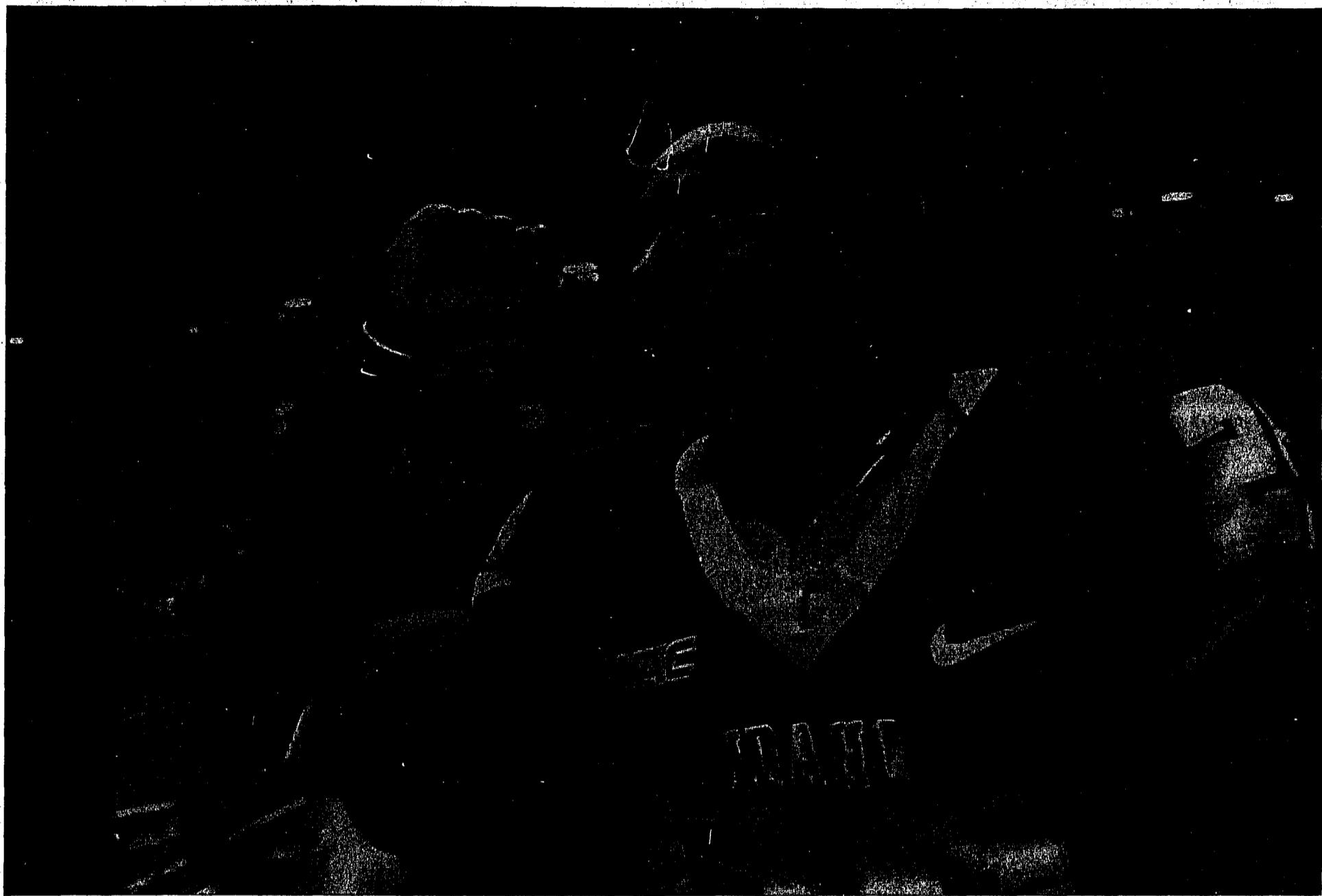




## MOVING UP



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Wide receiver Denzell Wedgeworth raises a hand after the homecoming victory over Louisiana Tech Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals play the Fresno State Bulldogs 7:30 p.m. Saturday. A full capacity crowd is expected. Students are not required to have hard tickets for the game. See a full story on page B1.

## Retirees lose case

### Judge rules in favor of UI in benefits lawsuit

Kelcie Moseley  
Argonaut

A class action lawsuit filed by 268 former University of Idaho employees last year was dismissed Monday in a written statement siding with the university.

Latah County Second District Court Judge John Stegner ruled that summary judgment would be awarded to the university on the basis of their rights to modify employee benefits as outlined in the UI Faculty-Staff Handbook, though those rights were not referenced in the contract given to employees.

A complaint was filed in July 2008, but the benefit changes were put in place in 2007. Two groups of retirees — one from 1999 and the other from 2002 — signed contracts extending early retirement offers to tenured faculty and honored staff.

"These were not just people who had worked five or ten years," Ronald Landeck, the Moscow attorney representing the plaintiffs, said. "They had given most of their lives to the university."

The two programs, the 1999 Early Retirement Incentive Program and the 2002 Voluntary Separation and Retirement Opportunities Program, were designed to create incentive for some employees to retire early and ease the strain on UI's budget. The contracts informed employees that they would

be entitled to all benefits they would normally receive under existing UI policy, including medical coverage. Landeck said in 2007, the UI sent out a notice telling retirees they would have to choose between paying a monthly premium on a health insurance plan or choosing one with no premium and a high deductible. Their maximum

**"(My clients) feel as if there's been a tremendous breach of trust by the university."**

Ronald  
**LANDECK**  
Retirees' attorney

life insurance coverage was also reduced to \$10,000, rather than the amount of a year's salary, as they were originally promised.

"(My clients) feel as if there's been a tremendous breach of trust by the university," Landeck said.

UI Director of Communications and Marketing Tania Thompson released a statement on behalf of the university stating approval of the decision.

"The ruling is consistent with our understanding of the law and the university's ongoing right to revise its employment benefits and benefits programs for its retirees," Thompson wrote. "The decisions about how we allocate our resources are difficult ones and we know that they do impact our employees and our retirees; we take seriously the stewardship of our resources."

Landeck said the group of retirees plan to appeal the decision, and he expects it could go as far as the Idaho Supreme Court.

"I think they've got every right to keep pursuing it," Landeck said.

## Students get green

### Sustainability Center distributes \$15,000 for projects

Sebastian Edgerton  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center announced at the beginning of this semester that \$15,000 would be awarded to students to pursue their own projects and help promote sustainability on campus.

Erin Gerhardt, the UIISC projects coordinator, said the money comes from a \$5 student fee, which supports the UIISC. She said only \$1,340 of the total money available has been used at this time. She said they want all of the projects that come out of the center to reflect on the overall student population.

"The primary goal is to give students a direct hand in completing our charge, and having the effect of increased sustainability on campus," said

Andrew Carman, the student programs coordinator for UIISC.

UIISC began giving grants to student projects in 2006, Gerhardt said. She said the grants are given with three focuses: campus culture shift, waste reduction and climate change.

Gerhardt said there was a grant-writing workshop, in which 11 grants were written and submitted to a review board of faculty and students from around campus. They chose six of the grants to fund.

The grants include a Vandal community garden, which will be planted in the Living and Learning Community's courtyard and will provide food for the garden workers. \$1,050 was awarded to their project.

see FUNDS, page A8



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Ryan Beitz and his team have been awarded funding to build a bike shelter at the Living and Learning Center. Along with the bike shelter, grants have been passed out to multiple clubs and organizations at the University of Idaho.

## Eat healthy during the holidays

### Cooking class offered at Gritman

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

Gritman Medical Center is offering a free holiday cooking class at noon on Nov. 10 at the Gritman Medical Conference Center, focusing on healthier eating during the holidays.

Laurie Ditton, a registered dietitian at Gritman, said there are two schools to eating sensibly during the holidays.

"You just take a reasonable serving, and enjoy it," she said. "The problem is when you have

a month like this."

Ditton said the other approach is to eat lower calorie versions of holiday foods. The class will present healthy recipes, as well as eating strategies.

Ditton said one strategy for healthy eating during the holidays is to eat a filling snack before events.

"Don't go to events starving," she said.

Ditton said a snack rich in fiber can help prevent overeating of calorie-dense foods.

The class will include information on preparing pomegranates, a traditional holiday fruit. Ditton said selecting and using a pomegranate can be a daunting task.

"If you're unfamiliar with them, it can be intimidating," she said.


Ditton said the class will also show participants how to make biscotti, which she said make a nice, inexpensive gift for friends and family.

"For college students who don't have a lot of income, it's a great gift idea," Ditton said.

Ditton will offer cellophane bags for wrapping biscotti and other food for gifting as a door prize for attendees of the class.

"Your Christmas present should be good health," said Nancy Kure, a registered dietitian at Gritman.

To register for the class, call 208-883-6431.




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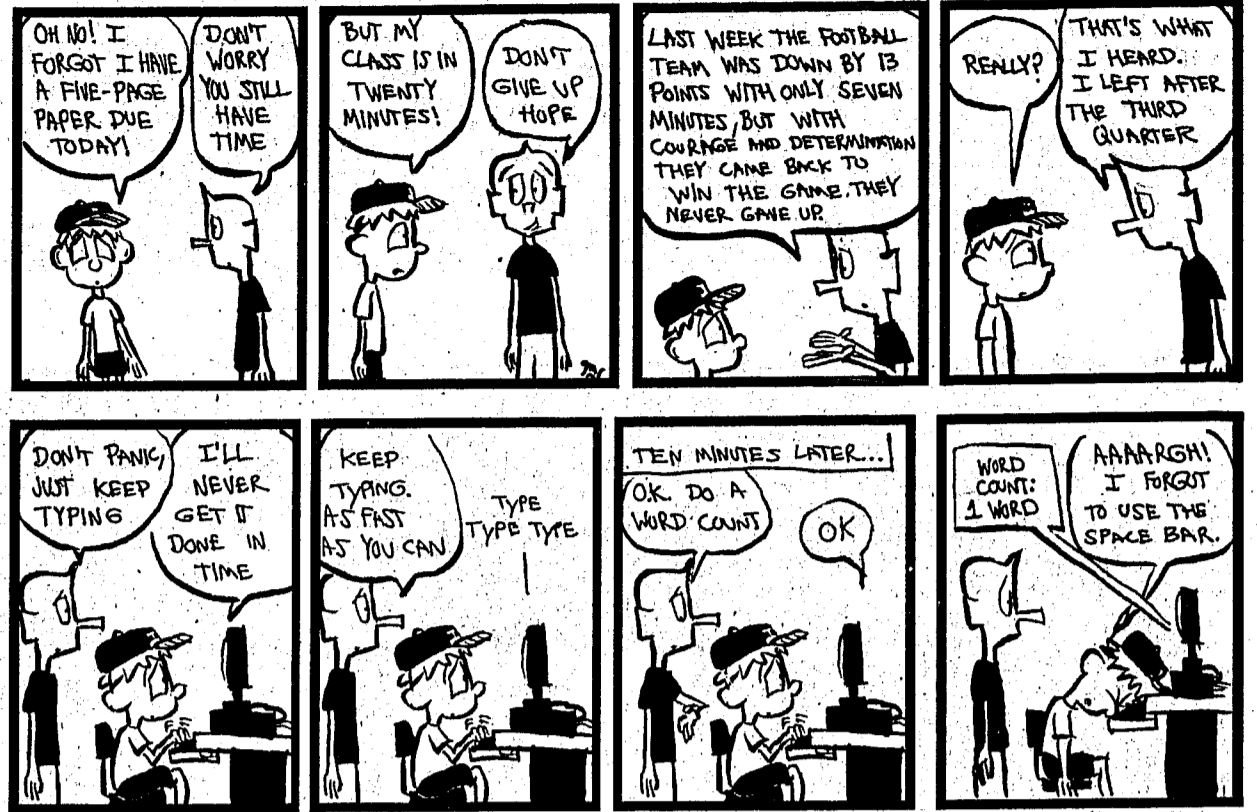
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### TEXAS BEAT



Jake Barber/Argonaut

A busker drums a bucket on the street of Austin, Texas Thursday.

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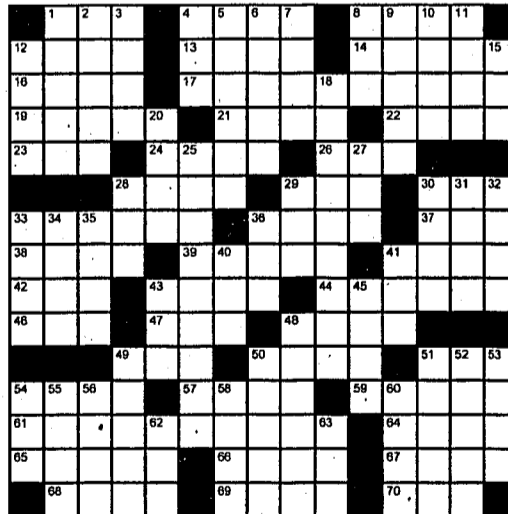
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Next week's theme: Halloween

### crossword

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- 1 Viper
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- 8 Petitions
- 12 Request
- 13 Spring
- 14 \_\_\_ the way
- 16 Mynberry character
- 17 Fear of great heights
- 19 Perception
- 21 Beanery sign
- 22 Playing card marks
- 23 Three (fl.)
- 24 Blow off steam
- 26 Farm female
- 28 Wallop
- 29 Mongrel
- 30 Recipe word
- 33 Heavenly
- 36 Soul's mate
- 37 Rocky peak
- 38 Shangri-la
- 39 Italian poet
- 41 Exploding star
- 42 Neither's partner
- 43 Blowgun ammo
- 44 Eggnog topper
- 46 Crafty
- 47 Roadhouse
- 48 Fable
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- 50 Subdued
- 51 Humor
- 54 Seed cover
- 57 Animal shelter
- 59 Lustrous
- 61 Court game
- 64 Rush order?
- 65 Parting word
- 66 Buffalo's county
- 67 Nevada city



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- 68 Fill to the gills
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  - 7 Detect
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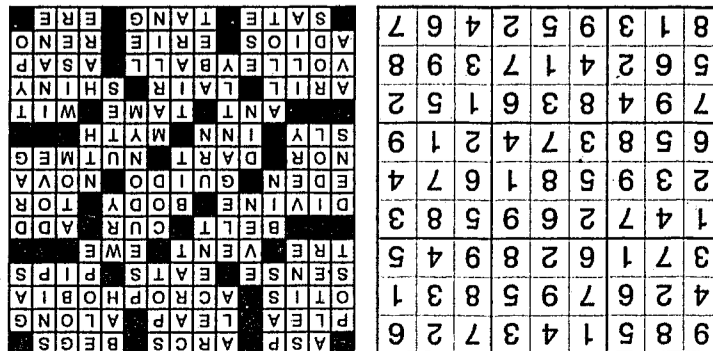
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### corrections

In Tuesday's issue, a photo caption on the front page implied all those in the photo were Delta Tau Delta brothers. Some were alumni of the fraternity. Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page A6.

### solutions



senateREPORT

Open Forum

Kelsey LaRoche, ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board Chair, came before the senate on Wednesday to give an update on what Vandal Entertainment has been working on for the current semester and next semester. LaRoche told the senate that the Vandal Entertainment Board will be going to a conference this weekend and is hoping to bring back some ideas to improve the organization.

She said Vandal Entertainment has started working on Finals Fest and is looking at possibly hosting some sort of large comedy show on campus this year. LaRoche said about 200 people showed up to watch the small concert played by Brett Hite, and that Hite played a special performance at Alpha Phi on Wednesday night.

Alexis Olson, ASUI Director of Advancement, gave an update to the senate on the progress she has been making with the Larry Craig Endowment Scholarship. Olson said she is working on creating a larger nomination pool for the scholarship.

Steve Hanna, ASUI Director of Athletics, told the senate there are 6,000 Thundersticks to give away to the first fans inside the doors during Saturday's Vandal football game. Hanna encouraged everyone to vote for coach Robb Akey as football coach of the year at <http://www.coachoftheyear.com>. He also said the Vandal volleyball signing event that took place in the Idaho Commons earlier this

week was a success.

Zach Arama, ASUI Lobbyist and Elections Coordinator, came before the senate to give an update on the status of ASUI senatorial elections. Arama said there are 26 candidates. He emphasized the importance of the fact that there are only 11 days for candidates to campaign, a time period that falls shorter than other recent campaign periods.

Presidential Communications

ASUI President Kelby Wilson gave an update to the senate on Wednesday reminding the senators to participate in the Beat BSU Food Drive and to help drive coordinators Samantha Perez and Patrick Bradbury, ASUI senators, in any way they can. Wilson also said the tailgating rules will remain the same for Saturday's game and tailgating participants must make their way into the game at kickoff time, which is set for 7:30 p.m. Wilson said the lot will open for tailgaters four hours before the game at 3:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Bill F09-46, a bill amending the ASUI Senate Bylaws to clarify the subject of proxy voting, was passed after a failed proposal to amend the bill.

—Cari Dighton

Idaho lays off more workers after cuts

Associated Press

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's latest order for state agencies to save money has prompted additional government layoffs.

Since Otter announced a new round of budget cuts in late September, the Department of Water Resources trimmed 19 jobs, the Spokesman-Review reported Tuesday.

The Department of Environmental Quality cut 10 jobs, while the Department of Lands eliminated four positions.

That's on top of the

nearly 350 state workers Idaho had already reported laying off since July 1, 2008.

In fiscal year 2009, tax revenue fell more than 15 percent compared with 2008; receipts are lagging further this year, prompting Otter's budget managers to predict a \$151 million budget shortfall come next July, if agencies don't make further cuts.

Idaho state government is also holding 700 jobs vacant; employees have taken more than 150,000 hours of unpaid furloughs, to ward off further job cuts.

Program provides scholarships

Students find success, other benefits with CAMP

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

Jose Alcocer is a University of Idaho graduate student who has won international awards for his work with fungal genetics.

He is a first generation student, and when his two older brothers received help to come to UI from the College Assistance Migrant Program, it inspired him to pursue a career in chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology.

"If it wasn't for CAMP, I wouldn't be here," Alcocer said.

CAMP is a government-subsidized program that provides scholarship assistance to migrant workers or their children.

Jesse Martinez, program coordinator for CAMP, comes from a migrant background and was a beneficiary of the program in 2000, alongside Alcocer's older brother.

"Every time during the winter, (my father) is laid off," Martinez said.

CAMP selects 35 students every year that are brought to UI. CAMP beneficiaries can choose any UI major.

Martinez said in addition to providing financial support, CAMP also helps ease the transition from high school to college.

"They created a home away from home," Alcocer said.

CAMP offers a study table for students in the program, as well as transitioning workshops and commu-

nication with students to make sure they are on track.

Martinez said the retention rate of CAMP is very high.

"The last few years, our retention rate has been 95 to 96 percent," he said.

Martinez said most CAMP students come from agricultural areas in southern Idaho, but some come from Lewiston or Orofino, where there is work in the timber industry.

Martinez said 90 to 95 percent of CAMP students are Latino, but some are white, black or Native American.

Alcocer is from Grandview, Wash. He said he visits home once a month and his parents are proud of his education and the international recognition he has received.

"Coming to the University of Idaho was one of the best decisions I ever made," Alcocer said.

Martinez said Alcocer has a strong work ethic.

"He lives in the lab," Martinez said. "We've been really fortunate to work with him."

