Health, Nutrition Fair offers free food, services

Erin Schultz

"Treat Yourself Right" is the slogan for this year’s Health and Nutrition Fair, to be held tomorrow in the Student Union Building. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., students, staff, and faculty are invited to sample the food and other services.

"We want to make information available to the students on how to take care of their body — mentally, physically and nutritionally," said Mary Schwartz, Health Fair coordinator. But more than that, Schwartz said, the fair is a fun method of dispensing important information.

With everything from food samples to massages, the Health Fair displays a wide variety of offerings. Some things to look for this year include free cholesterol testing, physical therapists doing on-the-spot evaluations, and a diabetes risk appraisal.

Those who wear glasses and have extra old lenses should bring them in. The Lions Club will provide boxes for people to donate used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

In the area of nutrition, there will be groups all the way from the Midwest featuring meatless vegetarian entrees. The Florida Citrus Commission will be serving juice. If you hang out in the Vandal Lounge, you get a baked potato or try some entrees.

The UI Health Center plans to hand out flu information packets in preparation for a severe flu season. Flu shots will be offered for $6. Schwantze encourages every student to consider getting a flu shot, as it is a great preventative measure for an early-hitting flu season.

For those interested in giving bone marrow, counseling will be available to find out how one can become a donor. Northwest Inland...SEE HEALTH FAIR PAGE 6

First student group wins T.E.A.M. award

Help Desk employees are (left to right): Ted Blochman, Jason Schwegel, Ken Carroll, Tom English, Janet Silva, Jon Olson, Jason Bronner, Aimee Doggett, Bob Samer, Phil Auth and J.J. Warren.

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Computer Help Desk takes prize

Bryant J. Kuechle

The Computer Help Desk staff became the first student organization to receive the University of Idaho’s Commitment to Excellence T.E.A.M. Award. T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Achieves More.

"More times than not you hear the bad things about what happens," said Tom English, Help Desk employee. "It’s nice to know we’re recognized for the good things we’re doing."

The T.E.A.M. received certificates at a recognition breakfast Oct. 22.

"We got to hear input from someone who observed us from a distance," said Jason Bronner, Help Desk employee. "With all the crashes we had at the beginning of the semester, a compliment is always nice."

The award was created by Jerry Wallace, Vice President of Finance and Administration.

"We wanted to have a way to recognize T.E.A.M.s of people that come together and provide a service that couldn’t be done individually," Wallace said. "It’s pretty exciting that we have (the Help Desk) service provided by student employees. Students bring fresh energy."

In the first three weeks of school, the T.E.A.M. created over 3,000 new computer accounts and answered over 1,000 voice-mail messages. According to T.E.A.M. supervisor Dave Davidson, over 90 percent of the campus computer questions would not be answered without the help desk.

"I’m really proud of all their work," Davidson said. "We only have three full-time staff members. We couldn’t do it without students, so it’s nice to see them recognized."

Past winners have all been full time employees of the university. Among them are Facilities Management, who installed Microsoft Windows in the residence halls, and the Implementation T.E.A.M. that created the new student loan process.

UI plans to offer distance education courses in WGU

Bryant J. Kuechle

The University of Idaho is preparing to take the next step into the future of higher education. Through telecommunications and information technologies, the Western Governors' University plans to offer courses from western U.S. universities and the University of Idaho at outlying locations.

"It means for the people of Idaho and the people of the western states an additional mode for access," said Rayburn Barton, executive director of the Idaho State Board of Education. "It’s not an entity designed to supplant existing institutions, but an entity to serve as a broker for programs."

WGU is set up for students who either don’t have the time to attend classes or want to take a course offered at a different university. Television, video, correspondence study and the Internet are the media forms offered for the courses.

Idaho Gov. Phil Batt is one of 13 western governors committed to participate in WGU with UI as a course provider.

Batt appointed Barry Willis as the UI representative for the WGU task force. "The main reason people get involved in distance education is to increase access," Willis said. "You hear people doing it to save money, but I think that is not an all-together concept. Significant infrastructure is required to take these courses."

Willis, a professor in education, has experience with distance education as the director of the engineering outreach program at UI. The program grants 400-500 master’s degrees in engineering per semester through video-tape and satellite links.

WGU is now putting together a mock catalog of courses. UI submitted in computer science courses. Ultimately, there will be the opportunity to receive a degree from WGU, which Willis is not in favor of.

"It is a way of brokering courses, but one of the best things UI has is the residential campus in Moscow," he said. "The UI needs to look at what it does and what it does best."...SEE WGU PAGE 6
Police Log

10/25/96
Travis L. Redbottom, 19, was cited for impetuous driving on Ntz Perz Drive. 11:25 a.m. Melissa A. Wren, 21, was cited for inattentive driving on Stynor and Indian Hills.

10/26/96
6:04 p.m. Emergency personnel responded to a fire alarm at Targhee Hall that was set off by a smoke machine at their Halloween party. Numerous fire violations prompted authorities to stop the function.

10:20 p.m. Officers responded to a report of loud music at Targhee Hall; the subjects were told to turn the music down.

10/27/96
1:23 a.m. Officers advised subjects at Delta Sigma Phi fraternity to turn down their music.

9:16 p.m. Officers arrested Robert D. Miller, 35, at Sweet Avenue for domestic battery.

Comm Students meeting change
The Comm Students’ Association has changed their meeting from tomorrow to tonight at 6 p.m. Nominations for Faculty Liaison and Comm Advisory Board Representative will be opened and elections will take place. Committee will also be formed.

Learn about diseases
An HIV/AIDS/TB/STD class will be offered as part of the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling program Nov. 1-6. Fee is $29 for UI students and staff; $82 for others. For information, call UI Enrichment at 885-6468.

Block and Bridle
The UI Block and Bridle Club will host a country dance Nov. 2 at 9 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion. Tickets are $3 for singles, $5 for couples, and can be purchased at the door.

Holiday Crafts
The 23rd Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum in Pullman. Free admission and parking.

1 Percent Initiative
A town hall meeting on the 1 Percent Initiative will be held Wednesday at noon at the University Inn. Lunch will be available for $8.

Sausage Dinner
A Sausage Dinner will be hosted by the Moscow Knights of Columbus Sunday, Nov. 3, at St. Mary’s Family Center from noon to 7 p.m. Adults $7, children $4, and under 6 free.

Announcements

Civil engineering
ASCE will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 30 in Room G2 of BEI. Guest speaker is Bob Ringer from National Corrugated Steel Pipe Association. He’ll be discussing drainage system design.

Decision Maps
“New Visual Negotiation and Decision Support Techniques: Interactive Decision Maps,” a public lecture by Dr. Alexander Lowy, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 4 in Room 209, McClure Hall.

River Project
The River Project and The Galactic Tofa Farmers will perform a benefit for the Coalition for Central Americas Friday at Rathaus Pizza. Tickets are $3 at the door.

Outdoor Equipment Swap
The Outdoor Equipment Swap will be Monday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. A $2 fee for table space supports the Vandal ski team.

Meet Bob
President Hoover will address the concerns of minority students in a forum Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

Talk to the candidates
KUOI-FM is presenting a live call-in senatorial candidates’ forum Tuesday, Oct. 30, with Sam Scripture and Gary Schroeder at 7 p.m. KUOI can be heard at 96.3 on the FM dial.

Americorps
AmeriCorps will be holding an information session today at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Support Services lounge of the Continuing Education Building. Call 883-7764 for more information.

Chili Cookoff
The 4th Annual North Idaho Chili Cookoff competition will be sponsored by the Food Science Club Nov. 1. Clubs and living groups are encouraged to participate. Great prizes! Entry deadline is Oct. 31. Call 885-6456.

Carve a pumpkin
A pumpkin carving contest is being held by the Women’s Center. Individuals and groups are eligible to enter. Prizes include a Wamart turkey, UI bookstore gift certificate and more. Pumpkins must be delivered to the center by noon Oct. 30. Call 885-6616.

Pancake feed
A pancake feed will be held Nov. 2, from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine’s Catholic Center by the College of Forestry Student Affairs Council. Advance tickets are $3, and can be purchased in Range & Wildlife/Fisheries department. Tickets at the door are $3.50. Call Mary Beth at 882-1767 for information.

Hoe-Down
The annual Harvest “Hoe-Down” party will be Oct. 31 in the SUB Ballroom from 7 to 11:30 p.m. There will be line, swing and square dancing, as well as contests for best western dress, best pumpkin carving, and best swing dancing. Cost is $2. Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Get a job
UI Career Services is offering “Marketing Yourself with a Resume and Cover Letter” Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. and “Effective Job Search Strategies for Liberal Arts Majors” Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. Call 883-6121.

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Farmers, air quality interests debate grass-field burning

Jeff Olson
Staff

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute hosted its final of four "Joist Deserts" informational forums Sunday to discuss field burning.

