused, Buchanan said, adding that as long as they pass well and execute, the team will be successful.

"Sometimes you can get a little anxious, so we just need to focus and take one game at a time," Hamilton said.

Bouncing back from defeat

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Jennifer Hull and the rest of the soccer squad have been on an emotional roller coaster for the past week. Hull scored the game-winning goal in a hotly-contested double-overtime game against LA Tech, and helped the team to a 2-0 halftime lead against New Mexico State. The Vandals had to endure and watch their jubilation and lead slip away letting in three goals in 15 minutes and eventually losing to NMSU.

"It was really rough after the game," Hull said. "We talked about what happened during the game. We are not going to dwell on it, but learn from it."

Midfielder Megan Lopez said the team was crushed with the loss and the emotional ride from high to low, but everyone has recovered and was looking forward to bouncing back. She said the loss to New Mexico, which coach Peter Showler called the team's worst mental lapse, has benefited the Vandals.

"The second half was a wakeup call for us," Lopez said. "We realized we need to fix something and we realize our errors and it's bettered our team because now we are looking at ways to fix it so it won't

happen in the future."

The Vandals will look to put those fixes and right their conference play at home, where they remain undefeated, by hosting the Nevada Wolfpack on Friday and Utah State on Sunday.

"We are happy to be home, where we are undefeated, and we hope to keep it that way," Showler said. "We are more rested and there is no stress of traveling long distances and early mornings and flight(s)."

The Vandals will look to start their comeback and improve on their 1-1 Western Athletic Conference record against the UN Wolfpack on Friday.

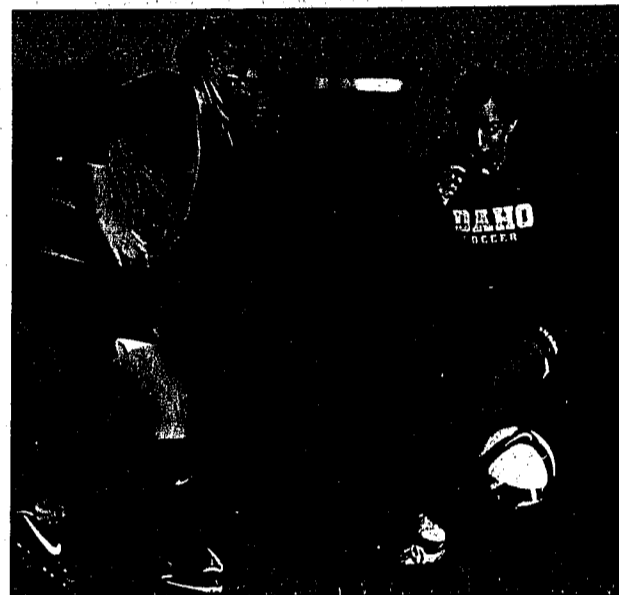
"Conference season is game by game," Showler said. "Each game has to be won, and we do that by being positive and getting back to doing what we do."

The Wolfpack (4-8, 1-0 WAC) is looking to continue its strong conference start after shutting out Utah State at home last weekend. The Wolfpack returns seven of their starters and 14 letter-winners and are looking to be a force back in the WAC tournament, which they qualified for last year despite a 3-14-3 overall record.

They are led by Jill Erickson, who has four goals and nine points in the season, as well as a tandem of goalkeepers in Dana Moreno and Marie Cove.

"Nevada is a much improved team," Showler said. "They've been (to the conference championship) in the past and know what it's like; our girl's haven't, but that's one of our goals and something we look to change."

On Sunday, the Vandals square off against



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut
Midfielder Ashley Perez powers by forward/midfielder Megan Lopez during a scrimmage at Guy Wicks Field.

Utah State, which is coming off three consecutive shutouts, the worst such record in school history, as well as losing their opening conference game against Nevada 1-0.