**"Coming to the University of Idaho was one of the best decisions I ever made."**

Jose  
**ALCO CER**  
Graduate Student

Idaho prosecutors not seeking death penalty

Associated Press

Fewer Idaho prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in murder cases in recent years.

The Idaho Statesman reports that only two counties have asked for the death penalty in murder cases since 2003.

Ada County prosecutors haven't pursued capital punishment since jurors declined to find two defendants eligible for the death penalty in 2005.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7 years ago that juries, not judges, must unanimously decide that a defendant qualifies for the death penalty — adding another factor prosecutors must weigh when determining whether to seek capital punishment.

Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson decided last month not to seek the death penalty against 25-year-old Silas Parks, who is accused of murdering his pregnant wife, 28-year-old Sarah Parks, and

setting their Moscow home on fire.

Thompson said he didn't think the available evidence was enough to meet all the requirements for capital punishment under Idaho law.

The law requires juries to consider factors that justify the death penalty against factors that make the defendant less culpable for

only be able to address one or two of the aggravating factors, and (that evidence) wasn't really strong," Thompson said. "We felt any kind of mitigating evidence (collected by Silas' attorneys) would outweigh that."

In two other recent high-profile cases, prosecutors also opted against pursuing capital punishment. Elmore County prosecutor Kristina Schindele made the decision after Mexico said it would only extradite triple-murderer suspect Jorge Orozco to Idaho if the county agreed not to pursue the death penalty.

In the other case, Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower decided not to pursue the penalty against Daniel Ehrlick and Melissa Jenkins, who are charged in the murder of Jenkins' son, 8-year-old Robert Manwill. Bower said many legal and factual reasons were behind his decision but he declined to offer details.

**"Basically, we felt we would only be able to address one or two of the aggravating factors and that wasn't really strong."**

Bill  
**THOMPSON**  
Latah County Prosecutor

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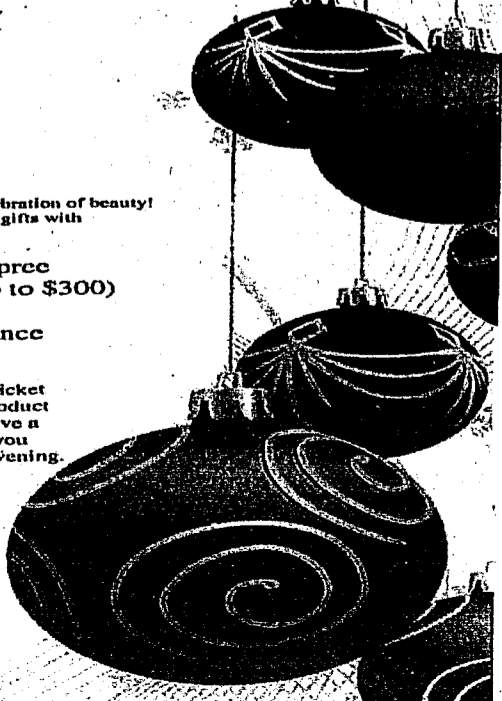
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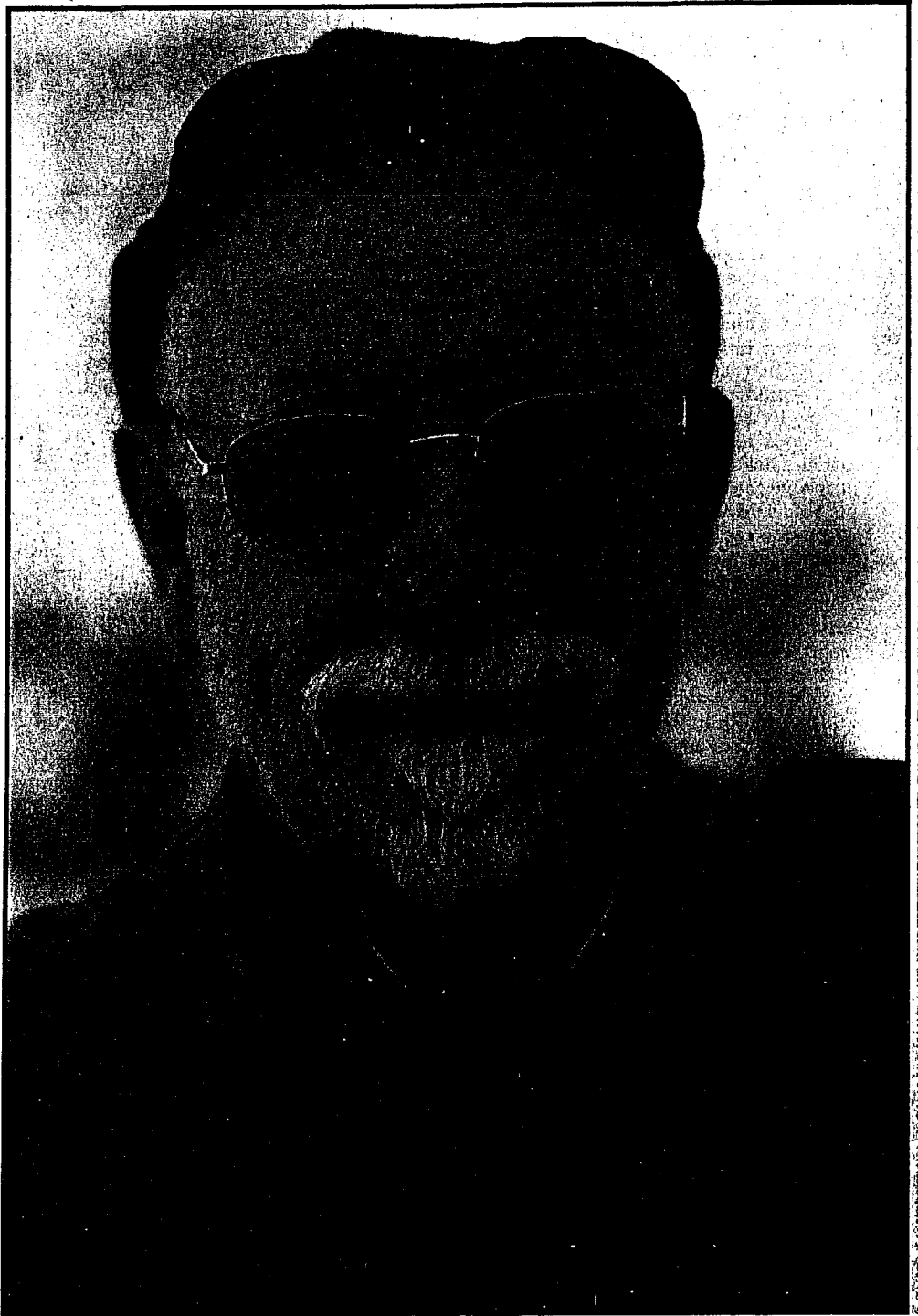
# FACES OF MOSCOW

Text and photos by Jake Barber  
Argonaut

The city of Moscow is populated by people from many different walks of life. From college students to lifetime residents, Moscow represents numerous cultures and lifestyles.

To capture this, I set out on an October afternoon with my camera and a tape recorder to document the faces of Moscow.

To see the rest of the collection, go to [www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com).



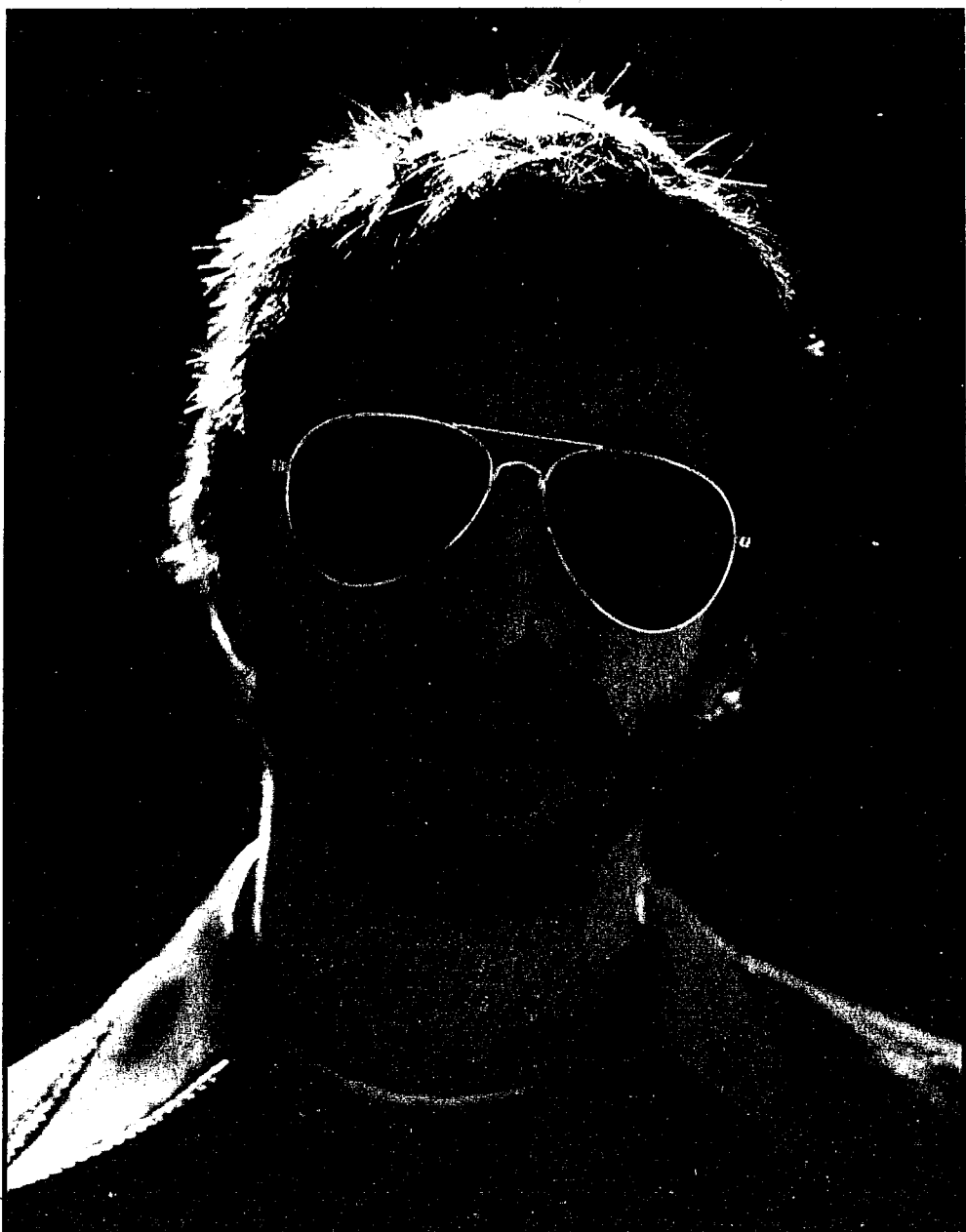
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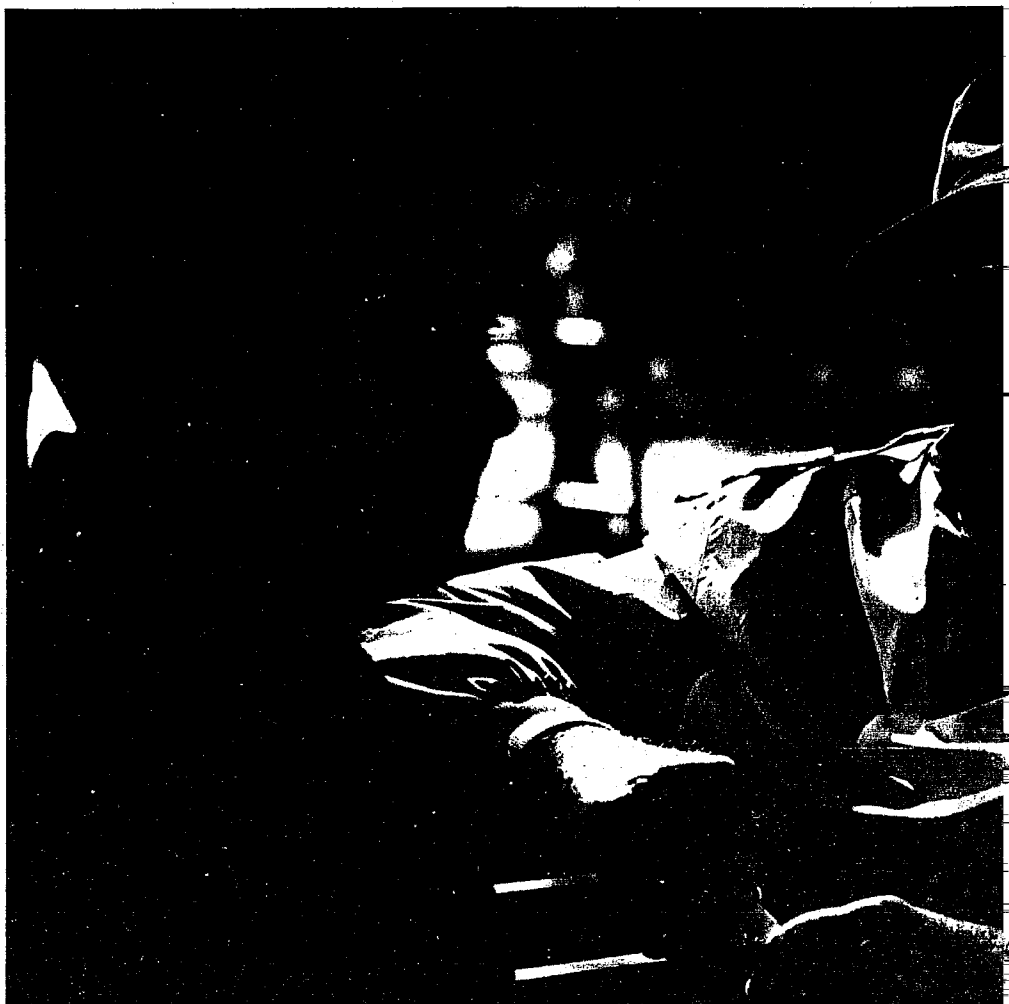
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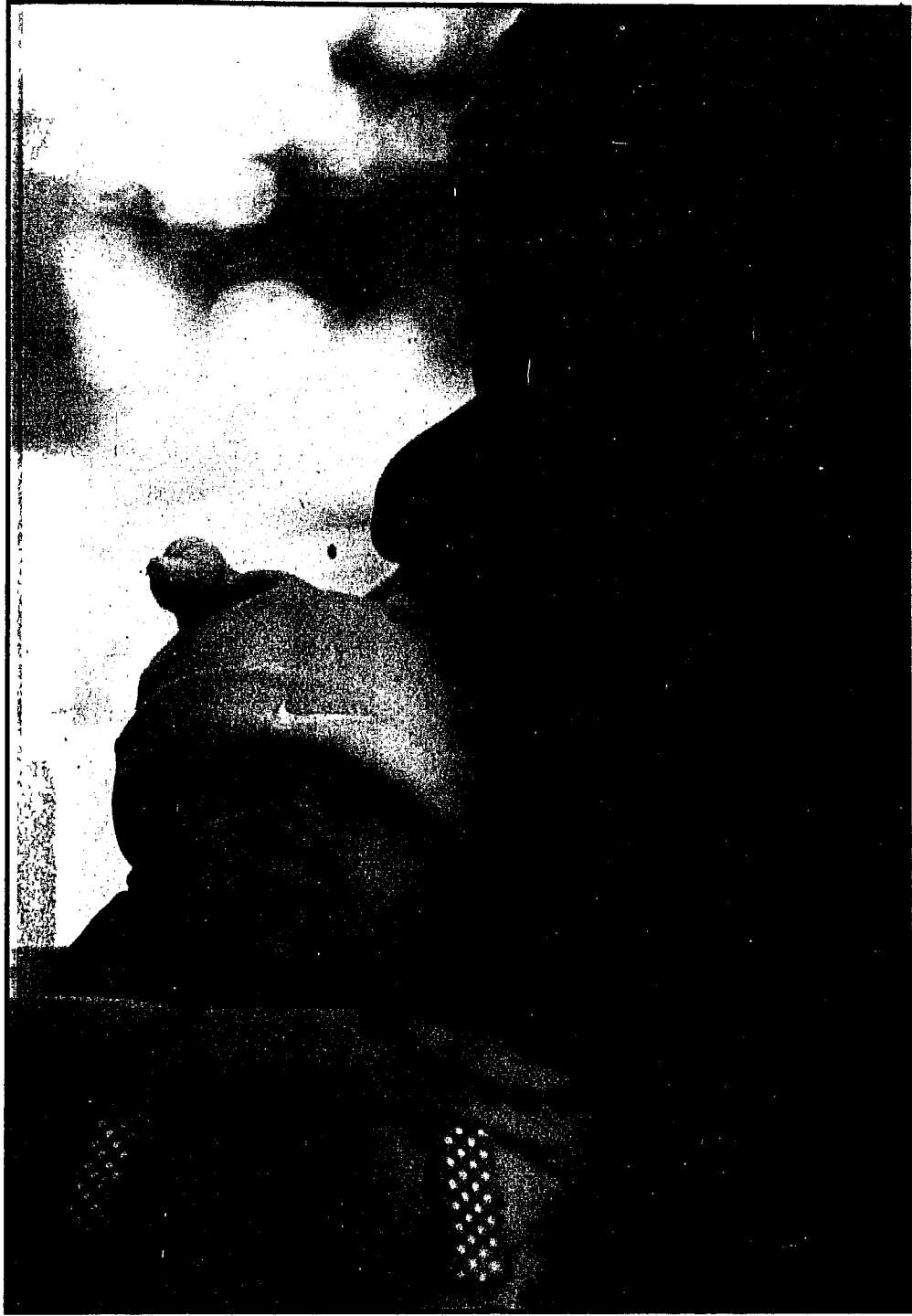
Left to right: Abby McDonald, Kelsie Rathbun and Rachel  
New Saint Andrews College Students



