Rwandan crisis hits close to home

Adam Gardels
Staff Writer

The crisis in Rwanda has hit close to home for a University of Idaho graduate student.

Theogene Mbashali — he goes by "Theo" — came to the United States from Rwanda last January to pursue a master's degree in range resources.

Although Mbashali was greatly relieved to have recently received a letter from his wife who remains behind in Rwanda, he is still very concerned for her.

"She is still living in a zone yet to be handed over to the new regime (the Rwanda Patriotic Front or RPF). People there don't have enough clothing and food. They live in fear of reprisals from the new regime in Rwanda as well as from the exiled government in Zaire. You can disappear like that."

Mbashali said that life in Rwanda is fraught with economic hardships and a severe lack of modern facilities.

"Ninety percent of the population is rural," he says, explaining part of the reason why the country is underdeveloped.

Life in Rwanda is guided by a social strata directly linked to tribal boundaries between the Tutsi tribe and the Hutu tribe: According to Mbashali, the Tutsi tribes have always been the privileged class.

Briefly explaining the history of the tribes, he says the Hutus were there first, and they worked the land.

The Tutsi migrated later to the same area and brought cattle with them. The cattle were a great source of wealth and were envied by the Hutus.

Rwanda later began to colonized by Europeans. Mbashali says the new arrivals from Europe favored the Tutsi.

This division between the two tribes has been a major cause of Rwanda's current civil war.

"The colonists created a hatred between those two groups (the Tutsi and the Hutu). That hatred that the colonists left with us is just coming back again and again," Mbashali says.

Mbashali says the current civil war in Rwanda started in 1959 — mostly the result of a social revolution in the country. In the wake of this revolution, the Tutsi were exiled to neighboring countries.

"During their exile, they didn't abandon their ideas of power," said Mbashali. In 1962 Rwanda was granted independence from its colonial authority.

The exiled Tutsi attempted to re-enter Rwanda, but the government wouldn't let them in.

"It (was) a fear of losing power," he said.

"Comparing his own longing to go home, land with the refugees' desire to return is difficult for me," Mbashali said.

"Those guys (that are now) fighting in Rwanda preferred to die rather than live in Uganda."

"I blame the previous government as well as the RPF because all of them are responsible for what happened in Rwanda," Mbashali says.

"In the current civil war, there's an "ethnic political crisis." The current civil war gave rise to the RPF/Tutsi-backed regime following the overthrow of the old Hutu-dominated government."

Often times, Mbashali points out, it is too easy to target an ethnic group because of the political group they are backing.

Mbashali is quick to point out the dangers potential of a relationship in Africa which now threatens the nation.

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Opposition to Prop 1 gaining steam

Group claims proposition undermines sexual rights

Sam Woodbury
Staff Writer

Proposition One is beginning to generate considerable opposition throughout the state.

While Proposition One, a proposal on November's ballot which would deny homosexuals the right to a minority status, among other things, has enjoyed considerable support throughout Idaho — as illustrated by 35,000 signatures above and beyond the 32,000 required to get on the ballot — the notion of prohibiting gays from seeking "special rights" has begun to spark opposition to the measure.

The second section of the proposal — entitled "Special Rights for Persons Who Engage in Homosexual Behavior Prohibited" — disallows the granting of "minority status to persons who engage in homosexuality" by any state agency. It goes on to read, "Therefore, affirmative action, quota preferences and special classifications such as a "sexual orientation" shall not be established on the basis of homosexuality."

However, many people are perplexed by this section of Proposition One.

"In the Affirmative Action section of the application, I was awarded zero points towards my overall score. If I was a homosexual, I would've scored two additional points," he says.

He believes that while race, nationality or gender are immutable traits, a person is born with homosexuality as a behavior that is developed during life. In some cases, Slack went on to say, it is a behavior that can be terminated. Slack claims he is aware of many well documented cases of ex-homosexuals.

Nanalee Shapiro, a University of Idaho graduate and an organizer of the United in Diversity Fair which took place September 18, feels that this section of Proposition One undermines the rights that homosexuals should enjoy under the United States Constitution, as should all Americans.

"The act excludes lesbians and gays from getting protection from discrimination in employment," Shapiro went on to explain that it is perfectly legal to fire someone for being gay in Idaho.

As an example, Shapiro points to the lead story in the September edition of Boise's homosexual newspaper, Diversity, in which a Mountain Home, Idaho ex-school superintendent lost his job when he revealed his homosexual tendencies.

"This is why we need sexual orientation added to anti-discrimination laws," she said. She disagrees with the ICA's definition of "legitimate minorities" as being based on ethnicity, religion, race, and gender yet excluding sexual orientation.

"ICA says that being gay is a choice," stated Shapiro.

The proposition also forbids state recognition of same-sex marriages and domestic partnerships.

Shapiro sees this as another instance of rights that Proposition One undermines.

"Therefore gays have less rights than 'non-gays' because gays cannot marry," she said. "(Human rights) are the freedom to live the way you choose—not to be discriminated against because of who we are—to be able to walk the streets and not get beat up or killed because we're women, gay, or black."

Susan Baumgartner, a University of Idaho English instructor, believes that Proposition One will undermine her job because it prohibits the use of state funds in sanctioning homosexuality.

Baumgartner teaches freshmen composition, a writing class that...
Chiropractic info session

Steve Murray from Northwestern College of Chiropractic will be available to talk to students interested in chiropractic medicine or the program at Northwestern College today at 1:30 p.m. in room 266 in the Life Sciences building. All students are welcome.

Conference free to public

The National League of Women Voters will be hosting a national teleconference on health care reform on September 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Borah Theater in the Student Union. No registration is necessary. Everyone is welcome. There is no admission fee. The teleconference will be followed by four presentations/discussions with local health care providers, administrators, insurance industry and Idaho Congressional representatives. For more information, contact the UI Women’s Center at 885-6616.

Orientation helps find job

Cooperative Education is holding an orientation today from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in room 106 of the Education Building. The orientation will discuss strategies to find paid work which can provide that much-needed experience related to a major field of study. For more information, call 885-5822.

Former satanist to speak Thurs.

Frank Alvarez, a former Satan worshiper, will talk about how he was saved by God from a life leading towards self-destruction at “Prime Time” on September 15 at 9 p.m. in the hall of the Student Union. “Prime Time” is a program sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

UI Republicans hold meeting

The University of Idaho Republicans will have their first meeting of the year today at 7:00 p.m. in the Silver Galena Room at the Student Union. Important issues and the upcoming November elections will be discussed. Those interested can contact Justin at 885-6604.

Habitat to hold walkathon

Palouse Habitat for Humanity will be holding a walkathon on September 25 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. to raise money for their volunteer organization. The route will cover three and a half miles in Moscow from WalMart to Tidyman’s. Prizes, food and live radio coverage will be offered. WalMart has pledged to match the first $2,000 raised. Pledge envelopes and more information are available by contacting Pam Peterson at 882-1349 or at the Habitat office at 883-4802.