"Utah State is 0-1 in conference right now, which is a bit unusual for them," Showler said. "They are going to come out firing on all cylinders to correct that start and we have to be ready for them."

The Vandal defense, led by Sari Morrison, who is tied for second in scoring in the WAC with six goals, will be looking to shut down a spread Aggie attack. The Aggies have had eight players register goals this season and are led by Shantel Flanary, who has five on the season.

The Vandals have been unlucky against the Aggies in recent years, and Showler said he hopes this year the trend will change. The Aggies own a 9-1 game advantage against the Vandals, with

Idaho's lone win coming in 2001.

Showler said his team has to be prepared for an especially tough game against the Aggies, who return many of the players from their successful championship run last season.

"Utah State won the conference championship last year," Showler said. "That doesn't just happen by accident."

With the team breaking so many records, already, a fact that Showler said started with the team believing in their motto 'tradition starts here', a win over USU would be a fantastic way to cap off the home stand against the Aggies.

"We are excited to be home," Lopez said. "The loss (against New Mexico) is still looming over us, so we are looking forward to breaking away from it. The first step of getting over it is to forget the past and realize that the future is an open page."



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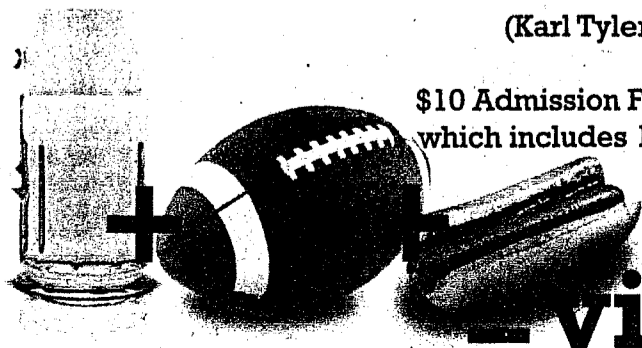
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Average play won't cut it for men's golf

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In what seems to be a countrywide tour of tournaments, the men's golf team's most recent trip was a two-day affair in Reno, Nev. for the Wolf Pack Classic. Following a dismal performance at the Kansas Invitational, the team was looking to regain their form and prove themselves in Nevada.

However, the team's performance in Monday's rounds one and two brought back memories of last week as the team found itself in a familiar eighth place position heading into Tuesday's round three.

Leading the way for Idaho on day one was freshman Matt Rawitzer, who shot a 74 in the first round and a 70 in the second round, tying him for 15th place with an overall score of 144. Jarred Bossio, who was the Vandals' lone standout in Kansas, shot a 73-72, finishing day one in 20th place — one shot behind his teammate. Senior David Nuhn finished the day with a 146, while Damian Telles and Brad Tensen rounded out the lineup, shooting a 149 and 155, respectively. Idaho's first round team score of 583 tied them with Sacramento State, and they trailed New Mexico State by four strokes.

The Vandals' third round wasn't any better than the first and second

rounds, and they fell into 9th place with a third round score of 294. Idaho finished the tournament with a combined team score of 877, but couldn't surpass eighth place finishers New Mexico, who also combined for a score of 294 in the third round. Wichita State won the Classic with a score of 847 while San Diego and Nevada followed in second and third place.

"This is by far the toughest field we have played against this year and we made too many mental mistakes to compete with the best teams." Coach Jon Reehorn said. "We gave the course too many shots. We need to be a much more consistent team and learn how to perform under pressure."

Rawitzer couldn't maintain the team lead, and Bossio's third round score of 72 put him in front with a combined tournament score of 217, leaving him tied for 17th place overall. Telles shot an impressive 70 in his final round and the freshman finished two shots behind Bossio. Rawitzer and Nuhn tied for 39th place with a final score of 221. Tensen, who was expected to step up for the Vandals, closed out another off-tournament with a 234. Despite the team's average performance, Reehorn noticed improvement in two of his younger golfers.