Patrick Guerin  
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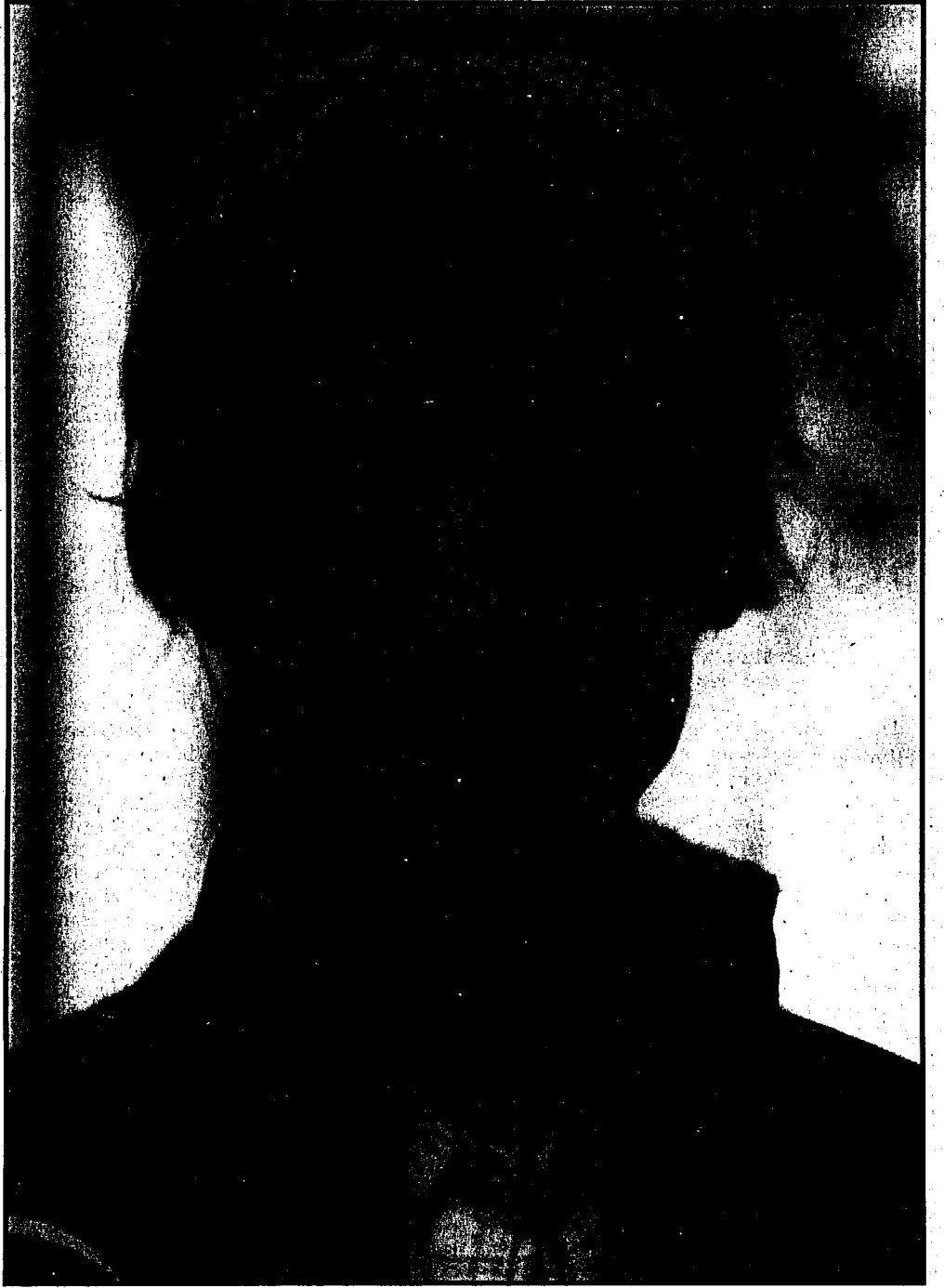


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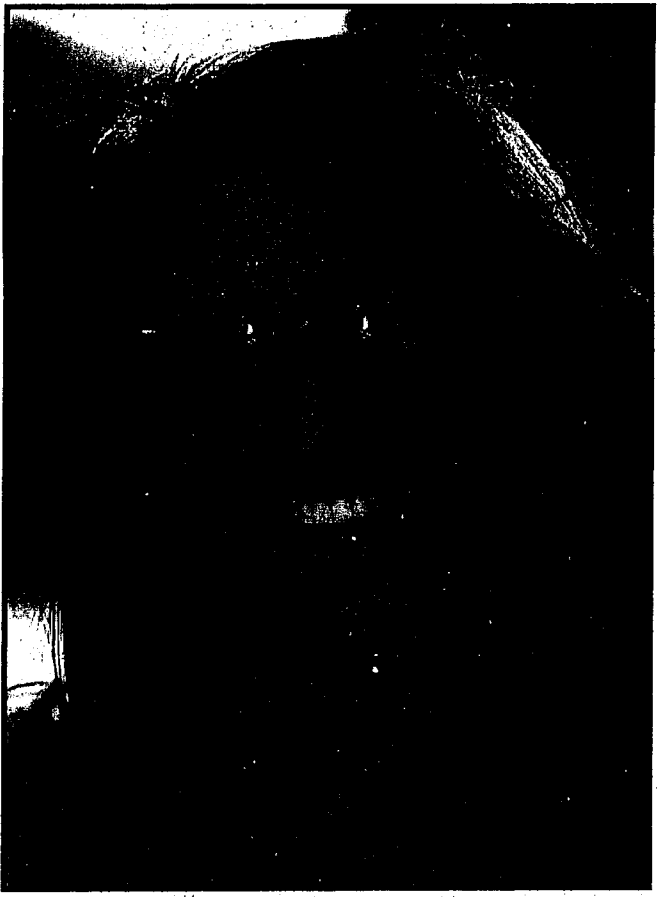
Kerry Rainey and Ellie  
Said her job is being a mom but her hobby is photography.



Rachel Couch  
Recently moved from Southeast Idaho to help some  
friends open a resturant in Pullman.



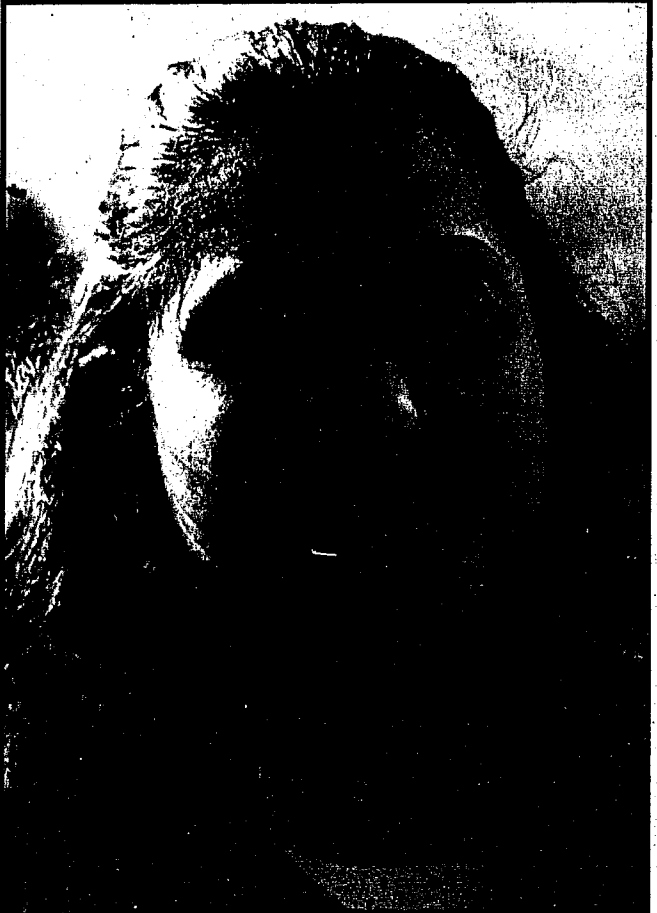
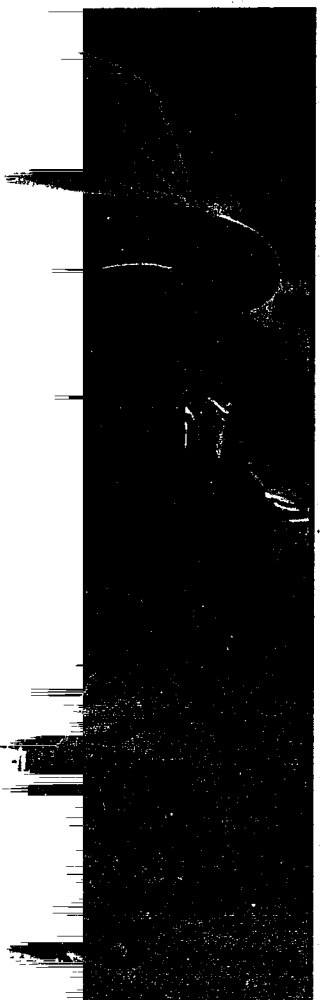
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Julie Dodge  
Psych major at University of Idaho



Dave (declined to give last name)



Nisha Singh  
Conservation and Social Sciences  
student

# Documentary on North Korean refugees comes to UI

Tanya Eddins  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's International Affairs Club has teamed up with Liberty in North Korea, a non-profit organization based in Torrance, Calif., to educate students about the inhumane conditions refugees face when fleeing North Korea's regime. LiNK will air the documentary, "Seoul Train" at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Borah Theater in the Student

**"But you can't help people if you are not aware of what's happening"**

Cassie Byrne  
IAC resident

Union Building. This event is free to anyone interested.

LiNK's mission is to raise awareness about what North Korean refugees face. Groups of young people, called nomads, travel the country showing films this will be the second time that LiNK has visited UI.

Kelcie Moseley, a reporter for the Argonaut and member of the College Democrats — who are co-sponsoring the event — attended their

screening last semester for the same cause.

"I was very affected by the issues," said Moseley. "It was something I hadn't thought of before." Moseley invited LiNK to come back this fall and said she would like to see a LiNK chapter start on campus.

Cassie Byrne, president of the IAC, says that their focus is to educate the student body. "With awareness, hopefully, comes some kind of outrage," Byrne said. "But you can't help people if you are not aware of what's happening."

According to LiNK's Web site, "Seoul Train" is a documentary about the flight of refugees from grave conditions in North Korea. Activists in the film risk their lives in order to help refugees flee from hunger, political oppres-



Courtesy Art

sion and slave-labor camps.

This group is known in Asia as the Underground Railroad.

LiNK said North

Koreans cannot flee to South Korea because of an impenetrable border, forcing them to cross the Yalu and Tumen rivers into

China. But China has formulated policies to arrest those that help refugees and to ship the refugees back into North Korea. "I know

it seems like we can't do much," Byrne said. "But we can pressure the government to pay attention to this issue."

## SUV nearly hits elephant on highway

Sean Murphy  
Associated Press

It's not unusual to see a deer or a cow crossing Oklahoma's rural highways. But an elephant?

A couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had escaped from a nearby circus late Wednesday.

"Didn't have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road," driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. "At the very last second I said 'elephant!'"

Carpenter, 68, said he swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up sideswiping the 29-year-old female elephant on U.S. 81 in Enid, about 80 miles north of Oklahoma City.

"So help me Hanna, had I hit that elephant, not swerved, it would have knocked it off its legs, and it would have landed right on top of us," he said. "We'd have been history."

The couple, who own a wheat farm, weren't injured. But the 8-foot, 4,500-pound elephant was being examined Thursday for a broken tusk and a leg wound. A local veterinarian said it appeared to have escaped major injury.

"I thought this can't be happening. Out here you could hit a deer or a cow, but this can't be happening. The good Lord was with us," Carpenter said. The elephant's tusk punched through the side of the SUV, tearing up sheet metal.

After sideswiping the elephant,

his wife, Deena, flagged some people down and used their cell phone to call police.

"The dispatcher didn't believe her: 'You hit a what?'" he said. "I told my wife, I don't know whether to cry or laugh."

Enid veterinarian Dr. Dwight Olson said the elephant was hiding in some bushes just off the highway when he arrived shortly after the accident. Handlers from the circus were able to calm it down, and Olson cleaned the leg wound and gave it some pain killer.

The elephant was taken Thursday to the veterinary school at Oklahoma State University for a follow-up exam.

"I don't believe there's a broken bone, but I don't have an X-ray

room big enough to examine it," Olson said.

The elephant had escaped from the Family Fun Circus at the Garfield County Fairgrounds earlier Wednesday after something spooked it while it was being loaded into a truck with another elephant, Olson said.

A booking agent for the circus, Rachael Bellman, said she was unaware the incident, and a telephone message left with circus officials wasn't immediately returned.

Carpenter joked about being involved in such a bizarre accident on what is usually a peaceful church night.

"I don't know what was in the wine, but it must have been pretty strong," he said.

### eventsCALENDAR

#### Friday

8 a.m.  
Women in Engineering Day: All-day workshop held in the Summit Room of the Idaho Commons.

10 a.m.  
WomensWorks Holiday Art Fair in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

1:30 p.m.  
Seminar: "Mining for Innovation" in the SUB Gold Room.

3 p.m.  
Reception: Innovation Awards in the SUB Palloosa Lounge.

6 p.m.  
Friday Night Vandal Social at Mingles Bar & Grill in Moscow.

7:30 p.m.  
Concert: Jazz Bands and Choirs in the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

#### Saturday

4 p.m.  
Student Recital: Jemima Bauer in the Administration Auditorium.

7:30 p.m.  
Student Recital: Krista Brand in the Administration Auditorium.

#### Sunday

1 p.m.  
Student Recital: Holly Blachette in the Administration Auditorium.

#### Monday

11:45 a.m.  
Vandal Booster Luncheon at the University Inn Best Western.

1:30 p.m.  
First Time Study Abroad Advising in the Horizon Room of the Idaho Commons.

6:30 p.m.  
Native American Heritage Month: "Tribal Nations" at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.



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## Review in NJ fat defense case

Associated Press

No verdict was reached Thursday in the trial of a Florida man who claims he was too fat to have killed his former son-in-law, but jurors asked to review key evidence in the New Jersey case.

Edward Ates (AYTZ) says he didn't have the energy to accurately shoot Paul Duncsak (DUNSKAK) and make a quick getaway. The 62-year-old was 285 pounds when Duncsak was killed in 2006.

The victim and Ates' daughter were involved in a custody dispute after their divorce.

Prosecutors say Ates drove from Florida to Duncsak's home in New Jersey, climbed a staircase and shot him before fleeing to Louisiana.

Jurors asked to review Ates' testimony, wire-tapped phone calls between Ates and his sister and testimony from a neighbor who said he saw Ates' car at his mother's house the night of the murder.

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# Dam fixes discourage Wash. flood

George Tibbitts  
Associated Press

Hurried repairs at a badly weakened flood-control reservoir have greatly reduced but far from eliminated the risk of flooding this winter in the Green River Valley near Seattle, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Thursday.

The region has been preparing for flooding ever since a torrential storm in January weakened an abutment to an important upstream dam that holds back the Green River. Residents and businesses have been piling up sandbags and the corps has been working around the clock on repairs to shore up the abutment. Most of the repairs were completed within the past week.

Col. Anthony Wright, the

corps' Seattle district commander, provided an update Thursday on the dam repairs. He said there was now a 1-in-25 chance that a storm would force the corps to release enough water from the dam's reservoir to cause a flood downstream in the Green River Valley. The odds of widespread flooding in the valley improve to 1-in-32 when all the sandbagging and flood-protection efforts are factored in.

Previously, the Corps of Engineers said the chance of widespread flooding was 1-and-4. While that is "a substantial change in the risk for the people downstream," the danger is still very high and the preparations in the valley were critical, Wright said.

"It was really bad before and it's now just bad," he said.

Residents, businesses and local governments in the long, flat valley have been working feverishly to fortify their property and the levees along the winding river against a potentially catastrophic flood during the winter rainy season. The corps has estimated that beyond the human cost, a flood could cause \$4 billion in damage.

Wright said he could safely accept more water behind the dam than he was comfortable with before — about 50 percent full compared to the earlier restriction of about 30 percent. But flooding is still much more likely than when the dam can operate at capacity, when there's about a 1-in-140 chance of flooding.

If there's a repeat of the January rainstorm that dumped 15 inches on the area around the

dam in 12 hours, "I cannot handle that flood and that would result in widespread flooding downstream," he said.

In recent weeks, some 40 miles of levees have been raised with sandbags, evacuation routes and emergency warning systems have been set up, and residents have been urged to buy flood insurance and assemble "go kits" — documents, medicine and other valuables they'll need if forced to flee on short notice.

The valley is an important center of commerce, including Boeing Co. facilities and a Starbucks roasting plant. Boeing workers put an up 8-foot-high floodwall to protect their sprawling Space Center in Kent.

The abutment to the corps' dam on the upper reaches of the

Green River was found to be seriously weakened after the record January rains. To reduce the danger the abutment might fail, the corps immediately lowered the water in the reservoir and within months began the \$8.9 million project to inject grout into the abutment, a massive pile of rock and dirt left by a 10,000-year-old landslide.

Eventually, the corps plans to build a concrete wall as a permanent fix, but the valley still faces several winters of flood danger before that can be completed.

"The Corps of Engineers tells us to be prepared for inches to feet," says Capt. Kyle Ohashi of the fire department in Kent. "All we can do is assume the worst, prepare for it and hope it never gets to that point."

## LDS leaders asked to reconsider policies

Associated Press

A foundation that supports gay rights delivered a petition Wednesday to Mormon church leaders asking them to reconsider their policies and political activism against gay marriage.

About 50 members of the Foundation for Reconciliation delivered the petition to mark the one-year anniversary of a ballot initiative that banned gay marriage in California, spokesman Peter Danzig said. The foundation had collected about 2,000 signatures on the petition, which has circulated online since June.

A church security staffer accepted the delivery, which was brought to the downtown Salt Lake City headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by a group pulling a replica of a Mormon pioneer handcart. About half the group had pulled the handcart about five miles from This is the Place state park, which memorializes the entrance of Mormon pioneers into the Salt Lake valley in 1847.

Foundation organizer Cheryl Nunn, who splits her time between Utah and Santa Cruz, Calif., has said the petition and other group events are a direct reaction to the church's support for Proposition 8. Mormon church members were vigorous financial contributors and volunteers to the campaign to pass the ballot initiative.

The petition calls for Mormons on both sides of the issue to begin a dialogue that heals past and present divisions, Danzig said.

"Our hope is for reconciliation and to open up a conversation that for a long time have been taboo and help bring understanding to the issues that people face," said Danzig, a musician who resigned his church membership after he spoke out on gay rights nearly two years ago. "We don't necessarily have to agree on everything, but our sense is that there's a huge amount of common ground that we can work on."

Among the foundation's concerns are fair housing, employment discrimination and high rates of suicide and homelessness among LGBT youths.

It's unclear whether the church might meet with the foundation. In a letter sent to the group's executive committee Monday, church Director of Community Relations John R. Taylor said

### gay marriage AREAS

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- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- Vermont

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- South Africa
- Spain
- Sweden

It is allowed in regions of the following countries:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Mexico
- Venezuela

Mormon leaders are "keenly aware" of many difficult challenges faced by members, including same-sex attraction.

"We are, of course, deeply concerned about any issue that causes pain or distress to any of our Father's children," Taylor wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained to The Associated Press.

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Peter

**DANZIG**

Foundation for Reconciliation spokesperson

Taylor said the church has worked to provide resources to members and leaders dealing with same-sex issues and that the church's doctrinal belief in traditional marriage "does not minimize the value of any of God's children, or our love for one another as brothers and sisters."

The non-profit foundation is comprised of both current and former church members from several states, along with others who support equality for lesbian, gay and transgender individuals.

The group has met with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and has held a series of events since forming in June, including a fundraising concert for a homeless youth center in Salt Lake City and a memorial service for LGBT Mormons who have committed suicide.

Mementos from those events, including a book containing personal stories from LGBT Mormons and their families, and dozens of white carnations were also among the items delivered to church officials in the handcart.

## Mister Rogers Neighborhood rebuilt as tribute in Pittsburgh

Ramit Plushnick-Masti  
Associated Press

For just this weekend, a neighborhood in this city that has lain dormant in boxes and under plastic coverings for nearly a decade, is coming back to life.

Everyone important will be there in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood of Make-Believe: Daniel Striped Tiger, X the Owl, Henrietta Pussycat and even Mr. McFeely in the flesh.

The set is being rebuilt and opened to the public Saturday and Sunday, giving generations of Americans who grew up with Fred Rogers and his mother's hand-knit cardigans — as well as their children who watch his reruns — a real-life look at one of TV's most famous neighborhoods.

"It's really an iconic part of Pittsburgh," says David Newell, aka Mr. McFeely.