YWCA honors women leaders

A luncheon will be held on October 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Moscow Community Center. Outstanding women from the Palouse area will be recognized in the areas of art, business, community service, education, government, health care. Women who have distinguished themselves in either college or high school will also be recognized. To submit a nomination or to make a reservation, call 883-3438.

Companies to recruit at UI

Several companies will be recruiting on the University of Idaho campus from October 3 - 7. Some of the companies that will be present include Hewlett-Packard, Coopers and Lybrand, Arthur Andersen, Deloitte and Touche, and KPMG Peat Marwick. Lists are posted each Friday and materials may be submitted for interviews from October 10 - 12. Check the bulletin board in Career Services for additions and other changes.

Resume critique available at UI

Students needing to have their resumes polished up a bit can stop by UI Career Services Center today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or tomorrow from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. An orientation will also be held on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. No fee is charged for these workshops, but pre-registration is recommended. Call 885-6121 to register.

Colloquium to discuss space

On September 20 at 3:30 p.m., Dr. Carol Stoker will offer a research colloquium on the use of virtual reality and telepresence technology being used to control remote vehicles on extraterrestrial surfaces. Discussion will center around the impact of the new technology on future space missions.

IFA meeting to plan events

The International Friendship Association will be holding a meeting to plan its third annual International Afternoon of Culture, Costume and Cuisine. The planning meeting will be held on September 22 at 4 p.m. in the Morrill Hall Conference Room. March 4 is the target date for the annual event. Those interested in participating can call 885-7841 or attend the meeting.

Correction

In the September 9 interview with Larry LaRocco, the congressman was incorrectly quoted as saying “civics and cultural” when referring to the logging issue. What he actually said was “silviculture.” The Congressman deeply regrets any confusion or embarrassment this error may have caused.

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Argonaut Interview

Chenoweth seeks to unseat LaRocco

Sam Woodbury
Staff Writer

Helen Chenoweth was educated at Whitworth College in Spokane and served as the State Executive Director for the Idaho Republican Party from 1975 to 1977. In 1977, Chenoweth helped to re-elect Steve Symms when she served as his Chief of Staff. In 1978, she and two partners founded a successful consulting firm specializing in natural resources, government contracts and political management. Currently, Chenoweth is serving on the Board of Directors for the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives, the Rancho Institute and the Idaho Family Forum. Chenoweth has been a resident of Idaho for 30 years, has raised six children and six grandchildren.

Argonaut: What is your background, and in what way would you appropriately represent Idaho in Congress?

Chenoweth: I understand the philosophies of people who identify themselves with the Republicans and the conservatives on fiscal matters. I previously was the state executive director for the Idaho Republican Party from 1975 and 1976, and then I was Chief of Staff to the former Idaho Senator Steve Symms. After that I formed my own natural resources consulting business which worked with government agencies and individuals who felt they were over-regulated or mandated. Argonaut: What would be an example of over-regulation and mandates?

Chenoweth: Of late, let's look at the wetlands issue. Some areas of private property have been designated as wetlands, and suddenly the government comes in and says that you can't grow crops in this area because it has the characteristics of a wetland.

Argonaut: Has anyone gone to jail over permit charged with this in the state of Idaho?

Chenoweth: Not yet. I hope it doesn't get here. However, I have a client in Montville, Pennsylvania—a Hungarian freedom fighter, one of the leaders of the Hungarian Revolution—has spent three years in the Allawood Penitentiary because he cleaned up some property that he purchased. He handed title off his property without understanding what the rules and regulations were on wetlands. He was charged with a crime under the Clean Water Act for destroying a wetland because water had accumulated in it. He was sentenced to three years in Allanwood Federal Penitentiary and was fined $200,000. That's pretty severe.

But I have worked with people and people within the natural resources area—such as the ranching, farming, timber, and mining areas—as well as busi- ness people who felt they were over-regulated or mandated.

Argonaut: What is your stance on logging in national forests?

Chenoweth: One of the purposes of setting the federal government up in a situation of maintaining public forest lands was for the purpose of growing, mining, and harvesting. Now we have made some pretty big mistakes in the past regarding the manner in which we failed to reclaim or restore our public lands. However, just like a garden must be harvested, we must understand that a forest is a dynamic system, and every plant, every tree and everything in the forest has a life cycle. It is born, it grows, it lives, and it dies. A tree must be pruned from the forest before it falls to the forest floor and becomes the heavy massive fuel load that we see now in our forests causing tremendous fires.

You'll hear the agencies and the fire fighters say, 'over and over again' there are two reasons for the forest fires. One is that they don't have proper access to fight the fires, they have to let, for instance, the Blackwell fire burn until the fire in with because they can't get to it.

And the other reason is that the heavy massive fuel load. If we harvest the trees properly, then we won't have it. That's what we do. Because of the drought situation, we need to build those forests as we would a garden, even more so because the years are so stressed now. Up in your area, the pines are very stressed. You can look at them and see—even in the month of August—a lot of dead growth inside the pines because they're simply not being nourished with enough water.

We need to treat our forest as we would a garden. In a lot of cases, clearingcutting has not been the answer. Clearcutting, by the way, was a method of harvesting that was developed by the U.S. Forest Service and mandated when timber sales were let out and the companies must follow their specifications in their bids.

We've learned that clearingcutting is not always the answer, and it creates a tremendous blight on the landscape. But there are new ways that we can prune our forest. We can do desaturating the esthetic value of them. Did you know that the movie 'The Mohicans' was filmed on private forest land that had been logged over completely once? That is a good example of good forest harvest management.

Argonaut: What is the proper role of the federal government in environmental issues?

Chenoweth: The proper role of the federal government should move away from being the enforcer and the bestower of punitive measures and instead understand that people don't want to live on an earth that has been messed over badly and treated badly.

But to be the encourager and to offer scientifically sound methods of improving our environment and our natural systems is a proper role of government. That if someone does not clean up their mess, doesn't obey the mandates and doesn't take the hint with the encouragement, then punitive measures will have to come.

But unfortunately we've seen a lot of confusion and discussion in the past as to whether the Superfund sites are harmful to the environment and if that fact over a trillion dollars has been invested in Superfund sites.

Most of it has been in enforcement measures which has gone to lawyers and environmental engineers and that's not where the taxpayer intends it to go. It should go to clean up Superfund sites. Let's quit using environmental measures as a means of employment. Let's utilize our laws to actually clean up the environ-ment, get it done and go.

Argonaut: What about the crime bill that was initially rejected by the Congress, then later reviewed and passed. What is your view on the crime bill—

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**Phi Kappa Tau**
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—Theogene Mbabaliye
International Student

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Finding solutions to the turmoil in Rwanda is difficult. Any solution involving military action brings with it other questions.

"To get rid of the dictatorship, it will cost the lives of people," he says. Mbabaliye hopes negotiation between the Tutsi and the Hutu tribes will bring about a reconciliation.