Nancy Taylor, agriculture program director of PCEI, hopes these informal discussion sessions will be an ongoing project to raise awareness for environmental issues facing the communities of Moscow and Pullman and the surrounding Palouse.

PCEI convened representatives including Art Schulteis, a Colfax, Wash., bluegrass farmer and Trish Hoffman, founder of Spokane’s "Save our Summers," an air-quality organization.

Also participating in the discussion were two agricultural economists from WSU who defined the risks and gains of current policy and future regulation on the annual burning of bluegrass fields, and PCEI board member and farmer Jim Bauermeister.

Discussion focused mainly on the necessity of grass-field burning on the agricultural community and the risk the resulting smoke poses to the health of the community.

Information presented at the forum suggests that while field burning may not be the only option available to farmers who grow bluegrass as a cash or rotational crop, it is the most economically expedient.

Hoffman and Schulteis, representing their respective communities, staunchly defended their positions without the slightest sign of seeking a long-term and equitable solution to their mutual problem.

The state of Washington has restricted field burning over the past few years to a specific number of days each fall.

While Hoffman called on emotional support for those people made ill by the dramatic increase in airborne particulate matter, Schulteis championed the life of an industry, a heritage of agriculture, and the environmental benefits of bluegrass.

Schulteis said that field burning is necessary due to the large volume of tumble or chaff left over from the harvest of the grass seed. The physical removal of this waste is a costly and time-consuming affair, especially when burning, an inexpensive and effective alternative, is available.

Schulteis mentioned the technology has been developed to convert the waste materials into pulp, which could easily be used in the creation of high-quality paper and a form of particle board suitable for construction purposes.

Furthermore, Schulteis said, a Canadian company has shown interest in building a mill to pulp 85 million pounds of pulp mill in the Inland Northwest to utilize the large volume of grass and wheat residue produced annually on eastern Washington and northern Idaho farms.

This solution could end large-scale field burning, lower the hazardous airborne particulate matter, and thus reduce the health risk while only marginally decreasing the profitability of raising bluegrasses.

Schulteis said the plant has not been constructed because of the threat of further burning restrictions at the state level. More restrictions could lead to the end of bluegrass cultivation, which provides a readily available "pulp-able materials" source.

He also said the firm was reluctant to begin construction on the plant because of a $13.15 million investment, and would be wholly dependent upon a materials source which could be eliminated before the plant begins operation.

Remember to vote next Tuesday
Miller unopposed, but still hitting campaign trail

Justin Oliver Ruen

Staff

This Argonaut interview is with Maynard Miller, incumbent member of the state legislature. A Democrat, from District 5 in B. He is running unopposed. In this interview, Miller describes his political philosophy and goals for the upcoming legislative session.

Argonaut: Describe your personal and professional background for students who may be unfamiliar with you.

Miller: I'm a native northwesterner. I was born in Seattle and graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma. Wshiki. I don. I spent the next 20 years of my career in academic activities associated with various universities. I got my Ph.D. on a Fulbright scholarship from Cambridge University in England. I've been in the Moscow area for 22 years and was dean of the University of Idaho College of Mines for 13 years. I direct the IF Field and Environmental Sciences Institute and have been a full-time teacher and administrator. I believe I bring to the legislature a total systems type of analysis, coming from my scientific work, which is very helpful. Issues such as the 1 Percent Initiative are very complex and almost requires a total systems approach to solve them. I'm very proud of the committees I've served on: education, environmental affairs and human resources. Since 1992, I've served in the Idaho House of Representatives. I know if spending unopposed is an honor or an error. But it's just as important for some people who have an unopposed race to vigorously reach out to their constituents as it is they're in a contested race.

Argonaut: You've said that one of the great things about being unopposed is that you can listen without any interference to what the people want. What do the people of District 5 expect from the legislator and the legislature in general?

Miller: Many of our voters in this community are concerned about the question of tax relief. It is a common viewpoint and the tip of the iceberg is the 1 Percent Initiative. ... is a very simplistic, magic-wand type view. My experience in Boise is that there are no magic words. What a lot of people don't realize is that it is a very difficult thing to sway the legislature. In the House alone, we have tremendous divergence of opinion, even though it is a predominantly conservative Republican legislature.

Fundamentally, our constituents are concerned about how their tax money is being spent and how they are being assessed for taxes. The second concern is that they always are concerned about good schools. They want their kids to be well-educated. And 90 percent of the state's budget going into education, you can see how important that is. They are also concerned about crime, and especially juvenile crime. They are concerned about drugs and alcohol abuse in the schools, particularly junior high and high schools. If we don't have adequate secondary schools, some of them want to have home schools or charter schools. They want alternatives. I'm for alternatives as long as we can afford them.

I want to protect people's outlook and their views on these things and try to communicate back to them the reality of the funding process that we as legislators have to develop and approve. The funding process is difficult. We don't have enough money to do all that socio-economically, people would like to have done.

Argonaut: Taking into account the difficulties inherent in tax reform, do you think that the legislature will approve tax relief during the next session, and what options do you see specifically that are viable?

Miller: The 1 Percent was designed, so of its proponents say, to hit the legislature on the side of the head with a 2-by-4 to get it to retire. I disagree with that. I think the legislature has been this in mind for some time and that we have started an incremental property tax relief, with House Bill 152 two years ago. A lot of people don't realize what that bill did. They laughed at it because it only give each citizen $40 of relief (Property tax) relief comes from the general fund. Sales tax is the basic source of money for the general fund. There are four legs of the tax chair: income tax, property tax, sales tax and service excise tax. The problem is, it is difficult to get something touched but I think it should be, if we're going to try to relieve property taxes.

The legislature will have to go to two or three legs of the tax chair. They are going to have to go to a 1 percent increase in sales tax. My view is that we should leave a quarter or $50-60 million of school maintenance and improvement fund on property taxes. I live in the Moscow school district, and I think that's justified. But I do want 100 percent of the maintenance and operating fund to come off my property tax. I think the legislature should have addressed that earlier but didn't because of the complex mix of attitudes.

In addition to a sales tax increase, we need to look at a sales tax on services, but not on medical services, which are too expensive anyway, we all know that. We need to restrict those taxes to labor services such as mechanics, plumbers and construction. Instead of having impact fees on new houses, we ought to [charge] services for the taxes on the services used to build those homes. We hope the legislature will not raise income taxes. We're 15th in the nation already. Our income tax is very high, and most citizens pay a heavy income tax to the feds.

Argonaut: As a scientist, you are able to approach the nuclear waste issue from an informed position. Do you support Gov. Batt's agreement with the federal government, and do you think that the legislature should have to ratify nuclear waste agreements?

Miller: I support the agreement that the governor, through great labor and intensive study, achieved. It was an astute and complex and difficult issue. So is the complex that often the citizens only look at it with an emonious face, rather than rational, knowledgeable answer. Emotionally, I don't like nuclear waste ... But a rational solution is reasonable.

I don't like how to do it that way, but I don't see any other solution. I have sat in on the oversight committee meetings with INEL, I have visited INEL several times and spent a lot of time studying this issue. I think we're doing the best thing we possibly can.

As a geologist, I do not believe there is an easy answer. When the Mount Borah earthquake occurred in the last 20 years, it hit 7.5 in the Richter scale. I went down and studied that as a state geologist. I wish I could say it doesn't exist. It's very waste that we're dealing with mainly in this agreement.

I think the legislature should not have to ratify what the govenor does. The people elected a governor to do these things, and if they don't like what he does, put it on an initiative. I'm all for the initiative process. I've rather have it done by initiative and not have it ratified by the legislature.

I think the legislature still has not given the prerogative to represent us and if the public doesn't like it, we should go with an initiative or vote him out of office.

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Student still struggling with effects of meningitis

Erin Schultz

Once an obscure disease, meningitis has become more familiar to University of Idaho students, and it is a workplace home especially with former UI student Erin Nielson.

In February, Nielson came face to face with meningitis in a battle that altered her life. Trying to express the effects of such an unexpected event is difficult.

"My life has done a 500-degree turn," Nielson said in an attempt to sum up her experience.

Meningitis, a disease that hits one out of every 100,000 people, is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by either a virus or bacteria.

Symptoms of the disease progress rapidly, and it can result in death. Twenty cases have occurred in Idaho alone in the past year. Of those 20, Nielson is the only person still alive.

In February, she was an active sophomore, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and seemingly the last person expected to have health problems. However, the events of one weekend altered this story line drastically.

"I felt like I had simple stamina of the flu: symptoms: things you would get from staying up late too - sore throat, headache - you don't go to the emergency room for stuff like that," Nielson said.

That Saturday night, Nielson went to sleep at a friend's apartment with chilling and stiff joints. When she woke up the next morning, she was completely debilitated.

"My friends had to carry me down to the car and take me to the emergency room," Nielson said.