The weekend marks the renaming of the WQED studio, where the show was taped, after Fred Rogers. The show, now in its 41st year, is the longest-running show on public television, according to Maria Pisano, WQED's marketing associate.

Newell and Pisano have been fielding e-mails packed with memories from people across the country and the world.

One woman from Chicago remembers visiting the set with her father as a child. Now, she plans to make the 460-mile trip to Pittsburgh this weekend with her 5-year-old son so he can have the same memory.

An American now living in Sweden wrote to

Pisano to express her disappointment in missing the event. The public television station in Erie, Pa. wrote to say it is sending a bus load of members to visit the studio. A Milwaukee resident sent an e-mail just to share her memories, Pisano said.

"People are very emotionally connected to the show and their memories," Pisano said. "It's really amazing to see the impact."

It's unclear when, or if, WQED will have the opportunity to again rebuild the set in the studio where the show was filmed, since its high-definition facilities are used by clients. It was only possible to open it up to the public for one week-end, Newell said.

Replicas of parts of the set exist in some places,

such as Idlewild Park in Littonier, Pa., where a trolley takes children through the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh that has a play area based on the set.

King Friday's castle and the tree where Henrietta and X the Owl lived are on display at WQED year-round. But Lady Elaine's Museum Go-Round has been in storage since taping of the show ended in 2001, as has the tower and the rest of the colorful set.

Not only is Mister Rogers himself conspicuously absent — Fred Rogers died of cancer in 2003 at age 74 — so is the timeless trolley that has ding-dinged along the tracks for 40 years. It's preserved in plexiglass at the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, Pa.

## U.N. peacekeepers punished for sex abuses

Bradley S. Klapper  
Associated Press

At least 50 peacekeepers have received punishments ranging from reduction in military rank to eight months imprisonment for committing sexual abuses on United Nations missions since 2007, the U.N. said Thursday.

The data were released after media organizations asked what measures countries were taking against peacekeepers accused of rape and other abuses in conflict areas such as Congo. The U.N. can investigate allegations of misconduct, but prosecution is handled solely by governments contributing personnel to missions.

The figures show a significant increase in prosecutions and court-martials by national authorities this

year. The disciplinary action against 33 peacekeepers in "cases involving sexual exploitation and abuse" through November included lesser penalties from dismissal, forced retirement and withdrawal of an officer's commission to prison sentences reaching eight months.

Only two military personnel were punished for similar abuses in 2008, and 15 in 2007, according to the U.N. data aggregated by the organization's field support department.

"When allegations of misconduct involving military and police personnel are substantiated, the U.N. can repatriate the individuals concerned and ban them from participating in future peacekeeping operations," the U.N. said.

Allegations of sexual exploitation and other

crimes have dogged U.N. peacekeeping missions almost since their inception in 1948, with abuses reported in missions from Bosnia and Kosovo to Cambodia, East Timor, West Africa and Congo.

The issue was thrust into the spotlight after the United Nations found in early 2005 that peacekeepers in Congo had sex with Congolese women and girls, usually in exchange for food or small sums of money.

In response, the U.N. adopted a "zero tolerance" policy toward sexual abuse and a universal code of conduct that required training for all peacekeepers. But it left punishment for wrongdoers to individual countries, which has been a continuing problem.

The figures show that

the U.N. has referred to national authorities over 450 instances of misconduct — sexual and otherwise — since 2007. It received responses in only 29 of these cases.

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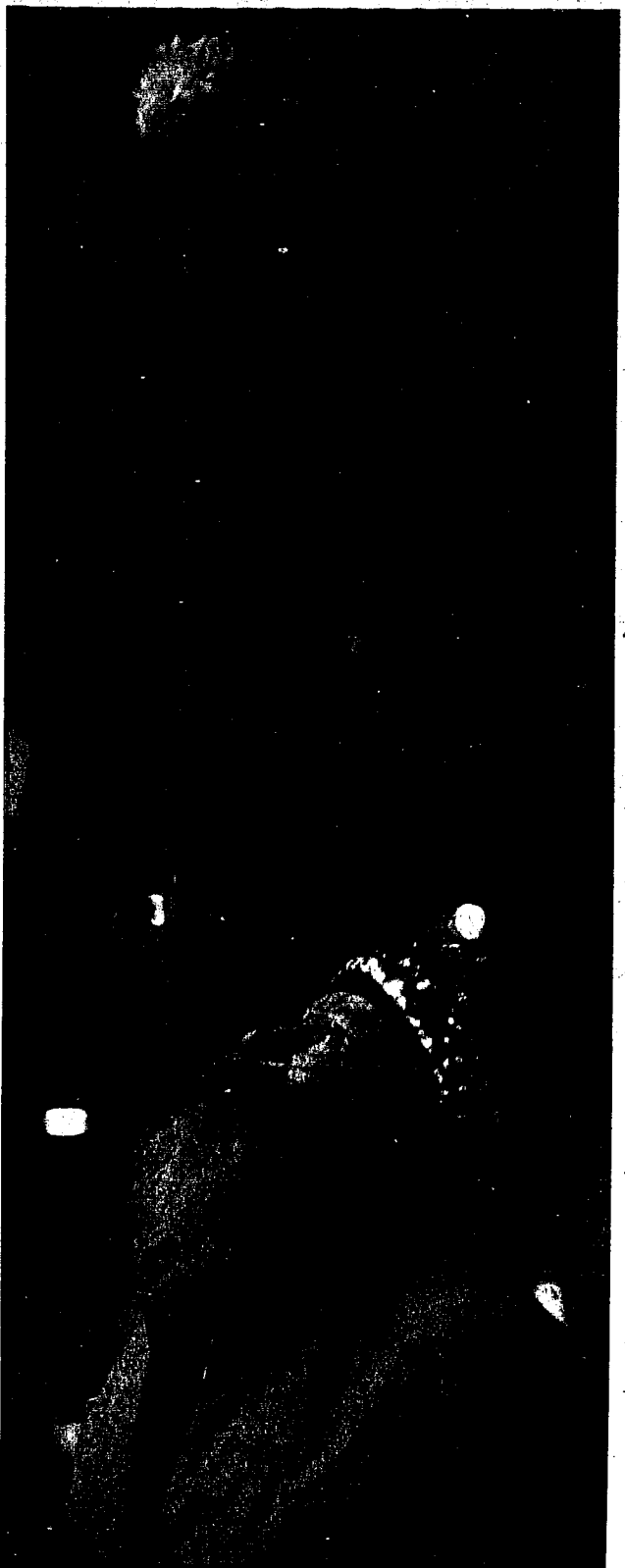
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# KEEPING IT WEIRD



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A street performer balances a spinning flower in downtown Austin, Tex. Oct. 29. Performers and musicians are easily found in Austin, where the unofficial motto of the town is "Keep Austin Weird."

# FUNDS

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John Boyd and a few other students who call themselves, "The Green Machine," got a grant for \$3,000 to start a campus-wide composting program. They are working on their grant through a three credit course to recycle all the food and animal waste on campus.

Another grant that is being funded is the Green Living Workshop series, organized by Michael Hazel and the Student Organization for People and the Environment. They were awarded \$1,400.

The other three grants include \$3,000 for a bike shelter at the LLCs, \$1,950 to install motion sensor lights in the College of Law building and another \$3,000 to study Idaho soils' potential for using biochar — a type of charcoal — to increase fertility in the soil, among other things.

Danie Merriman, one of the organizers for the

Vandal Garden, said the UISC knows the organization of UI and can provide better advice and resources to make the grants possible and successful.

"Other projects may be based on a larger scale, and may not take the time to really work with us and try to create substantial change on the campus," Merriman said.

Merriman said the Vandal Garden is only going to be successful if there are the people to make it so. The UI Environmental Club wrote the grant with Merriman for the garden. She said they hope there's a good turnout of interested people.

Carman said organizations like the UISC are important for dealing with environmental issues like pollution and aquifer depletion.

Carmen said it only takes one person to make a difference.

"But...one faculty member, one event, one student's willingness to serve, to dig in and 'git' er dun' at a time," Carman said.

# Woman pleads guilty in road rage dressing case

Associated Press

An Idaho woman accused of ramming her pickup into another car, then hurling ranch salad dressing at the vehicle, has pleaded guilty to aggravated battery.

Tiffany M. Wallace, 18, entered the plea in 4th District Court Monday in a deal with prosecutors.

The Idaho Statesman reports Wallace is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 11. Wallace was arrested

June 1 after police say she used her truck to ram a sedan several times over a road rage episode. The driver of the other car told police the encounter began after he was cut off by Wallace. He said she later cut him off again, yelled at him and threw coins and plastic containers of ranch dressing at his car.

The victim said the woman later rammed his car at least three times in a parking lot.

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# Republican fundraiser arrested for violation

Associated Press

A Republican fundraiser is in jail after law enforcement officials say he violated his probation for felony drunken driving.

Jason Lehosit was in Ada County Jail Thursday, the Idaho Statesman reported.

The 33-year-old was campaign manager for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's 2006 run for governor until he was fired after being arrested for his latest DUI. He has had four, in addition to multiple alcohol-related violations when he

was still under 21.

In January 2006, 4th District Judge Thomas Neville sentenced Lehosit to 120 days in jail and five years probation. According to his sentence, Lehosit "may not drink" but "may be in bar for purpose of work only."

Department of Corrections spokesman Jeff Ray says Lehosit could get 180 days in jail for violating his probation.

Recently, Lehosit has been helping Lt. Gov. Brad Little raise money for his 2010 run.

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## Team tradition starts here

**SOCCER** Small named WAC Soccer Freshman of the Year as Vandals celebrate best season in nine years

Ilya Pinchuk  
Argonaut

The Vandals' season may have ended with disappointment, but the loss doesn't detract from a fantastic season for the up-and-coming Vandal squad.

"The sky is the limit from this team," coach Pete Showler said. "The team has taken huge strides — they have the ability to become a very good team, the next step is making sure they believe it."

Consider this: the Vandals were picked near the bottom of the league yet they've engineered the second-best turn-around season in the NCAA, going from one win in 2008 to nine this year, the most since 2000.

Senior Ashley Perez, who has been with the Vandals for four years, said the team really bonded and connected this year.

"We weren't as close my freshman year as the team is today," Perez said. "This year, we stepped on that field and we knew that every single player on that field worked hard to be there and we could trust them."

Senior defender Sari Morrison said the biggest difference between the last few years and this year was the mentality of the team in the locker room and on the field.

"It wasn't divided this year," Morrison said. "We were a unit. It didn't matter if you were a freshman or senior you were part of the team and every person played an important role of the team."

The mentality paid dividends in the season, both in individual statistics as well as team performances. The Vandals tallied up 27 goals, up from 9 last year and the most since 2001. In addition, the Vandals took more shots this year than in any other year.

Many of those shots came from freshman Chelsea Small, who tied Idaho's freshmen scoring record with 20 points, as well as destroying the previous record for shots taken. Small fired off an astounding 101 shots, 30 more than any other player in Idaho history.

The WAC has honored Small for her outstanding play, receiving the Soccer Freshman of the Year Award, as well as being named to the all-WAC team.

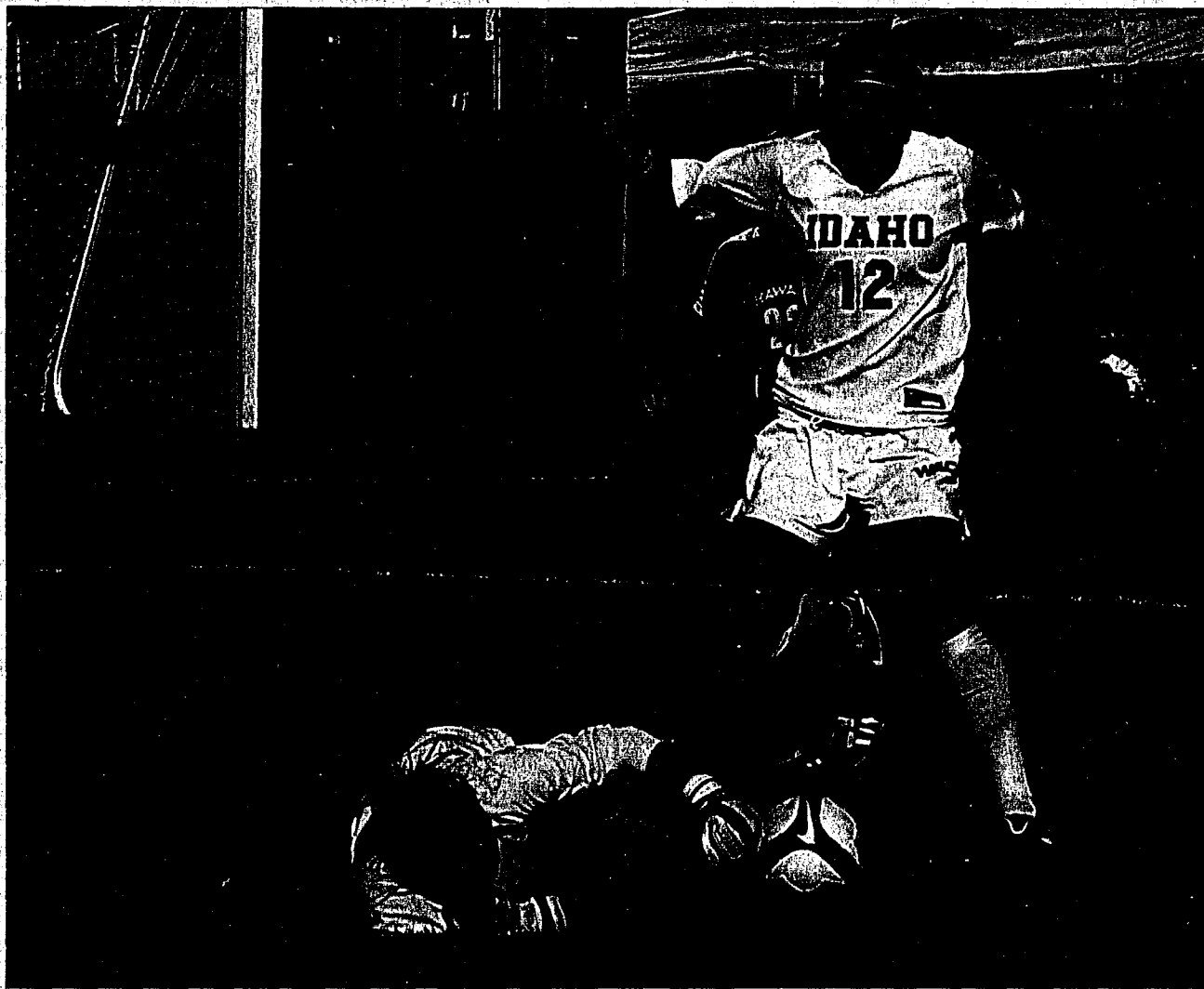
Showler describes Small as an extremely hard worker who makes things happen for everyone on the field. Even when she isn't scoring, Small is setting up opportunities for her teammates to score, he said.

No one felt Small's ability to setup more than Morrison, who was second on Idaho's scoring roster with 7 goals on the season, despite being primarily a defender. Morrison converted on 3 penalty kicks, a new record for Idaho, as well as chipping in some self-described 'real goals'.

Showler said Morrison has been a rock of leadership in the back end.

"Over the years, Pete and the other coaches helped me relax, gain confidence and become a good communicator," Morrison said. "That put me into a leadership role — I was kind of the loudmouth on the field."

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Idaho's Jill Flockhart jumps over Hawaii goalkeeper Kristina Ehrett to score the first goal of the game. The Vandals led 2-0 at half-time, but lost the game 3-2. It was the last game for seniors Ashley Perez, Sari Morrison, Anna Sandman and Lydia Beyerlein.

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**WebEXCLUSIVE**

For an online only profile of this season's seniors, visit [argonaut.com](http://argonaut.com). Sandman, Ashley Perez and Sari Morrison have been with the team all four years, while Lydia Beyerlein was in her first season with Idaho after transferring from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

## Preseason tune-up

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Final exhibition game today against Eastern Oregon University

Ilya Pinchuk  
Argonaut

With the season opener against Gonzaga coming up, coach Jon Newlee and his staff will look to work out any kinks this weekend as the Vandals play host to Eastern Oregon today in the last exhibition game of the year.

Despite cruising to an easy 82-52 victory over Northwest Christian Sunday, Newlee said there is definitely room for improvement, which he hopes to see today.

"Our rebounding and blocking out has been pathetic," Newlee said. "We need to be way more aggressive defensively — we have a lot to shore up before the 'Zags (Gonzaga) come here."

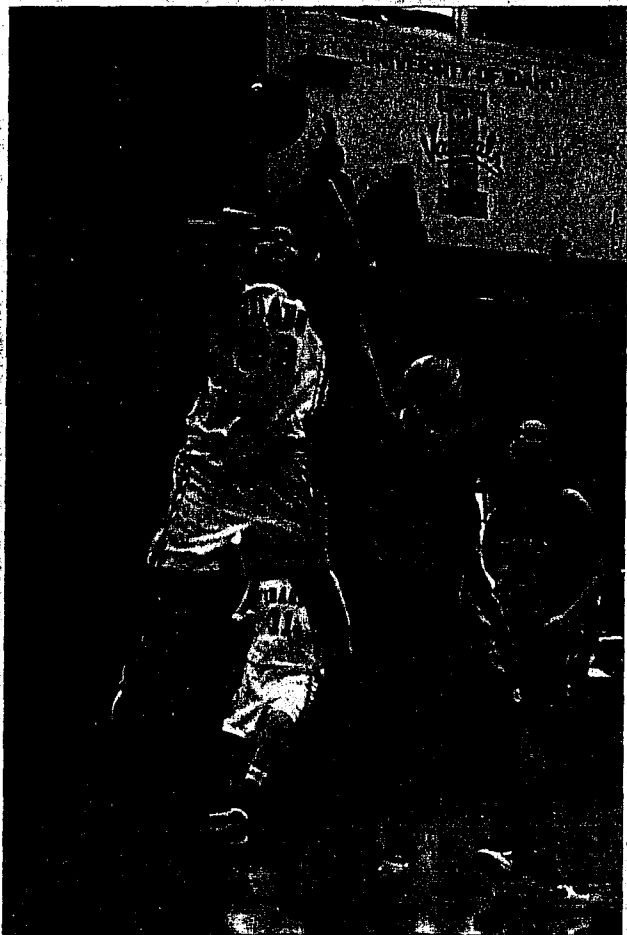
The Vandals did not receive any fouls in the first half of the game against NCU, a sign, Newlee said, the team was much too passive.

"Our lack of aggression defensively was really bad," Newlee said. "It's something we need to pick up."

It's hard to tell this early in the season whether the team was simply flat in their first exhibition against an underpowered team, or if the lack of aggression will become an issue.

Newlee said the team did a good job offensively in the first half of last weekend's game, but tapered off too much in the second half.