"The future of Rwanda lies in a compromise between the two tribes."

Mbabaliye admires the cultural diversity of America. "The U.S. has a mixture of cultures. We only have one culture and one language—Kinyarwanda."

Meanwhile Mbabaliye will get on with his life here, halfway around the world and far from his home, in Moscow, Idaho.

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both versions—and how would you have voted in both instances? Chenoweth: I would have voted "no"—not just for the assault weapon ban provision in the crime bill—but I would have voted "no" because it doesn’t help us control crime. It is a massive social pro-
gram. For instance, you may receive grants for midnight basketball if you have a positive HIV population of two percent or more.
There are massive grants to organ-
izations in there, and there are very large mandates that will be im-
posed on the local units of gov-
ernment by the federal govern-
ment—even the promise of putting 100,000 new policemen on the
streets will not happen.

All of those things to be had
funded. In a country that is really stres-
sed out as far new taxes are con-
cerned, it has not provided for us better access to the court system and a quicker resolution of the problem in the courts. We have not seen any kind of judicial reform in the crime bill.

Another thing that has happened
is that (the crime bill) designates
many, many crimes that are com-
mitted with a gun as federal crimes.
As such we are increasing the fed-
eral law enforcement system and taking away the power of the local
sheriff and the police by providing
for an increasingly large federal law
enforcement system.

Argonaut: You mentioned the
100,000 police officers. Is there
money in the bill to pay the salaries of those 100,000 police officers?
Chenoweth: No, it is a mandate.
For the first year, they will be
paid by the local units of govern-
ment some payment. But after that,
it quickly diminishes, so the un-
funded mandate will be there. I
think that the first provisions for
payment are simply the carrot that
has been offered. The stick comes
later when the local units of gov-
ernment have to come up with the
money.

Argonaut: And what happens if
they can’t come up with the
money?
Chenoweth: Then they are not
able to meet the requirements of
the federal mandate.

Argonaut: Will it be along the
lines of the 55 mile per hour
speed limit or having the drink-
 ing age set at 21 which were both
tied to the granting of highway
funds? Will it be some sort of an
enforcement like that?
Chenoweth: That’s normally what
happens.

Argonaut: What is your con-
cept of welfare reform?
Chenoweth: Well, I believe that
we need to train our people to work
and to become self-sufficient. I
don’t think welfare should be a
way of life. I think that we are
largely a country of compassionate
people who want to see those
people who don’t have the same
advantages that we do are given the
opportunity to become human beings who can be proud of provid-
ing for their families and providing
for an good a service in the workplace.

That’s the only way we are going
to bring self-esteem to people is to
let them see the value of their work
and what they produce. I agree
with the concept that’s been intro-
duced by Governor Tommy
Thompson of Wisconsin and
Governor John Engler of Michigan—you give them a certain
period of time and you train them
to work with the provision that they
can receive welfare benefits for a
certain period of time.

Then you motivate them by say-
 ing that they will be out on their
own; they must support themselves
after a given number of years of
training and support. It’s hard for
them, but once they begin to see
the worth measured in what they can
accomplish, then their self-
esteem will rise.

Argonaut: Let’s backtrack a little
bit. When I first talked about the
crime bill, you mentioned the ban
on assault weapons. I didn’t ask you
anything more about that. What
would be your view on banning
weapons?
Chenoweth: Well, it’s already
illegal to own a machine gun. I
oppose the ban on assault weapons
because many weapons are auto-
matic and semi-automatic and all
guns can be an “assault weapon.”

Anything you use to assault a
human being is an assault weapon
by definition.

I believe that we have to alter the
criminal behavior instead of ban-
ning guns. Banning guns doesn’t
do anything to change the minds of
the people committing criminal acts
on other humans.

Argonaut: Throughout the
U.S. Senate, there has been a
 burning desire to enact a law that
would ban certain weapons. What
is your view on public education versus private education or home
schooling?

Chenoweth: I don’t think it has
to be a “versus” issue, but I think we
do need to focus on the product.
When we look at the handbooks of
many of the national or federal
education organizations, we sel-
dom see the word student
mentioned.

Too often through the federal
education system we see too
many politics imposed through that
system than we see programs for moti-
vating teachers to continue to moti-
ivate students to learn.

Young students have a tremen-
dous capacity to learn whether they
are in public schools or private
schools. We have not taken ad-
antage of that and captured that
knowledge and that natural curiosity.
I think we can do better
with our students. I think that we
can graduate students better for
better prepared to compete in this global
market.

Many of our American students
who compete globally are very dis-
couraged when they come back and
realize that they have been pre-
pared for states or county competi-
tion. I think it is something that we have to work at very seriously.

I favor doing away with the fed-
eral Department of Education
because what they mostly fund is
the hot lunch program and some
projects for special education
—and these are necessary things—but
it’s far more costly to have the
massive federal mandates to come
down through the education act
that are imposed on the commu-
is.
tles. I'd rather see education return to local control, and I think we'd have a better product—so long as it's equal, as long as students in each area receive an equal education and an equal opportunity to learn. But it has to be within the state.

There is a value in having private schools because it creates competition in the educational scope, and I think competition will bring the quality of the product up. That is the value of competition in education.

Argonaut: Do you feel that there ought to be a national health care system?

Chenoweth: No. If you think health care is expensive now, you just wait until it is "free." Most Americans value liberty and the right of individual choice. The Clinton health care proposal will do away with individual choice because we will not be able to choose our own doctor. If we are over fifty-five, we will not be able to choose the method of treatment that we may need.

For instance, in Canada and other countries which have taken on a socialist type of health care program, (they) will look at a person who is older and actually analyze whether that person is actually worth the investment.

If it's your mother or your father or your brother or your sister—and if you're free to make that choice—you're going to do what is necessary to make sure that they are restored to health and that their quality of life is very good or, as good as you can possibly make it. That is love. That is caring for one another.

If we institute the Clinton Health Care Program, it will be rendered with the efficiency of the post office and the compassion of the IRS. Another thing is that the Clinton Health Care Proposal will be funded in large part by a 10,000 percent increase in the tax on below- point ammunition. I think that is dishonest, deceptive, and it's another form of gun control.

I do think that there are problems (regarding health care), but the problems are not with the health care delivery system. The problem is in the relationship between the insured and the insurer.

Argonaut: What do you propose to do about illegal immigrants such as those from Mexico, Cuba and Haiti?

Chenoweth: First of all, because of the immigration and naturalization rules and regulations, much of the work that should be done at the border is being imposed upon our farmers and fruitgrowers here in Idaho.

The massive regulations that they have to deal with to make sure that a laborer or a migrant worker is legal is imposing so much paperwork that it is very discouraging to have workers from Mexico that are legally brought into the country.