Once at Grttn Medical Center, doctors spent six hours trying to pinpoint what was wrong. During this time, Nielson literally watched deep purple spots appear on her legs, shoulders, and arms. This was one symptom of meningitis caused by blood clotting.

From Grttn, Nielson was flown to Spokane for more testing. That is when doctors told her she had meningitis.

"I had no clue. I had never heard of it before. I told the doctors I had an accounting test and economics test I had to take. They told me I shouldn't worry about it right now," Nielson said.

With a history free of health problems, Nielson was surprised to learn of the seriousness of her situation.

"Before that night, I wasn't even sick. That's the scary thing about this. It's not like I was a sickly, weak person. I was active in sports, played tennis a lot. I'd never even really gone to the hospital before," Nielson said.

For some reason, meningitis often hits seemingly healthy people. Other Idfaoons that have had the disease have been athletes, too. So far, there are no answers for why meningitis strikes the victims it does.

Meningitis causes different things to happen with each person. In some cases, death comes quickly; while in others, fatality never occurs. In Nielson's situation, the disease forced doctors to have to amputate both legs. "I do not know what it was with me. All I know is that I'm alive," Nielson said.

Since meningitis is also contagious, women in Nielson's house received vaccinations. Doctors told Nielson that outbreaks can occur in armed forces barracks and sleeping quarters. "I had the whole house freaked out," Nielson said. No other UI students contracted the disease.

Now living with her family in Nampa, Idaho, Nielson goes to Elks Rehabilitation three days a week for physical therapy, where she learns how to walk on prosthetic legs. Life at home can be monotonous, Nielson said, and she's looking forward to going back to school at Boise State University in January.

After dealing with such an experience, Nielson has a different perspective. "I do not feel as good," Nielson said. "I know that I'm lucky to be where I am - alive.

Those interested in writing to Nielson are encouraged to e-mail her at nielson@micr.us.

Remember what Smokey taught you: "Only you can prevent forest fires," and only you can recycle your Argonaut.
Minnick refutes latest Craig ads over dams

LEWISTON (AP) — Democratic senatorial candidate Walt Minnick says he does not support tearing down lower Snake River dams to boost salmon runs, as one of Republican incumbent Larry Craig's latest radio ads alleges.

"That is absolutely false," the former Boise forest products executive said Friday in Lewiston.

Craig's campaign is airing a radio ad in Lewiston in which self-described Lewiston homemaker Nancy Boling claims Minnick supports an "extreme approach" to salmon recovery, including "tailing for drawdowns and even tearing down the dams."

Although she looked thin, she spoke energetically to a crowd of several hundred people.

"I am living with AIDS," she said. "It is very important you hear it this way. I am living with AIDS. I am not dying with AIDS."

She talked about public apathy toward AIDS and about the need to educate children about the disease.

Many people believe they are invulnerable because they are not intravenous drug users, gays or sexually promiscuous heterosexuals. Others think medical advances are taming the lethal virus.

In a July 3 letter, he said young smolts must stay in the river and be flushed seaward with greater speed to save fish runs.

"Never did I state that I favored breach- ing any of the dams in the Columbia-Snake river system," Minnick wrote.

Minnick, who a year ago endorsed a three-year test drawdown of the lower Snake River reservoirs for six to eight weeks to save salmon and steelhead runs, said he backs the latest findings of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Independent Scientific Group.

Its report said technology cannot fix the changes decades of development have made in the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

It suggests a permanent drawdown of John Day Reservoir may be the best move to reverse the Columbia runs, and does not rule out consideration of removal of one or more dams along the lower Snake.

The truth, Billings said, is that AIDS hurts everyone.

"All of us will be or are personally impacted by AIDS," she said.

In 1994, a total of 39 states required AIDS education in public schools, Billings said. Idaho is among the 39, but exactly what children are taught is left up to each school district.

"This generation holds in their hands the possibility of stopping HIV through their behavioral choices," Billings said.

"If we truly love our children, we must teach them how to live," Kennedy said.

Although Minnick thus far has avoided using the term "AIDS," he has clearly been using the term "HIV" as his Public Health pueda policies.

Billings said Minnick's campaign is a "debaser of truth." She said Minnick's claims are not new.

Billings entry in the Lewiston Morning Journal under the heading "We Refer You To The Facts," May 17, 1996, said Minnick's public health policy is "deadly dangerous."
Attorney says One Percent could require building upgrades

BOISE (AP) — Language in the One Percent Initiative could saddle the state with a $1 billion bill for school repairs and construction, says an attorney representing about 30 school districts.

If it passes, a section of the initiative might be used to bolster a lawsuit by the districts suing the state for more money.

The property-tax limitation measure requires the state to take an “all public education” and fund it at an amount “to replace all property tax revenue funding of all public education.” It would cap property taxes at 1 percent of taxable value.

Attorney Robert Hunley, representing the districts, said the language could give him ammunition to capture state funding to improve deteriorating buildings.

“If the people vote it in, it would be an acknowledgment by the public that it’s the Legislature’s responsibility,” he said.

The case, set for trial in May, centers on a provision of the Idaho Constitution that requires the Legislature to maintain a “thorough system” of public schools.

The districts contend the state has failed because it does not help with buildings. A legislative committee in 1992 found about $700 million in needed repairs and expansions in the 112 districts.

Although many districts have made improvements since that time, Hunley argues the figure now tops $1 billion.

The attorney general’s office determined the phrasing of the initiative does make the state responsible for buildings:

“From a historical perspective, there is little basis to argue that the provision of school facilities is not part of the ‘system of public, free common schools.’”

Deputy Attorney General Mike Gilmore, who represents the state against the 30 districts, conceded the One Percent could affect his case.

But he said the true impact on the lawsuit would depend on how the Legislature enacts the initiative.

Lawmakers are free to modify or clarify the law.

Ron Rankin, the initiative’s sponsor, said it was his intent the initiative require the state to take over only the operations funding, not buildings.

Therefore, he argues his creation would not give more money to districts suing for building funds.

“That’s $700 million. That’s crazy,” Rankin said. “This is our opinion of what it will do: it will move the maintenance and operations of schools off the property taxes and to the state. That is our intent and that’s on the front cover of every petition we passed out.”

Senator caught kissing sophomore

ASUI Senator John Glenn and Amber Stonecipher find their own way to “take back the night” while idling at a stop light during the march Wednesday night.

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Arrasmith appeals sentences, citing guns found

LEWISTON (AP) — Kenneth Arrasmith continues to express outrage over his double murder conviction in an appeal filed with the Idaho Supreme Court.

He accuses the Nez Perce County Sheriff’s Department of an “elaborate and deliberate conspiracy” to conceal evidence that might have helped his defense. He adds the prosecution and 2nd District Judge, Don Leggett, also denied him a fair trial.

“The entire system was duped in this case,” he said through his attorneys, Craig and Roy Moosman.

Arrasmith was sentenced earlier this year to life in prison without parole for the first-degree murder of Laelia Bingham. He was given a minimum 25-year term for the second-degree murder of his husband, Ronald.

Arrasmith was accused of killing the Clarkston, Wash., couple outside a Lewiston auto shop. He said they had sexually abused his teen-aged daughter and other girls.

The appeal focuses on two guns retrieved from the auto shop. Sheriff’s deputies never disclosed they found one gun at the shop until the Moosman learned of it after the trial.

The gun belonged to the son of the Sheriff Ron Kooper’s second-in-command, Lt. Scott Whitcomb. Whitcomb returned the gun to his son later in the day of the killings. It was never mentioned in any report.

A second gun was located in a car outside the shop and was removed by Whitcomb’s son, Cliff, the day after.

Man sentenced to 10 years in death of toddler

COEUR D’ALENE (AP) — A judge ordered a 10-year prison term for an Athol man convicted in the death of a 2-year-old boy.

Kevin B. Merwin, who was convicted in April of felony injury to a child, could be eligible for parole after two years under the sentence ordered by 1st District Judge James Judd.

Prosecutors said Merwin physically abused Alex Buoss while caring for the toddler on July 18, 1995. The boy, who was sentenced to a coma and suffered brain injuries, died at a Spokane, Wash., hospital the next day.

Merwin and the boy’s mother, Michelle Bass-Merwin, both claimed the toddler had merely toppled off a bed.

But several doctors testified the injuries were so extensive they could only have come from abuse, a violent car accident or a fall from 30 to 40 feet.

On Thursday, Judd denied a motion in overturn Merwin’s conviction.

Merwin’s lawyer, Frederick Lutes, contented his client should be acquitted because contradictory evidence presented “a variety of reasonable explanations for the child’s injuries and the uncertainty as to the exact cause and means.”

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Father Schumacher teaches while learning

Mark Schumacher, a second-year engineering student at the University of Idaho in 1978, may have known all the answers relevant to the fundamental theorem of calculus, but he never stopped to ask himself one important question.