To combat this, the team has been running conditioning drills as well as strong defensive workouts,



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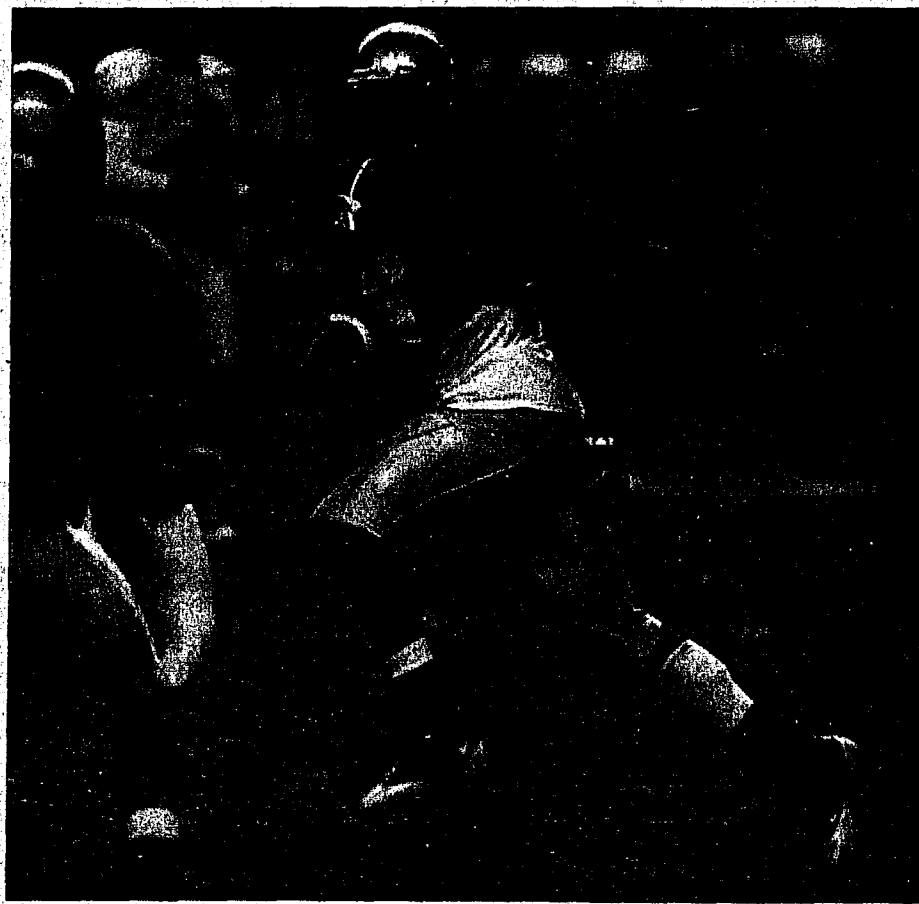
Vandal guard Shaena-Lyn Kuehu takes a jump shot over Northwest Christian Beacon guard Lori Renner Nov. 1 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals cruised to an 82-52 victory over the Beacons. Kuehu and the Vandals have their next exhibition game tonight against Eastern Oregon in Memorial Gym. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

combined with bursts of offensive drills.

The victory over NCU, while impressive, is certainly not a sign of things to come, and no one on the team is fooling themselves

into thinking every game will come as easily. Newlee said he was impressed with how his starters performed, but hopes to get a much

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal running back Deonte Jackson runs through drills during practice Tuesday afternoon. Jackson and the Vandals take on the Fresno State Bulldogs Saturday in the Kibbie Dome, a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN. Kickoff has been moved to 7:30 p.m.

## Growing reputation

**FOOTBALL**

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

This season of football for the Vandals has been a test — a test of skill, a test of strength and most of all a test of adversity. So far, the Vandals have proved they can pass all three, but with the goal of a bowl game lingering in their heads and three more games to go, the Vandals still realize the test is not over.

"We may give up a bunch of yards against our defense, but as long as we have more points than the other team,

that's what it comes down to," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "Yards don't cost you points as long as you keep it one yard short of the goal line."

Coming off a comeback win against the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs, the Vandals have a renewed confidence in their team.

"I look at Saturday's game — that was a character win right there," Akey said. "I would like to think that coming out of Saturday's ball game this team will be able to look at that and think we're capable of doing

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# Leading to WAC possibilities

Otero, who plays an average of 40.6 minutes per game, has the potential to lead her team to success

Travis Mason-Bushman  
Argonaut

A regulation college basketball game consists of two 20-minute periods, for a total of 40 minutes. Last season, Idaho Vandals point guard Charlotte Otero played an average of 40.6 minutes per game.

Playing virtually every minute of every one of her team's 28 games, including three overtime contests, Otero led the NCAA nationally in minutes per game, while racking up 6.2 points and 3.6 assists per game.

"It was pretty crazy," Otero said.

With just six scholarship players, a history of failure and little time to implement his system, not much was expected of newly-hired coach Jon Newlee's squad. But the Vandals shocked the WAC by turning in their best performance since joining the conference — a 13-15 overall record, 10-6 in the WAC. Otero's iron will and non-stop commitment made that turnaround possible, Newlee said.

"That stat really is phenomenal," Newlee said. "Without Charlotte doing what she did every night, we wouldn't have had near the record we had. We had a good rotation at the post, but she was really my only option at point guard. We needed her and she came through."

What impressed Newlee even more than Otero's game performance, however, was her commitment to the team work ethic and helping the team.

"Charlotte is not one of those kids that coasts in practice and turns it on in the game," Newlee said. "She went as hard as she could whether we were playing or practicing. She was so used to going hard for two hours (in practice), 40 minutes was a breeze."

With a year of experience in his new coaching system, Newlee is expecting Otero to step up as the team's floor general. He said her personality fits his view of a natural leader. As one of the Vandals' two seniors, she also has the right mix of on-court experience and trust of her teammates, he said.

"She's going to be in charge of this team," Newlee said. "It's her team, and people will get in line and follow her as long as she's leading them the right way."

The challenge to lead is an opportunity she relishes.

"I know what the coaches expect out of me and I know what they want," Otero said. "I love

being that floor leader. I want to do that."

Otero hails from San Diego, Calif., where she played for one of the state's top high school teams. During her four years at San Diego High, the Cavers never lost a league game, went to the state tournament twice and, in her sophomore year, made it to the state title game before losing out. One of her teammates was Charde Houston, who went on to play for national powerhouse UConn and now plays in the WNBA.

She originally planned to attend a community college in Arizona, but her high school coach convinced her to aim her sights higher — and northward.

"My coach said 'Go try Idaho, give it a chance.' I said, 'I don't want to go, it's Idaho, I don't know what's out there, I don't even know where that is,'" Otero said. "But they convinced me to come out on a visit, the day after I graduated high school, and that changed my mind — I wanted to come play up here."

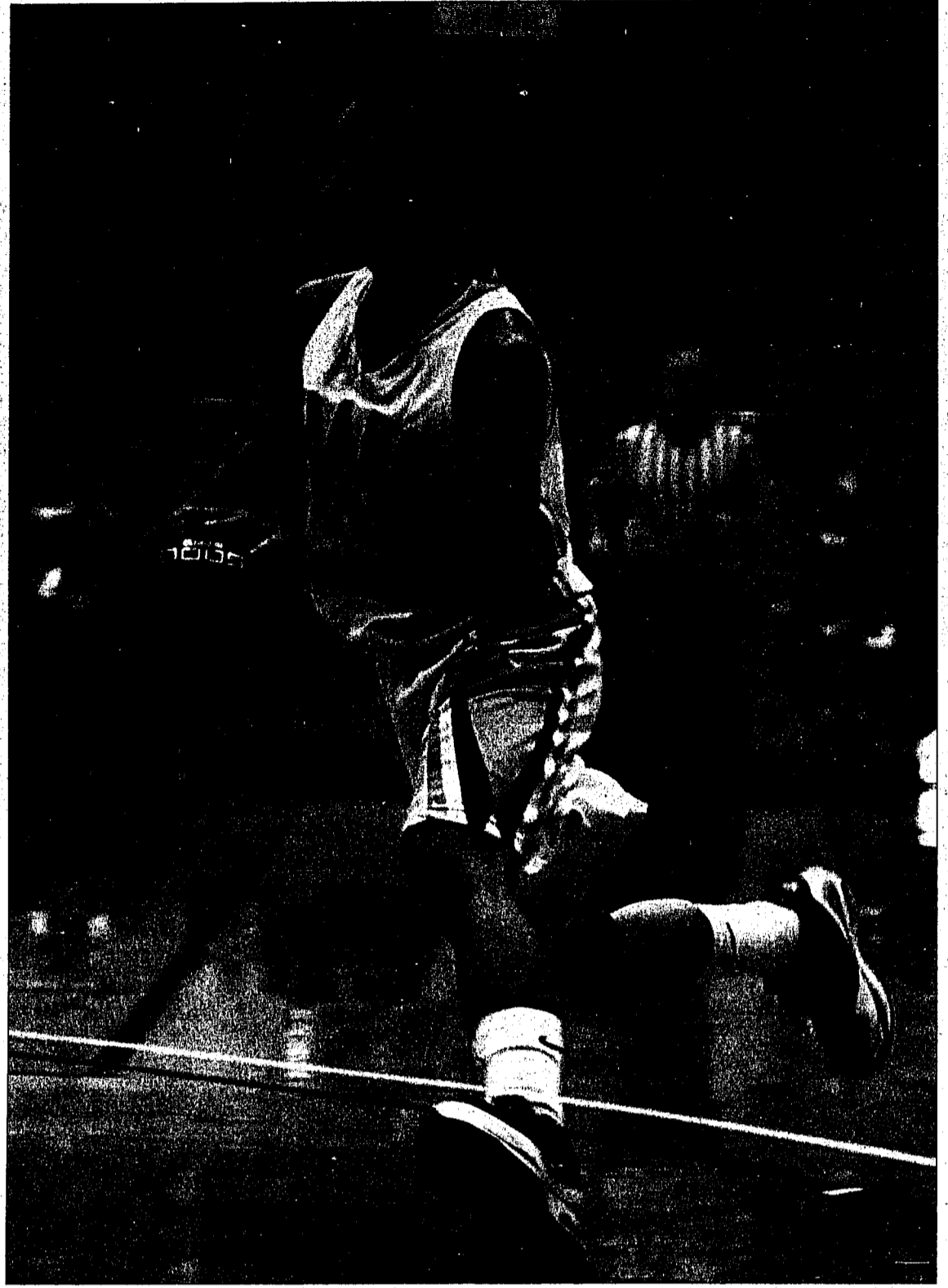
Otero spent two years playing for Idaho's previous coach, Mike Divilbiss, who was fired at the end of the 2007-08 season. She doesn't miss the old staff, and said the Newlee regime has brought not only a new style of play to the Vandals, but a new spirit as well.

"Under coach Newlee, the game is more our style of play, the way I want to play," Otero said. "Before, it was all about slow it down, run this play, run that play. Now, we run up and down the court all the time. It makes the game so much more fun to play and I'm sure it's much more fun to watch."

She said Newlee's coaching staff is more supportive of the team, and in turn the team has more respect for the staff — and more confidence in the schemes they're running.

This season, Otero will be leading a much deeper squad — with newcomers including 6-3 Idaho State transfer Ally Sisel-Kumpfer, North Idaho College standout Bianca Cheever and freshman sharpshooter Kanisha Bello. Otero said that depth will give Idaho the ability to run, an even faster-paced gameplan than the already-uptempo pace seen last season.

"With having a lot more fresh legs, it's going to change everything," Otero said. "Last year we had to calm it down because people got tired. This year we can sub in and out and keep going as hard



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
Vandal point guard Charlotte Otero drives to the basket from the three-point line Sunday afternoon during the exhibition game against Northwest Christian. Otero and the Vandals won the contest 82-52.

as we can. That will allow us to all play to our full potential."

In some ways, Otero believes the challenges the Vandals endured last year will make them a stronger — and hungrier — team this season. With every player having to step up and make big contributions and take big minutes, Otero said the team

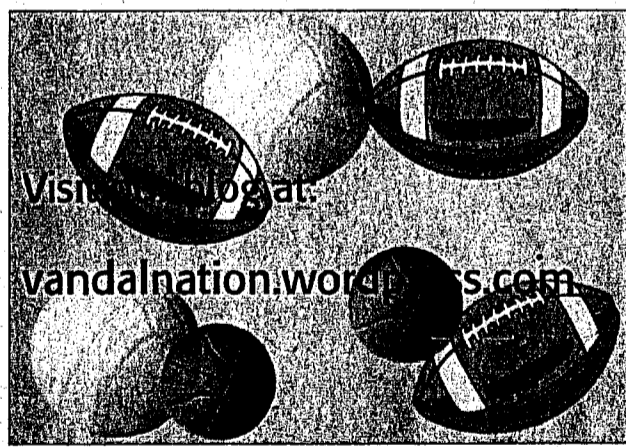
came together as a unit in a way she hadn't seen before.

"If we did that well last year for our first season with coach Newlee, what's going to happen this year?" Otero said. "We can only really expect things to get better."

"Better" for Otero means nothing less than a WAC Tournament championship. That would

give the Vandals their first post-season berth since Pat Dobratz took the squad to the Women's NIT title in 1986.

"My goal this year is to win the WAC — period," Otero said. "It's my last year here, and before it was never really in our reach. After last season I feel like we can do this."



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## Final away game to decide momentum

Lisa Short  
Argonaut

With only one more away game and three home games before the WAC Playoffs, the Idaho volleyball team is pushing for a strong finish.

"It's a big week," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We need to execute on the road because they'll (New Mexico State) play better at home, just like we do."

The team is looking for another win against the New Mexico State Aggies, but is prepared for them to fight back.

Idaho beat the Aggies 3-1 in Memorial Gym but can expect a different atmosphere playing on the Aggies home court Saturday.

"It's going to be a fight," senior Debbie Pederson said.

New Mexico State is in second above Idaho in the WAC rankings with a 9-3 record over the Vandals' 8-3 record as of Wednesday.

"We're going to have to bring it even more, push even more," senior Anna McKinney said.

New Mexico States' offense is dominated by Kayleigh Giddens, Whitney Woods, Krista Altermatt and Kelsey Brennan. In their last match, the Idaho block frustrated and forced errors for all their hitters.

Idaho holds the advantage in blocks, digs and service aces but not in kills or hitting percentages. Idaho's defense has been solid all season and continues to improve but their offense is something that has started evolving more recently, Buchanan said.

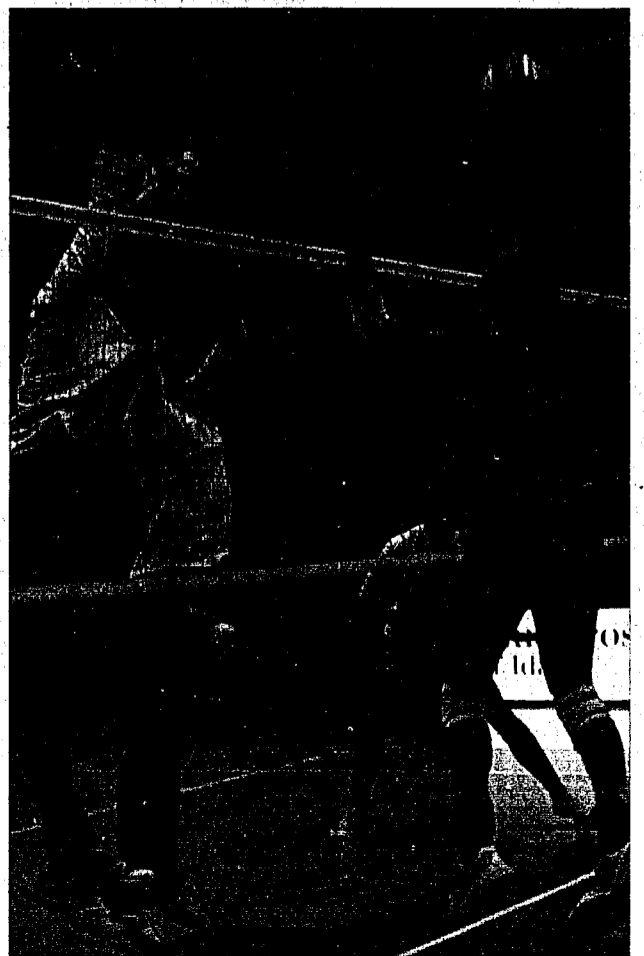
Passing improvements have allowed the team to run a more balanced offense, something McKinney said they are always driving to have.

McKinney, Pederson and junior Kelsey Taylor have the highest hitting percentages on the team, all above .200. The more the team can get these hitters involved the more effective they can be as a whole, Buchanan said.

Pederson said the team is getting more consistent. Consistency and a more balanced offense is what the team and coach say they have been striving for all season. McKinney said their communication has really developed in recent games.

"Our communication has gotten better and it's helped us with our urgency to finish games," McKinney said.

The close match up with New Mexico State takes place Saturday before the team meets San Jose State, Hawaii and Boise in Memorial Gym to finish out the regular season.

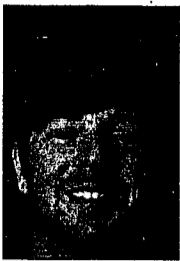


Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
University of Idaho outside hitter Kelsey Taylor, left, and middle back Debbie Pederson, right, jump up to block New Mexico outside hitter Stephanie Ziegler during the volleyball game Oct. 29. The Vandals head to Las Cruces to play New Mexico State Saturday.

# My Top 25

So, my credibility was a bit tarnished last week when Virginia Tech lost to North Carolina, West Virginia was handled by South Florida and Idaho had less than a route over LA Tech. This week, I think I'll be back on my game. Of course nothing has changed at the No. 1 spot.

**1. Florida (8-0)**- I'm starting to wonder if there should just be some sort of template where the Gators are always at No. 1. It looks like Urban Meyer's Gators won't lose a game this season, so they better start putting up some serious points to stay ahead of Alabama and Texas.



**nick GROFF**  
Argonaut

**2. Texas (8-0)**- The Longhorns jumped Alabama this week and they absolutely deserve to. Mack Brown and his squad picked apart ranked Oklahoma State 41-14 and I wouldn't even be nervous to bet \$20 the Longhorns will end 12-0.

**3. Alabama (8-0)**- Last week I almost jumped the Crimson Tide to the No. 1 spot. Needless to say, after the Texas win and the 'Bama struggle two weeks ago against a hot and cold Tennessee team, I'm happy I didn't. One of the most intriguing games of tomorrow is LSU coming to Tuscaloosa.

**4. Iowa (9-0)**- What baffles me is how Ricky Stanzi can throw five interceptions in one game and still manage to lead his team to a 18-point win. The Hawkeyes are alone in the nation at 9-0 and loving every minute of it.

**5. LSU (7-1)**- I still see the Tigers as the strongest one-loss team. Unfortunately for Les Miles they are heading north to Tuscaloosa to take on Alabama. That could be a long 350 miles back home.

**6. Georgia Tech (8-1)**- The Yellow Jackets performed to their status quo putting up 56 points over Vanderbilt. Not much more to say other than if they play complete football they will win out.

**7. Penn State (8-1)**- Joe Paterno has his Nittany Lions cooking through their Big Ten competition with ease and this week they are returning home after two road games to face Ohio State. This game will have Big Ten title implications even with Iowa at the top of the conference.

**8. Oregon (7-1)**- Well, BSU fans are happy. Oregon punished USC last week 47-20. I know Oregon lost early in the season, but their schedule has seen four ranked opponents and will likely see more — they can't afford another loss.

**9. TCU (8-0)**- ESPN analyst Mark May talks about, "A teams' body of work over the whole season." Well, TCU has a very impressive body of work thus far and last weekend they were done with UNLV before the Rebels stepped on the field winning 41-0.

**10. Cincinnati (8-0)**- Not much has changed for the Bearcats. A walk in the park against losing Syracuse was to be expected, but I'm still waiting for the WVU and Pitt games to see the real strength of Cincinnati.