I do think that our national interest—with regard to Haiti—has to come first. The interest of Americans and American security has to come first. We have been a country of openness, but I think now that we may be entering a new season. It may be time that—for a season—that we begin to close our borders until we can bring some order back into some of our larger cities that have been impacted by a great influx of immigrants. With regard to the illegal migrant work and the people coming in from Mexico, we need to control illegal migrants at the border and not impose that kind of work on our farmers and ranchers. I think they do have a duty to ensure that their workers are legal immigrants, but the massive amount of paperwork that they have to do should be cleared at the border.

Argonaut: Do you support the use of military force to overthrow the military government in Haiti? Chenoweth: Absolutely not. We don't think we should impose military force on any other country unless there is a clear and decisive national security issue at stake. Our young men and women, that we would call upon to serve in an action overseas for social or political reasons—their lives are not disposable.

They are very important to us and should be honored and regarded as by such as are government. They are not pawns. They are human beings. War is a terrible thing and should not be used for any other thing except the national security of the United States of America.

Argonaut: What are your views on Proposition One?

Chenoweth: I do not believe that any group of people should be allowed any special privilege because of a bald-faced lie. I think that opens Pandora's Box. In light of the fact that the first part of Proposition One it does say that all rights herein and existing will remain. I have been satisfied that the proposition will not take away the existing rights that you and I or anyone else enjoy under the state and federal civil rights acts. If it did, or if it ever were interpreted to diminish anyone's civil rights then I would oppose it.

But I am satisfied that it does not, and so I therefore support it because I believe it will open Pandora's Box if we give any group special rights for a behavioral practice. As far as people's choice for their lifestyle, that's an individual choice and the government should stay out of it. It's not my business, and it's not your business. But what is taught in our public schools is taught in businesses—and every other citizen's and parent's business. That's where I draw the line.

Argonaut: What is your stand on Proposition Two?

Chenoweth: The issue that I will be voting on in the federal congress is an idealized for abortion, and I would vote "no" on that. The abortion laws are complex and faction on the state level. We will see a change on our abortion laws here in Idaho once Roe v. Wade were overturned either in whole or in part, and the state legislature responded to the new Supreme Court decision.

I don't think that's likely because the Supreme Court has been given a particular social issue to revisit that issue and they have chosen not to. I don't think that's an imminent issue.
Area youth get new ‘Friends’

Zach Craig-Works
Staff Writer

Latah County Youth Services is trying to help kids through its Friends Unlimited program. The program pairs up kids in need of a positive influence with volunteer adults to spend time together and have fun.

The organization is very similar to programs such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The children range from ages 5 to 16 and usually come from single parent homes and spend at least 2 hours a week with an adult volunteer with the program. Activities include everything from bowling to going to a movie. “Friends Unlimited hosts monthly activities,” said Cindy Stryker from the Youth Services office. Kids in the program participate in organized activities such as barbecues, horseback riding and holiday parties.

All of the activities sponsored by Friends Unlimited are designed to give kids a chance to spend time with an adult figure that may not be available at home.

Children had the opportunity last August 20 to do some horseback riding near Elk River. Around twenty children and eight adults spent the day playing dodge ball, barbecuing and riding horses.

The organization now consists of 54 kids and 32 volunteers. There is also a waiting list of children who want to join the program.

Volunteers in the program must be at least 18 years of age or older, agree to have weekly contacts and spend at least 2 hours a week with the child. The volunteers must also agree to spend at least one year in the program.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Friends Unlimited can call the Latah County Courthouse at 885-6580. Ask for Rhonda Kessler in Youth Services.
Time to perform civic duty again

Every two years or so, the citizens of this always interesting nation get a unique chance to jump into the machinery that makes our wheels roll and alter its course. Some think it's terrorism, but it's something even better. It's civic voting.

Voting has not always been the free and easy occupation it is today. Many, many people fought and some died trying to extend that privilege to minorities, women and those young enough to get drafted and die for this country. As an exercise with such a checkered history, everyone should be clamoring and lining up to vote at election time. Yet, few of those eligible to do so make use of the right.

Although the figures vary from place to place, most elections in Idaho are decided on the votes of only 30% of those eligible to vote. Most either aren't registered or don't take advantage of their registered status. Why?

Press this question to most people and the majority of eligible non-voters say, "It doesn't make any difference if I do or not. I can't change the system." Some will admit to ignorance of the candidates and the issues. Many just fall victim to apathy. Either way, the net effect is the same; people end up turning over the power to choose to an active minority, who decides a vital aspect of their lives for them.

That's no way to run a life. Stand up and take the reins again. If you don't know who the candidates are or what they stand for, learn. Watch TV interviews, read the paper, listen to the radio. Find out; these are the people who will be borrowing our voices and speaking for us in the halls of power.

Think the individual doesn't count? Many elections and important issues have been decided by one vote. In addition, the voter doesn't act in a vacuum. Each and every person at the polls is a part of a civic machine that serves to keep some framework going, in which people build their lives.

If voting were not important, nobody would have ever heard of voter fraud. No Chicago pols would have ever snuck through a graveyard at midnight, writing down names for the next elections. No anti-Reconstruction Southerner would have invented the "grandfather clause" to keep black people away from the voting booths. No woman would have endured the prejudice and rejection that came with the marches of Susan B. Anthony and other great feminist leaders. No disenfranchised citizen of a Third World country would take up arms to fight for that which he knows is not granted.

Don't let your chance at turning the wheel pass you by. Latah County registration deadline is October 27th, but why wait until the leaves fall? Register today and educate yourself for the exercise of your civic power. November 8th is less than two months away; you can help change the world in two months.

-B.N.

AIDS hits home with a bang

I had heard rumors, but they were only whispers, nothing confirmed. John had AIDS.

The John I knew was indescribable. He was gorgeous, funny and had more energy than the Energizer bunny. There is no way he could have AIDS.

Yeah, he slept with a lot of women, and maybe even a few men, but who hasn't played with sex? Even in the face of AIDS, sex was one thing my generation fell in control of. Who, when, how and if we would ever do it with that person again. AIDS was too distant, nowhere near the small towns and high schools we haunt-ed.

Then, one night in a bar, the distant disease came hurrying home at high speed. My ex-boyfriend telling me that John's best friend told him that John was dying. I was stunned. If he has it, maybe I do too. After all we were lovers once, a long time ago. This means I have to get tested, but I don't want to. What if I have it? What would I tell my parents? What would I tell my ex-lovers? Do I have to tell them? Maybe I can keep a secret, but when I get sick, I'll kill myself in a dramatic gesture. I always was moody.

No, I can't do that. Maybe I'll become a crusader for AIDS research. After all, it's a hetero-sexual white female in my mid-twenties, from an upper middle class background. People would be surprised that someone like me could get it. Yeah, that's it. I would go out in a blaze of glory, and when it was all over and I'm breathing my last breath I would be able to congratulate myself on a job well done.

Yeah, you tell them, Jennifer. You tell them about the social stigma and fear in people's lives. You tell them in your people's teys. You tell them about the moment you found out the test came back positive and you knew your life was over.

