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Presidential authority unchanged

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

Faculty and staff in higher education in Idaho may breathe easier — a proposal to grant sweeping new powers to college presidents was struck from the agenda for this week's State Board of Education meeting.

The policy, which would have allowed presidents to order furloughs, cut salaries mid-year and reduce benefits without the declaration of a financial exigency, was to have its first reading

at Wednesday and Thursday's board meeting. University of Idaho President Duane Nellis, among others, urged the regents to reconsider bringing it up at their Lewiston meeting.

"The University of Idaho believes in shared governance," Nellis said in a statement over e-mail Wednesday. "I met with our faculty leadership, heard their concerns and I concurred that there was too much ambiguity in the policy as it had been submitted for the first reading this week."

Faculty senate chair Jack Miller credited Nellis' efforts for keeping the policy from being heard.

"I believe (the deletion) would not have happened but for the concerted efforts of President Nellis," Miller said at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting. "I think we owe him a vote of thanks."

Senators discussed the proposal at their Oct. 6 meeting, in sharply critical terms.

"I urge you to speak strongly against this," Sen. Dennis Geist said to faculty leadership at the earlier meeting, "because I don't

think it benefits the university."

Sen. Sharon Fritz said the policy seemed to remove checks and balances from the relationship between employer and employee.

Geist, Fritz and the other UI faculty members who spoke up against the policy were not alone among their colleagues statewide. Lewis-Clark State College's faculty senate rebuked the policy with a resolution saying it would eliminate protections offered by employment contracts.

Provost Doug Baker praised

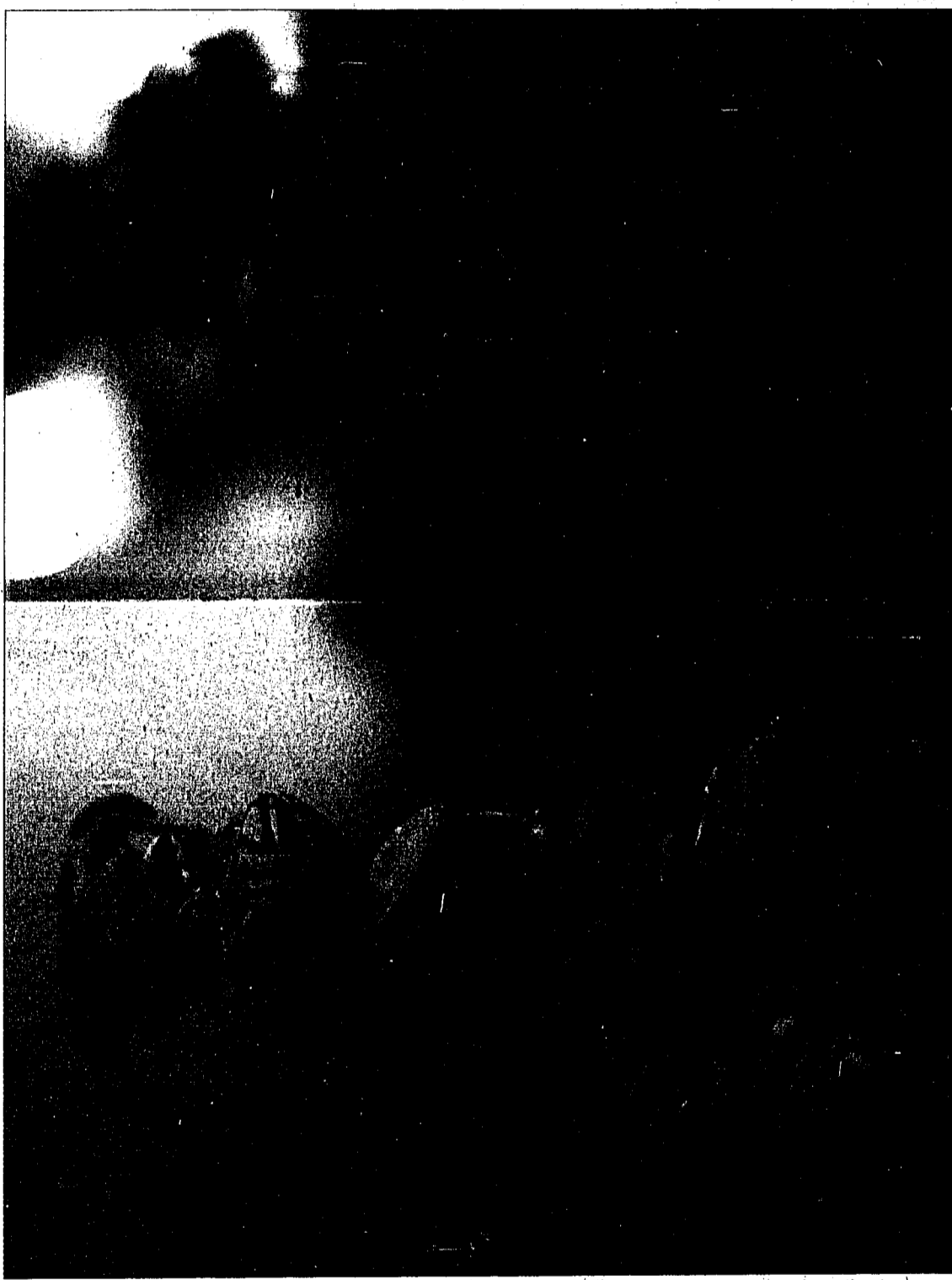
senators for making their feelings known and Nellis for responding to faculty concerns.

"I just think that was the right step," Baker said. "We'll take a step backward and take another look at it."

Miller said there will likely be a "consultative process" involving administrators and faculty members before a similar proposal crops up, but warned the senate membership to remain vigilant.

"We've scotched the snake, not killed it," Miller said.

AUTUMN COLORS



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As thermometers drop and fall comes into full swing, leaves on campus are changing colors and falling off trees.

No furloughs to balance budget

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

In correspondence Monday, University of Idaho President Duane Nellis announced administrators will not impose furloughs on staff at the present time, meeting Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's 6 percent higher education holdback through other means.

Nellis' memo said a portion of vacant positions will be cut, travel will continue to be curtailed and some reserve money will be used to fill in the deficit.

The holdback translates to about \$5 million less in the general fund appropriation from the Legislature, and \$1.5 million less for UI's Agricultural and Research Extension Service. Dairy programs were cut by \$600,000, and Forest Utilization Research and Idaho Geological Survey were cut by \$22,300 and \$30,700, respectively.

Nellis' memo said "virtually every part" of UI has been impacted by the cuts.

"I continue to remind state leadership about the vital role that its only land-grant University plays in the state's social and economic development," he wrote.

The holdback comes in the context of a state that must again trim expenditure to balance a budget. In ordering the holdback in September, Otter cited an estimated \$151 million shortfall.

Throughout this week, the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, a committee made of members of both the Idaho House and Senate, has held interim meetings discussing budget scenarios for next year, which look, in any case, bleak.

In his memo, Nellis suggested UI will be at a breaking point soon, if it is not already, saying that state leadership "must protect the essential nature of its investment in higher education and the work of future generations that we uniquely support."

"Continued disinvestment should no longer be an option," Nellis wrote.

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Duane
NELLIS
UI President

Moscow city council candidates have candidate forum on campus

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Eight candidates running for elected positions in Moscow attended a forum Tuesday afternoon in the Idaho Commons and encouraged students to vote in the November 3 election.

Nancy Chaney and John Weber, the two mayoral candidates, appeared, as did city council candidates Scott Billing, Timothy Brown, Dennis Deccio, Nels Reese, Susan Scott and Walter Steed. Three city council seats are up for election this year.

"I would urge students to be informed voters, not just voters," Deccio said. "If you don't know the candidates or issues, then it's a waste of a vote."

The forum was hosted by the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action. Students, staff,

faculty and community members participated in the forum and the discussion that followed.

Some topics the candidates discussed were affordable housing and bringing in new business to encourage economic activity in Moscow.

"People who get involved in city government don't do it for the money," Scott said. "They care about the community. We (candidates) all care enough to put in the time and energy."

Chaney, running for reelection as mayor, agreed, speaking to the importance of city government.

"My involvement in local government is because you can make a real difference here," Chaney said.

Kelsey LaRoche, a University of Idaho junior majoring in business, was one of the handful of students who attended the forum.

"Students are typically

only in Moscow for a short time, and may think the city council doesn't affect them," LaRoche said. "There are many issues we as students deal with everyday that the council has a say in."

Through hearing all of the candidates and attending the forum, LaRoche said she feels more motivated to vote and urges all students to get their voices heard.

"Through forums like this one, students can get better acquainted with the personalities of candidates and make a decision on who they believe is directly capable of initiating the change we students desire," LaRoche said.

Although the last day to pre-register to vote was Oct. 9, Idaho law allows voters to register on election day.

"(Voting) creates a good habit," Steed said. "Get in the habit of voting, because it's a good habit to have."



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Moscow City Council candidate Scott Billing, left, begins a candidate forum Tuesday in the Idaho Commons. The other candidates in attendance were Timothy Brown, Dennis Deccio, Nels Reese, Susan Scott and Walter Steed, as well as mayoral candidates Nancy Chaney and John Weber.



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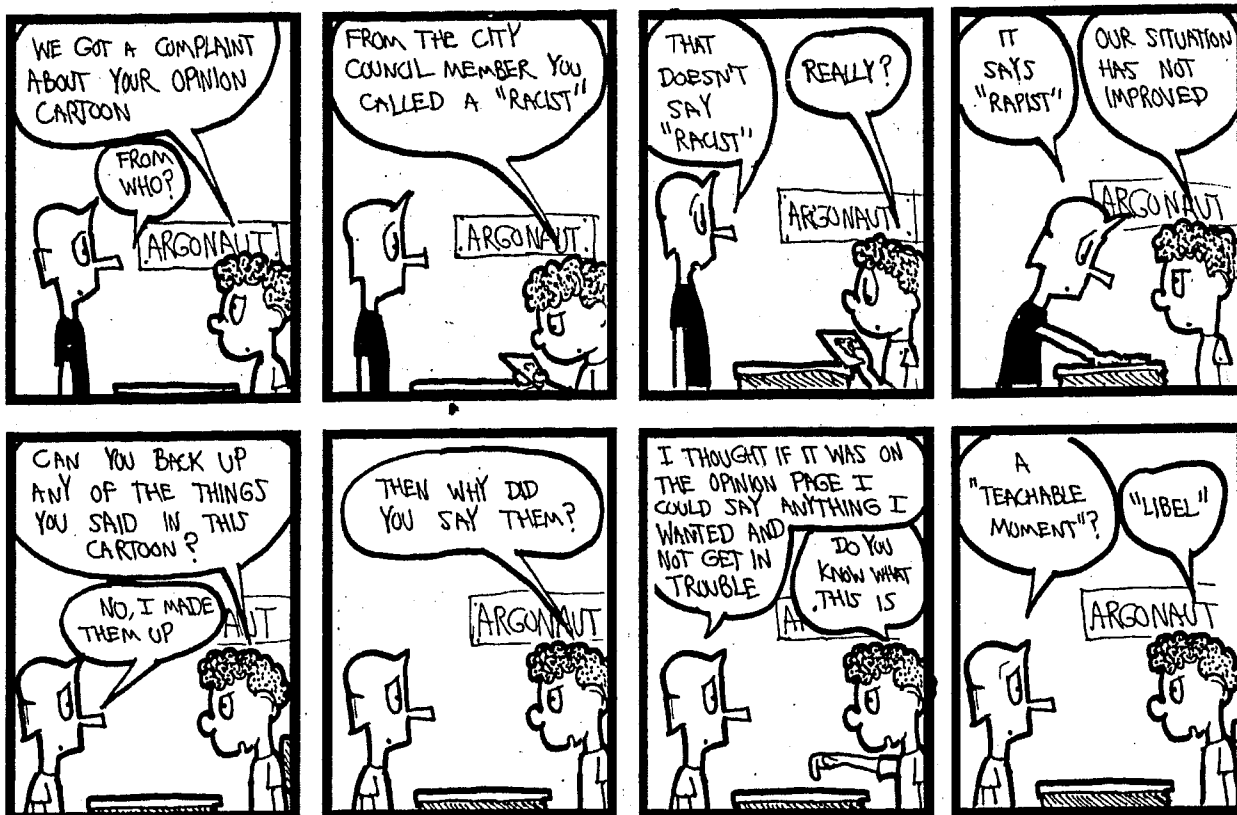
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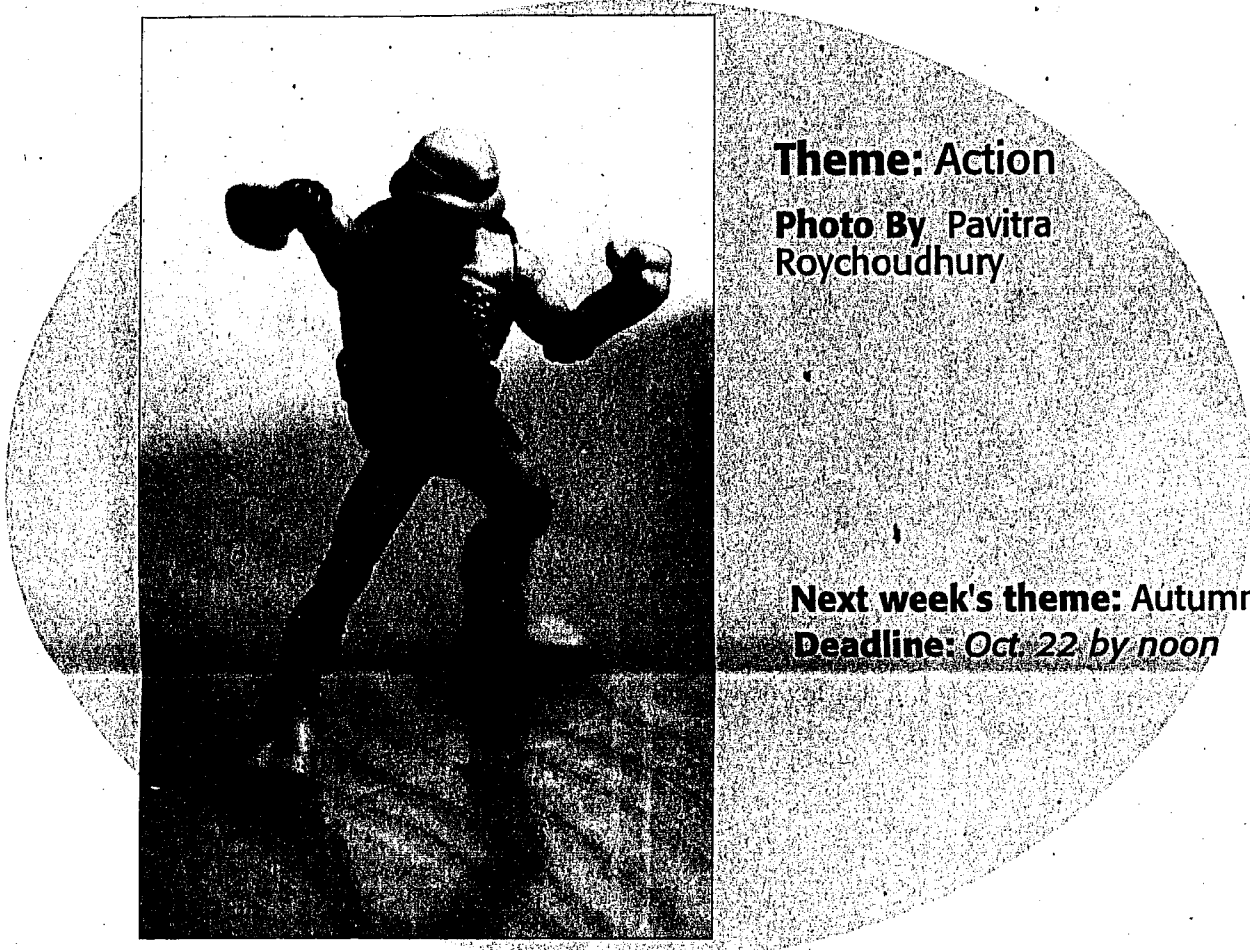
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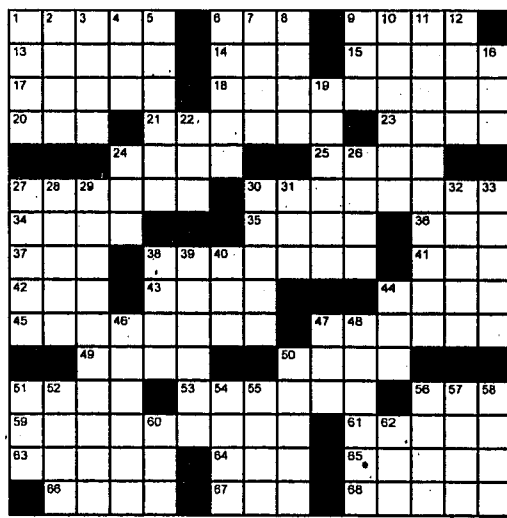
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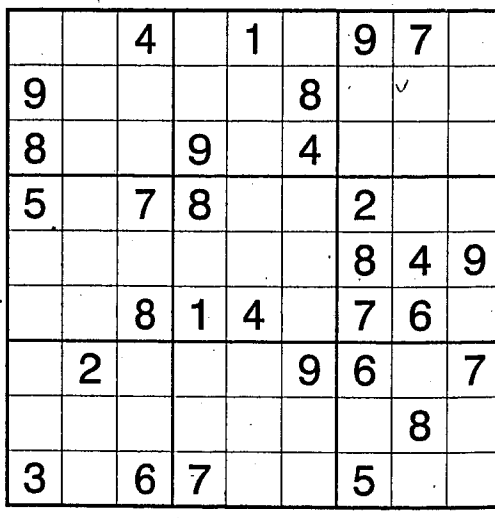


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 - Texas oil city
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 - Catches some rays
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 - Land on Lake Victoria
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 - Huff and puff
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 - CIA forerunner
 - Conceit
 - Hazard
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 - American Revolution soldiers
 - Dangerous situations
 - Auto pioneer
 - Potato
 - Audition tape
 - Informal
 - Chop down
 - Athenian philosopher
 - Avoid
 - Underground worker
 - Gym item
 - Inflexible
 - Urban center
 - Secret agent
- Down**
- Movable barrier
 - Aroma
 - Arm bone
 - Expire
 - Overseas
 - Military posts
 - Barley beards'
 - Autos of yore
 - Not at work
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 - Sturdy trees
 - Grassland
 - American elk
 - Some courtroom evidence
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 - Couturier Cassini
 - Toward the top
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 - Gangway
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 - Debacle
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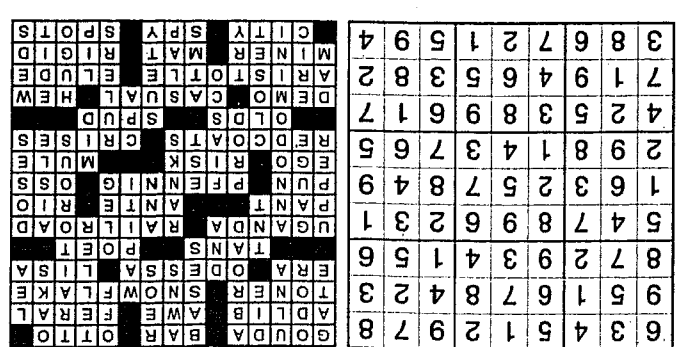
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solutions



Deep freeze kills crops

Morning light shows death of crops for local farmers

Sebastian Edgerton
Argonaut

As the dawn of last Saturday unfolded, the light fell upon mealy apples still clinging to trees whose leaves had turned blackish-brown, ready to fall without glorious fall colors.

Mother Earth had struck again, with record-low temperatures reaching the low 20 degrees Fahrenheit, and down into the teens and lower in the subsequent nights.

Wayne Shull, a Washington State University agricultural research technician, said the Tukey Horticulture Orchard on Airport Road in Pullman saw temperature get down to 12 degrees Fahrenheit.

"It literally freeze-dried everything," Shull said. He said everything left on the tree was ruined.

Stephen Bishop of Bishops Orchard in Garfield, Wash., said it got down to about 6 degrees Fahrenheit at his orchard.

Bishop said once his fruit thawed, it turned to mush in his hand. Shull said in past years they make a \$30,000 profit from their orchard, but

this year they'll make only \$5,000. Shull explained this will not be as big of a problem as independent orchards would have, because the Tukey Orchard is connected with the university.