**11. USC (6-2)**- If the Trojans didn't have to go to Eugene ever again they would be happy. USC is on the road against Arizona State this weekend and should come out with a win.

**12. Pittsburgh (7-1)**- The Panthers will likely come off their bye week, laugh in the faces of Syracuse and improve 7-2.

**13. Ohio State (7-2)**- As expected, Ohio State rolled past WAC bottom feeder New Mexico State 45-0. I guess a person might call that an extra day of practice for this week's matchup against Penn State.

**14. Miami (6-2)**- The Hurricanes should not have struggled against losing Wake Forest — they won in the last minutes by one point. Miami should bounce back against Virginia tomorrow.

**15. Arizona (5-2)**- The Wildcats have Washington State in town this weekend. Poor WSU. However, this might be the last, or second to last win of the Wildcat season judging by the strength of their remaining schedule.

**16. California (6-2)**- The Golden Bears didn't put up as many points as they would have liked over the Sun Devils, but a win is a win. And a win over Dennis Erickson is a solid one in my book.

**17. BSU (8-0)**- Once again the Broncos threw a slew of points on the scoreboard against San Jose State. Guess who else beat SJSU, every FBS team they played. Solid win, Broncos.

**18. Notre Dame (6-2)**- The only reason Notre Dame jumped a spot on my list is because other teams below them lost. I understand they won, but it was over the "Pullman Pillow Fighters" otherwise known as WSU.

**19. Utah (7-1)**- Utah is looking good with their only loss coming by way of the Oregon Ducks. If they can win out, including beating TCU, they will likely jump the Horned Frogs busting BCS aspirations for TCU.

**20. Houston (7-1)**- Houston is a lot like Utah, except the difference being Houston's loss is quite an embarrassment. One of UTEP's three wins came over Houston and I'm close to dropping Houston out of the Top 25 for good. They need style points.

**21. Oklahoma State (6-2)**- Even though it was a bad loss to Texas, it was still the perennial powerhouse Longhorns. OK State is teetering in the Top 25 and might stay in for a few more weeks with their schedule.

**22. Virginia Tech (6-3)**- To be completely honest, I am shocked Frank Beamer and the Hookies dropped two straight. The Hookies bounced back last night against ECU, winning 16-3 and head on the road again next week. One more loss will undoubtedly end the party in Blacksburg.

**23. Oklahoma (5-3)**- The Battle of the Big Reds tomorrow will help me determine if the Sooners will stay in the Top 25 for the next few weeks and possibly the rest of the season. I have Oklahoma winning in a close contest.

**24. South Florida (6-2)**- The Bulls have played four games against ranked opponents and split them 2-2. If they can put up some more wins, they can solidify a higher position in the Top 25.

**25. Wisconsin (6-2)**- The Badgers have performed well against unranked competition and good thing for them, their two losses came to ranked opponents. I'm not convinced the Badgers completely deserve Top 25, but for now they fit well at the last spot.

There are some great matchups this weekend and as always a few pillow fights to balance it out. Of course, the one I'm most excited for is the mighty Vandals against the Fresno State Bulldogs. If the Vandals improve to 8-2 and the crowd is so excited you feel the need to join Akey and his army on the field as the clock runs out, do it. Enjoy this miracle in Moscow, Vandals.



## SWIMMING

**Lisa Short**  
Argonaut

Improved from last year and off to a good start, the Idaho swim team heads to San Diego to face off against San Diego, UC-San Diego, San Diego State and Texas Christian.

Head coach Tom Jager said last year the team didn't beat either Washington State team but already beat their gray team this year with a disqualification in a relay so the improvement is noticeable.

With every meet this season leading up to the WAC championships in February, Jager hopes to see even more improvement.

"It's a long season and right now they are learning," Jager said. "I hope they are learning to win a little too."

With about fifteen returning swimmers and some exciting new faces coming in, the team is hoping for success this weekend.

# Headed down south

## Jager, team prepare for second meet in California

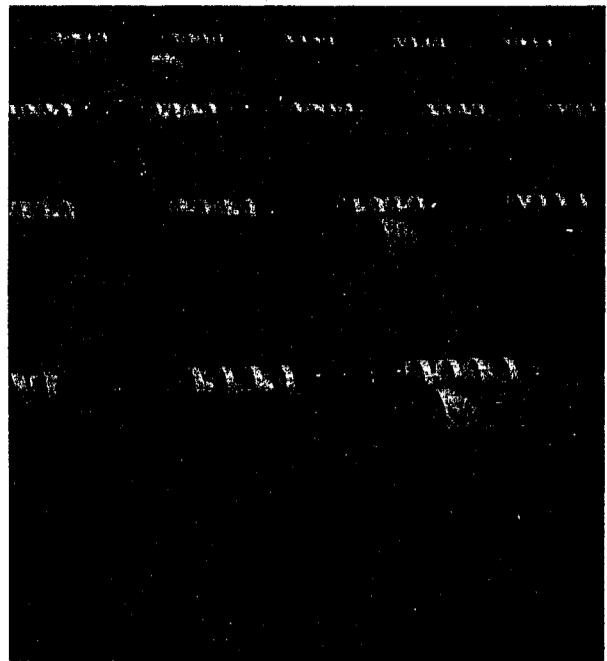
Idaho is starting the season off strong with freshman, Treasa Ring, earning a new school record last weekend and currently ranked 27th in the nation. Ring set the Idaho school record in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.89.

Along with Ring, sprinters Si Jia Pang, Mandy Stone and Staci Stratton have started their season strong and should make major contributions to the team this weekend.

Senior Cortnee Hanson started the season with a 400-yard individual medley that was only seven seconds off her career high.

The Vandals come into the meet with similar standings as San Diego, with California-San Diego and Texas Christians above them and San Diego State setting the pace. If Idaho can beat a few of these close teams it will be a successful weekend, Jager said.

"We're hoping to swim fast and have fun," he said.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
The University of Idaho swimming team practices Wednesday afternoon. The Vandals head out to California to face San Diego State Friday in their second meet of the winter season.



## MEN'S TENNIS

**Theo Lawson**  
Argonaut

# Athletes prepare for final match

## Six players head to Seattle in last fall tournament

The Idaho men's tennis team will close out their fall season today with their fifth fall tournament, the University of Washington's PNW Intercollegiate Tournament. The team has been everywhere from Boise to Las Vegas throughout the fall and look to finish strong in Seattle.

The PNW Intercollegiate begins today with the first rounds and concludes Sunday. Hosted at Washington's state of the art tennis facility, the tournament will bring in some top teams from the region and the Vandals will be up against their toughest competition of the fall. In addition to hosts Washington, Idaho will face top players from Oregon, Boise State, Portland State, Eastern Washington and Gonzaga.

Men's coach Jeff Bea-

man has selected six of his top players to compete and said he knows that anything is possible if they play to their full potential.

"It would be great to have several players still competing on Sunday, whether in the main draw singles or doubles final or in the consolation final," Beaman said.

Seniors Stanislav Glukhov and Adrian Simon are two of the players competing for Idaho in the tournament. This past weekend, the two represented Idaho in the UNLV Rebel Invitational and saw success in both singles and doubles. While neither was able to advance far into the main singles draw, Glukhov proved himself in the consolation draw making it all the way to the finals before falling to his opponent from the University of the Pacific. The two battled hard in doubles and reached the quarterfinals but couldn't

overcome Cal Poly's Andre Dome and Jordan Bridge.

Glukhov and Simon will be traveling with juniors Lachlan Reed and Alex Joitoui, sophomore Alan Shin and freshman Abid Akbar. All four have had some point of success during their fall campaign but nothing can compare to what they achieved at the EWU/GU Fall Invitational. Idaho's accomplishments in the final rounds of the tournament capped off a dominating presence by the Vandals and the singles final became an all Idaho showdown between Reed and Joitoui who had already brought home the doubles title the day before. To reach the final, Reed had to face another teammate, Shin, in the semifinals. Despite this, Joitoui triumphed in the final coming back from a one set deficit.

In the team's next tournament, the Boise State Fall Tournament, it was

Shin who led the way for the Vandals capturing the singles title and giving the sophomore his second individual singles title of the fall. However, Shin recognizes the significance of improvement and hopes to achieve victory in Seattle.

"My goal is to win the singles draw and improve my doubles skills especially playing against Pac-10 teams that will be there," Shin said. "As for the whole team I hope everyone can advance far in the draw."

However, the team has seemed to lack the mental approach needed to compete at the same level as the top schools they will face.

"We need to have a strong mental attitude for not only entire matches, but several matches in a row," Beaman said.

Play begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday at Washington's Nordstrom Tennis Center.

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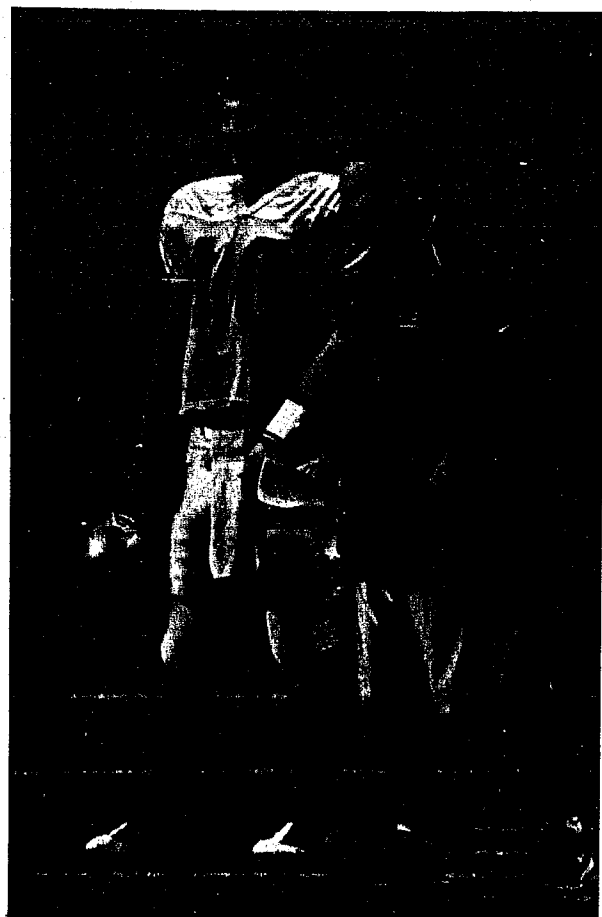
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EXHIBITING TALENT TONIGHT



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Quarterback coach Jonathan Smith talks with quarterback Nathan Enderle during practice Tuesday afternoon. Enderle has improved on his first two years at Idaho in every aspect of the game, ranking 25th in the nation in total offense and 10th in the nation in passing efficiency. The Vandal offense is expected to outperform the Fresno State defense this weekend, one that ranks in total defense in the bottom half of the country.

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some things."

Tomorrow, the Fresno State Bulldogs (5-3, 4-1 WAC) will be in the Kibbie Dome to present Idaho with yet another test with — their running back Ryan Mathews, who currently leads the nation in rushing yards.

Akey said the team needs to understand it's obvious Mathews will be making runs, but keeping his runs to a minimum is what he said the team needs to focus on.

"To say you're going to go in there and you're going to stonewall this guy, you're crazy to say that — he's going to make plays," Akey said. "We just need to bust our tails and make more big plays than they do."

The Vandals' defense is led by safety Shiloh Keo, who racked up nine tackles against LA Tech and averages nine per game.

Keo said the defense is making sure they know where they need to be and filling each gap. Each of the 11 players is going to have a crucial assignment in the run game, he said.

"Hopefully when we're out there on the field on defense, the crowd will go crazy," Keo said. "We want to draw them off sides and come up with some big plays — do whatever it takes to win the game."

But the defense can't win the game alone and Akey said he is confident in his offense and quarterback Nathan Enderle. He said Enderle is directing traffic well and the team's throwing game has increasingly developed over the course of the year.

With a passing efficiency rating at second in the WAC and 10th in the nation, Enderle is also helping his teammates tally a number of statistics.

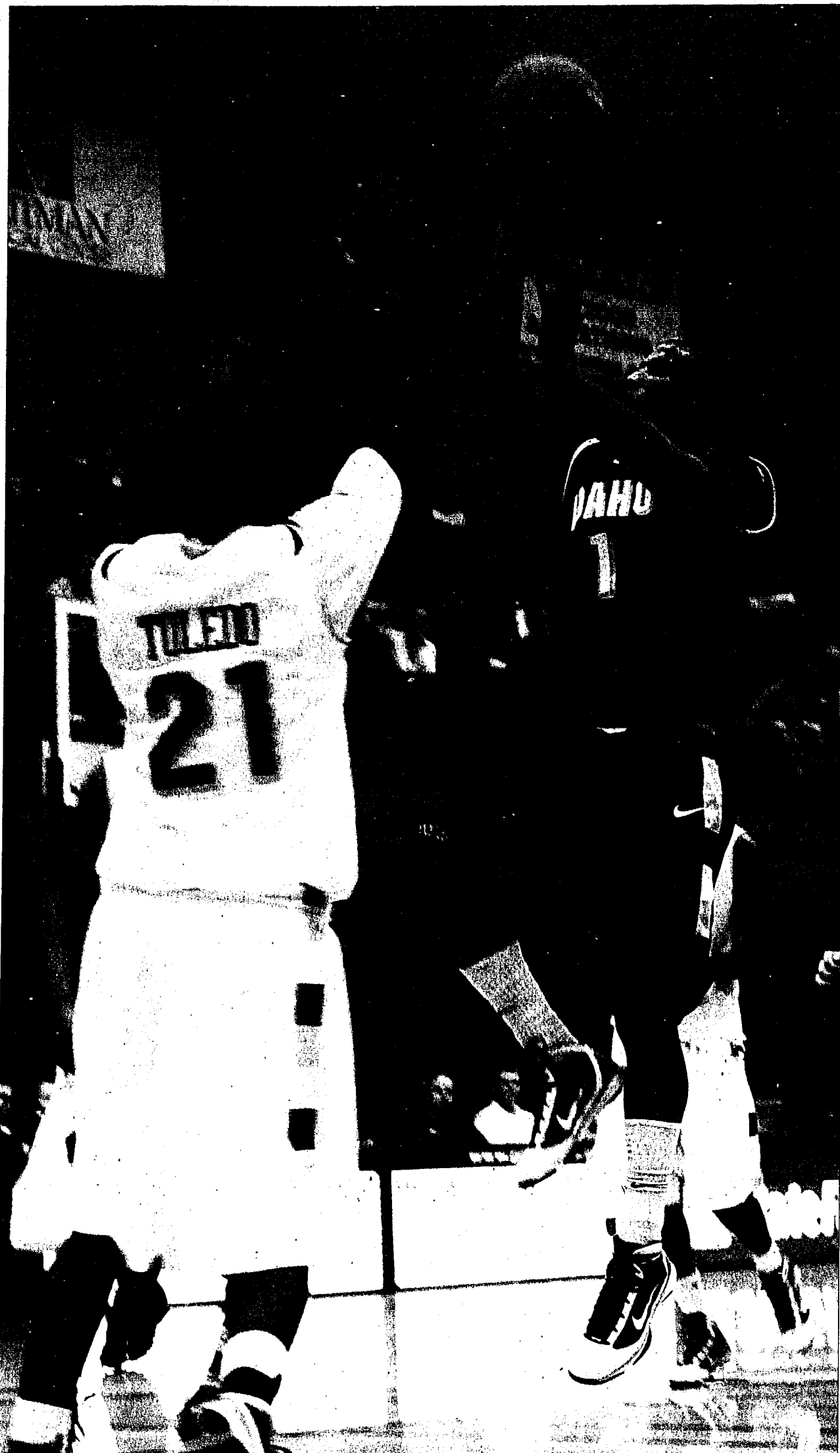
Wide receiver Max Komar has totaled 50 catches for over 800 yards — one of the best seasons a Vandal receiver has had in a decade. Behind him sits Daniel Hardy with 25 catches for over 400 yards.

Akey said with their depth, the team needs to be good at what they do. Fresno State's coach Pat Hill said he expects a fun and physical game.

"We're looking forward to a physical game against a very good football team," Hill said. "It's going to be a challenge for us and the kids are really excited about this one."

For Akey, this game isn't any more important than the games previously in the season.

"Those teams that we've got left on the schedule, they've got to play one of the best teams in the conference," Akey said. "This one is the biggest of them all because it's the one we're playing this week. Let's see if we can get through November undefeated."



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal guard Mac Hopson, who was named Preseason All-WAC First Team, drives to the basket over sophomore forward Luiz Toledo during the first public inter-team scrimmage Oct. 30 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals open their 2009-2010 campaign tonight in an exhibition contest against St. Martin's in Memorial Gym. Tipoff is set for 8:05 p.m.

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The leadership, coaching and everyone buying into the system was the reason for the success this year. The Vandals closed out the season with five home wins, the most since 2000. Morrison's leadership on the defense was a key reason why Idaho allowed only 91 shots on goal, the second lowest total in school history.

The Vandals fell just short of having a winning season, a win over Hawaii would have given them a 10-9 record. Showler said the next step is for the team to work on their mental

aspect of the game during the off-season and pick up right where they left off next year.

Senior goalkeeper Anna Sandman, who has also been with Idaho for four years, said the team should have gone to the WAC Championship this year, but is confident in the team's future.

"Next year, they are definitely going to win the WAC tournament," Sandman said. "The players we have work so hard and are so passionate about the sport."

This year's team has left a bright future for Idaho soccer and they lived up to their motto "tradition starts here."

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bigger contribution out of his bench in the coming games.

"Our perimeter guys are doing a good job of getting good looks and getting their shots," Newlee said. "I think we can shoot better than we did the other night, but it was the first game, and I think nerves have some effect."

Point guard Charlotte Otero, the powerhouse for the Vandals last season, has played well so far, and Newlee said he was impressed by Otero's

ball distribution.

Another sore spot for Idaho was three-point conversions. The Vandals went 7-of-30 in three-pointers against NCU. Newlee said he was not too concerned about missing shots against NCU, being the first game of the year, and expects the team to get back to their shooting ways against Eastern Oregon.

Newlee said he was mostly impressed with his offensive players, but concerned about the play in front of the rim.

"We need to improve finishing at the rim," Newlee said. "That is a major concern for us right now."

BLOT WAC suspends replay official

Associated Press

The WAC has suspended a replay official for one game after he failed to overturn a call in a game last weekend between San Jose State and Boise State.

Official Michael Goshima's one-game suspension will go into effect this weekend.

The suspension — the first of a WAC replay official since the NCAA implement-

ed instant replay in 2006 — was based on a play where a runner was ruled short of a first down and Goshima's review incorrectly upheld the ruling on the field.

The WAC said that upon further inspection, "the runner clearly made the first down and the call should have been reversed."

"The WAC expects the same type of performance from our instant replays officials as we do from the

on field officials," Commissioner Karl Benson said in a statement. "And while errors are going to occur both on the field and in the replay booth when they do, there must be accountability."

"Instant replay is used to get it right on the field and in this case the official had a chance to reverse a call at a very critical time in the game and did not. Thus, he will be suspended for his next assignment."

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## UI forgets promises

Court decision upholds move to reduce retiree benefits

The University of Idaho is out of court, and it won. In a recent decision, the Latah County Second District Court dismissed a class action lawsuit brought by 268 former UI employees. The case was brought before the court after UI changed the retirement benefits for employees who retired under special contracts in 1999 and 2002.