Tell them about the look of disappointment and disgust in your family's eyes when you told them. How could you have unprotected sex when you knew you should use a condom? I didn't think it would happen to me. I know John didn't think it would happen to him. No one does.

Commentary
Jennifer Swift

Looking for Mrs. Todd's shortcut on Highway 95

Having just arrived from my home in Meridian, I find myself sitting at this keyboard with one question on my mind; how can I make the trip shorter?

Don't tell me: drive faster. No fooling; I already do my best to try and attain warp speed. The only problem is, Starfleet never taught us how to properly evade the Romulan war cruisers that like to paint "Police" on their sides, right under the phase batteries. It helps to be psychic, or so I would suppose, since I don't know anyone who can make that claim. So far, no tickets this year, but you can only depend on a fate eye and your four-left clover to long.

Preferably, the best method to avoid these obstacles is the slightly midriffs from Snoozeville, Washington or former named Billy Bob Busha and their trusty combina- tion is to find an untraveled, incredibly direct route from point A to point B. In other words, a shortcut.

Experience tells me that Highway 95 to Highway 55 to Boise is the best route for me, but if I drive through McCall one more friggintime, it'll be automatic weapons for me, and don't spare the clips. This involves driving at fast time, which in a moment of that all the figures prominently in my plans, so I must find a better way.

There is a Stephen King short

Commentary
Brandon Nolta

story called "Mrs. Todd's Shortcut" that deals with this desire well. In the same dissection his bass, a woman who is obsessed with finding a shortcut between her house and Baqgar, Maine, which is garra- rated by a distance of 79 miles as the crow flies. As the story pro- gresses, Mrs. Todd keeps finding more and more shortcuts and end- ing the distance more and more, until one fine day, the narrator dis-
LaRocco high quality politician

Your recent interview with Congressman LaRocco was well done, asking some thoughtful questions and getting thoughtful answers.

I have known Mr. LaRocco most of my adult life. While I disagree with him on many issues, I know him to be an honest, decent, and caring man. He is also very intelligent and worked in Congress in a pragmatic manner to try to solve problems. These kinds of virtues are fairly uncommon in Washington.

-Dennis Baird

Abortion won't solve poverty

In an editorial dated September 7, Shea Meehan stated that population control must be implemented, or mass starvation would immediately result. The human race is, after all, according to Meehan, a bunch of pigs who should be slaughtered after they pass a certain number. I must ask Mr. Meehan, and anyone else who sees abortion as the solution to the world's problems, why we set apart that segment of the human population from age zero to nine months to be killed?

Why don't we instead separate those people from age 5 to 18 to be randomly eliminated?

Or how about those people from age 20 to 30? Or from age 65 and upward?

There is no talk of decreasing the earth's population at the cost of the lives of those who are already born (at least not at the present time), and yet, in the wake of our vast knowledge of life in the womb as a result of ultrasound, we refuse to recognize the humanity of the preborn child.

In reality, a preborn child and an infant are different only in their age. We would kill the one and not the other; we are being inconsistent in our reasoning.

The solution to Third World poverty is not to kill those who are poor.

We are not animals, as Mr. Meehan would have us believe.

Solutions to the problems facing the world will not be found, if only we would honestly look for them, instead of only concerning ourselves exclusively with the head count of the earth's population.

-Chad Creighton

News from the medical world

There were some breakthroughs this summer. I don't know if they were breakthroughs or just revelations.

There are many natural medicines that we are just beginning to discover. Aspirin comes naturally from the root of the willow bark. Most know of the yew tree and its power to cure cancer.

They have found that broccoli produces an enzyme that prevents cancer. Once a growth has started, it's too late.

They have found that bees venom produces an antibody that attacks cancerous cells. This may be the cure of the future. It will be made public in two years, when the study is complete. They are trying to find out which toxins can be removed and still be effective.

They have found out that seaweed prevents AIDS in women.

This study was done because Japan has the lowest incidence of AIDS in the world, and seaweed is a regular part of their diet.

The bad news concerns carrots. This was a study done over 12 years and involved 118,000 subjects. They found out that there was a 28% increase in breast cancer among women who ate carrots rather than the placebo. Only answer I can find for this is to make sure you have broccoli with your carrots.

-J. Charles Brown

Letters to the Editor
Abramson deserves credit

Over the past two years, UI students have been fortunate in having Jan Abramson as ASUI Program Director. Jan’s job is often a behind-the-scenes effort, one which rarely receives the appreciation it deserves. Jan consistently strives to bring a diverse range of entertaining, educational and always interesting programs to our campus. Examples of Jan’s commitment to UI students are abundant, and can already be evidenced in the first two weeks of the semester. Anyone who experienced “LollaPalooza ’94” can attest how successful was this event in welcoming new and returning students in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Jen also was responsible for bringing to campus David Coleman, who presented a “Would You Work For You” leadership conference Wednesday afternoon and the humorously informational “Creative Writing” workshop that evening.

One of the upcoming activities Jan has organized is the return of crowd-pleasing comedians/hymn-isti Tom DeLuca, who will be performing October 11 in the Student Union Ballroom. As students, it is great to have such an effective and hard-working organizer pushing hard to bring us such programs. As ASUI Senator, it is truly a pleasure to work with someone as enthusiastic, motivated/motivating and dedicated as Jan Abramson. We would like to commend and thank Jan for her ongoing efforts to make life here at UI as enjoyable as possible, Keep up the good work!

–John Teschke
and Zahrah Shokh
ASUI Senator

TODD
FROM PAGE 8

covers she has traveled something like 60 miles from Bangor to her house.

Those of you who passed geometry without resorting to prayer may realize that Mrs. Todd’s trick is geometrically impossible (No! I do not want to hear from math majors about non-Euclidean geometries. Lobachevsky’s, Bolyai’s or Gauss’ work does not apply to this story, so there). The narrator, being a bright fellow, realizes this as well, and the rest of the story deals with the nature of her shortcut and what one can find there.

That is what I want; I want Mrs. Todd’s shortcut. Nothing would please me more than to turn down some country road, race the moon (ignoring the fact it made at me), get out onto a familiar road and then try to explain to myself why the trip only took 210 miles and 4 hours instead of 300 miles and almost 6 hours. The hardest person in the whole world to truly hate is yourself (ask any witch doctor, I mean psychoanalyst), so it would be a challenge to come up with a plausible explanation.

Let’s see: maybe a wormhole? No, I think it would have created some noticeable effects, like maybe a complete change in terrain, light and elevation in a microscope. That would probably be noticed. How about a rotating black hole? Just skip past the event horizon, and you’re in a different place, according to some mathematical models I’ve seen. Never mind the tidal effects; you’d probably enjoy your new height of several miles, not to mention the local thousandfold increase of X-rays and the atmospheric vortices it would create.