But the freeze's consequences are widespread, more than just this Pullman orchard.

It reached down to kill the University of Idaho's corn maze in Lewiston, and killed about 20 percent of Bishops' fruit crop.

Brad Jaeckel, manager and instructor of the WSU Organic Farm, said they lost an entire field of pumpkins and eight other plantings of assorted vegetables, including their cabbage crop.

Despite the harsh temperatures, Jaeckel still has a crop of spinach left in the field.

But both Shull and Bishop said the real question will be whether there is lasting damage to the trees.

Last Friday night, Shull said, was an instant winter. Overnight, the produce trees went dormant.

Since the trees were hit so hard by the freeze, it is likely that next spring there will be a snowball bloom, Bishop said.

"In the end, farming is lurching from one disaster to the next ... That is the lot of farming," he said.

In the old days, farmers would have had smudge pots, which burned oil to protect produce from frost. Now, some orchards use wind machines to try and circulate the air to raise the temperature.

Though the WSU orchard doesn't currently use them, the WSU engineering club is talking about putting in a wind machine to both generate electricity and help with air circulation.

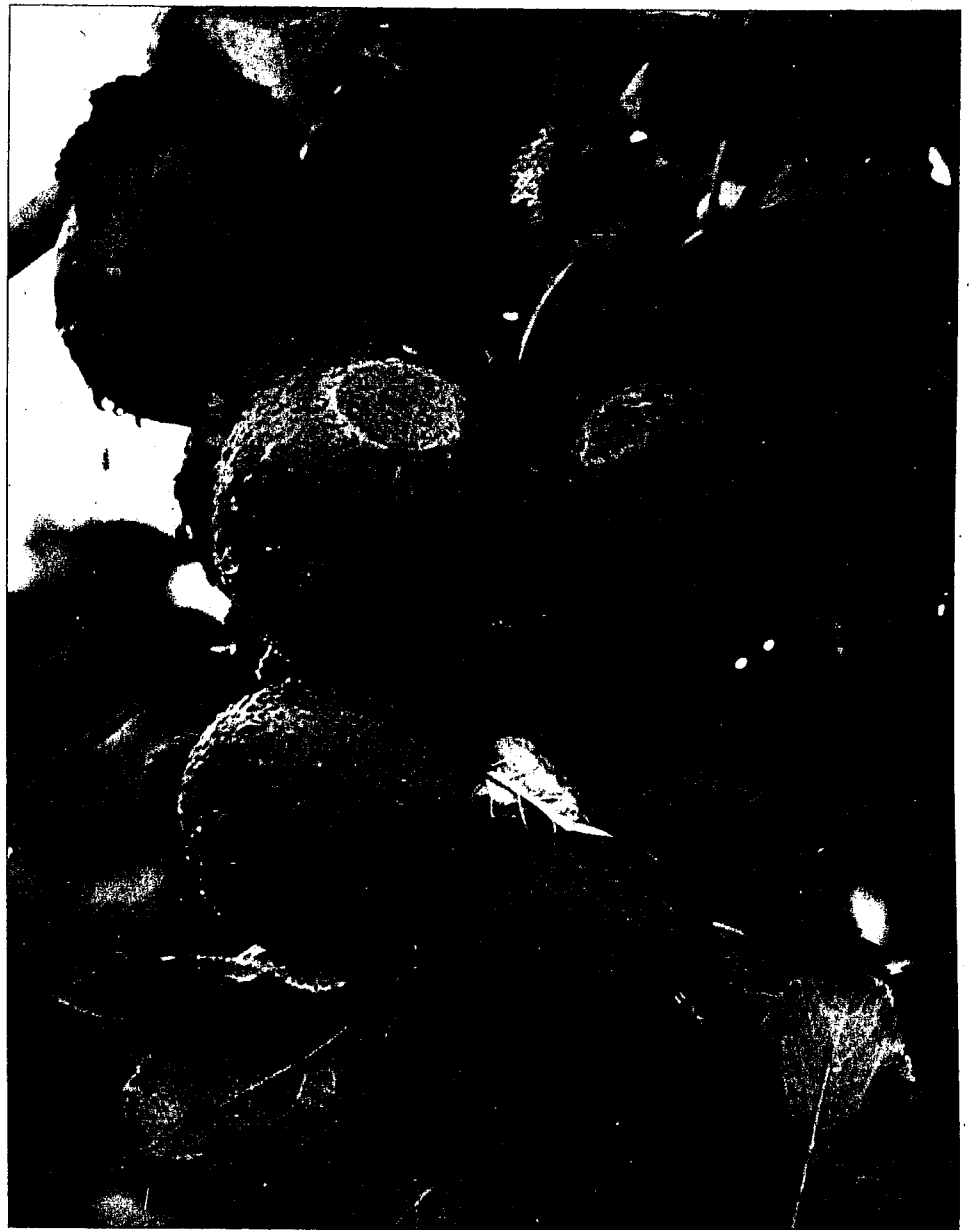
On Tuesday, partners in the corn maze — UI's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Kaufman Farms and Lewiston's Parks and Recreation department — decided to cancel the event in the face of the record lows, which halved the corn stalks to a mere 3 feet.

"Farmers are eternally optimistic," said John Foltz, associate dean for academic programs at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"And so that's why they got into farming, and if you get a bad crop that doesn't mean you don't do it next year, you just go at it again and hope for the best," he continued.

"In the end, farming is lurching from one disaster to the next."

Stephen BISHOP
Bishop Orchards



Sebastian Edgerton/Argonaut
Apples rot on the tree at the Washington State University's Tukey Horticulture Orchard Wednesday. Last week, record low temperatures ransacked farms across the Palouse, ruining crops — apples, gourds and other produce — still left on the tree.

UI ready for cold, snow

Dara Barney
Argonaut

Following last winter's 97 inches of snow, University of Idaho facilities management is not ready to be caught off-guard.

"We start preparing for the winter snow season around August, when we start ordering in materials such as sand, rock, de-icer, parts for equipment, etc," said Charles Zillinger, director of landscape and exterior services for UI.

Two years ago was little more pleasant than last winter, with nearly 86 inches of snow. Each led to school closures because of snowfall.

"The last two winters were the most labor intensive and costly in the past decade for snow removal on the UI campus," he said.

Zillinger said facilities starts to monitor weather forecasts in the fall.

"Ice and snow are the issues we face in the winter, and we try to alleviate problems as they come up," he said.

Zillinger said to take plenty of time to get to any destination in winter weather.

"Don't expect 100 percent coverage of every square inch of hardscape on campus, it isn't possible to do," he said.

He encouraged everyone to stay on main routes that are cleared, and to stay away from shortcuts that aren't.

"Pay attention to equipment operators, and stay out of their way as they do their work. Be safe and be aware of what is going on around you," he said.

A team of about 18 people and various snow equipment make up the winter response crew. Facilities staff maintain UI streets.

"Building Services provides snow scoopers across campus for building entries, and various other units like Housing and USS and other Auxiliary units provide scooping for their own buildings," he said.

Although plowing, sanding, rocking, and deicing are all techniques used to keep up with the snow and ice, at

building entries they like to use a combination of granular deicer and sand to gain a synergistic effect, he said.

"With this mixture the ice buildup breaks down faster, and makes the ice easier to remove," he said.

De-icer is a trade-off between convenience and material longevity.

"De-icer is very hard on hardscape surfaces, and causes damages. With this mixture, it grinds up faster, and makes the ice break up easier," he said.

As for advice on preparation for winter weather, Zillinger recommends every person have proper footwear and winter clothing.

Students, staff and faculty each have ways of taking precautions in the unforgiving Moscow winter season.

"First I hope that I don't turn into a popsicle on my way to class," said Michael Howzen, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism. "I'll actually wear a ski mask and snow pants because when that cold air hits, it truly hurts."

ISGC gets new leadership

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

At first, Aaron Thomas was reluctant to take over as director of the Idaho Space Grant Consortium.

"The former director approached me in the Safeway parking lot, and I told her 'no way,'" he said.

After research, he said he became more interested in the program.

"He was familiar with the programs and was willing to take it on," said Becky Highfill, program director of ISGC.

Thomas has been newly appointed by NASA to direct ISGC. He is the leader of not only the UI office, but all 22 affiliates in the state.

There are affiliates at all of the institutions of higher learning in Idaho, as well as at science centers, museums and Craters of the Moon National Monument, where astronauts trained before Apollo missions to collect

rock samples in a harsh environment.

"We're looking to collectively offer a different type of science program," Thomas said.

ISGC funds fellowships and scholarships to students in science and engineering around the state. The program also offers internships.

Researchers who receive grants from NASA have the opportunity to work with NASA scientists on their project. These grants begin with a seed, which expands to a NASA collaboration.

Thomas works in the chemical engineering department. His NASA-related research focuses on air and water regeneration and removal of carbon dioxide. He said sending humans into space requires research from many disciplines beyond astrophysics, including chemistry and biology.

"The areas (NASA) is interested in are very

broad," Thomas said.

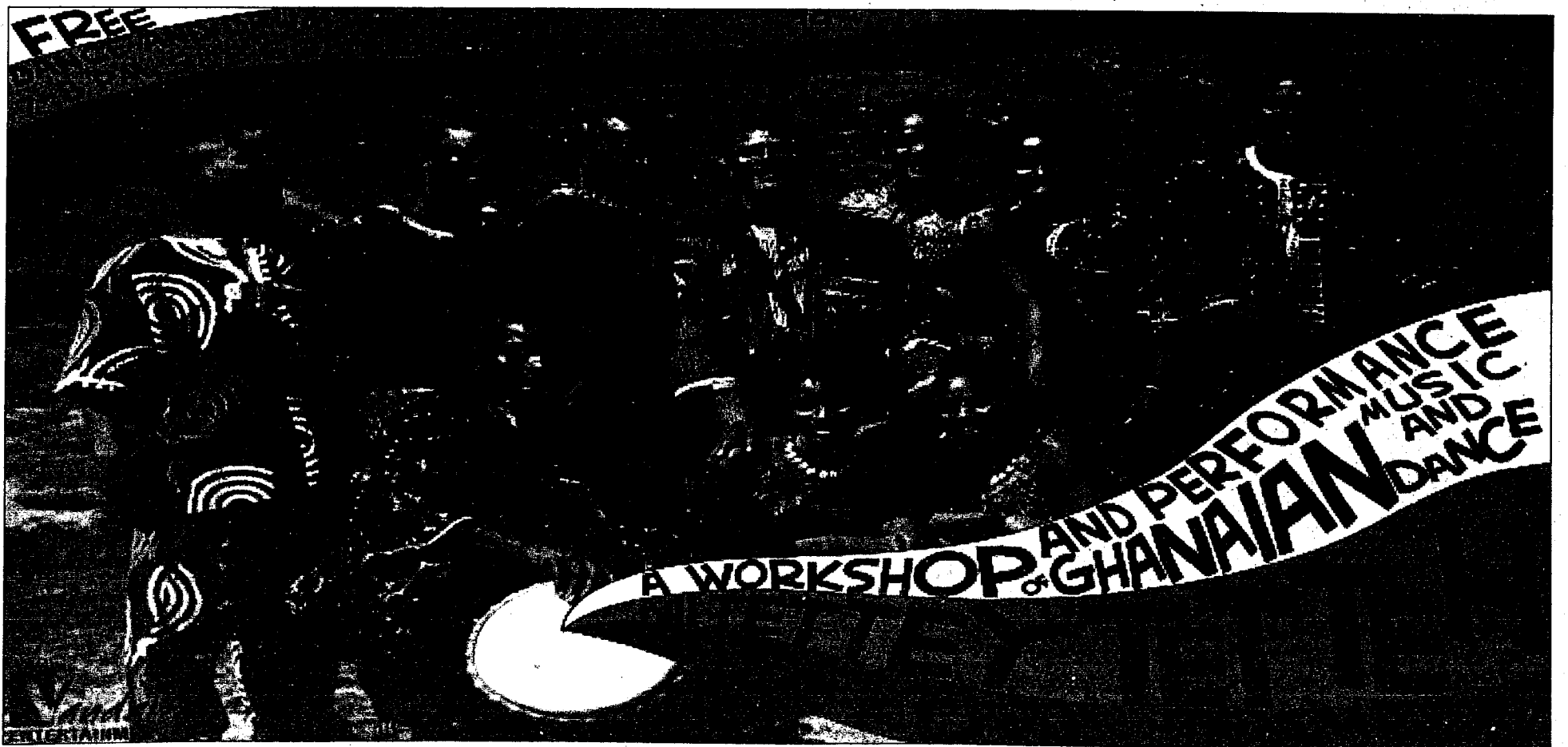
In the K-12 division of ISGC, Thomas said the program focuses on continuing education of teachers to spread awareness of NASA related disciplines.

"They can take it back to their classrooms to interest the students in science and engineering," he said.

One project for undergraduate students at UI is the Robotics Lunar Exploration Program, where students design and build robots that could be used to explore the moon.

"We're always looking for new ideas," Thomas said.

Idaho Rise is a project at Idaho State University and Northwest Nazarene University studying high altitude balloons. Thomas said he would like to see the program expand to other schools and reach out to high school students. The project is moving beyond balloons, using payloaded instead.



Same books, new catalog

New software allows UI library to search for titles across the world

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

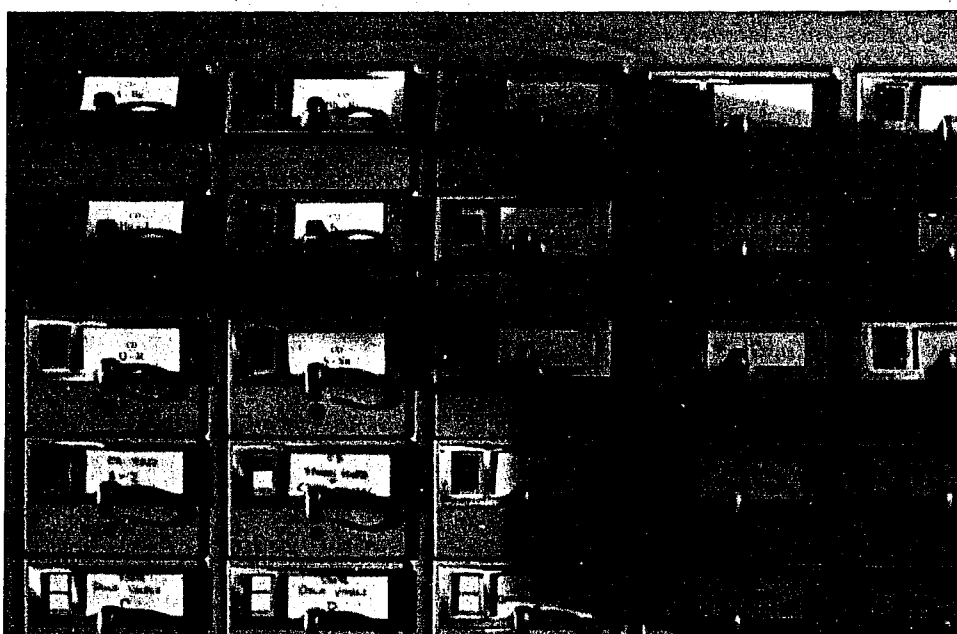
It's no secret the world is becoming more digital, even libraries — the University of Idaho library recently added a new piece of catalog software called WorldCat Local, which allows users to search libraries nationwide for titles.

"WorldCat Local hasn't replaced anything," said Ben Hunter, head of the cataloging and collections department. "It just supplements our online catalog, and the classic version is still available."

The old setup allowed users to search the UI library with a software application called Voyager, while other libraries were searchable through WorldCat. WorldCat Local allows users to search both from one program, Hunter said.

There is no plan to remove Voyager or the original WorldCat, as the new version relies on Voyager's database for local titles.

The new software was funded by a grant, Hunter said. So far, UI hasn't had to pay anything for it, al-



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Card catalogs such as this one are fading away as more and more as libraries go digital. The University of Idaho library recently added to its card catalog software with WorldCat Local, which will allow users to search nationwide for titles.

though that will change in the future. Hunter doesn't expect it to cost any more than other research services the library pays for.

When a user finds a title they want in WorldCat Local, that library will ship it

to UI.

"There's a lot of overseas libraries in WorldCat Local as well," said Rochelle Smith, a reference and instruction librarian.

"I've gotten things from the Bahamas. It took about

two weeks to get here."

The typical turnaround time for a title in a U.S. library is about five days.

WorldCat Local also provides access to articles, something the previous software did not do.

"We are expecting to add in a metasearch capability, which will feature many more article databases in WorldCAT, including EBSCOHost," Hunter said.

Other databases the library expects to be added include ERIC, PsycInfo, Article First and JSTOR.

"At the beginning of the semester, I taught a class about the new WorldCat Local," Smith said. She said one student loved it and said it was not full of "junk or filler."

Another feature of WorldCat Local gives users a complete citation of any source they find.

"Getting a citation to look right is a pain when you're at the end of your paper process," Smith said. The software allows users to pick a number of formats for the citation, including MLA and APA.

The new software allows users to search for titles in different ways than they may be accustomed to, Smith said.

"Voyager does subject searching and call number searching very well, but

it is fussier," she said. "If you're looking for a book by Ernest Hemingway, and you type in Ernest Hemingway it won't find the book. It will only look if you type in Hemingway, Ernest."

Smith also mentioned a rule that won't bring up titles if they're entered with an article at the front. Her example was "The Sound and the Fury" would find nothing, while "Sound and the Fury" would bring up William Faulkner's novel.

"You're not penalized for not knowing the specifics of library catalogs," Smith said.

WorldCat Local was tested over the summer at the UI library, as well as at Boise State University, Lewis and Clark State College and the UI law library. Those three locations launched at the same time as the UI library.

"The new tool strikes a nice balance between the universe of information out there and what's around locally so you're not just thrown into a random pool of information and drowning in it," Smith said.

Celebrating 100 years

UI plans events for homecoming milestone

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's Homecoming 2009 is just around the corner, celebrating 100 years of Vandal pride.

Events are scheduled to take place Monday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 31, and include activities throughout the week, from giving blood to attending the homecoming parade.

Katie Dahlinger, assistant director of student and young alumni programs and a 2005 Idaho alumna, said 7,500 alumni are expected to join the celebration this year.

"There is an obvious excitement surrounding athletics, but more than that, homecoming is about being connected as a Vandal family," Dahlinger said. "It's about traditions and shared experiences."

The alumni office is the chief coordinator in homecoming planning, along with students that form the homecoming committee. The committee plans events and contests for the living groups throughout the week.

This year's theme is "Keeping the Tradition," with events focused on traditions found in the UI Traditions Book published earlier this year.

New this year to begin the homecoming celebra-



File Photo

Members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity decorate their lawn, with cutouts that represent members off all the different Greek houses on Campus Oct. 22, 2008 to celebrate homecoming week.

tion is, "Yell Like Hell," an event gathering different living groups who yell an Idaho cheer they created for 15 seconds. Each group is judged on the creativity of their cheer and loudness.

Emily Knecht, a member of the committee, said she's excited for homecoming.

"It is going to be interesting this year because the parade is on Halloween," she said. "The university is encouraging the spectators to dress up in their Halloween costumes and attend the parade. There will be lots of candy."

The parade is also incorporating the centennial by

presenting each float with a different decade in a timeline format.

"The people watching the parade will get to see the traditions throughout the years, right before their eyes," Knecht said.

Highlights of the week include the opening celebration, blood drive, living group skits, house decorations and the serpentine. The serpentine starts at the golf course, goes through campus, past the Memorial Gym, and ends at the Kibbie Dome parking lot for the Bonfire.

Concluding the bonfire will be a fireworks show celebrating 100 years.

Dance team sees resistance

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

After holding tryouts, finding an advisor and getting a team together over the summer, the University of Idaho dance team discovered their funding had been severed.

Because of this unexpected cut, the dance team has been struggling to get a start this year.

"I think they are doing a good job and I think the students should be behind them," said ASUI Sen. Koji Moy. "When we have a dance team full of girls who want to participate, I think we should back them and give them air time."

Moy, along with ASUI senators Zach Arama and Samantha Storms, has been working to make the dance team a reality.

"I think (the dance team) really does impact the school in a great way," Arama said. "They are performers who honor our athletics program."

ASUI senators started debate Wednesday with a resolution in support of the team's quest to seek funding through the UI Athletic Department.

After the team failed to find support from the Activities Board, senators have now written a bill that, if passed, will allocate funds to the team from the ASUI gen-

eral reserve.