"I thought the performance by both Damian and Matt was a sign of good things to come," Reehorn said. "Both

of them had a bad round, but to play well for two rounds and post scores under-par as a freshman is a sign of good things to come. Jarred was also rock solid. He is really becoming a very good player."

While the team's recent tournament performance has been neither positive nor negative, two consecutive weeks of average golf proves that the team is not at all playing to their full potential. Reehorn said he expects to take full advantage of practice in the next couple of weeks to prepare for the next tournament.

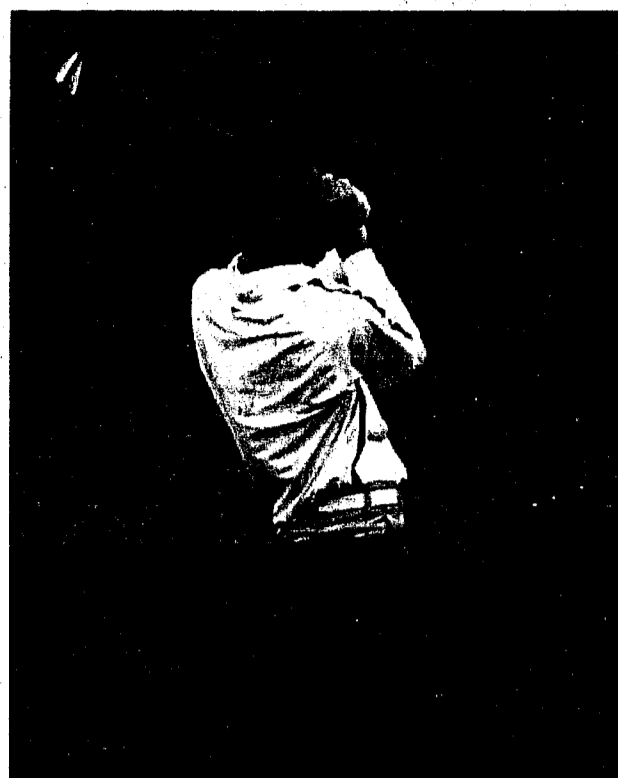
"I'm going to design practices that require them to perform when it matters and have qualifying scores that only allow the winners to advance."

The men's golf team will continue its fall tour two weeks from now when they compete in the Del Walker Collegiate tournament in Long Beach, Calif.

"The tournament at Long Beach State is a six count five format, so we are going to need everyone to play well," Reehorn said.

A six count five format is where six players play and the top five will combine their scores for the overall tournament.

Until then, rapid improvement in practice is essential to the team's hopes of consistently competing at the top level.



Idaho Athletic Media Relations/Courtesy Photo
The University of Idaho men's golf team played in the Wolf Pack Classic tournament earlier this week in Reno. Jarred Bossio finished the tournament tied for 17th place.

Greinke, Carpenter worthy of Cy Young awards

The regular season is over. If you're like me, you're antsy for the playoffs, yet scared of the six month void that you're staring down, where the only baseball you get comes from being glued to MLBtraderumors.com.

But as tragic as my life is about to become, I'm excited to find out who is going to win the Cy Young and Rookie of the Year awards. There's enough data to sensibly pick them at this point, so here goes nothing.

AL Cy Young Award Zack Greinke, Kansas City Royals

Greinke never really had competition for the Cy Young Award this year. He's been that good. His sparkly 2.16 Earned Run Average is no fluke. FIP, or fielding independent-pitching, measures a pitcher's worth independent of the defense behind him. His FIP lines up perfectly with his ERA, confirming his dominance (not to mention a boatload of strikeouts and ranking fifth in the American League in innings pitched.)

In other words, if you're good enough to be a major league hitter, even a superstar one at that, good luck hitting Greinke. He was the best pitcher of 2009, and Kansas City Royals fans if such a group actually exists have something to look forward to next year.