Teleportation? Aside from the problems that materializing with your head inside, sky lamp and somebody’s gas tank would create, you might end up with a lot more kinetic energy than you had when you left, causing you and your staff to ignite. Or, you might go the other way, and arrive severely disguised as an ice cube, all your energy dissipated by transport. Who knows, if you want to be assured professionally in this regard, go ask a physics major. I just tinkered with equations; I don’t apply them to the real world. Whatever method works is fine with me. As long as I don’t have to spend another interminable 6 hours waiting for cops and waiting for my legs to receive blood again while cruising Highway 95, I’ll be happy. And if any of you finds Mrs. Todd’s shortcut between here and Boise, let me know. I’ll race you down it.

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Opinion

AIDS
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difficult things I have ever done. People still look at you funny when you say you’ve been tested for HIV. They make instant character judgments. Either you’re gay, bi or a drug user if you get tested. We should all know by now that is’nt the case anymore. Anyone can get it and anyone does.

I’ll start small. One by one, I’ll tell my friends. I’ll tell them because I love them and I don’t want to see them go through the hell I did. Too many of them still believe they are indestructible. They still don’t use condoms. They still believe you can tell if a person is HIV-positive just by looking at them. No one thinks AIDS can come here. This is small town Idaho, not LA. We forget that not everyone here is from small towns. We have people here from LA, New York and all those other places people think AIDS is confined to. So I’ll keep talking. I’ll keep telling my story and putting up with the strange looks and questions about my sexuality. And when I’m taking my last breath, I’ll still be able to say, “Good job Jennifer, well done.”

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Aboriginal Art opens Prichard Gallery

Amy Ridenour
Staff Writer

There is something unusual at the Prichard Gallery in downtown Moscow—something called, "The Utopia Body Paint Collection," and the installation, "Complementary Tongues." The two displays open this week under the direction of Wally Mason, the new director of the Prichard Gallery.

The Utopia Body Paint Collection is a group of approximately 75 works on oval shaped canvases created by people living in the village of Utopia deep in the center of Australia. The most interesting thing about this display is that it is the first time this type of artwork has displayed on canvas. Generally, the art is painted on someone’s body for Aboriginal ceremonies.

Instead, the works are painted on an oval shaped canvas displayed horizontally or vertically. "It is clear as to what the paintings would look like on someone’s body," Mason said.

The color palette for all 75 works is similar, using nearly ten different colors based in the landscape. According to Mason, these paintings create a sense of spiritualism that is present in the Aboriginal community they originate from.

Mason said the exhibitions will be touring for three years, and the Prichard is only the fourth venue. The exhibit has previously been in the Tampa Museum of Art. The Aboriginal art has been known to shock and open the eyes of many individuals. The different types of Utopia Body Paint designs are very unique and intriguing, which makes not only an art lover but an everyday citizen become very involved with the art.

"The Body Paint is exhibited from floor to ceiling and will enable viewers to get a sense of the collective vision of these artists," Mason said. "They are part of a larger whole and will create a new perception of art."

Kathy Shimizu’s "Complementary Tongues," installation will be upstaged in the balcony.

An installation is a work of art that is created specifically for the space it will be viewed in. According to Mason, the work is very hands-on and requires viewers to create something of their own for the exhibition and leave it as a part of it.

The work is about labeling and women’s identity, and how similarities can be attached to different articles and people. “I don’t want to tell you too much about it because I don’t want to give too much away,” Mason said.

The opening reception is September 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. and the exhibit runs from September 16 to October 23.

Take time out of your busy studying and visit the the Prichard Gallery, located at 414 S. Main in Moscow. Be ready for an experience of a lifetime.

Science fiction convention brings future to Moscow

Author Roger Zelazny and artist Gary Davis guests of honor at MosCon XVI

Helen Hill

Looking for something different to do next weekend? Are you interested in zany people, outrageous costumes, and role playing games? Or maybe a wide range of art—from sculpture to jewelry to lithograph prints—for viewing and purchase? Rubbing shoulders with visiting artists, writers or scientists? If the answers to any or all of these is yes, you might want to check out MosCon XVI at the University Inn September 16-18.

MosCon is a staple for the convention going sci-fi buffs of the region. Some of the people running the show this year have been involved since the first MosCon. Despite its long life span and attendance loyalty, it is a small scale convention.

You can expect to meet the guests of honor at panel discussions and the Sunday brunch if not just hanging around the hospitality suite. Author guest of honor Roger Zelazny has won multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards and is a founder of New Wave sci-fi. Artist guest of honor Gary Davis, a regional artist, has been featured in Heavy Metal magazine and Dark Horse Comics. His pin-and-inks are prized by collectors. Dr. Gregory Benford, physicist from UC, Irvine, does double duty as scientist/author guest of honor. He has written several novels and a series of articles for "Amazing Stories," and received two Nebula Awards. Fan guests of honor Tam and Shelly Gordy are noted party animals. They could turn up anywhere. Scheduled panel discussions cover a wide range of topics. The scientifically minded can argue or rather, "debate" about "Chaos Theory and Teraforming" and "The Biological Century," while first time conventioners attend "What's It All About?" Jewelry and costume making workshops are offered. The author guests of honor and other visiting writers will read from their works and a poetry reading may take place.

All convention members are invited to attend the pool party celebrating the 21st year of MosCon's parent organization, the Palouse Empire Science Fiction Association.

The traditional Masquerade, costume and skit competition on Saturday night, will feature a "ski with the Royal Family of Amber...from the first series of Zelazny's books," wrote convention committee member Cindy Gropp in the group’s second progress report.

The art show is open to the public. Only those who have bought tickets.

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MOSCON XVI

MosCon program cover

Artwork by Gary Davis, courtesy of Jon Gustavson, MosCon Board of Directors

Antonio Gonzales

Prichard Gallery opens with a new and unique display of Aboriginal body paint on canvas. The exhibit opens on September 16 and runs to October 23.
Jazz great to play at benefit concert

Amy Bidenour
Staff Writer

The Lionel Hampton School of Music will present a benefit concert featuring Arturo Sandoval September 24 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

The proceeds from this concert will go to the Dizzy Gillespie Scholarship Fund, a UI endowment fund established by Sandoval.

"Sandoval’s relationship with Dizzy Gillespie is the primary reason he’s doing this concert," said Lynn Skinner, director of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, in a prepared statement. "He wants to help promising young musicians the way Dizzy helped him, so he established Arturo Sandoval’s Dizzy Gillespie Trumpet Scholar Award Endowment."

At age 12, Sandoval’s musical career began when he started studying classical music. He eventually became the protégé of jazz great Dizzy Gillespie.

Sandoval helped found the group, Grahem, an award-winning jazz, rock, classical and traditional Cuban music performance group. Sandoval eventually formed his own band, Arturo y Grupo, in 1981, and continued to earn worldwide praise. In 1990 Sandoval wanted personal and artistic freedom and sought political asylum in the United States. Unfortunately, Cuban authorities had other ideas, and, if not for Gillespie’s influence with the state department, Cuban authorities would have caught up with Sandoval, his wife and son and prevented them from retreating in Miami.