The bill will be up for discussion during next week's meeting.

"I really support the bill," Arama said. "I think it's a worthwhile cause and I think it's worth supporting. It's a case where the money we use to support the team is actually given back to the students."

According to the bill summary, the money allocated by ASUI would help the dance team to purchase costumes, workout gear, dance tights and help out with other miscellaneous expenses.

"As far as where the funding is going to come from in ASUI, I don't know, and we probably won't know for a couple more weeks," Arama said.

Arama said there is a certain amount of university supplied funding that goes toward the Spirit Squad each year. The squad consists of Joe Vandal, the UI cheerleaders and the dance team. Arama said since a portion of the funding for the squad had to be cut, the dance team got the short end of the stick.

"We are going to try to

help them with that," Arama said. "That's our duty, you know. The students are what we care about. Even if they don't manage to get money through (the bill), we are going to try and help them through the Activities Board to get money. We are going to do all we can to make sure they are funded."

Another concern to senators is that UI is now the only team in the Western Athletic Conference without dancers.

"We are one of the only NCAA Division I schools in the nation that does not

have a dance team," Moy said. "We are the only one in the Northwest without a dance team. When everyone else has one and we don't, we kind of look like a joke."

Storms also emphasized the importance of the team to UI athletic events.

"Their sole purpose is entertainment," Storms said. "They only exist to support athletics and entertain at athletic events. We need to help them get started."

"I think it's a worthwhile cause and I think it's worth supporting."

Zach ARAMA
ASUI Senator

French President defending son against charges of nepotism for economics job

Elaine Ganley
Associated Press

President Nicolas Sarkozy has come to the defense of his son, denying in an interview made public Thursday that he is behind the 23-year-old's much-criticized bid for a high-profile job.

"Who is being targeted in this controversy? It's not my son, it's me," Sarkozy said in an interview to appear in Friday's daily Le Figaro.

Jean Sarkozy has no college degree and is still studying law but launched a political career last year, following in his father's footsteps.

However, a growing number of critics say Jean Sarkozy is too inexperienced to follow his father's footsteps to the next goal — heading an organization that runs La Defense, a complex of glass skyscrapers on the western edge of Paris that is

one of Europe's leading business districts.

EPAD, as the organization is known, is a quasi-governmental agency that oversees real estate and administration in the sprawling complex where 150,000 people work.

Jean, one of the president's three sons, is considered a leading candidate for the job. He is eligible to run for the post because he is an elected official, serving on a regional council representing part of the wealthy Paris suburb of Neuilly where he grew up and which his father oversaw as mayor for 19 years.

The organization's board will choose its next chairman Dec. 4. The new chief will replace 65-year-old Patrick Devedjian, a political ally of Sarkozy who has reached retirement age.

Sarkozy brushed aside critics "trying to attack on all fronts with ill will and a meanness that doesn't

fool the French."

He noted that the post is not a salaried position.

"This is an election," the elder Sarkozy said. "It is therefore not nepotism."

In a new development, a communist mayor announced Thursday that he would challenge Jean Sarkozy's bid.

"Jean Sarkozy's candidacy should be withdrawn," said Patrick Jarry, mayor of the western Paris suburb of Nanterre, where a portion of La Defense sits.

Jean's photogenic face has appeared on covers of numerous magazines since he announced he would seek the post. Critics have assumed that the young Sarkozy would get what he wants, even if his youth means he may be less prepared for the job than others.

"Is there an age to be competent?" Sarkozy replied in the interview.

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A Louisiana justice of the peace said he refused to issue a marriage license to an interracial couple out of concern for any children the couple might have.

Keith Bardwell, justice of the peace in Tangipahoa Parish, says it is his experience that most interracial marriages do not last long.

"I'm not a racist. I just don't believe in mixing the races that way," Bardwell told the Associated Press on Thursday. "I have piles and piles of black friends. They come to my home, I marry them, they use my bathroom. I treat them just like everyone else."

Bardwell said he asks everyone who calls about marriage if they are a mixed race couple. If they are, he does not marry them, he said.

Bardwell said he has discussed the topic with blacks and whites, along with witnessing some interracial marriages. He came to the conclusion that most of black society does not readily accept offspring of such relationships, and neither does white society, he said.

"There is a problem with both groups accepting a child from such a marriage," Bardwell said. "I think those children suffer and I won't help put them through it."

If he did an interracial marriage for one couple, he must do the same for all, he said.

"I try to treat everyone equally," he said. Bardwell estimates that he has refused to marry about four couples during his career, all in the past 2½ years.

Beth Humphrey, 30, and 32-year-old Terence McKay, both

of Hammond, say they will consult the U.S. Justice Department about filing a discrimination complaint.

Humphrey, an account manager for a marketing firm, said she and McKay, a welder, just returned to Louisiana. She is white and he is black. She plans to enroll in the University of New Orleans to pursue a masters degree in minority politics.

"That was one thing that made this so unbelievable," she said. "It's not something you expect in this day and age."

Humphrey said she called Bardwell on Oct. 6 to inquire about getting a marriage license signed. She says Bardwell's wife told her that Bardwell will not sign marriage licenses for interracial couples. Bardwell suggested the couple go to another justice of the peace in the parish who agreed to marry them.

"We are looking forward to having children," Humphrey said. "And all our friends and co-workers have been very supportive. Except for this, we're typical happy newlyweds."

"It is really astonishing and disappointing to see this come up in 2009," said American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana attorney Katie Schwartzmann. She said the Supreme Court ruled in 1967 "that the government cannot tell people who they can and cannot marry."

The ACLU sent a letter to the Louisiana Judiciary Committee, which oversees the state justices of the peace, asking them to investigate Bardwell and recommending "the most severe sanctions available, because such blatant bigotry poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the administration of justice."

"He knew he was breaking

the law, but continued to do it," Schwartzmann said.

According to the clerk of court's office, application for a marriage license must be made three days before the ceremony because there is a 72-hour waiting period. The applicants are asked if they have previously been married. If so, they must show how the marriage ended, such as divorce.

Other than that, all they need is a birth certificate and Social Security card.

The license fee is \$35, and the license must be signed by a Louisiana minister, justice of the peace or judge. The original is returned to the clerk's office.

"I've been a justice of the peace for 34 years and I don't think I've mistreated anybody," Bardwell said. "I've made some mistakes, but you have too. I didn't tell this couple they couldn't get married. I just told them I wouldn't do it."

Judge shuts Idaho grazing allotment

John Miller
Associated Press

A federal judge Wednesday ordered a western Idaho rancher to keep his sheep off his family's traditional grazing ground on public land, at least temporarily, to protect wild bighorns.

In his 17-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill wrote that a pact between a Salmon River rancher and the state to keep his domestic herd away from wild bighorns on the Bureau of Land Management allotment fell short of the 2009 Legislature's new law aimed at protecting Idaho's ranching industry and helping bighorns.

Winmill ruled in favor of The Wilderness Society, Western Watersheds Project and Hells Canyon Preservation Council, which contended a native bighorn sheep herd near Riggins was at risk of catching deadly diseases if the allotment near Partridge Creek opened on schedule Thursday.

Idaho bighorn numbers have dwindled by half since 1990 to about 3,500 animals after several mass die-offs; wildlife managers believe bighorns can catch diseases like pneumonia when they come into contact with domestic sheep on the range. Winmill said he was trying to prevent more outbreaks.

"Irreversible damage is possible here," Winmill wrote. "Bighorns could become infected and roam far up-river in the Salmon River drainage, infecting the other native bighorns along the way causing large-scale losses."

His order is in place until at least Nov. 2, when Winmill plans another hearing.

This year, Idaho lawmakers passed a plan re-

quiring the state Department of Fish and Game director to certify the risk of disease transmission between bighorn and domestic sheep was "acceptable for the viability of the bighorn sheep" once ranchers and the state had crafted Best Management Practices, or BMPs, to keep the two species apart on the range.

The state and rancher Mick Carlson, whose family has grazed the Partridge Creek allotment since 1937, negotiated such an agreement in August. Among other things, he agreed to have two herders, three guard dogs and three herding dogs with each band of sheep. He was also allowed to kill bighorns that wandered into his herd.

In his ruling, however, Winmill said the agreement relied on voluntary compliance and couldn't be enforced by the BLM.

"The director here certified that the risk has been reduced to an acceptable level," the judge wrote. "Acceptable to who? Acceptable under what standard?"

"These questions are not answered," Winmill added. "There is no certification in this case that upon implementation of the BMPs, the risk of disease transmission will be acceptable for the viability of the bighorn sheep."

State Fish and Game officials didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

One of the groups that sued to close the allotment said Winmill's order shows the weakness of Idaho's new law, absent actual documentation such management practices will really help bighorns survive.

"There is no science on which it is based," said Jon Marvel, director of Western Watersheds in Hailey.

"These Best Management Practices are, first of all, voluntary, and second, there is no testimony in the record from any scientist that concludes that they will be effective in protecting bighorn sheep."

The Nez Perce Tribe, which opposed the grazing in an area that belongs to its traditional homeland, called the decision a victory for bighorns.

"The use of BMPs to try and create separation between domestic and bighorn sheep in occupied bighorn sheep habitat is not supported by scientific literature or scientists," said Brooklyn Baptiste, Vice-Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

Carlson, who has already been barred from grazing U.S. Forest Service allotments nearby, argued in court he can't run his operation in a profitable manner if more than 800 of his sheep are kept off the BLM's Partridge Creek area, too.

A phone call to Carlson wasn't immediately returned, but in court he contended it will cost him about \$9,000 more if he's forced to restrict his sheep to his private ground along the Salmon River and to the south in Emmett.

Winmill did order plaintiffs to post a \$9,000 bond to cover Carlson's possible costs and damages, should the court later determine the temporary restraining order was inappropriate.

Stan Boyd, the Idaho Wool Growers Association director, said Wednesday he wanted to read the ruling before commenting.

Lesbian student fights for tuxedo

Shelia Byrd
Associated Press

Everyone at Wesson Attendance Center knows 17-year-old Ceara Sturgis is gay because she's never tried to hide it.

But when Sturgis — an honor student, trumpet player and goalie on the Jackson school's soccer team — wanted her senior photograph in a tuxedo used in the 2009-10 yearbook, school officials balked. Traditionally, female students dress in drapes and males wear tuxedos.

Now, the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi has gotten involved, issuing a demand letter to Principal Ronald Greer to publish the picture of Sturgis in the tuxedo. The ACLU says it's giving the school until Oct. 23 to respond before pursuing court action, said Kristy L. Bennett, the ACLU's legal director.

A secretary for Greer referred questions to Copiah County Schools Superintendent Rickey Clopton, who declined to comment on Thursday.

Sturgis said she should get to decide how she looks in the senior photo.

"I feel like I'm not important, that the school is dismissing who I am as a gay student and that they don't even care about me. All I want is to be able to be me, and to be included in the yearbook," Sturgis said in a statement.

Veronica Rodriguez, 47, said school officials are trying to force her daughter — who doesn't even own a dress — to appear more feminine.

"The tux is who she is. She wears boys' clothes. She's athletic. She's gay. She's not feminine," said Rodriguez during an interview Thursday at the ACLU office.

Rodriguez said Sturgis took her pictures over the summer instead of with

the other students last year, but she used the same studio.

In August, Rodriguez said she received a letter from the school stating that only boys could wear tuxedos. Rodriguez said she met with assistant Superintendent Ronald Holloway who told her he didn't see regulations about the issue in the student handbook.

But when she talked with Greer, she said he told her it was his "conviction" that Sturgis wouldn't appear in the yearbook in a tuxedo.

Bennett said the teenager's constitutional rights are being violated. Bennett said similar cases, including same-sex prom couples and girls wearing tuxedos to proms, have been successfully challenged in court in other states. ACLU officials said they were unaware of any other constitutional disputes involving gay teens at Mississippi schools.

"You can't discriminate against somebody because they're not masculine enough or because they're not feminine enough. She's making an expression of her sexual orientation through this picture and that invokes First Amendment protection," Bennett said.

There's no state policy that deals with the yearbook photo issue, said state Department of Education spokesman Pete Smith.

The deadline for the photo to be accepted for the yearbook was Sept. 30. But advertisements for the publication are still being sold so Sturgis has time for her photo to be included, Bennett said.

Sturgis lives with her grandparents in Wesson, a town of about 1,700 founded during the Civil War in southwest Mississippi. The town's Web site said residents "pride ourselves on our quiet way of life."

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Major reforms planned for budget

Idaho legislature says now is perfect time for changes

John Miller
Associated Press

The Legislature's budget chief says Idaho's grave financial picture merits major reforms for state agencies, including additional austerity measures and possible fee hikes at universities and state parks.

Cathy Holland-Smith, the legislative budget director, told the Senate and House Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Wednesday she's heard suggestions lawmakers unearth "skeletons" to help make up a projected \$151 million budget shortfall.

"I've been to the graveyard, it's empty," Holland-Smith said. The budget writing committee meets every fall to discuss Idaho's financial picture.

The recession that's driven state unemployment to nearly 10 percent, cut fiscal year 2009 tax revenue more than 15 percent to just \$2.46 billion compared with 2008, and is slash-

ing it even further this year has added significance to the panel's two-day meeting in southwestern Idaho, including Wednesday morning's session at Boise State University.

This summer, universities and colleges, the Department of Health and Welfare and prisons already announced additional cuts to meet Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget-cutting demands, on top of cost-saving measures including layoffs, furloughs and pay cuts they have undertaken beginning the middle of 2008.

And a recent \$13 million state settlement with drug company Eli Lilly and Co. will help; half will go to Idaho's general fund.

But there's still more than \$40 million to make up. And that could grow: There's a \$13 million shortfall in the Medicaid program for the poor and disabled, as well as another \$8 million request to help shore up a state fund that helps counties pay for medical costs for indigent people.

Holland-Smith says Otter could suspend expansion of a grocery tax credit to help make up the difference.

State agencies won't just be asked to scrimp; Idaho residents and tourists could be asked to pay more money for services.

For instance, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation could boost fees for 30 state parks; universities and colleges may seek to boost tuition further.

"What I see happening is a serious discussion between legislators and members of the public about what their priorities are: What people can do without, what they have to have and how they want to pay for it," said Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, a budget panel member.

In 2003, state tax revenues plunged 14 percent amid an income tax cut and economic slump. The solution then was Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's temporary penny tax hike that expired in 2005. Idaho has since raised

its sales tax to 6 cents for every dollar permanently to help pay for school maintenance, part of a 2006 measure to cut property taxes.

Sen. Dean Cameron, chairman of the budget writing committee, said there's no appetite for another tax hike, especially among House members who earlier this year rejected a push to raise gas taxes and vehicle registration fees.

With so few options, the Rupter Republican is blunt about the task of making ends meet starting in January.

"It's going to be horrible," he said.

The federal government's enhanced Medicaid match, a 2009 stimulus-act provision that reduced Idaho's share to just 21 percent, is due to expire come the middle of the next fiscal year. If that happens, states like Idaho fear they won't have the money to maintain the program.

If the federal match were cut to about 75 percent, Idaho could

have to trim Medicaid by \$387 million, more than a fifth of the total program now.

"That is going to be extremely painful," Health and Welfare Director Dick Armstrong said.

Wednesday's meeting gave conservative lawmakers a chance to vent at the federal government, in particular the more than \$1 billion the state is getting from the stimulus. It's gone to shore up holes in public education, fund about \$200 million in road projects and help reduce Idaho's share of Medicaid.

Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, contended the state would have been better off without the extra cash.

"It shouldn't have been there in the first place," Wood said.

Holland-Smith said the 2011 budget is being based on the likelihood the stimulus was a fleeting phenomenon and won't continue. She said "all that money has been removed" as her office crafts the budget for the year starting next July.

Deceased teacher called heroine

Music instructor killed while trying to save others

John Miller
Associated Press

A Utah music teacher killed while trying to prevent the crash of a bus carrying dozens of her students was hailed as a heroine.

Heather Christensen, 33, a woodwind instructor at American Fork High School, was killed Saturday night when the bus veered from Interstate 15 and rolled south of Pocatello, where the band had won a competition hosted

by Idaho State University. Christensen, of Spanish Fork, Utah, left her seat to grab the steering wheel after seeing the bus driver slump over, students and colleagues said. She was partially ejected in the rollover, and relatives said her effort to correct the course of the bus probably kept the crash from being worse.

Christensen was the only fatality. "If it hadn't been for her, a lot of other people would have died," Christensen's sister, Jana Hogenson told the Idaho State Journal.

"For Heather, that's exactly what we would have expected. All her spare time was spent on her students."

All but one of the 44 students who received care at a Pocatello hospital were released. The remaining female patient was expected to be released Monday. Idaho State Police were investigating the crash.

Jerry Hardman, vice president of the Provo, Utah-based Lake Shore Motor Coach Lines, said the company was coop-

erating with the investigation. He declined further comment.

Debra Jarvis, 50, also of Spanish Fork, was behind the wheel of the charter bus carrying 54 students and Christensen. Jarvis has been released from the hospital, Hardman said Monday. Blood and urine samples were taken, as is customary in fatal accidents. The results will likely not be known for several weeks, police said.

The band, one of Utah's best known, had just added the Pocatello competition to a string of victories that include 19 straight Utah state titles.

The school band also performed at President George W. Bush's 2005 inauguration and marched in the 2007 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. Classes at American Fork resumed Monday after a vigil in a packed gymnasium the night before. Band leader John Miller said counselors were visiting his classes and he

wasn't aware of a single student who decided to stay home as a result of the death.

A previously scheduled Tuesday evening concert at Brigham Young University was set to continue.

"That's what she'd want. That's what the kids want to do," Miller said.

The program is called "The Greatest Generation" and intended to honor American veterans. Pictures of those who died in the service of their country will be on display along with an image of Christensen.

"All the kids will be wearing dog tags with her name on it," Miller said.

The crash occurred on Interstate 15, about 50 miles north of the Utah border.

A total of 222 students were on the trip on four buses.

Idaho State Police said the crash scene was chaotic, with the other buses stopped nearby and family members steering their vehicles off the road as they came upon the tragic mishap.

Distraught students sang church hymns after learning of the instructor's death.

American Fork band member James Kimball, 16, was in the bus behind the one that crashed.

"If it hadn't been for her, a lot of other people would have died."

Jana Hogenson
Victim's sister

Stores say sales may be turning around

Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

Americans are finally spending a little more, but they're playing hard to get.

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.

"We're more worried about what's ahead. We're not so sure," she said.

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.

For the holidays, the National Retail Federation predicts Americans will spend \$437.6 billion, about even with the \$433.7 billion they spent four years ago.

Kohl's Corp. department store chain, Limited Brands Inc., which runs Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works, and accessories chain The Buckle Inc. all said their September sales rose at stores open more than a year.

J.C. Penney Co., Macy's Inc. and Target Corp. reported their same-store sales fell, but not as much as they had expected.

A late Labor Day and delayed school openings helped because Americans bought some items in September that they otherwise might have bought in August. And the comparisons with a year ago look good partly because last September was when the financial meltdown struck and sales plummeted.

The year since then has changed many Americans' habits. Anne Templeton, a 30-year-old in Indianapolis, now shares a Sam's Club membership with a friend and shops more at outlet malls than at Nordstrom.

She said she has finished about three-quarters of her holiday shopping — mostly buying items on sale.

"I've never couponed before," she said. "I don't know that I necessarily changed what I buy but ... how I buy it."

Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the shopping centers council, expected a 2 percent sales drop for September. For October, he expects sales to be unchanged from a year ago, a time when they were depressed because of the meltdown. The ICSC's tally excludes Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

"The data supports the view that the recovery is unfolding, but it is slow and uneven," Niemira said. "The consumer is still very much saving money and spending as little as possible."

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UN chief backs Gaza war crimes accounts

Frank Jordans
Associated Press

The U.N.'s top human rights official backed a report Thursday accusing Israeli forces and Palestinian militants of war crimes during their conflict in Gaza last winter.

Navi Pillay's endorsement of the report by an expert group led by Judge Richard Goldstone came as Israel warned the U.N. Human Rights Council that approving the document risked undermining Middle East peace.

Pillay told the 47-member council that she supported the report's recommendations, "including its call for urgent action to counter impunity" — meaning that Israel and Hamas must investigate and prosecute those who committed war crimes.

Pillay said it was necessary for both sides "to carry out impartial, independent,

prompt, and effective investigations into reported violations of human rights and humanitarian law" as recommended by the report.