One day, St. Augustine’s pastor at the time, Father Baldwin, asked Schumacher, “Why aren’t you in the seminary?”

“I was a religious person all my life,” Schumacher said, “and the truth is, I couldn’t think of a reason why not to be in the seminary.”

From that point on, with faith and strong family support, Schumacher pursued his calling to be a Roman Catholic priest. A little more than a year ago, he returned to Moscow to be pastor of St. Augustine’s.

He prepared by going to Mount Angel seminary near Portland, Ore., where he received his bachelor’s degree in philosophy. He then studied for four years at the Gregorian University in Rome, earned his bachelor’s degree in sacred theology, and was ordained. He also spent six years in Boise at different parishes, three years in Sandpoint, and two years in California, where he earned his master’s degree in theology.

His present post is his first “collegiate” experience as a pastor. He said the main focus of St. Augustine’s is the student, but the greatest amount of financial support comes from those who are not students. “It’s challenging trying to bring two distinct groups together as a parish, but so far all is going well,” he said.

“Being at the University of Idaho has been a good and interesting experience,” he said. “He said he sees great diversity in the church and the community, and from that diversity stems a healthier, more “localized” church.

Schumacher said many Catholic churches are struggling with the organization of the church since the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. Many churches still give a certain priority to Rome, rather than accepting priests as the “local managers” of churches, he said.

When I’m up on the altar, just feeling God’s presence and knowing that he is with us all instills very thoughtful insights into me,” Schumacher said.

“I am a very people-oriented person,” he said. “As a priest, I have the opportunity to get to know people and build strong relationships with them in a way that is different from them being just acquaintances, co-workers or neighbors.”

He said that feeling of closeness is an important part of his life. Schumacher said mass is his way of distinguishing himself as a priest, but it also unites him with the parishioners. “I’ll sometimes find myself smiling during mass.”

He explained that he is driven by the liturgy and that it “feeds” him. “When I’m up on the altar, just feeling God’s presence and knowing that he is with us all instills very happy thoughts in me.”

Yet there are also trying times that come with being a priest. “There is a higher expectation of priests,” Schumacher said.

He explained that there are no set hours, many periods of loneliness, and times when there is little support or “feedback” from the parish — all of which are difficult to cope with.

Loneliness is something most priests have to face, he said. “I realize that there are going to be times when I feel lonely, and I cope with those times by calling a friend or diverting myself by reading or doing some other activity.”

Schumacher said there are many who see alcohol as an escape from loneliness. He said he doesn’t want to fall into that trap, so he avoids drinking alone.

Schumacher said that giving the homily is a unique part of the mass. “I feel the homily is really a dialogue. I can feel and see whether I am giving a message that those listening are hearing.”

“There are times when the overall energy level of the parishioners is low, and it is discouraging when he can see he is unable to make a difference in them, he said. “However, when this happens, I just tell God that he has to take over from there, and it all seems to work out.”

The Catholic church has suffered from having negative incidents and scandals reported in the media. Schumacher said dealing with those things is tough, mostly because people “generalize.”

“It is not fair that all priests get judged by the actions of some, but it happens,” he said. “People need to realize that priests are human and that we have weaknesses like any other.”

He added that he wished the church could cope with and understand what is happening, and take steps to prevent further incidents.

Change is not a frightening thing to Schumacher. He said that he thinks celebrating the Eucharist is more important than who is presiding over that celebration.

“Whatever frustrates me the most is that the issues of women priests and married priests in the Catholic church are not supposed to be discussed, so nothing is being done to change the current situation,” he said. “I think the church should consider women and married priests.”

Schumacher said that school and work demand a lot of people’s time and control much of their lifestyles. He said this may affect church attendance and religion, but people’s faith is not necessarily tested.

He said it is important for people to show dignity and respect for others and to consider their need. “God is not going to look like I do,” Schumacher said.

He has been planning an accounting degree at the university. He said he enjoys being a part of a different environment in his classes.

“The university is here to broaden young people’s education. St. Augustine’s is here to broaden their perspective of faith and the church,” he concluded.

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It's beginning to smell a lot like Christmas

Dayna Derrick

You've been awake for a little over an hour. It's 8 a.m., and you're already out of bed. The smell of coffee fills your nostrils as you walk into the kitchen. The sound of the morning news on the radio blends with the sound of the coffee percolating away. You take a sip of your coffee and smile, feeling a sense of contentment.

The smell of Christmas is in the air. It's the kind of scent that fills your lungs and settles in your soul. It's the smell of home, the smell of tradition, the smell of love. It's the smell of the holidays, and it's the smell of hope.

As you sit down to write this column, you can almost taste the sugar on the gingerbread cookies, feel the softness of the snow under your boots, and hear the laughter of friends and family.

The smell of Christmas is a reminder of the season, a reminder of the joy and love that comes with it. It's a reminder of the gifts we give and the gifts we receive. It's a reminder of the love we share and the love we feel.

As you sip your coffee and write this column, you can almost feel the warmth of the hearth, the sound of the Christmas carols, and the smell of the stocking stuffing. It's a smell that reminds you of the season and the joy it brings.

The smell of Christmas is a gift, a gift that brings joy and love to all who experience it. It's a gift that reminds us of the season and the love it brings.

—Corinna Flowers

Underpaid paper boy takes media world by storm

Scott Perrine

A sandwich artist. And I've become a better person because of every single one of those work shifts. Except maybe the sandwich artists. My first job and my previous experience with the press was handed down to my by one of my older siblings, who never brought it up in the attention the potential delivering a chocolate chip cookie to a person going totally insane. I didn't find this out until after I had been doing it for about two and a half years. That's when I started answering myself.

Not talking to myself, mind you. I started that a couple of months into the job. It wasn't until later that I actually started building conversa-

The smell of Christmas is a gift, a gift that brings joy and love to all who experience it. It's a gift that reminds us of the season and the love it brings.
Be afraid, be very afraid — it’s only natural

Since Halloween is now the second-largest day for retail sales after Christmas in America, I’ve noticed that I don’t get as much sleep as I used to. And if I fall asleep too early, or if I’m too tired, I can wake up the next morning afraid. The same thing happens when I go to bed late and spend the night worrying about what’s going on out there. If I don’t get enough sleep, I can’t function properly during the day. I can’t think clearly, and I can’t concentrate. I can’t even read the news without feeling afraid.

The Daily Nebraskan
U-Wire
Anthony Nguyen

I’m afraid of failing to do anything relevant in life. I’m afraid of turning on the television and seeing HBO’s documentary on FEAR. I’m afraid of becoming a “Mistress” and enjoying it. I’m afraid of growing up, growing old, and growing out-of-touch with my fascination of the universe and the wonders it holds. I’m afraid of running out of toilet paper at that “critical moment.” I’m afraid of cemeteries, but I have no ambition of “checking out my future place of residence.” And I’m afraid of dying — and not knowing I’m dead. Of course, there are some things that don’t strike me with FEAR. I’m not going to be one who wades up in a dilapidated shack in the middle of “God’s Country” with an AK-47 and expect that it can fend off the worldwide “conspiracy” of the U.N. to take over the U.S. with Chinese and Russian troops hiding just across the Canadian border.

I’m not going to be the one who thinks the government is in cahoots with aliens, “tricks” if all aliens want to do when they’re in our corner of the neighborhood is to Abbott “Joe Bob” for sexual “things,”” then I’d rather not meet them anyway.

And I’m not going to believe the world is gonna end in less than four years, “cause it’d put a real crimp on my ability to pay back student loans (well, actually ... ).

Reading this you might think I’m some wacked-out, paranoid freak, but believe me, I’m not. Halloween’s just reminding me of some fears. It’s good to let yourself have some fears ... only a foolish person would have no fears. Fear helps you to recognize your limitations, but then it also tells you that you can overcome these limits. Some people just can’t shake their fear and end up letting FEAR control them. Sure, I’m still quaky about raccoons, but I don’t let it rule me. It’s a little thing in the vast tapestry of life.

So, while I’m curling up with a good scary book this Halloween, imagining I can hear the rattle-putter of cockroaches, I’ll keep in mind that I can live with my fear.

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Where’s the outrage?

For a time during the ’80s, people really seemed to care about homelessness and its problems. Ronald Reagan became president and slashed federal spending for mental health programs, millions of homeless people flooded onto America’s urban streets. Maybe people cared during the ’80s because the problem seemed new and solvable. We were all just one bold, honest, and effective government away from solving the problem. Maybe people hadn’t yet hardened their hearts to daily pleas for money from dirty people sitting on the sidewalk.

Whatever the reason, people just didn’t seem to give a shit about the homeless anymore, and that’s a tragedy. Bob Dole keeps whining “Where’s the outrage?” about scandals in the Clinton administration. Where’s the outrage about the fact that people are suffering in unacceptable conditions on our streets and everyone has turned their backs?