The other contenders include Felix Hernandez,

Justin Verlander and C.C. Sabathia, Hernandez is

the only one of those three who a legitimate argument could be made for, yet he finished with an almost half a run higher ERA while striking out less batters and walking nearly 20 more.

There hasn't been a season as dominant as Greinke's 2009

since Randy Johnson owned the National League during his first Diamondbacks stint and Pedro Martinez carved up the American League during the late 90s.

If Greinke can even get close to this level of success in the years to come, you can say hello to the dominant pitcher of the next five years along with King Felix of course as they're both entering their primes.

NL Cy Young Award Chris Carpenter, St. Louis Cardinals

The National League was a pitcher's paradise this season. Eight pitchers finished with earned run averages under three. Yeah, that's what I said: eight. That's ridiculous. This isn't MLB 2K9, is it?

Out of a crop of truly remarkable pitchers, Chris Carpenter stands out the most and not by much. Extremely convincing arguments can be made for Tim Lincecum and Adam Wainwright, too. Jair Jurrjens, Clayton Kershaw, Javier Vazquez and Matt Cain at least deserve to be mentioned.

Carpenter pitched 192.2 innings this season. Some might fault him for not breaking 200 innings, but hey, the guy was eight short. Cut him some slack then look at his numbers.

He trails Greinke by a whopping .08 in ERA. He hardly walked anyone and hitting a home run off of him was like seeing Haley's Comet. While wins aren't a great statistic, he did amass 17 of them while only losing four games. That's got to count for something, right?

When you combine all of that with the fact he pitched for a first place, playoff bound team after spending two years almost entirely removed from the world of Major League Baseball, you have your 2009 NL Cy Young Award winner.

AL Rookie of the Year Rick Porcello, Detroit Tigers

Porcello generated a ton of buzz for the moment the Tigers picked him 27th in the 2007 draft. He's all of 20-years-old now, and has

racked up 14 wins, 165 innings pitched and an ERA barely over four in his first taste of the bigs.

Without him, the Tigers would be in all sorts of trouble. Verlander's been a rock, but after him and Porcello, their rotation's been a giant question mark. Edwin Jackson was lights out, pitching way above his head in the first half, but since the All-Star break, he's been bad: a 4.45 August ERA and a 5.08 September ERA and an eight run shelling in his only October start against the White Sox.

Porcello's provided stability to a messy pitching rotation. Remember, it was pitching that undid the 2008 Detroit Tigers, and it nearly stood to outdo them in 2009 until Porcello showed up.

Detroit's rotation was not good enough to get to the postseason this year, but Porcello's consistency has meant the world to them.

Honorable mentions: Gordon Beckham, Elvis Andrus, Andrew Bailey, Brett Anderson and Ricky Romero.

NL Rookie of the Year J.A. Happ, Philadelphia Phillies

The Senior Circuit is rich not only with Cy Young-worthy pitching performances, but with highly talented rookies, too. Let's ignore the what would they be like in the AL? question, however. No reason to take it into account in picking players for these awards.

J.A. Happ's been the godsend the Phillies rotation needed so desperately: Brett Myers was lost to injury, and Cole Hamels was ineffective for a big part of the season, leaving the defending World Series champs in a spot of trouble. That's why they went and got Cliff Lee and Martinez, because Lee, a consistent Joe Blanton and a fading Jamie Moyer are not enough for the Phils to be the sure-fire winners of the NL East.

That's where Happ came in. He pitched 162 innings for them, while joining the ranks of the NL pitchers with an ERA

under three club. He led the team with 12 wins and has been posting solid month after solid month since May, when he joined the rotation.

Happ was a relative stranger outside Philadelphia before his breakout season in 2009. He stuck around for one game in 2007 and then pitched 31 innings last season while making one postseason appearance and that was it until this season began.