Israeli Ambassador Aharon Leshno-Yaar rejected the Goldstone report as "biased and flawed," warning that a vote endorsing the document "will set back hopes for peace." He accused the council, which has a history of passing resolutions critical of the Jewish state, of using the report for more "Israel bashing."

The United States has taken a similar view that excessive attention to the report and alleged crimes in the Gaza war could hamper efforts to rejuvenate struggling peace efforts between Israelis and Palestinians.

"We stand at an important moment, and must all be mindful of the larger context of ongoing efforts to restart permanent status negotiations that would lead to the creation of a Palestin-

ian state," said U.S. diplomat Douglas M. Griffiths.

But Pillay, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said holding war criminals accountable and respect for human rights "are not obstacles to peace, but rather the preconditions on which trust and, ultimately, a durable peace can be built."

The council is debating a resolution that would endorse the Goldstone report's recommendation for the Security Council in New York to determine within six months whether both sides are carrying out credible investigations into alleged abuses. If they aren't, the matter should then be referred to prosecutors at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.

U.S. and European diplomats are opposed to sending the report to the more powerful Security Council for action.

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Sweat lodge deaths named homicides

Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press

The deaths of two people during a sweat lodge ceremony led by self-help expert James Arthur Ray are being investigated as homicides, authorities said Thursday.

Yavapai County Sheriff Steve Waugh said the deaths last week of Kirby Brown, 38, of Westtown N.Y. and James Shore, 40, of Milwaukee were not accidental.

"A combination of circumstances led to the deaths," Waugh said. "Whether or not we can prove a criminal case, that has yet to be determined."

Waugh said investigators are looking at the way the sweat lodge was built, the fact that people had fallen ill at previous sweat ceremonies led by Ray, and questionable medical care on site. Authorities have said a nurse hired by Ray was directing rescue efforts including CPR when emergency crews arrived.

Ray is the primary focus of the probe but others also are being investigated, the sheriff said.

Ray's spokesman, Howard Bragman, said the sheriff's use of "homicide" to characterize the investigation was irresponsible and a rush to judgment.

"I find it very interesting the police are trying to escalate the case in the media, and frankly, I

think the escalation should be in getting the facts," he said. "We have one goal and that is to find out what happened so that it never happens again."

Ray led more than 50 people into a makeshift sweat lodge at a rented retreat outside Sedona on Oct. 8. After about two hours, Brown and Shore were pulled out. Nineteen other people were taken to hospitals, and one remains in critical condition.

"He's a motivational speaker who tried his hand at very dangerous physical things, and it was reckless," Brown's cousin and family spokesman Tom McFeeley said of the sheriff's announcement. "It doesn't surprise us in the least."

Sheriff's Lt. David Rhodes said investigators have spoken to most of the sweat lodge participants, but they're not sure how much of what they're hearing is accurate. It was pitch black inside the structure and possible that no one noticed that Shore and Brown were passed out, authori-

ties said. "You have two people who died in the presence of 50 other people in an environment in which no one seems to understand what happened," Rhodes said.

Ray declined to be interviewed by the sheriff's office on the night of the incident and has not spoken with Arizona authorities. He hired his own investigative team to determine what went wrong, and Bragman said that team and Ray's attorney are cooperating with the sheriff's investigators.

A search warrant was served Wednesday at Ray's Carlsbad, Calif.-based company, James Ray International.

Deputies were looking for medical records of those attending the Sedona retreat, documents on the sweat lodge's construction and use, and any warnings of health risks, Waugh said.

The motivational speaker, author and self-help guru offers cli-

ents the promise of spiritual and financial wealth in his programs. The five-day "Spiritual Warrior" course during which the deaths occurred had about 50 participants who paid more than \$9,000 each.

The culmination was the sweat lodge ceremony. Records obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday showed local fire officials responded to the same retreat for a person who fell unconscious during a Ray-led sweat ceremony in 2005.

Ray held a telephone conference call with many of the sweat ceremony participants on Wednesday, according to people on the call. A recording of the call was made and transcribed by one of the listeners, said McFeeley, who also listened in and provided the transcript to the AP.

During the call, Ray stressed the importance of eating healthy food, exercising, resting, meditation and surrounding themselves with "like-minded individuals."

"Remember all that we've learned and experienced and knowing by law of the universe, that out of every apparent chaos comes a greater state of order, an order that never existed prior to the chaos," he said, after asking those on the conference call to imagine themselves standing in a prayer circle.

Ray said he used the call as a way to provide closure to those

attending the retreat outside Sedona, according to the transcript. Bragman confirmed the telephone conference was held.

Ray stopped short of apologizing to participants for not being at the Angel Valley Retreat Center the morning after the deaths, saying "I hope you understand it certainly wasn't my wish not to be with you and bring you some kind of closure."

Rhodes said he had no comment on the conference call, but said detectives have the transcript.

Fewer than a dozen callers were identified in the transcript, all of whom praised Ray and described his intentions as "pure" and their experiences as "profound." Cassandra Yorgey, a Pennsylvania columnist who also listened in on the call, said some of the people who were injured at the retreat participated in the call but their comments weren't included in the transcript.

Participants whose comments were included expressed sympathy for the families of the victims but suggested that the deaths of Brown and Shore were by choice.

"It breaks my heart to know that the families are suffering," said one caller identified as Brent. "I think that the people that left, I do believe they made their own choices, whether on this level or the next, but I do feel really for the families."

"We have one goal and that is to find out what happened so that it never happens again."

Howard BRAGMAN
Spokesman

Court allows release of partner petitions

Gene Johnson
Associated Press

Washington's secretary of state can release the names and addresses of people who signed petitions calling for a public vote on the state's expanded benefits for domestic partners, a federal appeals court said Thursday.

A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a previous decision by U.S. District Judge Benjamin Settle in Tacoma to block release of the petitions. Settle held that releasing the names could chill the First Amendment rights of petition signers.

Despite the appeals court ruling, the names weren't immediately released because a state court order remained in effect.

Janelle Guthrie, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Rob McKenna, said her office must now persuade a Thurston County judge to lift a temporary restraining order issued Wednesday forbidding the release of the petitions until the 9th Circuit could rule.

An assistant to the judge said he would not hear arguments until next week at the earliest.

Settle's ruling last month stunned open-government activists.

"These petitions are not like a secret ballot, but amount to taking part in our legislative process, which is required to be open and accountable," Secretary of State Sam Reed said.

Referendum 71 asks voters to approve or reject

the so-called "everything but marriage" law, which grants registered domestic partners the same legal benefits and rights as married heterosexuals.

Conservative Christian groups that sponsored R-71 want to keep the signed petitions out of public view because they fear harassment from gay-rights supporters, some of whom have vowed to post the names of petition signers on the Internet.

The conservative groups lost a fight to keep the identities of their campaign donors secret.

Referendum sponsor Gary Randall of Protect Washington Families said he, another campaign organizer and their lawyers were considering whether to ask the 9th Circuit for a rehearing with more judges.

"There's been calls and harassment and confrontation of people who donated who just thought they were participating in the democratic process," he said. "I don't think it's right."

The state attorney general's office argued that there's little evidence of threats or harassment amounting to more than a few rude phone calls.

In its brief order, the 9th Circuit panel said Settle used the wrong legal standard in granting the preliminary injunction that barred release of the petitions, and that the injunction therefore must be reversed.

The judges said they would later issue an opinion explaining their reasoning.

Feds deny protection for spotted seals near Alaska

Dan Joling
Associated Press

Spotted seals off Alaska's coast do not merit endangered species protection despite losses of Arctic sea ice from global warming, a federal agency announced Thursday.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, however, will list as threatened a small population of spotted seals that live off the coasts of Russia and China.

Doug Mecum, acting administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service Alaska region, said spotted seals in two populations closest to Alaska exceed 200,000 animals.

"We do not predict the expected fluctuations in sea ice will affect them enough to warrant listing at this time," Mecum said in a prepared statement.

The decision followed an 18-month status review.

A spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity said the decision was disappointing but not surprising. NOAA in December rejected listing ribbon seals, which use sea ice for reproduction and molting.

"We were hoping that NOAA under the Obama administration would actually adopt the precautionary principle that's built

into the Endangered Species Act," said attorney Brendan Cummings. "But unfortunately, when it comes to Arctic policy, they're largely indistinguishable from the Bush administration."

Spotted seals use spring sea ice for breeding, often choosing small floes near the sea ice edge that are separated from adjacent floes by slush or water.

Sea ice provides a dry platform during the lactation period and a resting area for pups when they learn to swim and feed. In summer, spotted seals can be found in open ocean or on shore.

The agency said spotted seals have three distinct populations. About 100,000 live near the eastern Bering Sea in U.S. waters and in the Gulf of Anadyr in Russia.

A second group of roughly 100,000 seals has breeding populations in both the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk.

The southernmost population of about 3,300 seals is centered in Liaodong Bay, China and Peter the Great Bay, Russia.

The agency acknowledged that climate change may alter habitat for all three populations. However, it concluded that spotted seals in the larger populations may move north in search of suitable habitat when ice is

reduced. Spotted seals also could whelp on land when ice conditions are poor, though breeding sites are limited and may expose seals to increased hunting and predation, according to the agency.

The two northern populations are large, have many offspring and a broad distribution, diminishing their need for protection under the Endangered Species Act, the agency said.

For the small southern population, lower winds and warmer temperatures likely will cause a decline in sea ice that's significant enough to harm the population, the agency said.

Cummings said climate projections indicate the spotted seal will lose 40 percent of its winter sea ice habitat in the Bering and Okhotsk seas off Alaska and Russia by 2050.

"I don't think you can pay attention to what's going on in the Arctic and say with a straight face that over the coming century, an ice-dependent seal has nothing to worry about," Cummings said. "Yet that's what NOAA is doing today."

His group has petitioned to list two other ice-dependent seals, bearded and ringed seals. In a court settlement, NOAA agreed to decide by Nov. 1, 2010, whether they should be listed.

Park service restricts access

Ben Neary
Associated Press

The National Park Service has approved a plan to restrict snowmobile numbers in Yellowstone National Park to less than half of last winter's limit. The park on Thursday announced daily limits that will allow up to 318 snowmobiles and up to 78 snowcoaches per day in the park for the next two winter seasons.

The park has allowed up to 720 snowmobiles a day into the park over the past five winters, but actual use has been far less.

Yellowstone spokesman Al Nash said the park saw an average of 205 snowmobiles and 29 snowcoaches last winter. The park's highest recorded day was 557 snowmobiles in late December 2007.

Nash said the Park Service will keep the 318-snowmobile limit in place for Yellowstone over the next two winter seasons as it crafts a permanent winter-use management plan for the park.

Disagreement over how many snowmobiles to allow into the park for years has pitted the state of Wyoming and some tourist communities near the park against the National Park Service and environmental groups determined to reduce traffic they say can disturb wildlife and the area's tranquility.

20 NC inmates going free due to 1970s law

Mike Baker
Associated Press

A cadre of murderers and rapists, several of whom victimized young girls, will be set free from North Carolina prisons this month after state courts agreed that a decades-old law defined life sentences as only 80 years long.

Dozens more inmates could be released in the coming months unless the state can figure out a legal recourse to keep them behind bars, officials said Thursday. North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue called them "dangerous criminals" who have repeatedly been denied parole.

"I'm appalled that the state of North Carolina is being forced to release prisoners who have committed the most heinous of crimes, without any review of their cases," Perdue

said in a statement.

One of the 20 inmates set for release, Bobby Bowden, had argued that a law adopted in 1974 clearly defined life sentences as just 80 years. The 60-year-old convicted murderer believed that the statute, combined with good conduct credits, means his life sentence is now complete.

The Court of Appeals sided with Bowden last year. North Carolina's Supreme Court rejected an appeal from the state earlier this month after a lawyer from the attorney general's office had argued that the 80-year figure was ambiguous and likely meant to determine when somebody would be eligible for parole.

Justices on the high court balked at that argument, and an attorney for Bowden called it "legal gymnastics." The statute, which was in place for several years in the 1970s, says: "A

sentence of life imprisonment shall be considered as a sentence of imprisonment for a term of 80 years in the state's prison."

A governor's list of prisoners set for freedom describes a range of gruesome crimes: John Montgomery, 58, was sent to prison in 1973 for raping a 15-year old girl while on escape from Guilford Correctional Center. Faye Brown, 56, was convicted on a first-degree murder charge for the 1975 killing of a state trooper during a bank robbery. Steven Wilson, 52, went to prison in 1978 for abducting and raping a 9-year-old girl.

All but one of the inmates have been convicted of murder or rape. The 20th, 57-year-old Charles Lynch, was convicted of two counts of second-degree burglary and assault with intent to commit rape.

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Quick takes on life from our editors

Freeway series

I'd love to see the Dodgers play the Angels in the World Series. I've always hated the World Series, though, because it knocks the Halloween episode of "The Simpsons" into November. Stupid baseball, but go Blue.

— Marcus

The darkside

So I have officially gone to the dark side and installed Windows 7 on my iMac. The sad thing is on the same hardware it runs faster than OSX.

— Jens

True love

True love is letting your lady watch Glee without complaining about how ridiculous you may view it. Yes, Glee is silly and a bit juvenile, but the catchy tunes and dramatic high school plot make it worth 43 minutes on Hulu.

— Kelsey

Breaking the law

Fun fact for the day: you have to have a light on your bicycle to ride it at night. Who knew?

— Elizabeth

Abuh?

I am pretty sure that I've hit the burnout point this semester. My brain has pulled down the shades and decided to take a nap. Why can't I put off midterms for another week? I need a vacation.

— Jake

Rainy day entertainment

On a cold and rainy day there is nothing like canoeing and "American Gladiator" style sword fighting on Wii Sports Resort. Nintendo really knows how to capitalize on mid-term stress and procrastination.

— Erin

Fascism

Yesterday, I was listening to a radio show, when a woman called in to comment on a new hate crime law in Congress. The caller then proceeded to explain how she felt about homosexuality. She announced that how she felt was the absolute truth and the government should prosecute anyone who disagreed with her absolute wisdom. I wish I was making this up. I just hope there aren't too many more fascists in this country.

— Jeffrey

Weather

I can't remember the last time it was this cold this early. My beautiful pumpkins froze over night last week, and now they are all mushy. This was the first time I had planted a garden, and the weather ruined it.

— Jennifer

The Grind

There's always that one person in each class who grates at you. Their comments grind and grind and grind, and it makes you feel like you're playing Monopoly with a three-year-old. There's someone like that in every class. College is difficult.

— Greg

Get out there and vote

City elections are just as important as federal elections

Maybe you heard about the smoking ban that went into effect earlier this year, barring people from smoking inside of bars and private clubs. You may have also heard about the noise ordinance that allows the Moscow Police Department to act without noise complainants.

Both were controversial, and both were measures enacted by the Moscow City Council.

As a college student, you may feel that you're isolated from town politics, as you spend a great deal of time on campus. Those who live on campus may especially feel that the city of Moscow and what goes on

there is irrelevant.

That line of thought could not be more wrong.

The Moscow City Council has a very real power that affects everyone in the city of Moscow, student or not. These elections don't seem to get a fraction of the attention that a national election receives; yet they have a strong effect on the community you live in.

Local elections are coming up on Nov. 3. The pre-registration deadline has already passed, but you can still vote by showing up to a voting precinct on Election Day and filling out a registration card, taking an oath, proving residency and show-

ing photo identification.

Voting is the most crucial part in the interaction between constituents and the people who lead them. Anyone who lives in Moscow, student or not, has a duty to inform themselves of where the candidates stand and to vote.

More information about the candidates can be found in question and answer form on the Latah County League of Women Voters website, at <http://community.palouse.net/lwvm>.

Information about the election can be found at <http://www.latah.id.us/elections>.

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Much ado about the Nobel Prize

President Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and like clockwork, Republicans have become angry. (I don't know when Republicans were last docile, actually. Maybe like — 1970?)

To me, the qualification barrier for a Nobel is sort of like the qualification barrier for being elected president, or appointed to the Supreme Court. Past a certain benchmark, qualified is qualified.

John McCain, a U.S. Senator for more than 20 years and a U.S. Representative before that, was certainly qualified. Joe Biden, a Senator for more than 30 years, was likewise qualified.

Barack Obama was a U.S. Senator for four years before his ascension to the presidency and a state legislator for eight years before that. Perhaps a touch more tenuous, but I don't think anyone seriously questioned his grasp of issues or public policy besides Joe Biden during the primary.

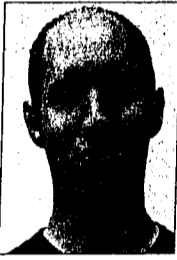
Sarah Palin, as an intellectually incurious governor for two years — who didn't bother getting a passport until 2006 — presents a more trying case. I suppose it is to her credit she did not seek the presidency, and neither did Obama openly seek the Nobel Peace Prize — in fact, he seemed just as surprised as everyone else when it was announced on Friday.

But in clarifying why he was given the prize, this week the committee said that Alfred Nobel's will stated the prize ought to go to the person who has done the most to advocate peace in the last year. Contrary to the Washington Post's edict that it ought to go to Neda Agha-Soltan, a deceased Iranian dissident, the Nobel Prize is precluded from posthumous awards.

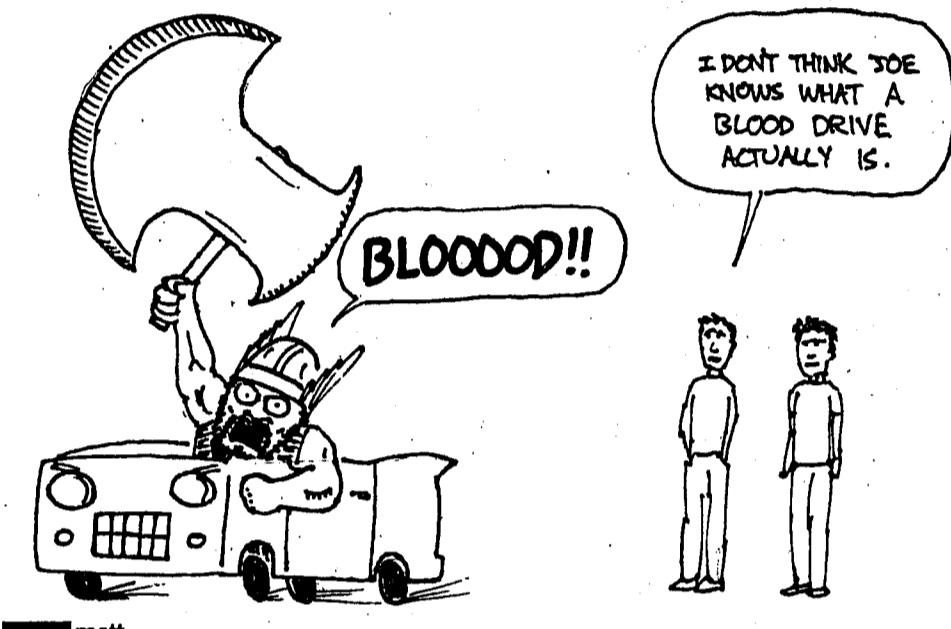
McCain, we remember, chanted "Bomb Iran" to the tune of the Beach Boys' "Barbara Ann." Contrarily, Obama has advocated for more disarmament from countries worldwide and has reinvigorated diplomatic talks, even with those nations some perceive to be our enemies (though none have declared war on America, nor attacked America under their own flag).

Obama has also elevated the post of Ambassador to the United Nations back up to the cabinet level, after President George W. Bush took it down a peg when he came into office. He would later nominate John R. Bolton to the post, who once declared "There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is only the international community, which can only be-

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Biblical homosexuality

At a public university, some opinions are all but forbidden to those who do not wish to receive threats. Nonetheless, the issue of homosexuality cannot be ignored and should not be told only from one side.

It is an unfortunate truth that many people have difficulty distinguishing between respecting a person and agreeing with all of his or her moral claims. When it comes to making and defending these moral claims, what the Bible has to say is a contentious area, some revering it, some despising it and most skewing it. However, when we look at a book many consider intolerant and condemning, what we actually find is acceptance and, more importantly, hope.

The debate today is often framed around the question of whether or not homosexuality is genetic, which is problematic because of the lack of reliable study in this area. In fact, the entire field of behavioral genetics is a tricky one, and even if researchers do someday connect one or more genes to homosexual behavior — which seems likely — the most that can be said is that genes may give a tendency toward a particular behavior; they do not determine our behavior.

We should also be clear that a genetic difference does not create a separate category of humans. As with other areas

of life, human sexual behavior is highly varied and polymorphous, and we cannot and should not try to place people in deterministic categories based on their current behavioral patterns or possible genetic makeup.