In 2007, UI officials revised the health care benefits for the retirees. They were given a choice between a health plan with a monthly premium or one with a high deductible. They also reduced the life insurance policies to \$10,000 instead of the promised full year's salary. Analyzing the headache of contracts with ambigu-

ous language, one could make a convincing case for either side, but does that matter? UI found a loophole to skip out on its responsibilities. Even if the language of the contracts and the faculty-staff handbook allowed UI to do this, what does it say to other possible retirees? Will they be willing to retire early knowing UI can

change the agreement? This case should never have gone to court because whether it was legal or not, the university should never have gone against its word to save a couple bucks. The university needs to honor the agreement, not because the court tells them to, but because the integrity of the school is at stake.

### off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Sit-ins

The University needs to find a way to publish all the lecture topics, and when the lectures take place. I know that there are a ton of lectures that I would find interesting. I won't ever see them because there is no way for me to know about them.

— Jens

#### Again, really?

The American Humanist billboard was again vandalized. Again, I would like to ask the question, 'How does breaking the law justify the message the vandals are trying to send?' At least this time it is grammatically correct, 'Millions are good with God.'

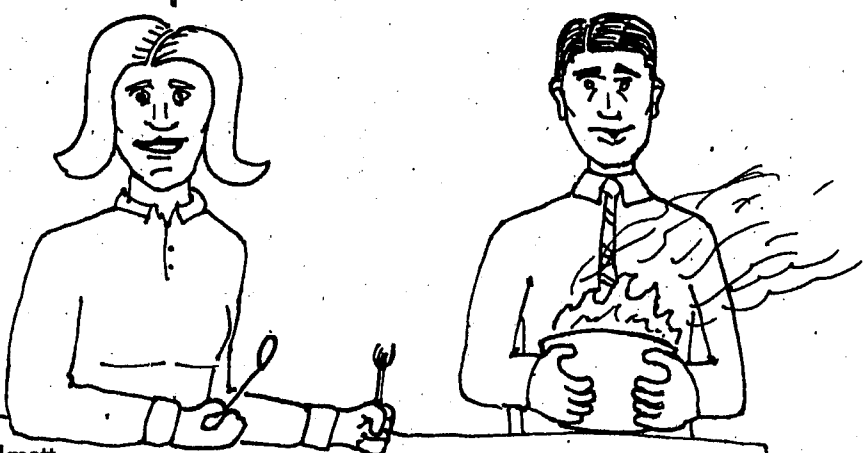
— Elizabeth

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**matt ADAMS-WENGER**  
Argonaut

## Rewriting the people's orders

When a child disobeys his parents, he is punished. When a person vandalizes private property — even if he or she truly believes doing so would benefit the people — it is still illegal. When members of Congress break the rules, we all must change our lives to conform to their wishes.

Let's back up to some basics. In 1789 the states created the federal government. The states gave certain powers to the federal government, but kept some powers for themselves. These instructions are the Constitution. Without it, Congress has no power, and the states have the power to change those instructions if they deem necessary.

Imagine my anger when I heard that as part of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's new health care bill, Congress is trying to force all Americans to buy health insurance. Whether it's from the infamous "public option" or from an "approved" company, most Americans would be required to buy it. This is illegal. The Constitution does not give the federal government any control over health care, and the Tenth Amendment — which is a part of the same Bill of Rights that protects our speech and right to fair trial — specifically says that unless Congress is granted a power, the states retain it.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time the Federal government has stolen rights

**Every time we vote, or participate in government, we re-ratify this form of government.**

from the states. In 1798 Congress passed a law making it illegal to print anything malicious about the government. In 2001 Congress passed the Patriot Act. It limited certain rights for those accused of terrorism. Both of these laws were unconstitutional. Both times, members of Congress blatantly disobeyed the directions given to them by the states, and now they are trying to do it again.

Some could say the Constitution doesn't matter any more. The world has changed since the founding fathers. Who cares? The founding fathers are gone. Their accomplishments were amazing, but they also believed governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed." We, as the people, can make any change to the Constitution we want.



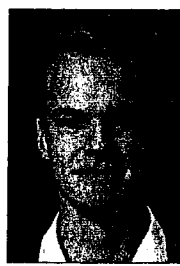
**jeffrey REZNICEK**  
Argonaut

## Unbiased evangelism

For over 25 years, Harvard University has offered a highly popular course comparing the thoughts of C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud. Dr. Armand M. Nicholi, Jr., who teaches the class, is a clinical professor of psychiatry and has published the content of the course as a book titled "The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud debate God, love, sex, and the meaning of life." PBS has produced it as a series under the same name. The class, the book and the television series are all set up as a debate between the two men on a range of topics pitting the spiritual worldview of Lewis against the secular worldview of Freud.

Lewis was an Oxford professor, popular writer and quite possibly the most influential Christian thinker of the last century. Freud, of course, was the father

of psychoanalysis. Anyone not familiar with both men should buy Nicholi's book if for no other reason than to be introduced to them. In each format, Nicholi himself tries to remain completely neutral and objective and never reveals where his views lie.



**benjamin LEDFORD**  
Argonaut

In an interview with Charlie Rose, Nicholi says readers who agree with Lewis tend to think the book is very fair, while those who agree with Freud tend to think it favors Lewis. Reading the book, this is not surprising, because Lewis' arguments are better. It's not Nicholi's fault if Freud loses the debate. After all, the purpose of objectivity is not to make each position seem equally true, but rather to reveal which one is truer.

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# Never-ending spam war

## Facebook wins \$711 million anti-spam suit, but what good is it?

Sanford Wallace has made a name for himself by causing controversy. In fact, you have probably dealt with some of his work every time you open your e-mail or get on Facebook. Wallace is more commonly known as 'spamford', or simply the 'spam king', a lucrative title that he covets highly. Huge fines and jail time are no stranger to Wallace who has been sued by government agencies and large corporations alike. Everyone from the Federal Trade Commission to MySpace and Facebook have gotten a piece of the spam king.

Against the FTC, Wallace was ordered to pay \$5,000 after losing a court case. Against MySpace two years later, Wallace, who used automated software to create fake profiles and direct traffic to "web sites of questionable content," was fined \$23 million. The following year Wallace was ordered to pay \$230 million for failing to appear in court. Another \$240 million fine was slapped on Wallace when Facebook won a suit against him.

Let's pause and do the dirty math. So

far, Wallace has accumulated approximately \$1.2 billion in legal fees, counting Facebook's recent \$711 million victory against him.



Ilya PINCHUK  
Argonaut

With the spam king facing jail time, and other spammers getting slammed for similar amounts, it would seem that spam is seeing its last days, right? Wrong.

Wallace has faced criminal charges before, and he had a very simple solution: disappear. After the ruling against him by MySpace, Wallace literally vanished off the face of the planet. Even his lawyer admitted to not knowing where he was.

Wallace surprised the world when he showed up for his court date against Facebook, declaring personal bankruptcy in the process.

Facebook knows that Wallace isn't actually bankrupt, but is simply hiding his money in protected accounts. Unfortunately for Facebook, there is not much they can do.

It is unlikely Facebook will ever see

a penny of the \$711 million they won against Wallace. Neither will MySpace ever get their chunk of change, and it is doubtful if Wallace will ever see the interior of a jail cell.

While these rulings may force some small-time spammers to think twice about their career choice, it is doubtful that it will do anything to stop big-time spammers. Spamming is an extremely lucrative business, one full of under-the-table exchanges and large sums of money going out the door quickly. Many businesses rely on spam to promote themselves, and if history is any teacher, where there is money to be made, there will always be someone willing to risk it all for a nice profit.

Proponents say this is a victory against spam, but the ugly truth is that there is no winning the war against spam. It will always be around, and Wallace has proven that time and again as he has eluded justice. He will continue to be sued and fined, and always he will slip away, inspiring a new generation of spammers.

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# Question decisions

My high school is closing. It's not shuttering, or being demolished. It's just that high school classes will no longer be taught at Woodruff High School. Instead, next year the building will become a massive grade school. There's no good reason. Literally, there is no good reason to do this to the school, and yet the school board decided it's the best course of action.



Matt ADAMS-WENGER  
Argonaut

Let me give some background. My hometown, Peoria, Illinois, has dozens of primary and middle schools and four public high schools. Every state is going through budget issues, and Illinois is no exception. Compound the lack of money with the absentee performance of ex-Governor shakedown, Rod Blagojevich, and Peoria School District 150 is hurting. People were leaving the city for the "suburbs," the smaller metropolitan areas around Peoria. Numbers were down in every way: attendance, money, test scores, you name it, and the district had a problem with it.

The school board decides that with the way things are, they've got to close a high school. They say we don't need four, we haven't got the kids to fill four and we could use another big middle school building. Fine. Most of us citizens and most teachers think it's a dumb idea, but the school board will have its way. Now which school to close? Each has its reasons for keeping it and reasons for letting it go. Richwoods was off the table from the start: It serves the highest-class students, it has the best test scores and it's just generally regarded as the "good" school. So we're not closing that. That leaves Central, Manual and Woodruff.

Central disappeared off the table pretty quickly too, and that's where I started to get nervous. Peoria Central High School is over 150 years old. It is falling apart. It has no parking. It has no expansion room. It has naught a lot of things. It has a small auditorium. It's poorly located, visible from the interstate. But what it does have is the recently established Academy for the Performing Arts, which is just a fancy name for the specialized arts curriculum instituted there several years ago. That combined with the large amount of alumni support kept Central off the table.

So that left Woodruff and Manual. Now, Manual used to be - the - high school in P-town. It's down on the south side, where everyone used to live. It's a decent building, not too old, lots of room... but lately it's fallen on harder times. It's currently going through restructuring as part of No Child Left Behind. The attendance has dropped drastically, to the point that it has the fewest students. And as part of restructuring there are a lot of stupid hoops to be jumped through in the coming years... if they want to bother. Manual seemed ideal.

But they went with Woodruff. Why? I don't know. On the purely objective list of pros and cons, Woodruff came out near the top. So why is it getting shuttered?

I honestly couldn't tell you. So my point is this: don't trust that what should happen, will happen. You've got to make it happen. Had I been home this year I would have gone to every school board meeting and complained that this was even being considered. I would have rallied local alumni. I would have written to the paper and made a general stink.

In this case, the other, less qualified teams made a bigger stink and my interest lost out. Don't let it happen to you.

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## ORDERS

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But until we do, our federal government still finds its only source of power in the Constitution. Every time we vote, or participate in government, we re-ratify this form of government. It doesn't matter that the founding fathers wrote the Constitution, it matters that we continue to agree to live under it, and until we change those instructions, our government must listen to the people.

Let's stop picking and choosing which rules we are going to follow, or the vandals can keep making grammatical errors with spray paint.

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The vandalism on this billboard in downtown Moscow is an example of an individual picking and choosing which laws to follow. When Congress does it, it's considered legal. - Jeffrey

## UNBIASED

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Nicholi makes the book even more interesting by discussing not only the thoughts and arguments of the two men, but also their lives and how their beliefs affected the way they lived. The comparisons are especially fascinating because prior to his conversion to Christianity, Lewis's beliefs and personality were highly similar to Freud's, but after his conversion, they changed dramatically. The comparison clearly shows that while the winner of the philosophical debate might be more questionable when it comes to quality of life and happiness, Lewis

wins hands down. No one, if given the two options, would choose Freud's life or disposition. This is also highly interesting, because those who read Lewis's writings know he emphasized that we should not believe in Christianity because it is good, helpful, or will make us happy, but because it is true. Apparently the happiness is a bonus.

Nicholi acknowledges that as a result of the class, despite his unbiased presentation, many students have abandoned their unbelief and have come to faith in Christ,

convinced that Lewis's arguments are true. He also notes the positive changes he has observed in the lives of these individuals, similar to those in the life of Lewis himself.

**The purpose of objectivity is not to make each position seem equally true, but rather to reveal which one is truer.**

As Nicholi says in his epilogue, "The answer to the question of God has profound implications for our lives here on earth, both Freud and Lewis agree. So we owe it to ourselves to look at the evidence,

perhaps beginning with the Old and New Testaments." It is amazing what can happen when arguments are analyzed objectively and honest

people take the conclusions seriously.

There are other people in history who have placed high value on considering the evidence. The Gospel of Luke begins with the followings lines: "Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

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# FRONT ROW

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## 'Ma and pa' sandwich shop opens its doors to Moscow

Gus Simpson  
Argonaut

Walking into Stax Homemade Soups and Sandwiches, visitors can experience first hand the warm kitchen atmosphere with the aromas of freshly baked bread.

Stax Homemade Soups and Sandwiches, located in the old University City Realty building on Sixth Street, offers a unique take on the traditional lunch fare.

"We just saw a need for something different," said Jason Tinney, who owns and manages Stax with his wife Jennifer. "We wanted to put our own little twist on the sandwich."

This "twist" includes such offerings as "The Holiday," filled with oven-roasted turkey and cranberry cream cheese spread and a grilled crab sandwich with celery, red onions and provolone.

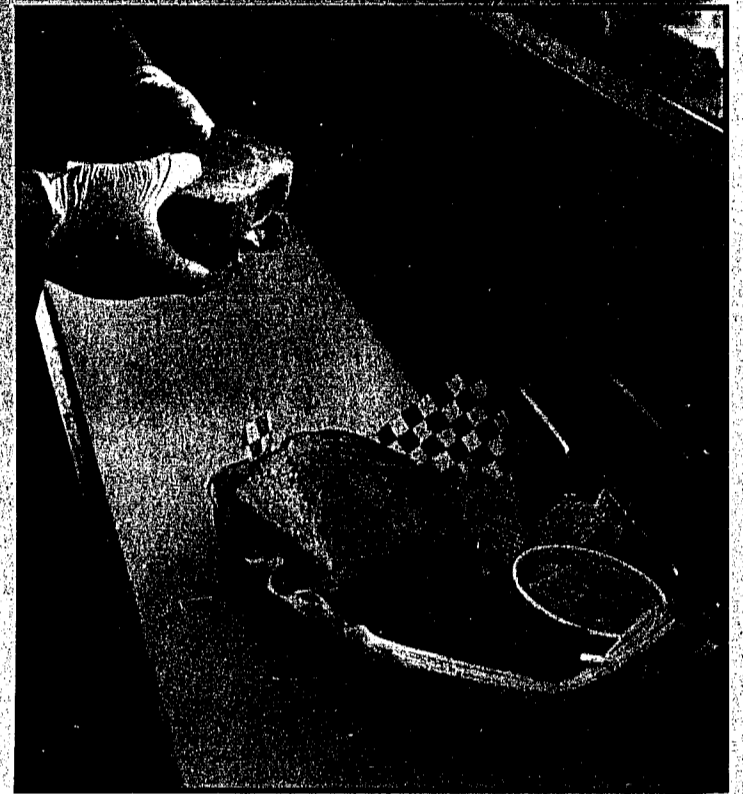
All of the sandwiches at Stax are served on fresh-baked bread from a local bakery. The bread is handmade the "old-school way," Jennifer Tinney said, with no preservatives — something she feels helps Stax stand out.

"No one else has it, and it's different," she said.

Jason Tinney called Stax a "ma and pa" sort of business. He and his wife are there six days a week preparing sandwiches and

managing their small staff of four employees. Jason Tinney's aunt, Pam Crowell, cooks their soups from scratch each day, and the Tinneys' 12-year-old daughter, Lexi, helps around the shop on Saturdays. Jason Tinney said eventually he would like to see their younger two children involved in the business as well.

The Tinneys have lived in Moscow for about five years, al-



All photos by Nick...

though both are originally from the area. Jason Tinney coaches varsity basketball at Deary High School (he also employs some of his players at Stax) and is pursuing his secondary education degree at the University of Idaho. Jennifer Tinney previously managed The Breakfast Club and prior to that the restaurant at Templin's Resort in Post Falls.

Outside of Jennifer Tinney's management work, Jason Tinney said they are new to the restaurant industry and have never been in business together before. However, he said they have planned on

opening a restaurant ever since moving back to Moscow and have been waiting for the location to become available.

Although the Tinneys have loved the building, Jennifer Tinney said.

"Stax only opened our business a few weeks ago, but Jason Tinney said the overwhelming response that already has been overwhelmingly positive."

So far, he said, the business has been the "lunch rush" but as they get out, they're also getting more customers from the student community, and one of their goals is to have Stax to be more than just a college destination.

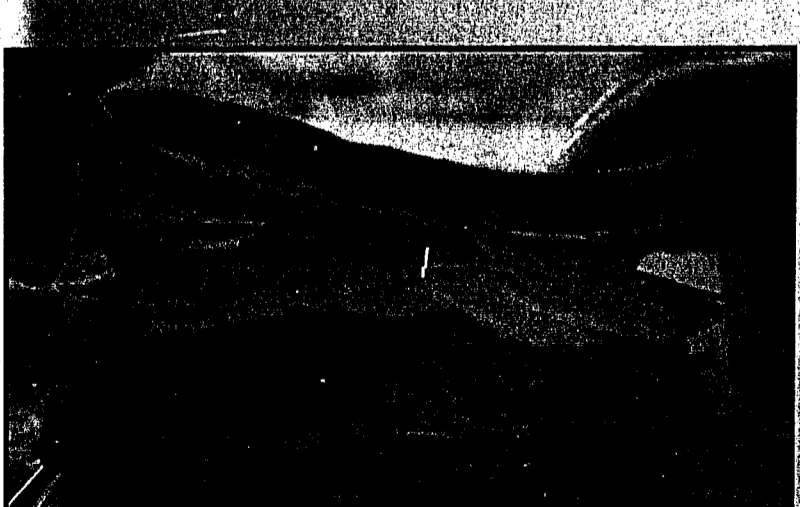
Stax also offers a variety of local business, and the Tinneys said they just don't have the staff necessary to handle that, but hope to eventually expand into the business.

For now, they're satisfied with their current business, and Jennifer Tinney said they're prepared with a variety of homemade soups and sandwiches to fill the gap.

You should definitely give Stax a try. Jason Tinney said.

**"We just saw a need for something different. We wanted to put our own little twist on the sandwich."**

Jason  
**TINNEY**  
Stax co-owner



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# Great taste, light frosting

Bake and decorate delicious cupcakes with a rich taste

My friend in high school worked at a cupcake bakery. About once a week, she would bring in a huge box of cupcakes to share in class. They were wonderful, with silky, creamy frosting and rich, velvety pastry.