He's also a late bloomer at 26-years-old, but the Phillies will take it. His batting average on balls in play suggests that he's pitching way over his head. Low strikeout numbers and a relatively high number of walks suggest that he's going to level out as a back-of-the-rotation starter, but for now, let Happ enjoy his moment. He's earned it.

Honorable mentions: Andrew McCutchen, Garrett Jones, Chris Coghlan, Luke Gregerson, Ronald Belisario and Ramon Troncoso.



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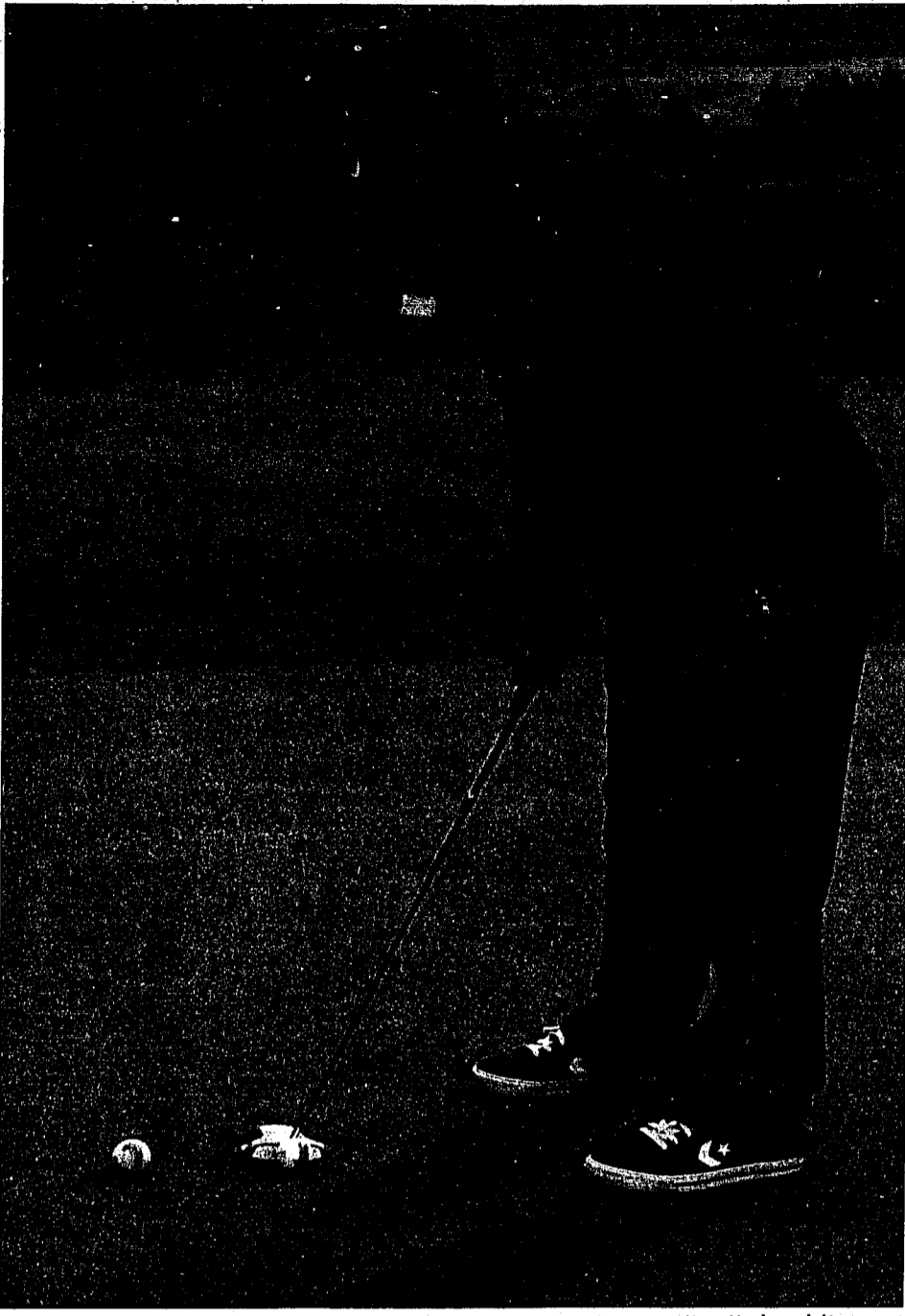
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Vandals sophomore, Kayla Mortellaro, from Phoenix, Az, practices on Wednesdays afternoon. The University of Idaho women's golf team heads to Seattle on Monday to take part in the three day Edean Ihlantfeldt Invitational tournament.