Even the homeless people were funny here. “Some change for a quarter?” At least they were being honest. I thought. Any kind of unique solicitation would usually involve drugs or a favorite person for money or sex. If they were like me, the dog, I’d usually give them some money.

Homeless people also used to really get to me. I’d usually give them a dollar. Then something changed. After a few months of getting aggressively hit up every time I’d walk down Telegraph Avenue or near the Bay Area Rapid Transit station, I started to look more critically at these people, and ask tougher questions about them. “Who don’t they get a job?” “Why don’t they just go home to their parents?” “Why don’t they spend less money on pachinko and more money on soap?”

For a time, I adopted a “get tough on the homeless” attitude and stopped giving money, stopped looking at them and pretended like they just didn’t exist. I regret that attitude. I realize now that this is a pretty common coping mechanism for anyone who lives in an urban environment, especially Berkeley. Homeless people challenge us and our personal self-images as compassionate and caring people.

I know people who won’t go anywhere near Telegraph because they just can’t deal with the homeless. If they don’t see the problem, they won’t have to think about it. But the problem isn’t going anywhere. Putting our heads in the sand by avoiding Telegraph or ignoring the homeless people who sit on the sidewalk doesn’t mean that the problem has been solved. It only means that we have abdicated our responsibility to help.

A number of years ago, a kind woman died and specified in her will that her money was to be used to feed the homeless in Berkeley. Because of her, each morning, except Monday, homeless people can get and go a modest hot breakfast in a church basement near People’s Park. Many local businesses and restaurants quietly donate their extra food at the end of the night. I’ve been told that there’s a man who, every morning or so, will come and give a group of homeless kids off the street into a taxi, take them to a hotel and get them each a room for the night. Nobody knows who this man is, although a few kids believe he is Jesus Christ. Even though it’s no longer fashionable, there are still people who remember an important face.

Homeless people are human beings with feelings, hopes, dreams and dignity. It seems obvious that politicians are no longer interested in tackling this complex issue. The government has gotten out of the social welfare business, and maybe that’s a good thing. But the flip side of that coin means that we, as private citizens and individuals, have to pick up the slack.

Students need to get their checkbooks and start writing checks to local charities. Students need to clean out their stuff and clo-
cens, and start taking clothes and blankets down to the homeless. Campus organizations need to start tackling this problem and come up with innovative ideas as to how we can improve the lives of homeless people, and keep campuses. Students need to stop treating the homeless and street kids like they don’t exist. No matter how you personally feel about giving them money, you could just give them a smile and let them know that you recognize their dignity as human beings.

As winter approaches, we all get obsessed with our own lives, thinking about catching up for finals or getting ready for winter break. We all need to remember that it gets extremely cold and wet out there on the streets of Berkeley. There are human beings who are suffering in sub-human conditions only a few blocks away from your safe, warm and easy bed. The question is: What are you personally going to do about it?

Snow • From Page 11

freshness, of everything becoming clean and new. The anticipation
of snow cleaning the air and the earth brings heavy in the air like
a blanket. A blanket is not only
clouds, but also a blanket of antici-
pation wrapping around you.

The weather is cold, but in a
sense, it’s a warm cold different
from when it is so cold that every-
things starts to hurt. It’s a painless
cold. It’s a feeling like putting cold
hands in warm water. Not being able
to feel the temperature, but
knowing there is a difference in the
weather. In other worlds, it’s
almost a sense of feeling felt by those
who can’t wait for the snow to start
falling.

Snow is a reason to go out and
act like kids again, especially for
those on college campuses. Snow
means being able to build snow-
men, snow angels and play foot-
ball. Now, many will say that you
can play football anytime of the
year. I agree, but it is a whole new
game when played in the snow.

Getting ticked in softer — yes
colder — but it doesn’t hurt as
much. Slipping and sliding in the
snow and trying to get away from
the opposing team gives new
meaning to the name defense.

And of course, the colder it is
the better. The ultimate time in
the winter is to stay warm and long out
in the snow, get good and cold and
wet. After you’ve had all you can
possibly take, that is the clue to go
inside, make hot chocolate, curl up
in a blanket and read a good book.

But you can’t do all that until you
take full advantage of the snow.

So take a large group of
friends, find a large open area with
lots of snow and have at it.

Next time you are out and about,
try to see if you can smell or feel
a difference in the air. Take a guess, wait a little while, and see you if
were right — was it snow? Snow is
incredible, especially for this area
of Idaho. And it has been predicted
that this will be one of the hardest
winters in a decade.

So bundle up, take a whiff and
enjoy the snow. Just have the hot
chocolate waiting when the playing is
done.
Letters to the Editor

IEA endorses White

The legislative endorsement process of the Idaho Education Association is open to every member who is willing to participate in the interviews with the candidates. After our interviews for legislative District 5, House Seat A, we cast an almost unanimous vote for Vera White. Our decision was based on the following considerations:

Both candidates enthusiastically support public education, including higher education. Candidates we interview usually do. Actually, I have never interviewed a candidate who opposed education. I must admit to knowing at least a couple of legislators who aren’t so enthusiastic, but that is outside the subject of this letter.

Vera White understands the politics of education. She is not a newcomer to the political process. She has served as an elected official in Nez Pierce County government and as an appointed official in Idaho state governments.

Vera White is a dedicated candidate. She convinced us that she will work diligently, compassionately, and knowledgeably to serve all the constituents of legislative District 5 and that includes those who reside here while attending the university.

Vera White understands the plight of working people — teachers, drivers, sales personnel — those who work to stretch their paychecks to cover the necessities, knowing there will be precious little left to cover anything else. When one considers the makeup of the current Legislature, most of its members are self-employed or retired. Wage earners need to be represented, too.

We also discussed the issue of balance. Democracy works best when there is give and take among the stakeholders and between the two parties — Democrats and Republicans. But such is not the case in Idaho. OF THE 50 STATES LEGISLATURES, IDAHO IS THE NATION’S MOST ONE-SIDED. Republicans outnumber Democrats 4-1. If this state is to serve all its citizens well, we must begin to restore some of the balance so necessary to good government. You can’t do that by working to unseat Republicans who have done a good job — the IEA endorsed both Representative Miller and Senator Schneider. But in places where you can, we believe it imperative in elect legislative members who will help to restore that balance. We enthusiastically endorse Vera White for all three reasons. We urge you to give her your vote on Nov. 5.

—Sue Hovey

Support Trail for representative

I support Tom Trail as Doe-Luxa replacement in the Idaho House of Representatives. Tom supports quality education at an affordable price and equitable, incremental property tax relief. Tom understands the importance of strengthening the economic base in Idaho as well as creating jobs and supporting agriculture, businesses and taxpayers.

Tom owns and operates his own business and manages, along with his brother David, the family farm that is in Latah County. He has a lifetime commitment to Moscow and Latah County as demonstrated with his community service in Rotary, Moscow Environment and Health Commission, 20 years as a 4-H Club Leader, Moscow Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Latah County Fair board and the Latah Health Services Strategic Planning Committee.

Tom’s leadership approach in Boise will be a team effort. Tom will listen to the citizens of the district and will stand firm in fighting for the issues that are important to his constituents. For these reasons I feel Tom Trail is your best choice for District 5 State Representative.

—Ron Robinson

Vote no on Prop. Two

The supporters of Proposition Two are asking the voters to criminalize traditional blue bear hunting practices. Initially offered as a bear protection measure, many Idaho voters were misled into signing a petition to “save the bears.”

There’s no credible evidence to suggest Proposition Two, if passed into law, would have any effect upon the long-term biological well-being of our black bear populations, statewide or by management unit. Proposition Two, by eliminating spring hunting, would shift bear mortality to other times and places. Instead of enmeshing cubs, more pregnant females will be killed. Eliminating hound and hounds would only alter the way many bears die, keeping the population balanced relative to the carrying capacity of each unit.

This proposition seeks to criminalize hunting practices which harm no one and do not threaten the viability of Idaho’s resident black bear populations.

Stronger support for the 2015-2020 Idaho black bear hunting methods are no more harmful than flag burning or what consuming adults do with each other in the privacy of their homes. The supporters of Proposition Two are a lot like those folks who seek to impose their morality by “correcting” the behavior of others through legislation. No matter how one attempts to justify it, intolerance is intolerance. In asking the voters to correct the behavior of others, supporters of Proposition Two demonstrate an affinity toward some interesting companies.

At one level, Proposition Two is little more than a blue-law common business body law. The hunting methods that deemed “unsportsmanlike” are so many, traditional, first class, old-fashioned, honest social engineering. And as communities in which they are practiced. They are, at this time, protected by law.