Yet whether or not homosexuality has a genetic component, it is clear that it is, in many ways, natural. Many claim this means there can be nothing wrong with it, but the Bible says the opposite. All sin, says the Bible, is natural due to our fallen state. Yet the Bible's picture of sin is more than a simplistic notion of rule breaking.

To quote psychologist Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, "The Bible describes most sins as pleasurable, natural and self-reinforcing to the point of compulsion. They are, in effect, addictions." According to the Bible, homosexuality is included, but far from alone, in this definition of sin.

It is the "far from alone" part which so many of us seem to forget, for the Bible's description of sin does not allow us to think in "us versus them" terms. It puts all on equal footing. There is no distinction between homosexuals on one side and good people on the other. Homosexuals are just us. Sinners are us. Most of the time, strict "biblical" condemnation of

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Just think grey thoughts

Andrew Lloyd Webber is producing a sequel to "Phantom of the Opera," his much-beloved musical about a guy in a mask and the extraordinarily repetitive music he makes. While I shudder at the thought of another generation's worth of insufferable Phantom fans under the false impression that this is the pinnacle of performance art, I'm kind of hopeful that he'll make something worth listening to after all these years of "Memories" and "Music of the Night."



matt ADAMS-WENGER
Argonaut

I generally have a viscerally negative reaction to Andrew Lloyd Webber. With a few exceptions, I think everything he writes is insultingly boring. But, he did write "Jesus Christ Superstar" and a smattering of other songs that I like. So clearly I can't just say Andrew Lloyd Webber sucks. I have to keep an open mind and decide on the product.

How often do we as opinionated human beings reach our opinionated conclusions about things without fairly considering why? We have so many tools at our disposal with which to come to informed decisions about what to think about things: we have

learned experience (the last "Transformers" movie was terrible, so I'm not going to see the next one), we have anecdotal evidence (my dad saw the new "Transformers" movie and he hated it, and I trust his opinion) and we have personal experience (I saw the new "Transformers" movie anyway and it was in fact terrible). And in general, these work pretty well for us as people.

But what about more important issues? Issues where there's grey area? Issues where there's no concrete right or wrong, better or worse? When it comes to social issues, what dictates where you stand? When it comes to value judgments, what informs your decisions?

The latest manufactured controversy surrounding the Obama administration is his "Safe Schools" "Czar," Kevin Jennings. I put scare quotes around those separately as he is technically the Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools at the U.S. Department of Education, and because there's no such thing as a czar in America, we just use that term because we have no word for "person with generally broad administrative

and executive decision-making powers." We've been using it for decades, so settle down, Glenn Beck.

Jennings is gay. He founded the Gay and Lesbian Independent School Teachers Education Network in 1990. Once, while he was a high school teacher, a 16-year-old gay student approached him to talk about a purely verbal exchange the student had with an older gentleman.

Based on those facts alone, do you have an opinion of Jennings? Based on those facts alone, can you think of any reason to discriminate against him or feel he should step down from his role in the Obama administration?

I see those facts and I shrug. There's nothing incendiary or controversial about them. I can find those out from his website or from the memoir he published in 2006. Now, I could watch Fox News and be told the boy reported a sexual relationship, which is a lie, or that Jennings covered up these (fictional) acts of statutory rape, which is a lie. If that's all I knew, maybe I'd have a more negative opinion.

And maybe if all I'd ever heard of Andrew Lloyd Webber was "Cats," I'd think he was a hack. But as is always the case, there's more to it than that.

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Dropping that freshman fifteen

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Believe it or not, I used to be in shape.

I played sports my entire life. I played football since fifth grade, basketball most of my life and even dabbled with rugby my senior year of high school.

I was the star third-string strong safety of my football team in high school. Trust me, teams did not want to be up by 50 points or else they would have to play me.

Now, since I was always active, my terrible diet really never had an effect on me. My diet usually consisted of Doritos, fast food dollar menus and, of course, six or seven bottles of Coke a day. Fruit and salads were never my bag.

When I got to college, I started to gain weight. Amazing. Apparently, covering sports is not the same as actually participating. I know, it doesn't make sense to me either but that is how the berry belly under my shirt came to be.

So earlier this summer, I decided I would try and get back to my old self. For the first time since I can remember, I started to exercise.

My first thought was to start running. Plenty of people do it. It's easy, free and any person with the coordination of putting one foot in front of the other at a speed faster than walking can do it.

Bad move. For someone who has not ran in three straight years, it was a hell of a lot harder than I remember.

Maybe it's the extra pounds on my body, maybe it was the pack of cigarettes I smoke every day or maybe it was because of global warming, but I nearly died after

one mile. I looked like Tim Tebow after the hit he took this weekend, except I had a Kool hanging out of my mouth. I am going to chalk that one up to global warming.

My next thought was to start riding a bike - I had an old one in my garage and, in theory, it was perfect. First of all, you sit down the entire time. And second, you only have to use half your body, the lazy man's exercise.

But, wait a minute. Lance Armstrong rode a bike and he lost a testicle. On second thought, scratch that idea.

Finally, I thought, "Why don't I start playing a team sport again?" I had success with that when I was younger, what could go wrong?

So, I joined my friends in a couple of pick-up basketball games over the summer. Once again, bad idea.

For the first time in my life, I was consistently the last pick. I had the court presence of Fat Elvis and my court IQ was consistent with a golf ball. When you are scrimmaging against freshman in high school and they are taking the ball with ease, it is time to retire.

I thought to myself, what else could I do? So, I threw on a bunch of sweatshirts, turned the heat up in my room and let the hot air do its work.

I awoke several hours later in a daze with a giant lump on my head and red paint all over my face and dresser. Damn it, that didn't work, the fat just transferred to a mound on my forehead.

So, I cut out the exercising idea, ate some food that was a little better for me and switched to diet pop.

Maybe I'll try again next year.

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led by the only remaining superpower, which is the United States."

Forgive me, but is that a very diplomatic thing for a diplomat to say? "Saturday Night Live" may well be correct in declaring Obama got the award for not being Bush. But the quip obscures the differences in the presidencies, and their views of the priceless soft power so important to defuse what might otherwise be tendencies toward hostility and terrorism.

The question ought not to be, was there a more qualified person? The question ought to be, was Obama qualified? My answer — just as qualified as he was for the presidency.

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homosexuality comes not from compassion or a desire to see people saved, but from self-righteousness and a lack of self-examination.

The message of the Bible is not that homosexuals are unredeemable hell-bound sinners; it is that we are all redeemable hell-bound sinners, redeemable not by our power, but by God's grace. We do no one any favors when we pretend sinful behavior of any variety is something other than what the Bible says it is, and

an honest, compassionate person must take this stance, however difficult, on homosexuality.

There are two kinds of compassion: the cheap, easy, external kind that involves smiles and hugs and makes people like you, and the difficult, caring but honest kind that involves truth, commitment and hard struggles. The second kind does not make you popular and may even invite scorn, but it is the way that must be taken by those who truly care about someone in a difficult and dangerous situation. Sadly, those who struggle with homosexuality rarely experience

the second kind, and too often they find neither.

It is important not to deceive ourselves in order to make someone comfortable, or to imply that we're all okay because nobody is perfect. The Bible is clear that the only way to be saved is through Christ, and that if we truly give our lives to him he will change us and begin to remove the sin from our lives. Christians, therefore, should be eager to help people leave homosexual lifestyles, but at the same time it does no good to trivialize a move into or out of homosexuality as easy or simple, as though people should "just choose to be

straight." To approach the issue in such a way demonizes those involved as either weak or willfully evil. This view is misguided, dishonest and unhelpful.

Our minds and souls are complex, mysterious, and difficult to change. Neither our psychologists, nor our pastors nor we ourselves fully understand them, and we should all be wary of passing judgment over others for their patterns of behavior.

It is God's place to judge. Our place is simply to show His love, however hard it may be.

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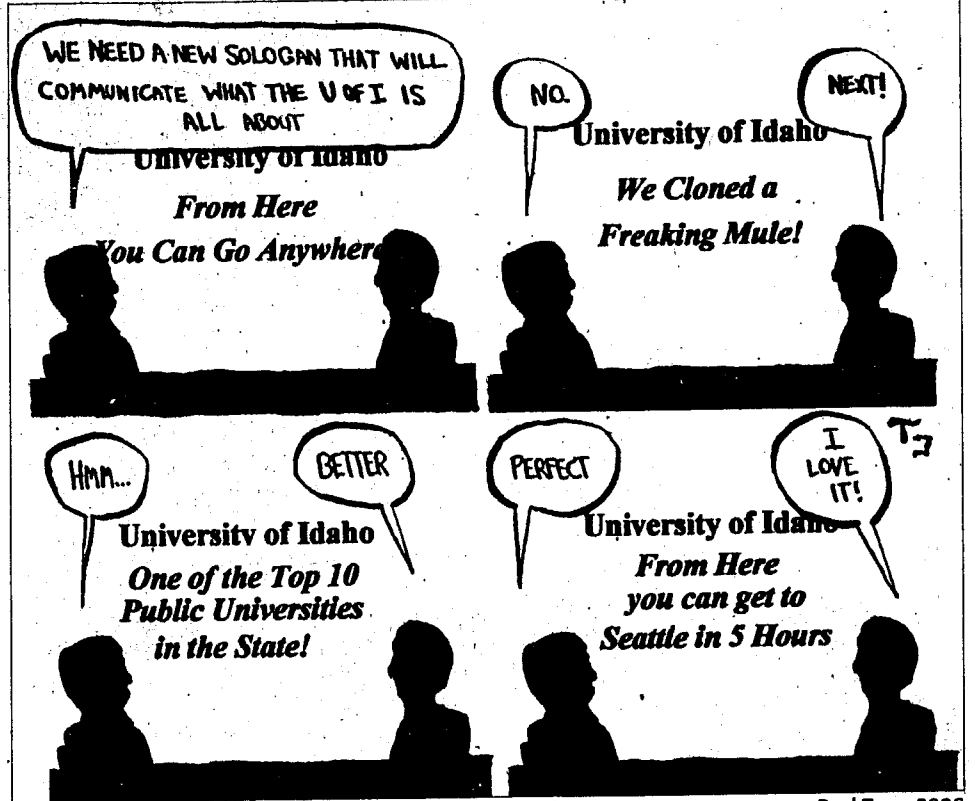
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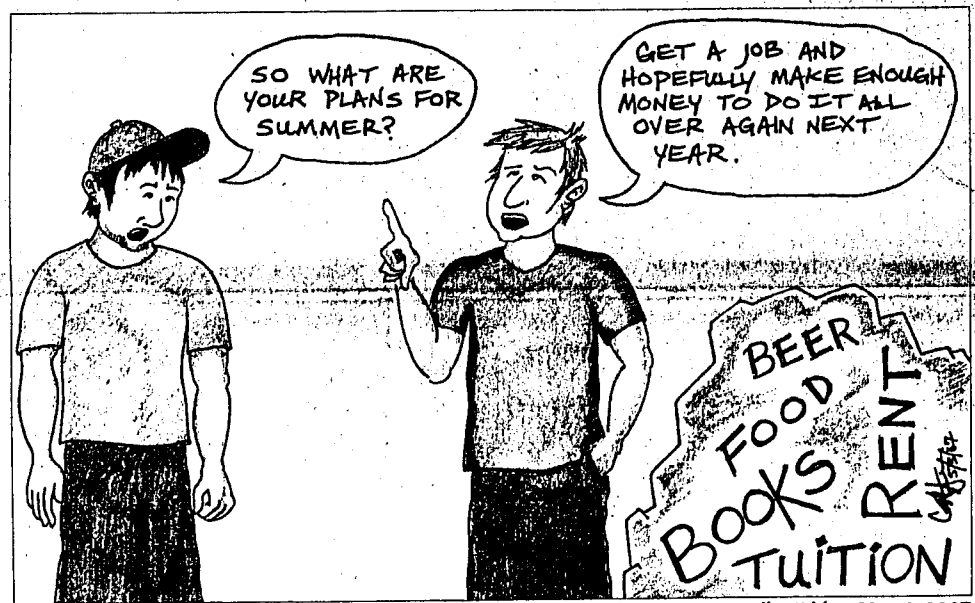
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Snooping in celebrities' lives

...Taylor Lautner or Twilight and Taylor Swift are dating. Or at least hanging out a lot and giving each other awkwardly long hugs. Plus, Lautner attended two of Swift's concerts last week. Are they the next celeb super "tween" couple after the split between Joe Jonas and Camilla Belle? Let's hope Kanye doesn't ruin this for Swift too.

Kardashian is bodacious

Everyone knows Kim Kardashian is the "hot one" of the Kardashian clan and the reason why the family is even popular in the first place. Fans might be worried that Kim's overall bodaciousness is making her other sisters look not as hot ... but regardless, will the world ever forgive Khloe Kardashian for not being skinny? She's lost 25 pounds and posed on a magazine cover in a bikini.

Family looks from the doc

You know the saying that if you want to know how a girl is going to look in her old age, you just have to look at her mom? Well, Brooke Hogan is looking more and



stephanie
HALE-LOPEZ
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tweet on Miley

While most parents are trying to get their children off "Twitter," Billy Ray Cyrus is urging Miley to get back on. The tween queen deleted her account to keep her personal life private. Who cares? It's not like her personal life won't be in the media anyway.

Tatum is a stripper, what?

Ummm ... am I the only one who recently found out Channing Tatum used to be a male stripper at a club in Florida when he was 18? I was a little stunned, but then again I always thought he had a certain "je ne c'est quoi" for that type of gig.

The best couple ever

Looking back on 2001, some fans might miss seeing Britney and Justin together. After witnessing Timberlake's perma-pout when he's with Jessica Biel, you can't help but reminisce over the days when Justin had highlights and Britney was a virgin.

Lauren Conrad's fictional book about a girl starring in a reality show is being turned into a movie. But who will star in the reality-show-turned-novel-turned-film? Lindsay Lohan would be an ideal pick to play the role of Audrina Partridge. We all know the girl could use the work, and they have the matching glassy eyes and everything. Casting Lohan as a girl who spends all her life clubbing in spandex and surrounded by cameras? She wouldn't even have to act.

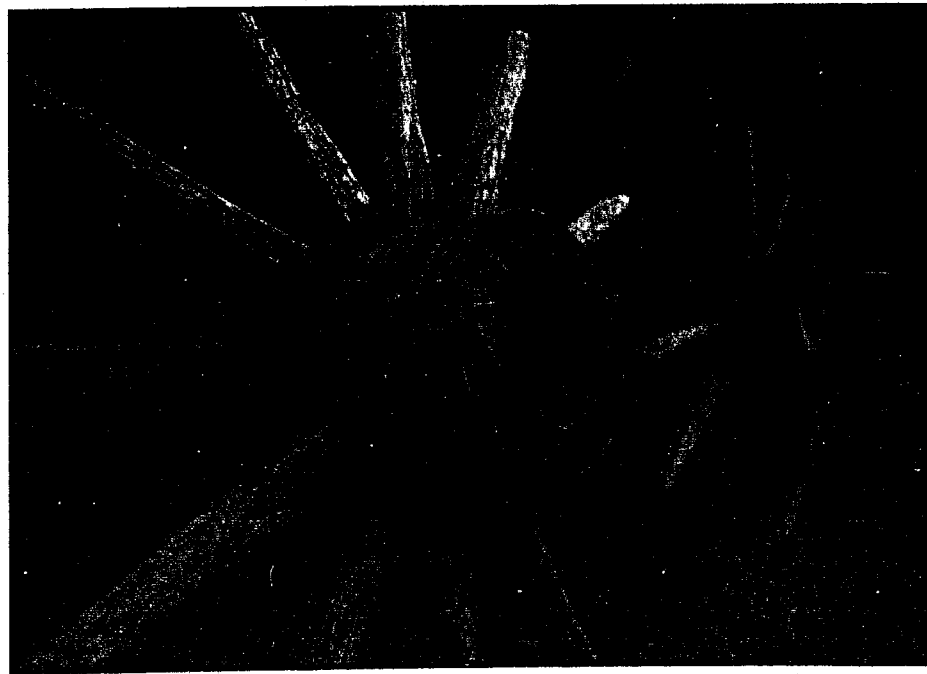
Swine hits the Backstreet

The Backstreet Boys are still worried about band mate Brian Littrell. He was diagnosed with the swine flu in early October. How do we know this, you ask? Littrell has been documenting his encounter with the swizzle via YouTube. What has the Internet done to us?

Original idea

Chris Rock is getting sued by a random girl claiming he stole her idea about making a movie about black hair-stylists ... because that's not an overplayed movie line or anything ... *coughTheBarberShopcough*

WAGON WHEELS



Art photo by Jake Barber/Argonaut
A broken wagon wheel rests against an old farm building in rural Montana.

Commanders bring jazz to Idaho

Jeff Myers
Argonaut

U.S. Air Force Academy's jazz band, The Commanders will perform, Oct. 15 at the University of Idaho as part of an eight-day tour across Idaho and Oregon. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium and will showcase the Air Force band as well as several UI music students.

Technical Sgt. Mike Williams — the band's leader and keyboard player — is excited for the performance. The Commanders are planning a varied program, said Williams, who has been playing with The Commanders for two years.

The band incorporates a wide range from 1940s Big Band swing to modern jazz. While jazz and patriotic

tunes will be the focus of the night, the band will also perform alongside some members of the UI band.

"We're really looking forward to that one," Williams said.

Casey Emerson, a graduate student at UI studying saxophone performance, is one of the Vandals who will be playing alongside The Commanders.

"It's always nice to get to play with someone who's not in your area," Emerson said. "It's going to be exciting to hear."

The UI students will open the night before The Commanders play a few numbers from famous artists such as Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie. The onstage students will join them after for a finale.

The Commanders is a

13-member section of the larger 45-member USAF Band of the Golden West, and features service men and women performing a variety of popular hits.

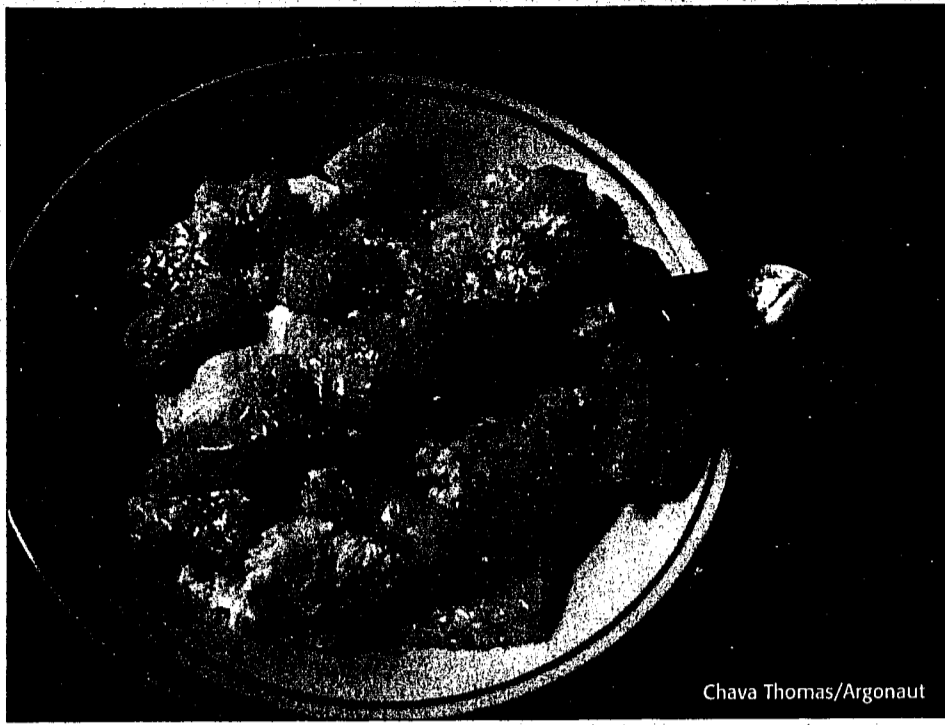
As part of the tour, The Commanders will also play at high schools in Coeur D'Alene, Lewiston and Baker City, as well as the College of Idaho and Boise State University.

While the upcoming tour focuses mainly on Northern Idaho and the surrounding area, the band has also traveled across the Western U.S., performing in Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

The concert is free to the public and tickets can be picked up from the UI ROTC, the Lionel Hampton School of Music and Moscow City Hall. Williams said he encourages anyone who is interested in jazz music to attend.