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and let the other win. This usually works by the younger of the two defaulting, intentionally taking a loss on his record so as to not tire out his teammate. Instead, Beaman tells the players to play like they are on two opposite teams. This builds their character and ability. Reed and Joitoui battled a heated, three-set match culminating in a tie-breaker set, which Joitoui won. Despite tiring out the team, Beaman said he doesn't want to sell any player short, especially in the fall, which is typically an individually competitive season. He wants to give every player the chance to earn his point. "It's always tough to play a teammate," Beaman

said. "But we have a lot of guys that can be regionally and nationally ranked." In addition to a strong singles showing, Beaman said the number of doubles pairings he is faced with is daunting. With so many talented players, Beaman said, it can be hard to nail down doubles pairings and finding the best dynamic group. "We have a lot of guys playing at a good level," Beaman said. "There are a lot of options for our doubles pairings, and we are continuing to look at them." Having such a deep roster is a problem that many teams would kill for, but Beaman takes it all in stride. He said it's early in the season to really judge the team, but sees nothing but good things for the

group of young players. "The tournament last weekend was a good way to start the year," Beaman said. "But we are definitely going into a tougher tournament this weekend." That may be an understatement, given the tournament in Boise will be almost twice as big and feature some heavy-hitting teams, including Boise State, which is the top nationally-ranked program in the conference. Beaman said he hopes the tournament will showcase the depth of the team and establish the Vandals as a strong competitor. "I want to show that it's not one or two guys just playing in the finals," Beaman said. "We have a chance to be a really strong and deep team."

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In the last four games, Idaho has played against San Jose State, each was within a touchdown. Something the Spartans have that the Vandals don't is they are 100 percent from the red zone. San Jose is one of the two Western Athletic Conference teams that have scored every time it moves inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Utah State is the other team. But Akey said he expects the team to continue to do better. "The Vandal faithful have been hungry,"

Akey said. "We've got a team this year that has got themselves off to a good start." Against CSU, the Vandals were not able to put enough pressure on the quarterback, which is something Akey has had the team working on this week. "That was the best protected anybody has ever kept their quarterback against us this fall," Akey said. "I want to see our guys a little more aggressive when they blitz." The Vandals offensive

line have given Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle plenty of time to throw, helping him complete 25 out of 38 passes for a total of 333 yards. The defense knows that if they just ground their feet and make plays, the offense was going to make plays for the team also, safety Shilo Keo said. "We have so much passion and have so much love for this game," Keo said. "No one is here to lose. To start off 4-1 is awesome — it's like being reborn."

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The final score was 4-6, 6-4, 10-5. "In the second set I started to keep the ball in more and it made my opponent tired," Joitoui said. "Either of us could've won the match and it was tough, but I was more consistent than him and I was capable to come back after losing the first set." In practice, Joitoui had never beaten Reed, and the fact that Mon-

day's match was official seemed to play a crucial role in each player's mentality. "We'd played a few times in practice and he won every time, but I think because it was an official match there is lots of pressure and you care more," Joitoui said. While winning the singles final was first on their list, Joitoui and Reed were both extremely pleased to win the doubles

title together. "We meshed together really well in doubles because he's better at the baseline, but I volley better so we made a great team," Joitoui said. An intimidation to other universities, Reed also said he enjoyed playing with Joitoui. "It felt great to win doubles and we really played well together," Reed said. "The team's perfor-

mance was good for the program and other universities got the opportunity to witness us play." Reed, Joitoui and the rest of the men's team now have their heads turned toward this weekend, when they will head to Boise for the Boise State Fall Tournament. The team looks to maintain their current form and improve on last weekend's positive results.