Proposition Two goes beyond criminalizing individual behavior by attacking traditional practices which are part of the culture of many communities. In suppressing cultural diversity, Proposition Two may well itself become people. We’ll all be better off without this piece of artificial social engineering.

Please join me in voting NO on Proposition Two.

—Frank Werner

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A troop of 30 dancers sprang through the air, thrilled on the stage and generally delighted wide-eyed audiences at the Huntington Theatre where it was the U.I. Dance Theatre Production of the year: Windows '96 - Moving Form.

The two-hour production showcased a wide variety of styles and musical themes. Through 14 short performances, dancers kept audience members on the edge of their seats with choreography by UI dance faculty members and students.

With most segments lasting just a few minutes, the performance was much like a diverse collection of music videos each incorporating its own distinct flavor. Not unlike the icons on a computer desktop, each segment was a point of access to a different program of dance. Jazz, ballet, modern, folkloric and theatrical dance created emotional segues from light, spirited pieces, reminiscent of a high school pep rally in such pieces as: "Do You..." choreographed by Mindy Payne, to the more introspective themes displayed by "Disant Autumn," by Naomi Kroll.

In the second selection "Dreaming," by Sarah Nall, the two percussionists, Kristina Bader and Alme Godfrey, were mirror images of one another, moving slowly from sleeping stillness through a gamut of graceful dream-like movements that nearly come together to invade one another's space, and then at the last possible moment, move away, always preserving the sleepy motion. When the music, a lullaby, finally ends — a moment of silence and in unison the dancers wake and leave the stage — synchronized human form and shadow.

Musical selections mirrored the motion, increasing both the humor and drama of each piece. Songs by Paul McCartney, Dire Straits, and Kate Bush all kept the tempo white dancers blurred the stage with color and energy.

The fifth short performance of the program, "Possible Mission," by Kathryn Claeys, featured a bizarre group of guest jazz theatre dancers from Lewis and Clark State College, clad in black, performing to the theme from — you guessed it — Mission Impossible performed by UZ's Adam Clayton and Larry Muller Jr.

In the more folksy "Jig of Life," by Melissa English, dancers whirled, bounded and raced across the stage to the Celtic strains of Kate Bush. This was one of the more entertaining and lively segments of the first half of the show, accenting steps from the traditional jigs and Highland dances of old. Yet another, highly creative, theatrical segment featured in the performance, this time by Molly M. Snell, was "Santo Misico.

Beginning from the back of the house with the whirling and chirping sounds of dancers in brightly colored, feathered attire, the performance took shape slowly. Appearing one by one and then spinning counter-clockwise from one seat to the next, the cheerful birds scattered the audience with whips and whistles, followed abruptly by the entrance of a whimsical hoot of the canary-look-"Nandu theme, all dressed in the white silk pajamas. Colorful forms flowed on-stage to the techno-rhythmic sounds of Deep Forest, creating a stunning audio-visual ensemble that allowed us to lose ourselves in Snell's dream.

The last third of the show melded the choreography of Emily O'Brien, English and Payne in a series of short, jazz, musical segments. Beginning with the "Sweet Charity Suite," by O'Brien, the dancers kicked their heels, spun and slid to the tunes of a bygone era, the music of Coleman and Fields, followed by "Big Spender," by Payne. "Reprise and Finish," by English, closed the performance with a bang.

Overall, a diverse mix of humor, drama and savoir faire characterized the performance of this year's UI Dance Theatre and this version of Windows the dancers were truly "moving icons."
Palouse in ‘love’ with McManus

Justin Cason

Author Patrick McManus has brought side-splitting laughter to people nationwide through colorful anecdotes about his childhood and his coming-of-age. Not content with just written words, actor Tim Behrens turned those stories into reality Friday evening.

Behrens, in his second tour of the Palouse in three years, recanted tales from recent McManus books, adding his own blend of erratic movements, peculiar faces, and eccentric narrative in a performance entitled, “McManus in Love.”

Armed with Airwalks and several character-supporting props, Behrens covered everything from his birth to girls to being afraid of the dark, all relayed brilliantly through the performer’s unique sense of stage presence.

Approximately 1,300 Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum spectators cheerfully watched as Behrens recited McManus’ elementary and teenage escapades with, among others, his best friend, Crazy Eddie Muldoon, and that legendary ode to bacterial contamination, Rancid Crabbe.

One of Behrens’ most successful stories — and there were many — was his hagiographical rendition of McManus’ bear story. As a child, McManus went on a camping trip with the Muldoon family, which included “Goomba,” who was Eddie’s grandmother and, according to the author, “the crankiest, most cantankerous woman I had ever had the misfortune to meet.”

McManus’ only source of warmth that night was his mother’s bearskin overcoat. This fur of course became the backdrop of the entire story, with the Muldoon family believing there was a bear in their tent in the middle of the night. Behrens’ hunched figure, wrapped up in the bear’s hide, was a humorous visual picture for all who’d read about the incident in McManus’ book.

Other highlights included a night spent outside with Bobby Diemeyer, a kid from New York City who’s resemblance to Woody Allen was uncanny, as well as personal descriptions of Rancid Crabbe and his own sister, the Troll.

“McManus in Love” is Behrens’ second such touring show. A few years ago, he traveled the Northwest performing his own stage version of A Fine & Pleasant Misery, perhaps the most famous of all McManus novels.

Although “McManus in Love” claims to pick up right where “A Fine & Pleasant Misery” left off, those who missed the first show were really not at a disadvantage.

While Behrens’ shows have stayed relatively close to the Northwest, his fame is building and more national recognition is imminent.

“It’s a real feel-good kind of humor,” said Sue Flint, assistant director of News and Information at Washington State University. “I’m sure he’s going to find himself getting called to perform on the other side the country.”

However, the fodder for Behrens’ comedy performances, McManus’ books, deal primarily with the immediate Idaho and Washington area, which makes them such a hit here.

To date, Behrens has performed in 15 states and Canada to over 70,000 people. Assuming that McManus continues to write quality books, Behrens’ career as an entertainer seems fairly secure.

Big money possible for those musically inclined

Amy Marie Smith

Muscically talented University of Idaho students went up against one another Thursday night at MasterCard Acts in the hopes of winning first prize for the night — $200 — and maybe even advancing to the national competition to compete for $15,000.

Grupo Serenata took those top honors at the event co-sponsored by ASU Productions. This group of male UI students make up an extremely authentic mariachi band. They performed two songs: “Wakatara” and “Cascabel.” Grupo Serenata enjoys a strong local following and had the whole audience clapping along with them.

Second place and a $150 prize went to former ASUI President Sean Wilson. He performed “When I See You Smile,” a song he co-wrote and composed with Eric Cannavan. Wilson’s saxophone performance was reminiscent of Kenny G. He’s that good, folks. This is the third MasterCard Acts competition in a row Wilson has competed in. In 1995 he was a national finalist.

Jim Lester, a UI marine, took third place: $100. Lester, accompanied on the piano by Amie McGregor, sang “She Loves Me.” The song contained extremely comedic lyrics, yet illustrated Lester’s smooth vocals expertly. Lester had a great stage presence and seemed very at home performing for the crowd. Although a junior majoring in business, he wouldn’t be surprised if Lester were offered a recording contract — the guy has great vocals.

There was more talent from UI students worthy of mentioning. Although all 10 acts couldn’t win the contest, they all performed their hearts out.

Worthy of an honorable mention were Joey Wellman and Royale Napolitano. This duo also have both competed in MasterCard Acts before, but not together. Wellman played the piano while Napolitano sang an arrangement they put together. Napolitano has incredibly powerful vocals. The duo’s medley was great entertainment.

Local band Deep Red Shag was the last act of the night. They performed “Spirin” in a haze. Several people got up to dance during the band’s performance, almost matching to the main performance—sounding tune. This group sounded very promising. They incorporated many different percussion instruments—a cowbell and bongos were only the beginning — that blended into their original sound. This group has got potential to make it big someday, with their borderline ska sound, they also remind one a bit of bands like Smashin Pumpkin and The Offspring.

It would’ve been hard to be on the judge’s panel last Thursday. Although you don’t set or hear an every day, there are a lot of talented people at this university.

Bruce Twitchell
Grupo Serenata won the crowd.
Kids are entertained in a museum ... scary

Amy-Marie Smith

The Latah County Historical Society and the Appanoose Museum sponsored an afternoon of scary and informative Halloween stories for children on Saturday. The event was held at Moscow's McConnell Mansion on South Adams Street.

Stories and Halloween legends were divided into groups suited toward younger children, about 2-6 years of age, and for the second group of children, 6 and above.

Mary Reed, director of the Latah County Historical Society, and Sue Emory, curator of the Appanoose Horse Club entertained the children. They dressed up, very convincingly, as witches to entertain the children.