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Rice is nice



Chava Thomas/Argonaut

Classic applications for a classic grain

Chicken soup with rice was my mother's dinner every night growing up in a small village in Ukraine. When my sister and I are sick, she makes the slow-cooked chicken soup from scratch and cooks brown rice to go with it. The chewy texture of the rice with the heat of the soup cures any illness I might have.



chava
THOMAS
Argonaut

There are many applications for rice. It can be eaten on its own, with a little butter and salt for flavor, or incorporated into a stir-fry. There are even desserts made with rice, like rice pudding and mochi, a gummy rice dough popular in Asia.

To cook regular white rice, measure the rice into a saucepan, and then add double the amount of water. One-quarter cup of dry rice makes a small serving appropriate for a side dish for one. Bring to

a boil then reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and keep the cover on while you let the rice stand for 10 minutes. Fluff the rice with a fork and serve as desired. I like plain rice with a pat of butter and kosher salt.

Classic rice pudding is easy, and it's a great way to use leftover rice from the night before. I love eating it for breakfast. If a premade pudding is desired, Kozy Shack makes an excellent variety and it is widely available.

People with gluten intolerance often miss out on delicious baked goods. Substituting rice flour for wheat flour is easy — just reduce the measure of flour by one-eighth. If you are using rice flour as a breading, just substitute it straight across. Gluten intolerance does not have to limit your baking.

Green Tea Mochi

Serve this mochi chopped into pieces as a dessert topping, or cut it into squares and used to encase frozen balls of ice cream. This recipe makes a large amount of mochi.

- 1 cup brewed green tea
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 box sweet rice flour (I found Mochiko sweet rice flour at Rosauers in the Asian food section.)
- Water

Add the green tea to a saucepan and heat on a burner set to medium. Reduce by half. After tea is reduced, add sugar and one-half cup water. Reduce heat and stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat.

Mix the flour and 3 cups water in a microwave safe bowl until smooth. Microwave on high power for five minutes, stir and microwave for five more minutes. Stir in the syrup and mix well. Pour the mixture into a large greased casserole dish and cool. Use immediately or refrigerate in an airtight container.

Documentary details violence against women

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Imagine yourself at 16 — barely settling into middle school or high school and oblivious to most of the world around you. Now imagine you were told you were being given a recording contract with a fairly well-known record label, and you'd be able to do what you always dreamed of doing: singing. Life is going well, and people begin to recognize you for your beauty and your voice.

Then suddenly a man falls in love with you, but not just any man — a much older, powerful man, one who is important and noticeable throughout the country. And with that power, he coerces you into staying with him, though you do not love him. He threatens you if you say you want to leave and keeps a gun around to make sure you don't try. So you stay.

But it's not long before you find out he's a married man. And one day, with no warning, his wife — whom you've never met — grabs you on the street by the hair, beats you and throws a liter of acid over your face and body.

The life you knew is instantly taken away, and the people who were responsible are never brought to justice.

This is the story of Tat Marina, a Cambodian woman who was allegedly attacked by Undersecretary of State Svay Sitha's wife in 1999. Ten years and 25 surgeries later, Marina's appearance is still a shadow of her former self. She was lucky enough to be granted juvenile amnesty in the U.S. after she was attacked, but every morning she literally draws most of her features onto her face in eyeliner, eyebrow pencil and lip liner. Marina wears hoods to cover her face in public, and she lives in a constant

state of fear for her family, who were still living in Cambodia at the time of the film, and were threatened many times by Sitha.

"Finding Face" does not play soft with its audience. Most of the film speaks for itself through Marina's testimonial, in addition to her family's, but the filmmakers also let the audience watch as Marina's family sees her on film for the first time since she was attacked. Their reaction to her appearance — which they had assumed would be closer to her former self — is one of the most heartbreaking moments of the film.

Documentaries like this one are vitally important to see, even if it's hard to watch. Not only does it illustrate the horror Marina and her family went through, but it also profiles several other women who were attacked with acid and were not as lucky as Marina.

Their appearances are much worse than hers, but their courage is astounding. One woman whose eyes are sealed shut and has burns across her face and down her neck said she actually feels more comfortable with herself than she did before she was attacked. She said she wants people to see what happened to her to raise awareness about the growing problem of acid attacks.

"Finding Face" brings this disturbing crime that is on the rise into harsh focus. They point out the highest rates of acid attacks are in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United Kingdom and the U.S. — proving this is not just a third-world country issue.

The film accomplishes everything it set out to do and more — getting people talking about an issue largely ignored before, telling a powerful story of injustice, human rights violations and gender-based violence.

"Finding Face" is a film the viewer will never forget.



"Finding Face"
Patti Duncan,
Skye Fitzgerald
2009

McGraw, 'New Black' among new releases

Anthony Saia
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Music

Various Artists
New Moon Soundtrack

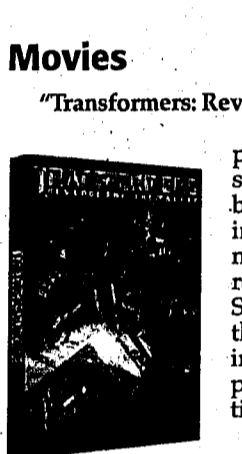
The new soundtrack for the next film in the *Twilight* series. Death Cab for Cutie takes over the leading single, replacing Paramore with their track "Meet Me on the Equinox." In addition to Death Cab, Lykke Li, Bon Iver and OK Go make appearances on the disc as well, but the question remains — Team Edward or Team Jacob?

Available Oct. 20 at Hastings, Hot Topic and iTunes

Tim McGraw
Southern Voice

Southern Voice, McGraw's twelfth album, features the single, "It's a Business Doing Pleasure With You," which could refer to McGraw thinking about leaving Curb Records after a dispute for an unsanctioned release of a greatest hits album in 2008.

Available Oct. 20 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes



Movies

"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"



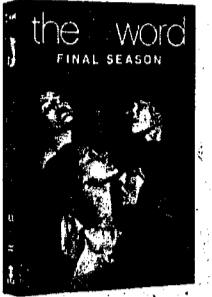
The highly-anticipated release of this summer's blockbuster that brought in more than \$400 million is slated to release Tuesday. Shia LeBeouf joins the Autobots again in order to save the planet from destruction — again.

Available Oct. 20 at Amazon, Hastings (at midnight),

"L Word: Final Season"

After five seasons on the Showtime network following the still popular "Queer as Folk" series, "L Word" does not disappoint. From controversial issues such as gay marriage to "Don't ask, don't tell," the series is a pioneering force to be reckoned with.

Available Oct. 20 at Hastings, Howard Hughes Video, Movie Gallery and Netflix



Books

"I Am the New Black," by Tracy Morgan
Published by Spiegel & Grau

The hilarious Tracy Morgan is yet another alum of Saturday Night Live who got a book deal. This one promises some laugh out loud moments as well as some tear-jerking ones.

Morgan cites aspects such as living life in the projects of Coney Island and his rise to Hollywood fame and stardom. Grab your bellies, because this promises to be a gut buster.

Available Oct. 20 at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Hastings

Video Games

Nothing worth noting this week in video games unless you are a huge PlayStation Portable fan. If so, then heads up — PSP will be releasing their "Gran Turismo PSP Entertainment Pack," which features a "mystic silver" PSP 3000 and a downloadable code to get a playable Corvette ZR1 with color (not offered in the game itself).

Available Oct. 20 at Hastings and playstation.com

Flaming Lips maintain style, stretch boundaries

Rachelq Harman
Argonaut

The Flaming Lips have been around for a while, but some things — like their love of crazy synthesizers and halting vocals — never change. To those unfamiliar with the Flaming Lips' style, *Embryonic*, their twelfth album, might sound unfocused, chaotic and at times baffling.

Songs jump from mellow single-synth and vocal tracks to pieces featuring more instruments and layered melodies then should be allowed in a single studio. However, while they are not always easy to listen to, their often-discordant style is rewarding for those who take the time to appreciate it.

Embryonic is by no means radio material, nor is it intended to please the ear upon first listen. Instead, it experiments with structure and builds upon itself. With each listen, different layers stand out and the tracks begin to flow together. *Embryonic*, their first double album,

is new territory for the Flaming Lips.

The 18-track, two-disc

set covers a lot of terrain, both musically and lyrically. Featuring guest vocals from the Yeah Yeah Yeah's songstress Karen O and indie rockers MGMT, the album shifts from quiet declarations of the evils of the human race to bizarre call-and-response animal noises to raucous drum and bass-driven outbursts of love.

Despite the variety in pacing and instrumentation, *Embryonic* is held together by its melancholy sound and repetition of themes. This is not a happy album. Many of the songs are played in the minor key, including songs that lyrically have no reason to sound sad. Other songs lament how vile humanity has become.

It takes multiple listens

to get past the extremely experimental feel present in most of the tracks, and even more to begin to decipher what exactly is being addressed.

The track names are often long and seemingly nonsensical, like "Sagittarius Silver Announcement," yet fit with the feel of the album as a whole. *Embryonic* is not the jaunty, poppy romp many look

for when purchasing music. Instead, it is perfect for studying, reading, or simply relaxing.

The Flaming Lips have gone a lot of places with their music over their quarter-century long career, and their latest release is not nearly the strangest one they have produced. *Embryonic* is not for everyone, but for those willing to try something outside the box, it is definitely an experience.



The Flaming Lips
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The Commanders Jazz Ensemble of the Air Force Band of the Golden West
Guest Recital
Friday
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

Tuesday
3:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

Ridenbaugh Haunted House
Saturday
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Ridenbaugh Hall

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
Auditorium Chamber Music Series
Tuesday,
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

University Chorus Vandaleers
Sunday
3:00 p.m.
University Auditorium

Student Chamber Music Series
Thursday, Oct. 29
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

David Shifrin, clarinet, Master Class
Auditorium Chamber Music Series

Tubaween
Saturday, Oct. 31
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

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Saturday, Oct. 17

Haunted Hall
7:00 - 10:00p.m.
Ridenbaugh Hall
To get into the Halloween spirit, Ridenbaugh Hall will become a haunted house for one night. The first hour is a slightly less scary experience, meant for children 12 and under. The remainder of the night is more frightening, open to teens and adults.

Admission is one or more cans of food per person. All donations will benefit the Moscow Food Bank. This event is put on collectively by music students at the University of Idaho, the Music Educator's National Conference, Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia men's music fraternity.

Look for a review of the Ridenbaugh haunted house in Wednesday's issue of The Argonaut.

Zombie Mosh
8:00 p.m.
Thai Ginger Bar, Pullman
The show coordinates with the Zombie Mosh across the nation and encourages the audience to dress up like zombies. The show is for people more than 21 years old, is free and will include prizes for the best zombie costume.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Bra-to-Purse Workshop
12:30 p.m.
Memorial Gym, Women's Center Lounge (Room 109)
In observance of October's National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, old bras will be made into an evening bag in a hands-on workshop. Evening bags created and donated to the Women's Center will be auctioned at a grand gala in March 2010 to support the Women's Center and breast cancer research. Decorative supplies will be provided, but participants will need to bring their own bras.

Screen of "The Alps"
7:30 p.m.
Janssen Engineering Building, Room 104
Adventurer, writer, photographer and filmmaker John Harlin III was nine years old when his father died in a fall on the north face of the Eiger mountain in the

Swiss Alps, on the route that became known as the "Harlin Route." Forty years later, Harlin made his own Eiger north face climb, which was documented by a movie crew for the film "The Alps." The IMAX film will be screened for the Outdoor Program Adventure and Lecture Series. For more information, visit campusrec.uidaho.edu/outdoor, or contact Mike Beiser at (208) 885-6810 or mikeb@uidaho.edu.

Nii Tettey Tetteh and the Kusun Ensemble
8 p.m.
Student Union Building Ballroom
The Nii Tettey Tetteh and the Kusun Ensemble will perform African dancing and drumming in the ballroom. This company does traditional and contemporary African music and dance from Ghana. They will also be conducting a workshop in the SUB Gold Room before the performance starting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Steve Almond: Acclaimed Author and Distinguished Visiting Writer
7:30 p.m.
College of Law Courtroom
Steve Almond, an acclaimed author and distinguished visiting writer will read from his work. Almond is the author of the short story collections "The Evil B.B. Chow" and "My Life in Heavy Metal," and the nonfiction book "Candyfreak: A Journey through the Chocolate Underbelly of America." He is the co-author (with Julianna Baggott) of the novel "Which Brings Me to You" and the essay collection "Not that You Asked."

Thursday, Oct. 22

1st Annual Health and Fitness Fair
9 a.m.
Student Recreation Center
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Friday, Oct. 23

"Dracula: The Untold Story"
7:30 p.m.

Hartung Theatre
The University of Idaho Theatre Arts presents, "Dracula: The Untold Story." This spoof of the iconic vampire tale by Mary Lynn Dobson is overflowing with easy-on-the-brain humor and wit, smart banter and physical comedy. The Seward Sanatorium, amidst the howling wolves, creeping mists and blowing winds, houses the 20-year-old Lucy Seward and mama's boy Jonathan Harker. Seward's reluctance to marry and commit is fueled higher as the swarthy Count Dracula moves into the neighborhood. For ticket prices and additional info, visit www.uitheatre.com or call (208) 885-6465.

Saturday, Oct. 24

Dracula: The Untold Story
2 and 7:30 p.m.
Hartung Theatre

Africa Night 2009: "Africa Adorned"
5 p.m.
Student Union Building Ballroom
UI's African Students Association will mark its tenth anniversary with a showcase of African culture and heritage. The celebration includes dances and skits, awards, information about the association's history, authentic cuisine and an anniversary cake. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students, \$5 for children ages 6-12 years, and children under age 6 are admitted for free. Tickets are available at the International Programs Office, SUB and Idaho Commons, or will be available at the door. For more information, contact association treasurer Steve Odubiyi (208) 310-9305.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Dracula: The Untold Story
2 p.m.
Hartung Theatre

Vandaleers Concert: Global Voices
3 p.m.
Administration Building, University Auditorium
UI's Vandaleer concert choir and University Chorus will perform music from Brazil, Cameroon, China, England, France, Germany, Nigeria and Slovenia. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 students and senior citizens, available at the door. For more information, call (208) 885-6231.



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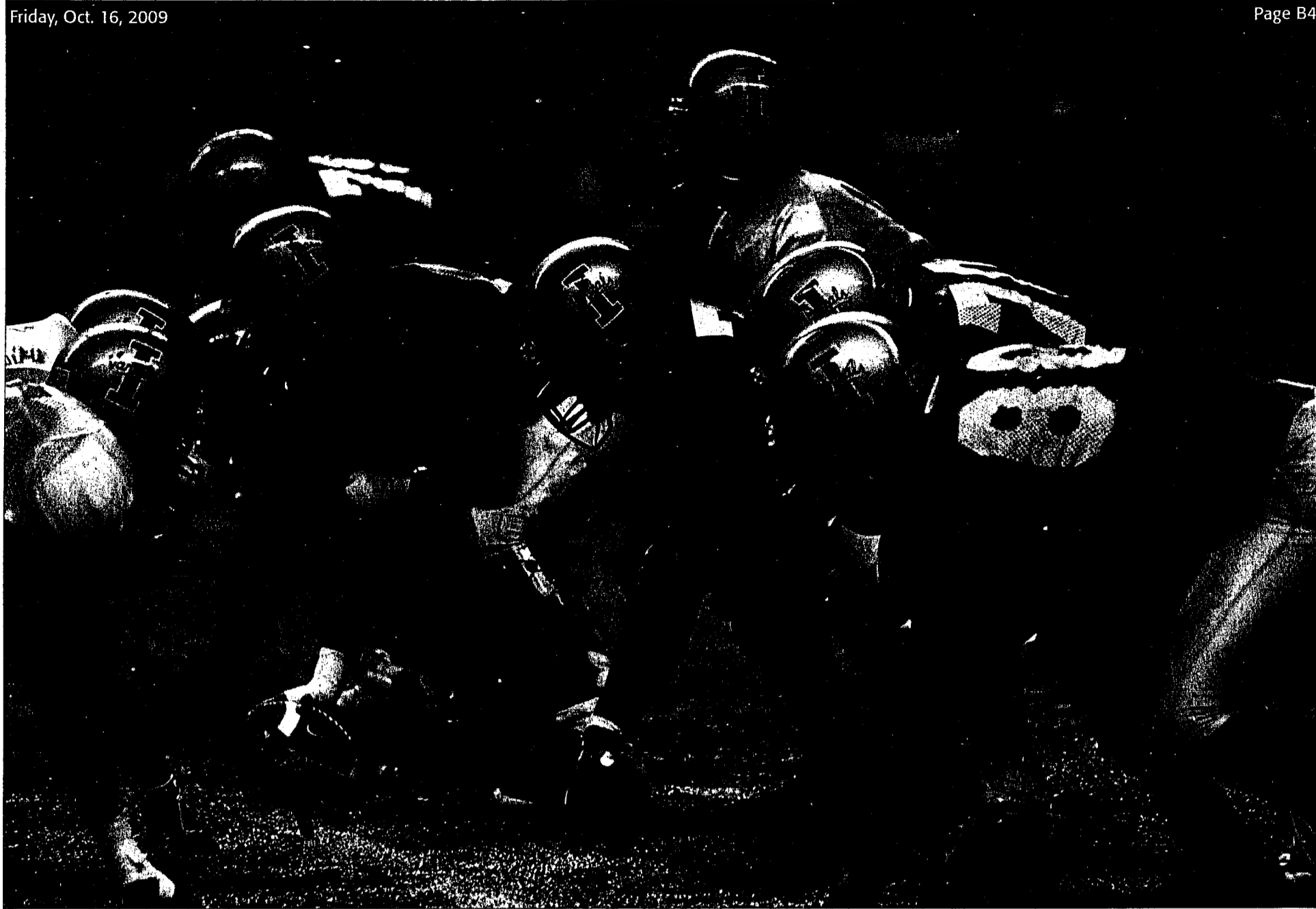
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Vandal quarterback Nathan Enderle calls plays under center during practice Wednesday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. Enderle, the offensive line and the rest of the Vandals will take on the Hawai'i Warriors at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Kibbie Dome.

I The magic number

FOOTBALL

A sixth win against the Hawai'i Warriors on Saturday could make the Vandals bowl-eligible

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

This season, the Vandal football team has been checking off goal after goal, from winning their first conference game to winning the first away game and home game. At 2 p.m. tomorrow the Vandals will face off against Hawai'i (2-3, 0-2 WAC), a team that is looking to stop their three-game losing streak. For the Vandals, however, Saturday is a game of pressure, and a game of needed change. If the Vandals win tomorrow, they will make a step toward bowl eligibility.

"We're on a good roll right now," coach Robb Akey said. "Six is a magic number — you need to win more than six to secure your bowl, but you can't win more

without getting that one. This week we have an opportunity to accomplish that."

For the athletes, a sixth win is just one more proof they are a changed team, but quarterback Nathan Enderle said it would be almost a shame to make their goal just six wins.

"With the season we've had it'd be a shame to see that as a goal anymore," Enderle said. "A goal for us now would be nine, 10, 11 wins. Six is just a stepping stone."

The Vandals have prepared for tomorrow's game just like any other game and plan to walk out on the field with their heads held high.

"At the end of each week we always feel we've got a lot of work done," safety Shiloh Keo said. "I think we'll be going into this game

with our heads held high but still a chip on our shoulder."

Although the players have it in their minds that tomorrow's game is an important one, they aren't letting the pressure take over. Keo said the team is taking it week by week because if the team were to win the sixth game, they still have to be ready for number seven. Still, the players are optimistic about their football future.

"Every year I tell my dad that I won't be seeing him in December and unfortunately that hasn't happened yet," Keo said. "But things are rolling this year and it's a possibility it might happen."

This week, as the team has been preparing for the Hawai'i Warriors, there have been no questions as to what they might face.

After Hawai'i lost their starting quarterback and their second-string quarterback to injuries, they have been forced to start third-string sophomore Bryant Moniz, who completed 24 of 52 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns in his first career game.

"With a game under his belt, he's not a rookie anymore," Keo said. "We have a lot of work in front of us."

But the Vandals still have Enderle, who endured a rough game against San Jose State with three interceptions, but was still able to come out with a win and a total of 227 yards passing. Akey said he has confidence in Enderle to turn-around from last Saturday's game. Currently, Enderle is second in the WAC for passing an

average of 197 yards per game—behind San Jose State's quarterback whom the Vandals defeated last Saturday.