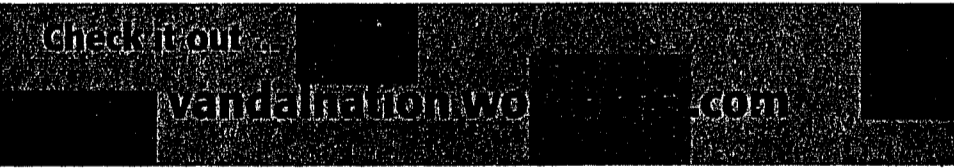
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going into week six. **Auburn**- I'm putting a lot of confidence in first year coach Gene Chizik. He has put the Tigers on the road to a BCS Bowl game. They are 5-0 and are averaging 41.4 points per game. **Penn State**- The Nittany Lions jumped a few spots but another loss could ruin their season very quick. **Boise State**- All biases aside, I almost dropped the Broncos to No. 16. A team cannot have a marginal performance over a FCS team and expect to move up. **Kansas**- Mark Mangino continued his winning streak and has the Jayhawks in position to jump up in the ranks. With their next two games, a loss would be devastating. **Oklahoma State**- The Georgia win and Houston loss basically cancel each other out. I think No. 17 is fair. **Georgia Tech**- I like the convincing win over North Carolina and the decent showing against Miami, but I don't know

if the Yellow Jackets can get any higher than No. 15 in the next few weeks. **Nebraska**- Because of the four wins and almost knocking off Virginia Tech, I like Nebraska at No. 19. Big 12 competition will be tough coming up. **Brigham Young**- If the Cougars would have put up 50 points over a failing Utah State team at home, I could have even put them up a few spots. They must win out the season to even consider a BCS Bowl. **Oklahoma**- 2-2 is not what the Sooners wanted to see going into the sixth week. Baylor will be looking to give the Sooners a losing record, but the depth of Oklahoma should keep them above .500. **Ole Miss (Mississippi)**- The real challenge for the Rebels will be tomorrow against Alabama. They deserve No. 22 this week, but I think this will be the last time the Rebels see the Top 25 for a few weeks. **South Carolina**- The Ol' Ball Coach has estab-

lished himself as one of the best college football coaches of the past 20 years. I would like to see him prove it and climb the ranks. Their only loss came from Georgia and I think the Gamecocks have the coach, the depth and talent deserving of the Top 25. **Wisconsin**- 5-0 with a win over WAC top-level Fresno State and Big Ten Michigan State puts them into the mix of the Top 25. A loss for the Badgers could spell disaster. **Notre Dame**- Charlie Weis and Heisman caliber quarterback Jimmy Clausen and the Irish escaped Washington in overtime. Had the Irish dominated the Huskies, I would have moved them up. But for now they round out the Top 25. Other teams that showed they deserve some looking into are South Florida, Missouri, Michigan and the top half of the Pac-10. Even Idaho has mixed up the Top 50 at 4-1. Look for even improvement from the Vandals.



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w/KARL BLAU
● THE BELL TOWER
PULLMAN
\$5/ADVANCE \$7/DOOR
... A STEREO-PATHIC PRODUCTION

BLUE JUNGLE
w/none & the static
and edgar ls
● 425 E SPOTSWOOD
MOSCOW

FRIDAY, NOV 13 @ 8PM

MT. EERIE
w/NO KIDS
AND TARA JANE ONEL
● THE BELL TOWER
PULLMAN
\$5/ADVANCE \$8/DOOR
... A STEREO-PATHIC PRODUCTION