Clowns, Indians, a princess, a policewoman, Zorro, and many witches showed up to hear the stories and listen to two witches tell, among other things, how you can test to see if someone is really a witch. For example, if you suspect someone may be a witch, put an open pair of scissors under the chair they are sitting in. If they are truly a witch, they won't be able to stand up again while the scissors are still under their chair.

Another test you could give to a suspected witch would be to put a broom down on the ground in her path. If the person cannot walk over this broom, no matter how hard she tries, she is an authentic witch.

Other legends of witches are rumored to be that they don't eat salt and won't touch items made from iron. In older days, the souring of milk and the occurrence of storms were blamed on witches. Also, when you're making anything with eggs, crumble up the two empty shell halves. Witches make boats out of these, allegedly, and then they sail away in the night to steal it. So watch out with those eggs.

The McConnell Mansion is a museum as well, full of historically significant antiques. When the mansion was built in 1886, it was the most impressive residence in Moscow and had indoor plumbing. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and by appointment. It is free to the public, yet they accept donations.

The Latah County Historical Society is the only organization actively collecting historical artifacts of the area. Each year hundreds of documents, photographs and artifacts are taken in and preserved by the historical society. Centennial Annex, located across the street from McConnell Mansion, houses these artifacts as well as a historical research library for Latah County.
Tears of joy and tears of pain for John L. Smith

Nate Peterson

A lot of things went right for the Vandals Saturday, however, a lot of things went wrong which ultimately allowed the Utah State Aggies to barely scrape by the Vandals 35-27.

After last week’s 24-15 victory over Idaho State in Pocatello, the Vandals found themselves in serious contention for the Big West championship. Standing in their way were the Aggies and former Vandal head coach John L. Smith’s head coach John L. Smith.

With much motivation and desire, the Vandals played well, including former players of the Smith coaching era and their in-state rival, a Modestly fielded Logan’s Romney Stadium in Utah State’s homecoming game.

Situated outdoors and in the midst of mountains ranging on both sides, the field had only been previously opened upon the snowfall before.

The Vandals have been in unfamiliar surroundings and playing on an unpaved field. Players slid through first downs and tackled slid past runners.

In short, the outdoor stadium’s conditions were nothing compared to those of the Kibbie Dome’s controlled environment.

Despite these conditions, the Vandals still scored four touchdowns and tackled up 522 yards of total offense. They also scored for 387 yards in distributing the ball to the numerous hands of Antonio Wilson, Robert Scott and David Griffin.

Wilson and Griffin each finished with big games. Wilson especially had a critical play on fourth down eight catches for 206 yards and two TDs.

These type of numbers would be adequate for victory in most cases but, against the Aggies it wasn’t enough.

Failure to score in the red zone, failure to establish a running game, and conversion struggles in the second half limited the scoring potential that could’ve given the Vandals a decisive victory.

Four times during the first three quarters the Vandals were in the red zone and walked away empty-handed. In the second quarter, the Vandals were unable to capitalize on each of these instances. Although the Vandals rushed for 103 yards, there was much inconsistency running the ball that forced Fien to throw more often than he should have.

Fien passed 33 times putting up big numbers, but threw two interceptions in last week’s game, he was the backbreaker of the Vandals’ comeback.

Joe Thomas looks for an opening in the Aggie defense. The Vandals lost a heartbreaker, 35-28.

Peter McKinney

Joel Thomas

Utah State wins thriller over Vandals

Damon Barkdoll

Romney Stadium’s frozen tundra failed victim to a dust of instant offense on Saturday afternoon — adding Vandall quarterback Ryan Fien and receiver Antonio Wilson to the mix of ingredients.

Unfortunately for Idaho, the Vandals naming game was staved and locked, dropping a 35-27 Big West Conference game to Utah State in Logan, Utah.

While Fien (12 of 53 for 387 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions) and Wilson (10 catches for 223 yards and four touchdowns) finishing the outing with big numbers, Idaho’s run game was held to just 77 yards and two families.

With Idaho ahead 24-21 early in the fourth quarter, a screaming, pro-Aggie homecoming crowd of 17,312 helped screw up the Vandals with 32 points for the win.

Vandals had a fumble on Idaho’s 33-yard line.

The hobbled snap, which hit Idaho running back Joel Thomas and was in motion, proved to be the deciding momentum chang-er and thwarted a USU drive and an eventual Abi Wilson 1-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-one call with 8:48 left in the game.

"He couldn’t bear, there was crowd noise and the center snapped the ball before the tack cleared the motion," said Idaho coach Chris Tormey. "He thought Ryan had called the snap. He didn’t bear it.”

Idaho proved stagnant on their next drive and gave the Aggies a great field position on their own 11-yard line.

Junior Aggie quarterback Matt Sauk then drove USU downfield with two pass plays of 10 and 11 yards to receiver Nakia Jenkins. On the next play from the Idaho 35-yard line, Sauk was hit by Vandall defensive end Barry Mitchell and left the game with a possible shoulder separation.

However, with Sauk out, the Aggies’ momentum didn’t slow. After Sauk running back Demario Wilson nearly fumbled the ball away before he could roll to Idaho, senior quarter- back Patrick Mullins stepped in and led USU to a 34-20 yard gain that put the Aggies on the Idaho 13-yard line. USU moved to the Idaho 12-yard line before Wilson punctured it in the end zone with 4:24 left in the game, resulting in a 35-27 Aggie lead.

The Vandals (3-4, 1-1) drop an important Big West Conference game to Utah State (4-4, 3-0) who are atop the conference but have yet to play the Nevada Wolf Pack.

"We battled hard and came back from a half-time deficit, put ourselves in a position to win the foot-ball game and made some critical mistakes in the fourth quarter. We didn’t make the plays we needed to," Tormey said. "They did. They won the game and they deserved to win.

On the other side of the ball was Utah State coach John L. Smith, a former Vandall coach and main recruiter of many of the seniors and juniors on the Idaho squad. For him, the win meant everything.

"It feels very good. That’s one game I definitely didn’t want to lose," Smith said, chucking back the tears. "You want it, until I saw Andy Gritsey and started to cry there at the end. He’s a special kid — he’s kind of close. You’ve got to feel bad for those guys. They were on top of a little bit. But I’m happy for us.


This season, Idaho has found trouble away from the Kibbie Dome, going 6-4 on the road. However, in the first half against the Aggies, Idaho’s high-powered offense was slowed by the muddy grass surface.

On Idaho’s first possession, Fien hit Wilson on a quick slant which the junior turned into a 59-yard touchdown with 12:37 remaining in the first quarter.

"That’s a great play," Tormey said of Wilson’s drive. "It makes big plays for us. He has all season long.

After an Aggie touchdown, Idaho looked a little agame. Starting from their own 26-yard line, the Vandals were led downfield by Fien, who sought to give everyone the ball.

The Vandals tied the game at 21 with 2:32 left in the third when Fien hit go-to-man Wilson on a 17-yard touchdown.

Then Idaho pockecked the ball on the ensuing kickoff and it was Gritsey, giving the Vandals possession on the USU 32-yard line.

Vandall receiver Robert Scott, using his quarterback capabilities, then tossed a 32-yard touchdown pass to Wilson on the double reverse with 8:16 in the third quarter to put the Vandals up 28-22.

With 25 seconds in the second quarter, Idaho again threatened and had control of the ball on the USU 15 yard-line. However, Aggie defensive back Romey Logan stripped the ball and recovered a Pace fumble and knocked the wind out of the drivi- ing Vandall offense.

"How many times did we get the ball back there that we could score and we couldn’t move it? We had it in the pocket, and we couldn’t move it," Tormey said. "They were a tough, tough football team."
Vandals split weekend series in California

Mark Vanderwall

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There’s no place like home.
The Idaho Vandals found out the hard way this weekend, as they were upset by UC-Santa Barbara, 12-5, 13-13, 2-15, 16-14, 4-16, Friday night in front of a nearly 452 Guacho fans.

Despite the meager attendance, the Gauchos pushed their home record to 10-0 on the season and their Big West record to 7-2, while staying in the Western Division. The Vandals fell to 18-3 overall and 6-2 in the Eastern Division of the Big West in the process.

They found redemption Saturday night, as they put the smack down on Cal Poly-SLO in three straight games, 15-12, 13-4, 15-13. This moves the Vandals back to 8-2 in league and 19-3 overall, and gives them a three-game lead over second-place Nevada in the standings.

In Friday’s game, Idaho had live people with double-figure kills, but couldn’t outlast the Gauchos in a heartstopping loss. Beth Craig and Louisa Kawdok led the way with 17 and 16 kills apiece respectively, while Craig added 19 digs in the process. Jessica Moore also pitched in a solid defensive performance with 20 digs and six block assists of her own. Katie Crawford showed her stuff with 22 kills and 11 digs for the hosts, while Roberta Gehlke notched 10 digs to lead the Gauchos defense.