"Nate is our starter absolutely," Akey said. "I've got all the confidence in the world."

Enderle said he knew the picks were mental mistakes—something that never should have happened and Enderle is determined to make a change tomorrow.

The Warriors have won the last seven games against Idaho, holding an 8-1 advantage. The Vandals only victory was won in 1960.

With a nationally ranked wide receiver Greg Salas, who averages 136 yards per game, the Vandals' No. 1 priority is to stop the pass defense. Akey said he plans to focus more pressure on the quarterback.

Football's Mic Check

The one constant that can be taken away from football season, both college and professional, is the comically bad state of announcing that dominates television coverage. I never thought I would say this but I yearn for the days of Dennis Miller on Monday Night Football.

It is hard to even pick a place to begin because the epidemic of horrible football broadcasting is widespread. It probably makes the most sense to start with the beloved Vandals and the broadcast duo of Mike Lamb and the other guy.

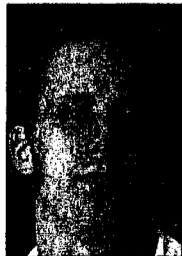
For starters, I am a bit biased because I have met Mike Lamb and like the guy, but he does a really good job when compared to other color commentators. Lamb obviously knows the game but can still watch through the eyes of a fan.

This makes him a lot better than most other color commentators who are either so far detached from the fan that they speak in a bunch of boring jargon, or the commentators who basically operate as a mouth piece for fans.

While Lamb has achieved a balance that makes watching enjoyable, the play-by-play fel-

low, who's name I do not know and cannot find, is cringe worthy at best and downright atrocious at worst. The first time I saw him I wondered why Chris Farley was doing play-by-play when he should be busy not being alive.

The biggest problem with the Idaho play-by-play announcer is his inability to focus on what is going on. Too many times he is talking about some non-related event to what is happening either with the game or what is being shown on the screen.



Cheyenne HOLLIS

Argonaut While the Idaho announcing team has its shortcomings, it is certainly not the worst. In fact, NCAA announce teams in general are not as bad as their NFL counterparts. The college broadcast teams are far from perfect but most do a serviceable job considering the sheer number of play-by-play announcers and color commentators involved.

I would rather not listen to Bob Davie or Rod Gilmore if it can be avoided. I think I saw a game in which Lou Holtz provided color commentary but that could have also been a bad dream.

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I A must-win game

SOCCER

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Coach Pete Showler frequently says the conference season is played on a game-by-game basis, and it's important to go into a game as if you need a win.

Never is this more important for the Vandals than Sunday at noon, when they face off against Boise State at Guy Wicks Field.

"Every conference game means everything," Showler said. "It's a must-win situation."

The Vandals are in desperate need of a win following back-to-back home losses against Nevada and Utah State last weekend. Combining that with their loss against New Mexico, the Vandals have dropped three in a row, a feat they have not accomplished this year.

"We just have to regroup," Showler said. "We have to continue to play good soccer and create those opportunities."



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut
Freshman goalkeeper Caroline Towles makes a save during practice on Wednesday. The Vandals will try to end a three-game skid when they face off against Boise State Sunday.

A late game defensive lapse cost the Vandals the game against Nevada, and a mad scramble in double-overtime proved to be the difference against Utah State. De-

spite the losses, Showler said the team played good soccer for 70 or 80 minutes, but they need to play solid soccer for the whole 90 minutes.

Goalkeeper

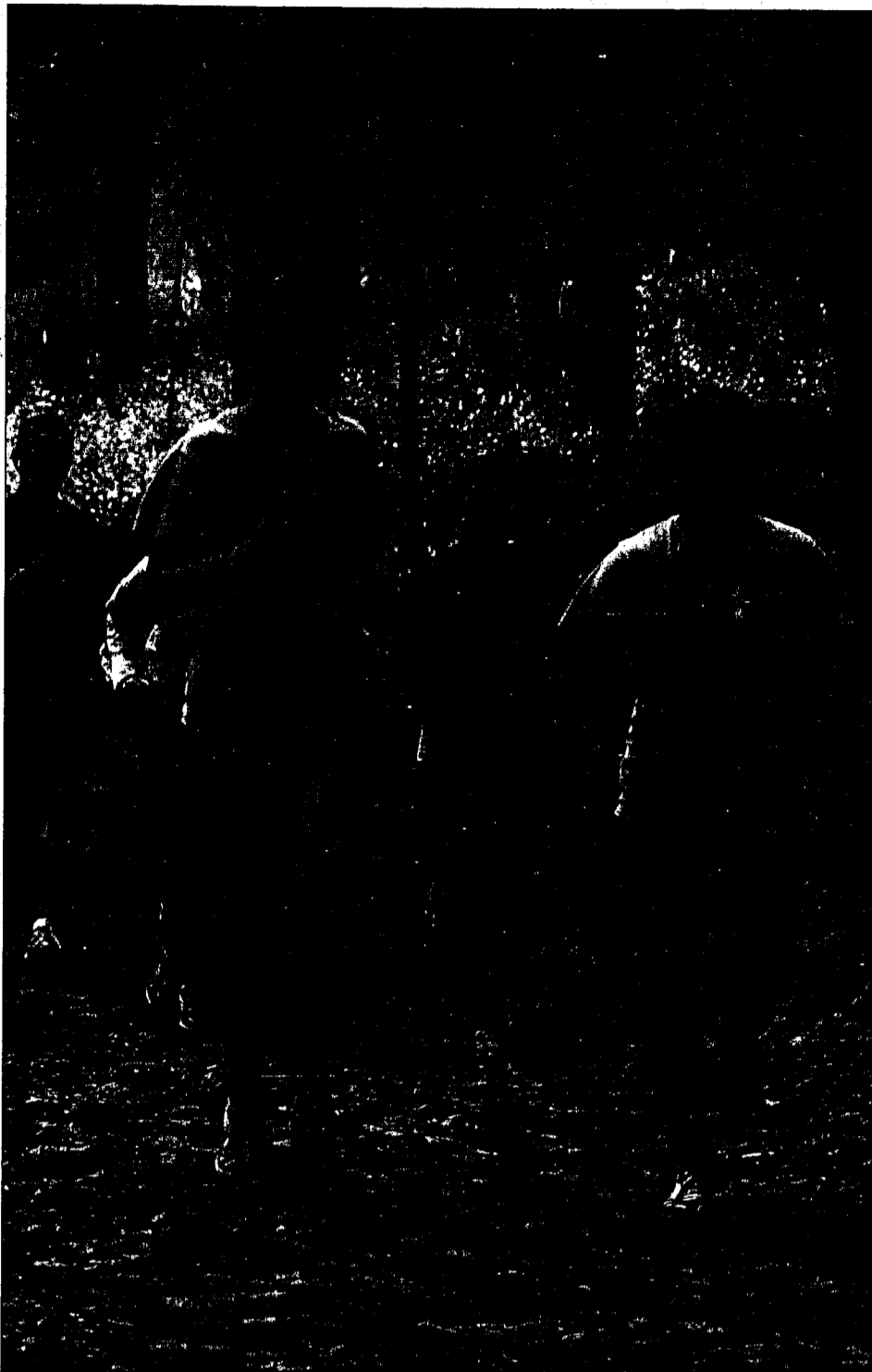
Liz Boyden had two outstanding games, and Showler was especially impressed with how the team bounced back from the whole 90 minutes.

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Vandal
CROSS-COUNTRY

Team ready for only home meet

After successful meets early in the season, runners have goals of winning conference



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

The Vandal cross-country team practices runs on Tuesday afternoon in the Old Arboretum. Vandals meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday to take part in the Inland Northwest Cross-country Classic.

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Coach Wayne Phipps said at the beginning of the season that a strange almost mathematical phenomenon had enveloped the women's cross-country team. The team has been successful on odd years—winning championships in 2005 and 2007, and had a strong showing before that.

"I have a pretty good suspicion that the trend is going to continue," Phipps said laughing. "I feel very confident with this group of girls."

If this season is any indication, Phipps could be more right than he knows. After three successful races with outstanding individual results, Phipps said the past two weeks have been focusing more on speed training and team running.

"It's hard to feel fast when you do a lot of long, hard training," Phipps said. "We've been doing speed training, such as running six 1000m repeats to improve our speed."

All this preparation has been for the WAC meet two weeks from today, but the Vandals will get a chance to show off their improvement and polish any kinks this weekend at the Inland Northwest Classic, the only meet held in Moscow this year.

"In the short period of time that we've been doing it, we have already seen people make improvement," Phipps said.

"Overall as a team we are all really improving and I'm expecting that to continue to happen as we taper off in the next couple of weeks."

Phipps said he has been most impressed with individual efforts over the past three races, but it was time to focus as a team to improve their standing. At the Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational, the women's squad finished third, despite some blazing fast individual times, including Teegan Schoch's meet-winning race.

Phipps said he feels the women's team is ready to hit their peak and run away with the competition. With two more weeks of speed training, Phipps said the most difficult part will be getting everyone on the same page.

"The key is going to be trying to get everyone running well on the same day," Phipps said. "A lot of that is going to come with being well rested at the end of the year."

The young men's squad will also look for a standout performance this weekend. Early in the season, Phipps was worried the team might be a year or two away from where he wanted them to be, but he recently said the team has matured beyond his belief.

Led by standout sophomore Markus Geiger and senior Jeremiah Johnston, the men's squad has been finishing in the Top 5 at every meet this year, a fact that Phipps said is a fantastic sign for the future. Johnston, the lone senior on the squad, said he was also impressed by the way the young team, who many thought was too young to contend, has done.

"I've never seen such a young team do so well in my life," Johnston said. "Every single one of our freshmen that have come in here has done a really phenomenal job of adjusting to the training."

Johnston said he feels the team is beyond their age and he expects nothing but great things for them. He said the speed training is only going to improve an already deep and talented team, which will keep the Vandals competitive for the next few years.

"This team is going to win conference in three years," Johnston said. "Mark my words—they will win it."

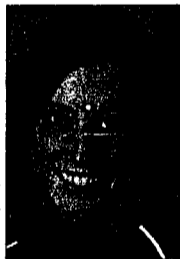
Despite his confidence about the team's future, Johnston said he is also focusing on the present, and he is hoping to run his last few races to the best of his career. The Inland Northwest Invitational will be Johnston's first home race for the Vandals, and he said he is excited to be running on familiar ground.

"It's going to be really cool to run in front of the home crowd," Johnston said. "I would like to go out with a really good performance, both individually and as a team."

players to WATCH

home—look for him to put on a clinic with the home crowd behind him.

tory, and said he wants to have a strong race in front of a home crowd. As a true leader, Johnston said his personal achievements are secondary to his team placing high in the rankings.



Teegan Schoch
sophomore

Schoch stated early in the season that she wanted to be one of the fastest runners, and she has backed up her statement with a slew of strong races this year. Most recently, Schoch defeated a competitive field of 203 women at the Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational by winning in a time of 17:26, on her way to earning her first WAC Cross-country Athlete of the Week.

That time stands as the fastest time in Vandal history for the course. The previous record-holder was Alex Lee-Painter, who went on to capture the women's WAC title and earn the WAC Cross-country Athlete of the Year that same year, but Schoch edged Lee-Painter's time by four seconds.



Markus Geiger
sophomore

Geiger took fourth place at the WAC championships last year and earned the Top WAC Freshman Award. After a summer of training, Geiger has picked up right where he left off last season, dominating the field of runners at every race. He was the Vandal's top finisher in their last three races. It will be Geiger's first race at



Jeremiah Johnston
senior

Johnston, the lone senior on the men's squad, has been a rock for the team, providing leadership and experience to the young freshmen runners. His experience and guidance both on and off the track is immeasurable, said cross-country coach Wayne Phipps. Johnston also happens to be a pretty fast runner, which he has proved for the past three years as a Vandal.

Whenever the running gets tough, Phipps looks to Johnston and Geiger to lead by example, and Johnston has responded with several key performances. Johnston will be graduating in May with a degree in his-



Melissa McFaddan
senior

McFaddan is having a strong season after suffering an injury that kept her out most of the summer. Her leadership on and off the course has been invaluable to the team, and she continues her recovery with three great races under her belt. McFaddan, who is graduating this year with a degree in Elementary Education, will be running in her final home race. Look for her to put in another strong performance in front of a home crowd.

WOMEN'S GOLF Teeing off toward conference success

Lisa Short
Argonaut

Although the women's golf team didn't place first last week, they have quickly returned to the top of the leader board in New Mexico yesterday. The whole team followed closely behind leader, Kayla Mortellaro, who finished second overall at the Price's Give 'Em Five Invitational.

The first round ended with Idaho sophomores Frida Nilsson and Mortellaro tied at seventh place on the course in Las Cruces, N.M. UC-Irvine led the tournament after the first day with a 294 and the Vandals two strokes behind at a 296 and Fresno State in third with a 298.

Idaho stepped into a close lead after the second round, ending only one shot ahead of UC-Irvine. Coach Lisa Johnson said it was an excellent performance by all five members of the team. Mortellaro shot two strokes under par with Nilsson and se-

nior Amanda Jacobs at par with a 72.

In the final stretch of the tournament the Vandals were able to close out the third round and win their third tournament this season. The team finished the third round at even par with a 288. Mortellaro ended with a 67, extending the Vandals to a seven-stroke lead over UC-Irvine and the rest of the 17-team field.

"Playing very well in the final round and making good decisions is what is allowing us to finish at the top consistently," Johnson said.

Last week's challenging tournament didn't hurt the momentum of the team and they were able to return to how they started the season — victorious. It was a fairly tight course in some places but after playing the Sammamish course last week, the team was able to take it with confidence. Now having won three out of the four tournaments they have played in, the team doesn't appear

to be slowing.

UC-Irvine won the tournament last year but the Vandals didn't compete in that tournament. Two years ago senior Amanda Jacobs was on the team that finished second overall, and it was also the course where Idaho won a WAC Championship a few years ago.

The Vandals play well on the Las Cruces course because it favors a good ball-striking team, Johnson said. Top ranked teams like UC-Irvine and Baylor as well as four other WAC opponents were in the field this week but the Vandals still prevailed.

Taking their consistent success and hoping to improve more every day, the Vandals take their confidence into a well-rounded field at Nevada next week. They'll meet up with top teams in the nation, WAC teams and teams the team haven't seen before.

"We're going to focus one shot at a time and staying mentally tough," Johnson said.

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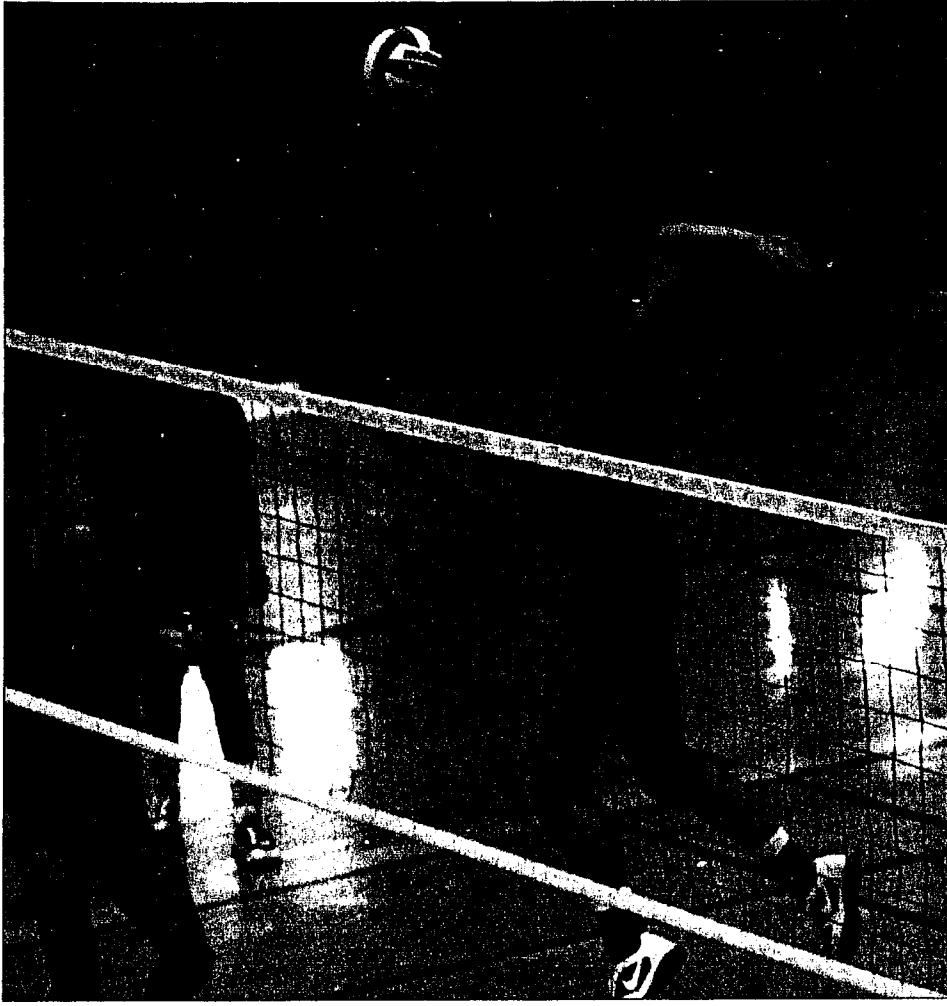
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VOLLEYBALL

Completing the game



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Vandal setter Katie Tribley, left, sets the ball to outside hitter Kelsey Taylor, right, during practice Thursday afternoon in Memorial Gym. The Vandals fell to Boise State Monday, but head to Reno this weekend to face the Nevada Wolfpack.

Lisa Short
Argonaut

For a team, taking an opponent's key player out of a game is a good strategy when successfully executed, but never good when the key player is on your own team.

Boise State volleyball focused its strengths on breaking down one of Idaho's strengths — senior outside hitter Sarah Conwell.

"They started camping on me," Conwell said. "I just had to try to keep my confidence up and not let it affect the team."

Conwell was named WAC Player of the Week last week, her second honor of the season. She has consistently put up double-doubles, is on the border of a triple-double in kills and digs and has come close to double-digits in blocks but hasn't reached it yet.

Conwell currently leads the conference in kills with 4.5 kills per set. She is fifth in digs with 3.9 digs per set and eighth in blocks with 1.1 blocks per set. Receiving this honor Conwell said she's reminded of how good she can be and will push herself to meet that standard.

It's not all about numbers though with the Bron-

co's proving tougher than their record showed by defeating the Vandals in four sets. Although close in all sets, BSU took the match 26-24, 28-26, 24-26 and 25-20. This is the first victory the Bronco volleyball team has taken over Idaho since 1999, as the Vandals have taken the last 13 matches against BSU.

"They weren't blocking our middles, so whenever we could set them — that worked," Conwell said. "And Kelsey Taylor did a great job over on the right side."

With Conwell struggling to put the ball away on the outside, middle blockers Anna McKinney, Debbie Pederson and Kelsey Taylor stepped up. McKinney led the Vandals with 14 kills and a hitting percentage of .545, and Pederson tallied season highs with 13 kills and 11 blocks, ranking her fourth all-time in blocks at Idaho. Taylor added 11 kills with junior Katie Tribley assisting those plays and tallied 51 assists.

"Katie (Tribley) did a great job at putting the middles and getting them and the right side more involved in our offense," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "They did an outstanding job, probably

the best performance that both middles have had in a while."

Although the Vandals fell to No. 2 in the nation in blocking this week, they still managed to out-block BSU 28-19. The teams tied with 76 digs each but the Bronco's led in kills 57-55, and in service aces with seven to Idaho's four, two of which came from sophomore Cassie Hamilton.

When struggling in a certain area, like hitting on the outside, the team has to make up points in other areas.

"If we did have more offense coming from the outside we would have been fine," Buchanan said.

The Vandals couldn't finish the sets on top because not only did they struggle to execute hard on the outside but they finished with season high errors. Idaho ended the match with 26 hitting errors, seven service errors, seven serve receive errors and five ball-handling errors. BSU tallied 45 points by Idaho's errors alone.

"We were in a slump this past week and we just have to climb out of it," Conwell said.

Focusing on winning one game at a time, Idaho now 3-3 heads back on the road to Reno, Nev., to take on the Nevada Wolfpack (2-3).

Boise State Broncos blocks to win rivalry match

Lisa Short
Argonaut

Each week the volleyball team continues to improve different aspects of their game, but coach Debbie Buchanan said they hope to start to really bring each aspect together, especially when they compete against Nevada tomorrow.