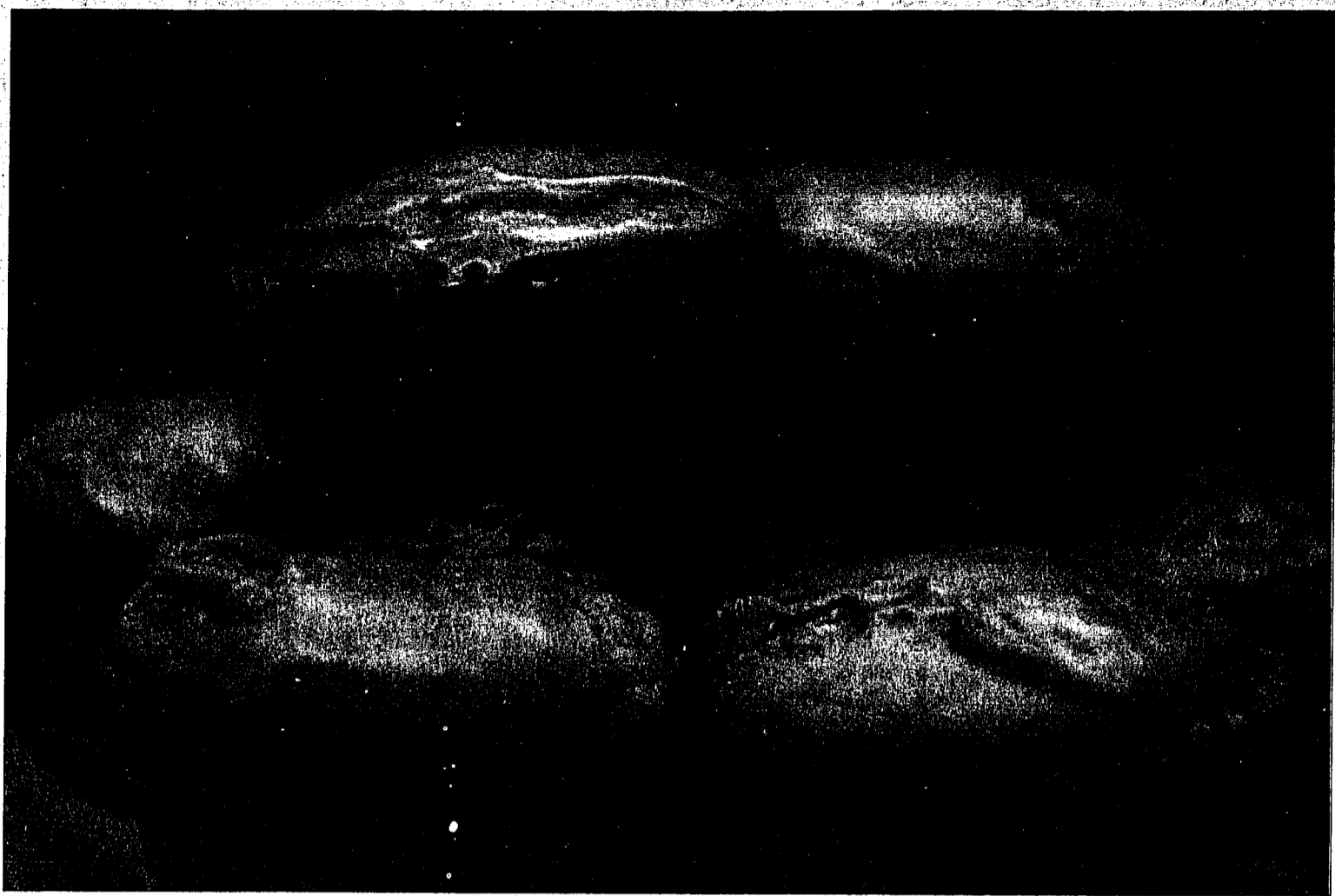
I loved the cupcakes, but could never finish one. Trying to eat more than half would make me feel sick. When baking at home, I found ways to make cupcakes that wouldn't make me feel terrible.

Instead of rich buttercream, try using royal icing instead. This will give the cupcakes a crunchy top and is less calorie-dense than regular frosting. Royal icing also gives more flexibility for decoration because it hardens and has more staying power than buttercream.

Any cake batter can be used for making cupcakes. The only difference is the baking. Bake at the same temperature, but check the cakes frequently with a toothpick. Don't wait for the toothpick to come out clean — remove the cakes from the oven when just a few moist crumbs remain. This will yield a moister cake.

Be creative with decorating. Try placing an ice cream cone on top of the cupcake, then icing it in place. This creates a base for clown cupcakes. With this method, you can also pay tribute to the "Saturday Night Live" cone-heads. A smaller, strategically placed cone also resembles a unicorn's horn.

It can be difficult to find sprinkles in every color. Try dyeing your own with food coloring and coarse sugar or white sprinkles. Mix together a few drops of food



coloring to make the hue you desire, then shake with the sugar in a plastic sandwich bag. There are endless possibilities for sprinkle colors this way. If you are feeling ambitious, make a sprinkle stockpile in all the colors you desire — just store them in airtight bags.

### Vanilla Cupcakes with Royal Icing

This recipe makes 12 cupcakes.

- Cakes:**
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
  - 2/3 cup granulated white sugar
  - 3 large eggs
  - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
  - 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 cup milk

- Icing:**
- 2 large egg whites
  - 2 teaspoons lemon juice

- 3 cups confectioner's sugar
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and lightly butter or line 12 muffin cups with paper liners.
- Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla extract.
- In a separate bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.
- With the mixer on low speed, alternately add the flour mixture and milk in three additions, begin-

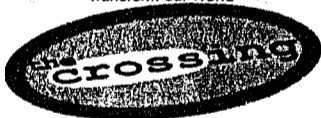
ning and ending with the flour. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Evenly fill the muffin cups with the batter and bake for about 18-20 minutes or until nicely browned and a toothpick inserted into a cupcake comes out mostly clean. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool.

Mix egg whites and lemon juice in bowl of electric mixer. Add confectioner's sugar and mix until combined. Add food coloring, if desired, and frost cupcakes immediately.

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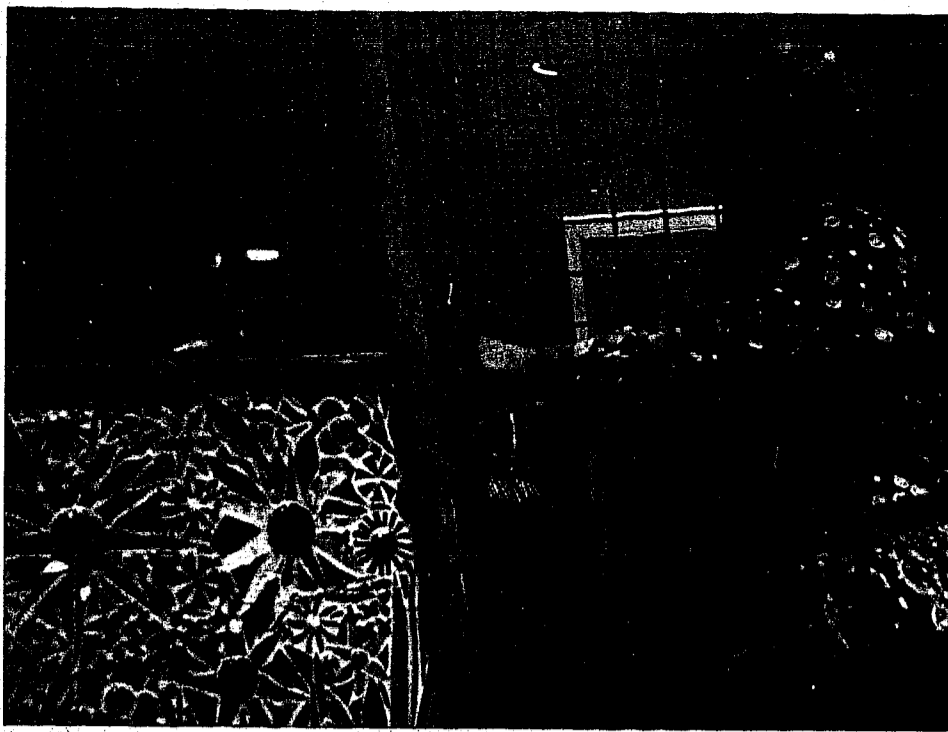
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Norman Fowler, Pastor





Rebecca York, right, and Mike Storholt hang up Rimrock Creations made by York to display at the 14th annual WomensWorks Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair Thursday. The fair will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

## WomensWorks benefits

Art show features work from many women artists

Marina Rankow  
Argonaut

What was once a small event with one local artist showing her pottery has grown into a showing of 44 local female artists' work.

The Women's Center will be hosting the 14th annual WomensWorks Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7 in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The event's mission is to showcase women's creativity and skill while raising money for two scholarships.

Lysa Salisbury, coordinator for Women's Center Programs, said the Women's Center's goal is to support women in any shape or form.

"Men get much more opportunities," Salisbury said. "We want to support women's creativity."

Some of the WomensWorks pieces will include glass mosaics, homemade cards, candles, jewelry and body care. Linda Rasmussen, a local painter and fabric painter, said she enjoys participating in the WomensWorks Holiday

Arts and Crafts Fair. She has been a part of the fair on and off for years.

"It brings out a nice local crowd," Rasmussen said. "It gives people an idea of what the Women's Center is about."

While there is no admittance fee to attend, donations are accepted.

Each artist will give 5 to 10 percent of their profits back to the Women's Center. Also, many of the artists participating will donate a piece of their work that will be auctioned off at a raffle to raise money for the Women's Center. All of the money made will go to the Betsy Thomas Gender Equity Scholarship.

"In this time of financial difficulty, I would hope people come," said Salisbury. "Every penny made goes back to students here."

In 2006, the money earned from the WomensWorks Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair was first used for student scholarships.

In 2007, the former director of the Women's Center, Betsy Thomas, passed away. That year, in honor of her pursuit for gender equality,

the scholarship was named in her remembrance.

The scholarships are awarded each spring to two students who exemplify an outstanding effort to work toward gender equality.

Rebecca Rod, coordinator of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, allied office, started the WomensWorks Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair 14 years ago.

In 1994, Rod brought her raku pottery to the Women's Center to show off her work.

"I was so excited about my clay work" Rod said. "I felt empowered to create things."

The following year, Rod invited another female artist to showcase her work. The event has grown since, filling the SUB Ballroom with various booths, live music and food vendors.

Local performers and music students will perform at the fair, and food from local caterers and student organizations be available for purchase.

"Women's art is undervalued and under appreciated," Salisbury said.



### Music



**Flyleaf**  
*Memento Mori*  
After releasing their self-titled album four years ago this Texas quintet have finally stopped touring long enough to make an album. Lacey Mosley's voice has not changed much and the band seems tight.  
Available Nov. 10 at Hastings, Hot Topic and iTunes.



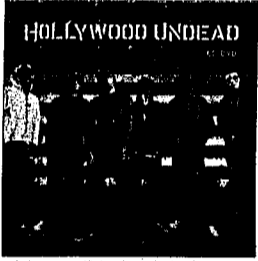
comedy with Thurman playing successful writer Emma Lloyd who is tricked into believing she has already been married once before, an obvious ruse to anyone but the unsuspecting Lloyd. This film is not-nearly laugh worthy, however there are a few gut-busting scenes here and there.  
Available Nov 10 at Amazon, Hastings and Howard Hughes Video



**Bon Jovi**  
*The Circle*  
The eleventh studio album from this Jersey crew shows Jon Bon Jovi and his band have essentially stayed the same. This new album is true to the Bon Jovi name and should not disappoint those fans that have been around since the beginning.  
Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes



"The Ugly Truth"  
Directed by Robert Luketic, this romantic comedy pits morning show producer Abby Richter (Katherine Heigl) against her newly hired correspondent Mike Chadway (Gerard Butler). In an effort to quell his piggy ways, Richter follows along as Chadway puts her through a series of outrageous tests to prove his theories on love.  
Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, Hastings and Howard Hughes Video



**Hollywood Undead**  
*Desperate Measures CD/DVD*  
The live CD and DVD from the Los Angeles hip-hop group seems reminiscent of Linkin Park's track record. This new release shows a documentary of the group and their silly antics on their tour around the country.  
Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes



### Movies

"The Accidental Husband"  
Starring Uma Thurman, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Colin Firth, "The Accidental Husband" has a stark

"Up"  
A well-executed animated film by Pixar. It shows a bitter old man and his attempt to escape his life by using huge amounts of balloons to

lift his house from its foundation and float away into the unknown. With the unforgettable voice of Ed Asner as Carl Fredrickson, "Up" does not disappoint.

Available Nov 10. at Amazon, Hastings and Howard Hughes Video

### Books

"Under the Dome," by Stephen King  
Finally, after 25 years Stephen King has completed "Under the Dome" to his liking. After two attempts at conveying the same idea through his novels "The Cannibals" and "Under the Dome" (original print), King has rewritten this novel, which proves to be quite long at over 1,500 pages.

Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, Book People and Hastings.

"Open," by Andre Agassi.

An autobiography by world-renowned tennis star goes through this tennis phenom's life citing issues with his year of crystal meth usage, his hairpiece and his marriage to Brooke Shields and Steffi Graf. Agassi gets down to the nitty-gritty in this book and reveals a lot about one of tennis's beloved players.

Available Nov. 9 at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Hastings.

### Video Games

"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2"

XB3 and PS3  
Gamers finally have something to cheer about with the new release of Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2. There are four editions coming out with different special goodies that come with each. COD: MW2 may live up to the franchise name or it may just become like the Tony Hawk Pro Skater series — boring.

Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, GameStop and Hastings (at midnight)

"Lego RockBand"  
XB3, PS3, Wii and NDS

Who doesn't want to play some RockBand with Lego characters? Another franchise that seems to just keep on cranking out playable, fun video games the RockBand franchise teamed up to create a game for all ages.

Available Nov. 10 at Amazon, GameStop and Hastings

-Anthony Saia

## Angel tries to fly on a new level

Moobs, stalkers and homecoming queens

**Dairy overload equals man-boobs?**  
Actor Jeremy Piven said he grew "breasts" from drinking too much soy milk. Can chugging 12 cups of soy milk really give a guy "moobs"? According to Jeremy it does and that is science.

**An army apology for Seacrest**  
It turns out Ryan Seacrest's stalker, who was arrested, was a member of the Army Special Forces. The Army recently apologized to Seacrest for the incident. Seacrest is so lucky — his stalker was trained for war.

**Sexy Pilot**  
Victoria's Secret model, Gisele Bundchen, recently passed the written portion of her pilot's license examination. She must be confused — she's a Victoria's Secret angel, not one of Charlie's angels.

Tyra is shedding the pounds

Tyra Banks revealed she lost 30 pounds after her and her friends decided to challenge each other to lose weight.



stephanie  
**HALE-LOPEZ**

Argonaut

Hmm ... Does anyone else recall a very interesting clip of her shouting, "I love my fat ass." What happened to that?

**Seriously, Stephen?**  
Stephen Colbert's show, "The Colbert Report," has become the number one sponsor of the U.S. speed skating team for the winter Olympics. Colbert's logo will be featured on their uniforms. Seriously, what can't this guy do?

**Princess Dakota**  
Dakota Fanning was crowned homecoming queen at her high school's homecoming game in North Hollywood. Did you know she's also a cheerleader there? Why isn't being a filthy rich and successful movie star enough for this girl?



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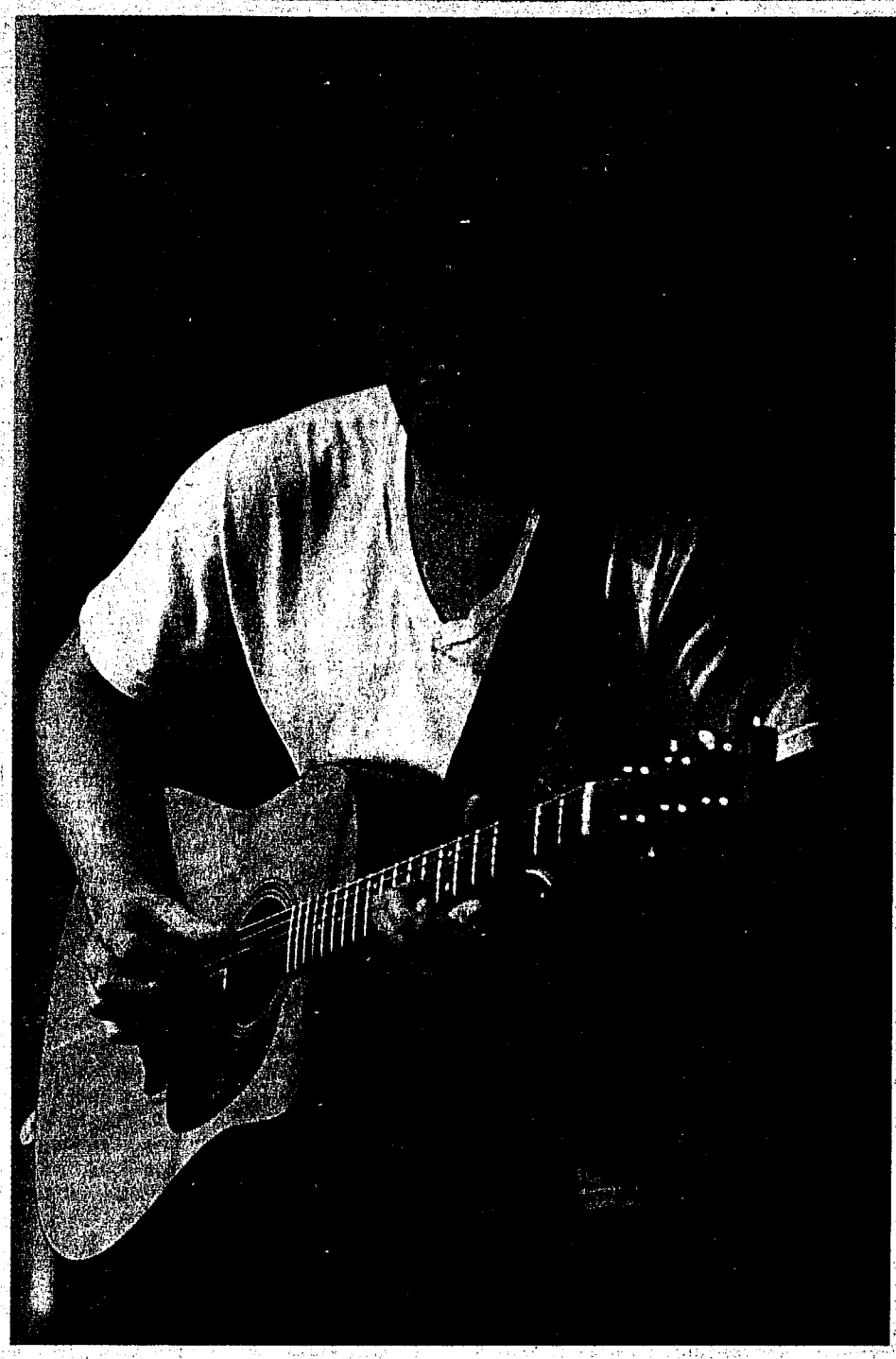
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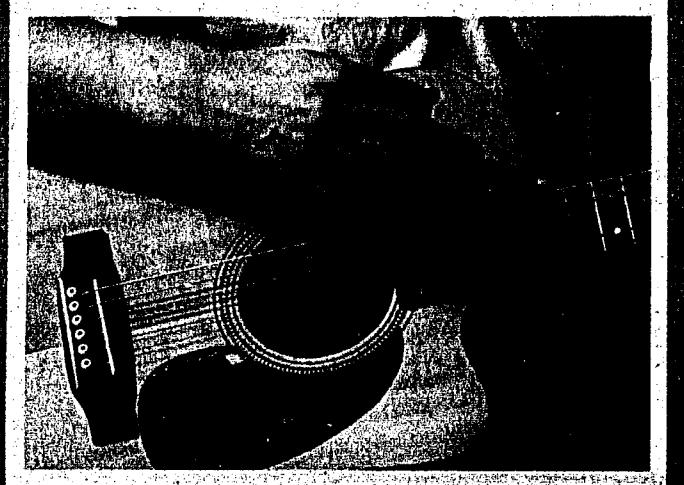
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