Before Saturday night’s match, Cal Poly said they were going to shut down Moore, but much like the rest of the Big West, they found out it wasn’t that easy. Moore and Craig shined once again for the Vandals, as they each chipped in a match-high 13 kills apiece, while Kawdok hit double-figures again with 11 kills respectively.

“Craig and Moore played really well. Craig had a lot of maturity and Moore had something to prove,” said UI coach Tom Hilbert.

Hilbert wasn’t positive on how his team would respond after Friday night’s marathon, but was pleasantly surprised by Idaho’s performance, as was evident by the outcome.

“I’m glad it only went three games, especially after Friday night,” said Hilbert. “If we went any longer fatigue might have been a problem.”

Senior Lynee Hyland, who has been the catalyst of the Vandals team since her arrival, notched another 46 assists to give her 4,351 for her career. Hyland is now only 335 shy of breaking former Vandals Kelley Netty’s record which has stood since 1985. Netty played for the Vandals from 1982-85.

Kyle Leonard continued to play the amazing hero role for the Vandals, as she compiled 23 digs and 17 kills for the weekend, while Jeri Hymas continued to put up good numbers as well, hitting 21 kills and accumulating seven block assists over the same period.

Idaho travels to Cheney tonight to take on ex-Big Sky Conference Eastern Washington at 7 p.m. “If we keep playing the way we are right now, we’ll be fine,” said UI assistant Debbie Martins.

Joel Thomas didn’t have much room to run Saturday in Logan.

Two earlier, equally devastating plays, was a fumble by Tom Pace and a fumbled snap in the Vandals’ shotgun set.

After a short gain, Pace coughed up the ball while hitting the ground. A questionable call gave the Aggies possession while Pace argued that he had possession on the ground, but a Utah State player wrestled it away from him.

The defense held, but on the ensuing drive, a center snap from the shotgun formation hit running back Joel Thomas, who was in motion. The ball bounced off of Thomas and flew back into the hands of an Aggies running back.

On the other side of the ball the Vandals were strong against the pass, but weak against the run. Utah State was held to 267 yards passing but amassed 217 yards rushing.

Most importantly, all five Aggies touchdowns came on the ground. Red-shirt freshman Demario Brown had a career day with three touchdowns and 144 yards rushing. Single-handedly, Brown brought the Aggies back with his elusive runs and catches out of the backfield.

Playing injured, USU running back Abi Wilson was dropped through most of the game. That changed in the fourth quarter when Wilson scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards. His smash-mouth running gave the Aggies the tying and then the winning score.

Even though the Vandals lost the game, they still proved a lot to their former coach. They have the pride, respect, and potential to be Big West champs.

There is still a chance for them to reach the Las Vegas Bowl this season, but it’s not in their hands.

Utah State will have to lose two of its last three games and Idaho must go undefeated. It’s going to take a lot of luck and maybe a miracle, but unless something drastic happens to Utah State, the Vandals will not be doing any gambling in Las Vegas.
Yanks notch 23 under their World Series belt

Byron Jarnagin

The Fat Lady was singing at the top of her lungs last weekend.
The New York Jets broke their losing streak, the New York Giants beat the pants off of the Detroit Lions and the New York Yankees challenged and overcame an early World Series deficit, placing them in a group of three teams in 92 championships to have overcome the odds after losing the first two games, claiming the World Series title.

And what sparked the fire under the Yankee organization to beat the “Comeback Kids” from Atlanta? One play, one at bat, and an equalizing three-run punch over the fence by Yankee Jim Leyritz in front of the Brave hometown crowd. This time it legitimately left no room for argument, as the Yankees didn’t plant a bunch of kindergartener MVPs along the outfield fences. This World Series showed Braves fans an opposite of what they witnessed in the National League Championship Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. However, the Braves were not and have not been in the underdog position entering a World Series for some time, which definitely put a lot of pressure on them to slide another ring on their fingers.

With the young talent of Andrew Jones and Jermaine Dye, not to mention all of the veteran saboteurs and loaded pitching staff, the Braves will be a team to contend with in the years to come. But for now, the Braves can relax and think about next season in Ted Turner Stadium. And a word to Ted: The rally cap didn’t work buddy, your team lost. Better luck next time.

The question of home-field advantage being bad luck took its toll on both the Braves and the Yankees, but in the end this theory went right out the window when New York brought the series back to the Bronx with a chance to capitalize on a national championship in front of thousands of excited fans. There isn’t much to say other than the Yankees grew a pair, and showed that they were the team to detract the now ex-champion Braves.

The big changes for the Yankees from the first two games to the third and fourth games, was the ability of New York batters to get a hold of the ball. The Braves made the right call early using John Smoltz to suppress the Yankee offense.

On one hand, it was the effort of the Yankee organization to overcome the pitching staff of the Braves. However, when Andy Pettitte and Jimmy Key finally became effective on the mound, causing the RBI machines of Fred McGriff, Mark Lemke, Chipper Jones, and rookie Andrew Jones to ground or fly out, the Yankees showed more promise on the scoreboard. Holding the Braves to a minimum, the Yankees only had to maintain the score instead of fighting an uphill battle to win, like they had to do in game four.

With the World Series over and the New York Yankees ready to take advantage of some hometown fame awaiting a victory parade down Fifth Avenue, the baseball free-agent market is beginning to open its doors. Topping the free agent list at the end of this 1996 season are Albert Belle, John Smoltz and Roger Clemens.
Sports should not be gender-specific

Kindra Meyer

Nick’s “If you let me play” ad campaign struck a chord in me the very first time I watched it. Its concept centers around an issue which has eaten at me for quite some time — encouraging young girls to participate in athletics.

The commercial displays youthful wide-eyed faces as the slogan hogs home with, “I will like myself more. I will have more self-confidence. I will suffer less depression. I will be 60 percent less likely to get breast cancer. I will be more likely to leave a man who beats me. I will be less likely to get pregnant before I want to. I will learn what it means to be strong... If you let me play sports.”

With these powerful messages, Nike invokes an overwhelming desire to spread good and similar messages to every young girl who is not aware of the opportunities sports will give her. Although today many young Americans take female participation in athletics for granted, for many years it wasn’t the norm. In fact, the opportunity was rarely there for female family members merely one generation ahead. My grandmother is one of the few older women I know that did have the chance to play basketball in school. Well, if you can call that it. Only one girl (the rover) was allowed to play both ends of the court, and their uniform bottoms were skirts.

It’s true that we have taken momentous strides since then. Today, many positive things are happening for women athletics, from the start of the professional women’s basketball league to fast-pitch softball being added to the Olympic line up. There are growing numbers of athletic female role models, and advertisement and media coverage are considerably more plentiful. But despite these advances, there is still a long way to go.

From the moment we are brought into this world, we are wrapped up in either a blue blanket... or a pink one. Along with these hues come endless stereotypes and expectations about gender roles — I don’t care if it’s the ‘90s or not. Most girls are given dolls as toys, while boys receive Tanks Trucks.

When it comes to playing at a young age, both sexes should be encouraged to go outside and participate in games. Not only is it healthy for the body, but interaction between the sexes creates a true feeling of equality and sharing.

Recalling the good old elementary days on the soccer field, I remember the few girls who ventured out to play ball with the boys were always ridiculed and dubbed “Tomboys.” These very same girls today are some of the strongest-willed individuals I know. While who knows if their strong characters are attributed to their lack of hesitation to interact physically with the opposite sex, all of them have excellent social skills.

Parents these days are doing a much better job of getting their children involved in summer league programs and camps, but problems remain. Young girls are still steered towards “Feminine” sports such as volleyball, softball, tennis, basketball, cheerleading and track, while boys are more directed towards football, boxing, wrestling, baseball and basketball.

Recently I read an article that sparked these thoughts about Tracey Austin, South Carolina’s Junior Miss. She’s a 17-year-old high school student-body president, 4.0 student, soccer player and track and field participant, who also happens to play on the football team. As a sophomore, she was discovered by the Palmetto High coach when he saw her kicking field goals for fun at a track practice. In the past three years, she has made all but three of her extra points.

In my high school, there was a time when a couple of girls tried out for the junior high football team. They were allowed to play, but when the rows of guys wanting to play football, the answer was definitely no. When discussion arose in the subject, the only argument given from the administration the basic argument was weak. They said that a participant needn’t be male in order to play football, although that was the standard, allowing a male to compete with the females in volleyball would be an “unfair physical advantage.”

This blatant double standard disgusted me. Not only is it blatantly hypocritical, but it undermines what so many women have been striving for — to have the opportunity to compete with any sex. Sports should not be gender-specific, but if a male isn’t allowed to try out for volleyball, a female shouldn’t be allowed to play football. Otherwise, the whole concept of “equal rights” is thrown out the window.

The bottom line is that it’s important to involve all young children in athletics and to encourage whatever sport the child shows and interest in.
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