Standing as the No. 2 blocking team in the nation this week, Idaho has no trouble putting up the block, but after a loss to Boise

State the team needs to improve on hitting. They have been working in practice on hitting against a two-person block on the outside after having trouble hitting around BSU's big blocks.

Utilizing all their players and running more plays in the middle and on the right side of the net would allow middles Debbie Pederson and Anna McKinney to become more involved and achieve the high-hitting statistics they have tallied before. They proved this in

the BSU match with double-digit kills from McKinney, Pederson and junior Kelsey Taylor.

Junior Katie Tribley said she is working on improving those different sets to make the offense as dynamic as it can be. If they want to distribute sets more and get the ball to a variety of positions from their offense, the team has to pass well. Their passing has improved since preseason, but it is something they want to have consistently, Buchanan said.

Idaho is a solid team defensively with senior Meredith Rice consistently leading in digs and senior Sarah Conwell, sophomore Cassie Hamilton, and freshman Janelle Chow following closely behind her.

The team wants to step up when they take on the Nevada Wolfpack and push through this slight slump they have had, Hamilton said.

Of the six matches Nevada has won, five were in 5-set matches. If Idaho wants to take the match

they are going to have to push hard through a finishing team like the Wolfpack.

Pushing through and finishing a match is something Idaho has struggled with on the road. In their game against Fresno State, Idaho won in the fifth set at the Memorial Gym, but in Fresno State's gym, Idaho lost in the fifth set.

Finding the drive to finish a game is what Idaho will need to close out their match against Nevada on Saturday.

Vandals
WOMEN'S TENNIS

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Much hype surrounded the women's tennis team as they headed to Las Vegas for the annual IIA Regional Tournament. With regional rankings on the line, the Vandals' high expectations were put to the test in what would be their toughest tournament of the fall.

Maria Perevoshchikova, Silvia Irimescu, Alexandra Ulesanu, and Barbara Maciocha were the four Vandals sent by coach Tyler Neill to represent Idaho. Nationally ranked senior Gabriela Niculescu was forced to miss the tournament because of eligibility issues.

All four players fought hard on day one, but none managed to move past Round 64 in singles or doubles. Harsh weather and

Unlucky Vandals give it their all in Vegas

injury plagued the team while Perevoshchikova and Ulesanu were the only two Vandals who competed in the second day of the tournament as the ninth doubles seed.

"Overall, today was kind of disappointing, but it wasn't for lack of effort," Neill said. I thought everyone competed hard, but injuries and the weather conditions made for some tough tennis today.

Machiocha and Irimescu were the only Vandals in the singles draw to come out victorious in Round 128 — however neither could overcome their second opponent. Machiocha gave it her all but failed to come out on top, falling to Wyoming's Sarah Summerfield and 17th seed in a tight three set 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Irimescu defeated Montana State's Andrea de la Torre in two sets but couldn't keep her momentum in her second match and only won

a total of two games against a far better competitor — eighth seeded Ute Schnoy of Denver. Perevoshchikova entered the singles draw as the tournament's ninth seeded player and got a bye in the first round. Yet the senior's recent form couldn't persist and injury struck in her second match of the day and was ousted in three sets by Utah State's Jaclyn West. Ulesanu had an off day and fell to Las Vegas' Adrienn Hidvegi in two sets.

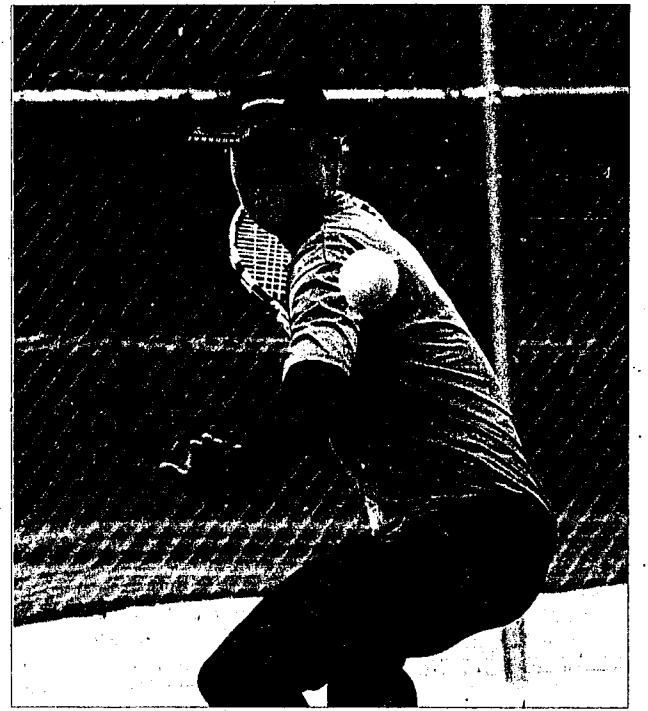
"I thought Basia played very well," Neill said. "She grinded out a nice win in the first round and almost knocked off a seed in the second. Maria competed very hard, but she was just very limited with her injury."

The Vandals' performance in the doubles draw wasn't much different, and Machiocha and Irimescu were knocked out of the tournament in the first round after coming up short against

Anna Maskaljun and Alisa Razina of UNLV. Perevoshchikova and Ulesanu withdrew from their second round match because of Perevoshchikova's shoulder injury.

While the team wasn't able to achieve the goals they set prior to the tournament, the combination of Perevoshchikova's shoulder injury, substandard weather conditions, and a highly competitive playing field put the Vandals at an automatic disadvantage. The IIA Regional marked the team's last official fall tournament.

The Vandals will begin dual matches on Jan. 15 when the team heads to Washington State University. With Niculescu and a healthy Perevoshchikova, the women's tennis team hopes to improve on their successful fall campaign and make an impact not only on the WAC, but the nationwide tennis spectrum as well.



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Barbara Maciocha volleys the ball back during tennis practice Monday, Oct. 12.

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My Top 25

At this point in the season I have started to see what programs in the country are for real. I don't care if Boise State has a perfect record or Oklahoma has lost twice. I'm looking at the strength of schedules and conferences, road wins, coaching, depth of players and talent and overall records. I may not put the popular team in the right place, but it starts with the undeniable number one team in the nation:

1. Florida (5-0)- The Gators are unbelievable. Urban Meyer has one of the best quarterbacks in college football history on his roster and a four-year Gator run that will be talked about for years. I don't even have to try to justify them at No. 1.

2. Alabama (6-0)- The Crimson Tide continues to roll, now into the meat of a difficult SEC schedule. A sound win over Mississippi last weekend has them on the Gators' heels.

3. Virginia Tech (5-1)- I know they have one loss. I just can't stay away from what they've done since the loss and the talent of quarterback Tyrod Taylor might take them to the title game.

4. Texas (5-0)- My problem with the Longhorns so far is their strength of schedule and the slow first half against a weak Colorado team. What I do see is an extremely talented duo in coach Mac Brown and quarterback Colt McCoy. They may not be in the Top 10 with the Sooners coming to town tomorrow.

5. LSU (5-1)- This is not the popular rank for the Tigers to sit in, but they played Florida. Let me reiterate — the Florida Gators. To top it off, they played well, but came up short. LSU is still one of the best teams in the country.

6. Iowa (6-0)- I was not convinced on the Hawkeyes. Needless to say, I am now. Wins over Penn State and Michigan and a perfect record have catapulted them into the top 10.

7. Miami (4-1)- The Hurricanes punished the Rattlers of Florida A&M and have a 4-1 record in a schedule where the first four games were against ranked teams. The U might have their swagger back.

8. USC (4-1)- I would rather not punish a team for having a bye week, but the competition is tough. USC has little room to improve much higher for me, but if they rout the Irish this weekend, they might jump a few spots.

9. Ohio State (5-1)- There isn't a doubt in my mind that the Buckeyes are the best team in the Big Ten, but the Big Ten is notoriously weak in conference play. Quarterback Terrelle Pryor is a dual threat that will most likely carry them to a conference championship. The loss to USC is holding them back as other teams jump them in the ranks.

10. Cincinnati (5-0)- Coming off a Big East title last year, this 5-0 start isn't surprising. That's the exact problem — it's the Big East. It is a decent conference but it's no SEC or Pac-10. The Bearcats may continue to rise slowly, but might also get jumped as the season continues.

11. Penn State (5-1)- I know the Nittany Lions' strength of schedule isn't the greatest, but they are embarrassing teams on the scoreboard by an average of 24.6 points per game. If they can knock off Ohio State later in the season, the Nittany Lions might have a chance at a Big Ten title.

12. Oregon (5-1)- Talk about embarrassing teams on the scoreboard. After being put to shame themselves early in the season by Boise State, the Ducks have stepped up their level of play, outscoring their last three opponents 118-19.

13. Nebraska (4-1)- The Cornhuskers are playing sound football. The Big 12 is a solid conference with tough competition. I think the Cornhuskers are two wins away

from BCS aspirations.

14. TCU (5-0)- I'm more interested in TCU coach Gary Patterson's iPod playlist than anything, to be honest. I just can't get excited for BCS busters anymore, but if I have to pick one, it is still TCU. Their strength of schedule is decent and a 5-0 record helps them. Like before, one loss and they are gone.

15. Georgia Tech (5-1)- It appears the Yellow Jackets aren't taking the loss to Miami lightly. Georgia Tech has produced some stellar offense, ranking 24th in the nation in total offense and averaging 45.5 points per game over their last two. The Yellow Jackets have their toughest test of the season this weekend when Frank Beamer and the Hoakies come to town.

16. Oklahoma (3-2)- The Sooners have disappointed me this season, but I see an Oklahoma team heading to Austin to play in the Red River Rivalry with everything to prove. I have Sam Bradford and the Sooners beating Texas this weekend in Austin.

17. Boise State (6-0)- The Broncos beat Tulsa by 7. Oklahoma beat Tulsa 45-0, without Sam Bradford. The Broncos struggled the whole game, and narrowly came out with the win. 6-0 means a lot more if you beat quality teams, by a decent margin.

18. Brigham Young (5-1)- I am still a bit unsure about the Cougars. In week one they beat Oklahoma, only to lose to a failing Florida State two weeks later. But their wins have been convincing and over decent competition.

19. Kansas (5-0)- Mark Mangino has proven he can win over lousy competition. Their strength of schedule is ranked in the bottom of FBS teams. Undefeated with a difficult Big 12 competition provides plenty of room for the Jayhawks to improve.

20. Oklahoma State (4-1)- The Cowboys are one of those teams that tend to lose spots even though they keep winning. Unfortunately for the Cowboys, I think once the heart of their conference schedule arrives, they will start to lose ground quickly.

21. South Carolina (5-1)- The Gamecocks are playing strong football, but they play the Crimson Tide of Alabama tomorrow in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Sorry Gamecocks, not looking good.

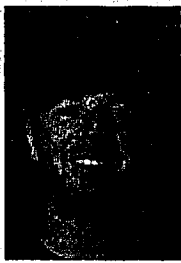
22. Notre Dame (4-1)- Notre Dame has navigated through a schedule that ranks in the top third of FBS teams, but the luck of the Irish better be in South Bend this weekend to assist the Fighting Irish. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen needs to be on point to give Notre Dame a chance.

23. Auburn (5-1)- I see a strong SEC team in the Auburn Tigers. The loss to Arkansas took the confidence out of the voters and of course the BCS computers. But I still have faith in coach Gene Chizik and am confident Auburn will bounce back from this loss.

24. Missouri (4-1)- I could see the Missouri Tigers change spots with the Auburn Tigers. Mizzou's schedule hasn't proven much to me and the loss to Nebraska last week scares me a little. One more loss and I don't know if Missouri will see the ranks of the Top 25 again.

25. Pittsburg (5-1)- The Panthers and the Mountaineers of West Virginia might equally deserve this spot. However, at 5-1 the Panthers have one more win than the Mountaineers. Pitt hasn't had the most impressive schedule to date, but the win over decent Louisville impresses me. One more loss will drop the Panthers out, maybe for good.

Every bone in my body wanted to put Idaho (5-1) at the No. 25 spot. I just couldn't yet. If Idaho wins their next three, I might be able to do it. Other teams knocking on the Top 25 door are, West Virginia, Arkansas and possibly Michigan.



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Bombers and Phils

New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies will win Championship Series

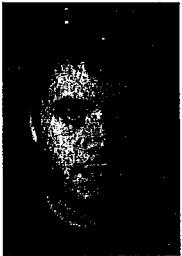
Three sweeps and one ninth-inning, game four comeback later, the two Championship Series are set. The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim will take on the New York Yankees in the American League, while the Philadelphia Phillies will face the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League.

The 2008 World Series ended up being a five game exhibition of how good the Phillies starting rotation — especially Cole Hamels — plus Ryan Madson and Brad Lidge could be. It takes a skilled ballclub plus a fantastic amount of skill to win it all in October, but some teams have advantages over others, such as the Yankees over the Minnesota Twins in this year's Division Series.

NLCS: Philadelphia Phillies vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Both teams head into the series with question marks. Brad Lidge's 2009 regular season was one of the worst all time for a closer — although he did pitch 1.1 scoreless innings while picking up two saves in the division series (while walking two batters and not recording a strikeout). Their starting rotation, however, is dynamite.

The Dodgers have the exact opposite problem — Jonathan Broxton had a fine season as the closer for Los Angeles, while Ronald Belisario and Ramon Troncoso could always be counted on to give the Dodgers a solid seventh and eighth inning. To top it off, they added George Sherrill in a mid-season trade with the Baltimore Orioles, giving them a top-shelf lefty with closing experience.



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Their pitching rotation is another story, however. Clayton Kershaw is slated to start game one. He missed most of September and came back to pitch well in game two of the NLDS, but there's no telling if there's still gas in the tank for the young lefty.

He pitched 171 innings this year at the age of 21. Randy Wolf, who started game one of the NLDS, will likely start game three. He pitched 3.2 messy innings of game one of the NLDS, and has never been the guy you'd want to hand the ball to in a big game.

Staff ace Chad Billingsley's been a mess for the past few months and didn't even get called on in the NLDS. That leaves Vicente Padilla and Jon Garland.

Let's pretend the NLCS is Scooby Doo and the Dodgers are "those meddling kids." Do you really

want to depend on Scooby and Shaggy?
Predicted winner: Phillies in six or seven games.

ALCS: Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. New York Yankees

These two teams were the class of the American League this season. The Yankees won 103 games in baseball's toughest division while the Angels got past a tragic April and a mediocre May to win 97 games while facing the upstart Texas Rangers and revamped Seattle Mariners a combined 38 times.

Both teams boast dynamic offenses, just as the two National League contenders do. The Yankees lead the major leagues with 915 runs scored, and the Angels were in second place with 883. Both teams are stacked with lefty batters and switch hitters, and both teams can run the bases all night long.

The old adage that pitching wins games has never been more true. The Yankees have home field advantage and will turn to C.C. Sabathia in game one. Sabathia had a Cy Young worthy season, pitching 230 innings with a barely-over-three earned run average and the fielding independent percentage — this statistic measures a pitcher's ability to get bat-

ters out without depending on fielding to back it up. He's the real deal.

The Angels will turn to John Lackey, who won his only start against the Yankees this year by pitching seven innings of two run ball. He's been slightly above average — posting a 3.67 ERA — over the last three years against the Bombers. Lackey, when he's healthy, is one of the better starters in the game.

Past those two, things begin to get dicey. A.J. Burnett could go out there and make anyone look foolish at the plate, and Scott Kazmir has been good against AL East teams for as long as anyone can remember, but after that, it gets dicey. Andy Pettitte's balky shoulder? Joe Saunders pitching well? Jered Weaver beating the team he's struggled against every year? Dicey.

The Yankees hold a slight advantage in the bullpen category. They announced they're going with a three-man rotation, allowing Joba Chamberlain and Chad Gaudin to stay in the bullpen along with Phil Hughes, David Robertson and the perennially dominant Mariano Rivera.

The Angels will rely on Brian Fuentes in the ninth inning, which should leave any Angels fan nervous. The ball goes to Kevin Jepsen in the eighth inning, and he can't get lefties out to save his life.

Predicted winner: Yankees in five or six.

sportsCALENDAR

Tomorrow

Football vs. Hawai'i (Kibbie Dome)
Cross-country @ Moscow
Volleyball @ Reno, Nev.

Sunday

Soccer vs. Boise State (Guy Wicks Field)

Monday

Volleyball @ Utah
Volleyball league begins

Tuesday

Co-rec floor hockey league begins
3-on-3 basketball league entries due

Wednesday

Men's tennis @ Las Vegas
Kickball league entries due
Dodgeball league entries due

Thursday

Men's golf @ Long Beach, Calif.
Volleyball vs. Nevada (Memorial Gym)

Friday

Soccer @ San Jose, Calif.

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mingles

Weekend Brunch
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2.50 Tuesday (The whole drink list)

Wednesday:
\$2 domestic drafts \$3 Jack Daniels

Thursday:
Ladies Night: free pool, 1.50 wells, 2.50 kamikazes

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Monday Night Football
75¢ selected drafts
50¢ hot dogs

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Plant Night
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Saturday:
Happy Hour all day
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8pm-midnight — \$3 any bombs showing college games

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FOOTBALL

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There is a struggle to say any of the college broadcast teams are really good, but they're alarmingly better than the announce teams trotted out by CBS, FOX, NBC and ESPN. FOX is probably the best of the bunch. The Joe Buck/Troy Aikman tandem is watchable and Chris Myers usually does a solid job. All of the FOX play-by-play announcers are fairly reliable.

The FOX color commentators, however, are terrible. Tony Siragusa should not be allowed to talk to anyone anywhere for any reason. The rest of the FOX lot is rather bland and generic or happen to be the insufferable Brian Billick.

The NBC duo of Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth are boring but nowhere near as bad as having John Madden around. The NBC team is probably the best thing the network's NFL coverage has going for it and that is saying something.

The NFL coverage on CBS, much like everything else the network does, seems geared toward the elderly. Phil Simms, Dan Dierdorf and Dan Fouts have not had an interesting thought

between them since 1997. I literally will not watch a game on CBS because I know the commentators will ruin it for me.

For some odd reason, I still subject myself to Monday Night Football on ESPN. Mike Tirico, Ron Jaworski and Jon Gruden exemplify everything that is wrong with football announcers.

They are trite, they talk over your head, they talk to you like you are stupid and have never watched football, they go for stretches without talking about the game at all and they insist on telling inside jokes and then try to explain said inside joke.

It seems like there are times when the ESPN trio are hell bent on trying to get as many viewers to turn off the sound as possible. My favorite moment had to be when Jon Gruden said he hated to use clichés and then proceeded to use a sentence with close to five clichés in it.

All I want from football broadcast teams is a play-by-play announcer who pays attention and a color commentator who can balance between being a football nerd and an average fan. It does not seem like it should be that hard but it is currently a concept that those in charge find hard to understand.

GAME

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the loss against Nevada and controlled play for most of the game against Utah State. Given the circumstances, Showler said he expects a similar bounce back against Boise State this weekend.

"You don't become a bad team overnight," Showler said. "It sucks the wind out of your sails a bit, but it's nothing we can't bounce back from."

Boise State (7-5-4, 2-2 WAC) is coming off a 2-0 thumping of Nevada last weekend, a game which saw Boise's offensive line severely tested by Nevada's defense. The Bronco's have been in a scoring drought, managing only four goals in their past six games.

Shannon Saxton and Erica Parks lead the Bronco's, half of the team have recorded a goal or an assist, with 5 goals apiece.

Showler said it will be a tough game, but he feels the team is more than ready

to bounce back.

"There are four games left, and that is four games to win," Showler said. "That's how we view it."

Expect Chelsea Small, Jennifer Hull and Jill Flockhart to turn up the heat on the Broncos defensive line. Small, who has gone three straight games in which she rang a shot off the post, made a potential game-tying goal against Utah State and has been all over the net. Hull and Flockhart have blitzed past defenders in every game.

On defense, Sari Morrison will continue her amorphous play style: solid defensively, but also leading the Vandals in goals scored. Desirae Hull, who has battled back from injury, and Cassandra San will make life difficult for the Bronco's offense.

"We have everything to play for," Showler said. "We've rebounded in the past, and we'll rebound well (against Boise) because the girls believe and know that they can play with any team."

BRIGHTER ON OUR SIDE



Photo Illustration by Nick Groff/Argonaut
A Vandal football helmet hangs on the fence at the SprinTurf during practice Oct. 6. Currently the Vandals are No.1 in the WAC and are anticipating a bowl win for the first time in a decade.

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