Since relocating to the United States, Sandoval has enjoyed success and freedom and has created such wonderful works as Flight to Freedom, I Remember Clifford, and Dancón.

Recently he finished work on a classical release that includes the Hummel Trumpet Concerto with the London Symphony. Sandoval will perform this piece with the Lionel Hampton School of Music’s Symphony Orchestra.

"We’re absolutely thrilled about the concert," said Skinner. "Arturo Sandoval is one of the biggest names in the music world. He’s equally brilliant at jazz as classical music and is bringing an important Latin influence to the American music scene."

Tickets for the benefit are available at the Student Union Ticket Express and range from $16 to $20. Tickets may also be purchased by phone at (208) 885-7212 or 1-800-345-7402 for those outside of the Moscow/Pullman area.
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Lifestyles
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Symphony starts fund raising

Volunteers of the Washington Idaho Symphony have begun contacting businesses and supporters of the arts on the Palouse and in the Lewis-Clark Valley as part of the community orchestra’s annual fund-raising campaign.

“This is an opportunity for donors large and small to support one of the organizations that enhances our quality of life in the Quad-Cities,” said Cathy Rouyer of Moscow, Symphony Association vice president in charge of fund raising.

Grants, concert sponsorships, business memberships and individual contributions provide nearly two-thirds of the symphony’s annual budget, Rouyer explained. “Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors, we are able to keep ticket prices affordable and the arts accessible to music lovers in the region,” she said. Businesses have several ways to participate: by concert sponsorships, which represent a major investment of $1,750 or more, by business memberships, which are available in categories ranging from $25 to $1,000, by program advertising, which provides an opportunity for businesses and professionals to reach the symphony’s audience, and by season tickets, which can be used by employees or clients.

More information on any of these programs is available in Central Manager Jennifer Kooiman, at 882-6555 or 1-800-949-9447.

“We know that many businesses point to the symphony as an example of the quality of life in the Palouse and Valley when they are recruiting new employees and executives,” Rouyer said. “We are glad to offer them this chance to share in our success.”

WSU Museum
20th birthday

FULLMAN—The WSU Museum of Art, which celebrates its 20th birthday Sept. 16, will reach another landmark soon—the arrival of its half-millionth visitor.

“It’s truly exciting to have these milestones occur closely together,” said Patricia Watkinson, museum director in a prepared statement. “It’s gratifying to think that the Museum of Art has served so many people in the last two decades.

With counters in hand, gallery attendants have been keeping track of visitors since the museum opened its doors 20 years ago. We have an average of 25,000 people coming into the museum every year. That’s quite good for this area, since Pullman’s population is around 24,000,” said Bjorn Nelson, museum administrative manager.

The half-millionth person who crosses the museum’s threshold will receive a lifetime membership in the Friends of the Museum of Art and the choice of a frame museum print.

Museum staff predict that the lucky visitor will arrive during the WSU Fine Arts Faculty exhibition, which runs September 6 through the 22. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Theatre plans 4 plays

The University of Idaho E.W. Hartung Theatre will open its theatre season Oct. 11, with “The Secret Garden,” one of four plays to be produced by the Theatre Arts Department this year.

“The Secret Garden” is a Broadway musical based on the book by Mary Hodgson Burnett. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play, produced in conjunction with the Lionel Hampton School of Music and directed by Charles Ney, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts, will run through Oct. 16. Running from Dec. 6 to Dec. 11, is “Dancing at Lughnasa,” a play written by Brian Friel. This play is the story of a young man raised by his mother and four maiden aunts in a small village in Ireland in 1936 during the festival of Lughnasa. March 8 through March 13 are the dates set for “Black Comedy,” a play written by Peter Shaffer. In this play, a girl brings her father and her fiancé together for the first time. During the run of this play, there will be an opportunity for theatre attenders to bid for work by outstanding area artists in the Rabold Art Auction in the Hartung lobby. The proceeds for the March 12 performance will go to support the Rex Rabold/Oregon Shakespeare Festival Fellowship. The date for the April play, March 25, the season will be May 8, 9 and 10.

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Nez Perce Fair site for country showdown

LEWISTON—The Idaho/Washington State Final of the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown is scheduled for September 25 at 7 p.m. with special guest star Johnny Lee at the Nez Perce County Fair. The fair, beginning September 23, will also feature a chain saw artist exhibit, magic shows, a clown theater and an antique auto display. In addition to the Country Showdown, Chris Brinckerhoff, Man in the Making, and The Senders will be featured in concert.

Now in its thirteenth year, the Country Showdown is the world's largest country music talent contest and radio promotion. Over 1,000 live events will be staged during 1994, involving thousands of artists, over 400 country radio stations and more than 4,000,000 country music fans nationwide. For nine talented acts, the Idaho/Washington State Showdown is the next step toward country music stardom. From there, it's on to the regional competition later this year, and then, in December 1994, the televised national final will take place at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville Tennessee. Awaiting the national winner is a Grand Prize of $50,000 and a recording contract.

The stakes are high as artists from Idaho and Washington vie for the showdown title, a $1,000 cash prize, and the opportunity to advance to the regional level. Bands and solo acts participating in the state final of the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdowns have already won local competitions and represent country music radio stations competing in the nationwide Showdown network.

Admission for the showdown is $4 for adults and $2.50 for children 6-12 and senior citizens. Children under 5 years of age are admitted free. For more information on the Nez Perce County Fair call 208-743-3302.

Bart Stageberg
The Black Happy concert on Saturday night was held at the Moscow Social Club and was sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity. The audience was wild and crazy while slam dancing.
Argonaut Athlete of the Week
Brittany Van Havekbeke
A-foot-11 senior from Lake Oswego, Ore., helped the Vandals to a second-place finish last weekend at the Intermountain Invitational Volleyball Tournament.
She totaled 43 kills in the four matches and had a team-high .42 hitting percentage. The Vandals, however, suffered their first loss to a nationally ranked Wisconsin team, which dropped their record to 7-1.

*Track*

Men's track will meet Sept. 21

A men's track and field meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Kibbie Dome (#219A) at 7:00 p.m. for both new and old members of the team. All athletes should see coach Mike Keller in the Kibbie Dome (#227), or call 885-0210 before attending the meeting.

Full track and field practice officially begins October 10, 1994. Physical examinations are required of all athletes on September 22 at the Kibbie Dome training room. See Carrie Steele, UI trainer, before September 22 in order to complete the required paperwork.

*Tennis*

Tennis challenge starts Sept. 24-25

The "End of Summer" tennis challenge will be Sept. 24-25. The tournament will be at the Washington State University Tennis Center and is sponsored by Nebock and the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

The tournament welcomes men and women of all skill levels. Along with singles and doubles there is an open bracket, an over-40 bracket, mixed doubles and junior level competition. Entry fee for singles play is $10.00 and for doubles, $15.00.

For more information, call Carl Groce, WSU women's tennis coach, at 335-0308 or 335-0567. You can mail your entry to Carl Groce, Bohler 201, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-1610.

Howard boots his way to success

Matt Shifley
Staff Writer

A
fter being named Honorable Mention All-
Big Sky last year, Eddie Howard outlooks on his senior season of football as one the Vandals' pre-season all-America picks. Howard, a punter from West Covina, Calif., began his final season as a Vandal by booming five punts for an average of 45 yards against Southern Utah on Sept. 3. He now has career averages of 43.5 yards per kick for the Vandals.

Howard arrived at Idaho in 1993 at spending two years at Mt. San Antonio College, Calif. However, at one point he was closer to punting for Washington State than the Vandals.

"After two years at Mt. San Antonio College, I was an all-American there my sophomore year but I really didn't have anywhere to go," said Howard. "I was coming up to Washington State and coach Smith called me a few days before I was coming up and told me to stay by here. And to make a long story short, I ended up coming here.

Howard cited many other reasons for choosing Idaho but one of his biggest was the winning tradition the Vandals take on the field with them each and every game.

"I wanted to go to someplace where they had a winning tradition and obviously I picked the right place. At first, I wanted to play in quite unique 'big-time football' in the Pac-10, but I feel we can compete with a lot of those teams anyway."

Vandal fans are grateful Howard did decide to come to Idaho, but they are not the only ones appreciative of Howard's talent.

He was recognized by The Sports Network, College & Pro Football Weekly and The Football Gazette as a preseason All-American.

When discussing his goals for the season, Howard said he just wants to go out and do his best. He is trying not to worry about his preseason accolades, just going out each game and kicking his best.

As for his future plans, Howard does have thoughts of a possible stint in the NFL.

"If the NFL happens, it will happen. I can't really worry about that too much, I'm just gonna go out and kick the way I can. If it is good enough, that will take care of itself."

Howard knows how vital his job is, and he realizes he has had to go out there and nail great punts. One disadvantage he admits of his duties is that he would like to be out there scoring touchdowns and hanging heads, but he knows punting was his best shot at playing college ball and he has no regrets.

A few weeks ago, Howard did get a chance to hang heads, running drills with the tight ends. He said his body got bumped up and he got a little ribbing from the other guys telling him that now he knows what it feels like, but all in all he admitted it was fun. Howard is also trying to talk Smith into running a fake punt play when he gets to use it, but Smith hasn't fallen for it yet.

"Let's just say Eddie Howard wants it in there, but we don't know if coach Smith does."

Howard summed everything up by saying how grateful he is just to be punting every day for a quality program. I have a feeling through with his attitude and abilities, the Vandals are the ones who should be grateful.

Wisconsin improves to 10-0

Dan Eckles
Contributing Writer

MADISON, Wis. - The Idaho Vandals got off to their best start in school history before falling to the University of Wisconsin Badgers in the championship of the 1994 Intermountain Invitational in NCAA volleyball action last weekend.

Idaho opened the tournament with three straight victories, upping their record to a perfect 7-0, but the Badgers, who were ranked 25th in the nation last week, blemished the Vandals' record with an 8-15, 15-10, 15-3, 15-10 triumph over the Big Sky school.

The Vandals, who usually rely on a superior blocking and hitting attack, were stunned by their Big-10 foes, getting outblocked 17-9 and outdug 224 to 101. Wisconsin's Joanna Grotenske and Heather Dodaro led the way for the Badgers, picking up 17 and 13 kills and hitting .350 and .304 respectively.

The Badgers improved their record to a perfect 10-0. Wisconsin hit only .068 as the Branggang/Safeco Classic 10 days ago, has totaled 155 kills through the club's first eight matches, nearly doubling her 1993 season total of 78.

The Vandals are the first three opponents in the round robin format. Idaho outdueled Wisconsin Green-Bay .337 to .241 in claiming a 15-5, 15-2, 15-8 win.

The Vandals second match last-ed only three games as well, as Idaho punished Wisconsin-Milwaukee 15-3, 15-4, 15-8. Eastern Illinois was no match for the Vandals either, dropping under a wave of Idaho Kills 15-4, 15-10, 15-2.

The Vandals beat Southern California, facing the Matadors of Cal State Northridge Wednesday and then playing in the Cal-Poly San-Luis Obispo Tournament over the weekend.

The tournament bracket has no cupcakes in the ranks as Virginia and the University of San Diegoソ入 Idaho to face Cal-Poly SLO.

Idaho's three wins last weekend brings Idaho coach Tim Hilbert's career record to 97-59, meaning the sixth year head coach could reach the century mark in victories with an impressive showing by his squad this week.
A UI women's rugby player (with ball) scrambles seconds after receiving a pass from her teammate (white shirt, on ground). The Black Widows' first match is Sept. 17 in Seattle in a tournament with Reed College and the Mudhens, a club team from Seattle.

UI golf

Men's Golf Schedule
September 19-20 University of Washington Tournament
26-27 Grand Canyon University Tournament
October 6-11 Big Sky Championships
13-15 New Mexico State Tournament

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Wade Balliet, Fr.
Chris Blayne, Sr.
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Michael Wiebe, Jr.

Women's Golf Schedule
September 18 Gonzaga Tournament
19 Montana State Tournament
October 9-11 Big Sky Championships
November 6-8 San Diego State Tournament

ROSTER
Marni Bernhardt, So.
Jennifer Cahan, Fr.
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Kellee Vosberg, Fr.

Annual volleyball tourney Sept. 17

The Physical Education and Sport Science Club is holding its second annual four-on-four co-ed volleyball tournament on Sept. 17, at 9:00 a.m. near Guy Wicks Field.

Intramurals start this week

—Officials for intramural football are in high demand.
—There are 75 intramural football teams and the season begins Sept. 17.
—Today is the last day to sign up for ultimate frisbee.

For more information, call Greg at 885-6381.
**Ex-Vandals Wicks, Friesz excel**

Former Vandal quarterback John Friesz, now of the NFL Washington Redskins, led his team to a 38-24 victory over the New Orleans Saints — ironically the team ex-Vandal Doug Nussmeier is on.

Friesz, a native of Coeur d’Alene, threw for four touchdowns with no interceptions. He also completed 15-22 passes for 195 yards.

Heath Shuler, Washington’s first-round pick who was expected to play, did not get into the game.

Ex-Idaho volleyball player Nancy Wicks has been nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year. Wicks, who graduated last year, twice was named Most Valuable Player of the Big Sky.

There is one woman chosen from each state and the District of Columbia. The award recognizes academics, athletics and community service.

Wicks achieved a 3.28 grade point average in elementary and special education. Along with the athletic accolades, she was chosen for the all-academic Big Sky team four times.

Wicks teaches in the Puget Sound area.

### 3-on-3 basketball in Memorial Gym

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefitting the Idaho women’s basketball team, will be on Sept. 17, in Memorial Gym from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The tournament is sponsored by Mingle’s, Pizza Pipeline and Z2US.

It is open to both male and female players and includes four age groups.

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