Michael named new interim UI president

By Brian Fashey

When Gary Michael attended the University of Idaho in the early 1990s, he lived at the Dixie Too Dixie Inn. Now, more than 40 years later, he is at UI and living at 1090 First Ave. Drive — the Executive Residence.

The Idaho State Board of Education announced Monday that it appointed Michael to be interim president of the university, effective immediately, to replace a permanent president. Michael said a new, permanent president may start as early as January and he will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

Michael, who served as acting president since June 2017, said President Bob Nelsen left medical leave, has retired to his position as UI president. Picture: Idaho State Board of Education

Michael, originally from Lehi, Mont., first came to UI on a track scholarship. He was the half-breed and quarter-bred. In between track meets he primarily played basketball, Michael was a full- scholarship student, Mark Kouly of Boise. They married in 1983 and eventually had three sons. They now have eight grandchildren.

Michael earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and entered the business world by way of the United States Army. He served two tours in Vietnam, where he was responsible for accounting and finance for the U.S. Army in New York City. The army experiences led him to a job with Ernst and Young in the 1990s. Currently he serves as a financial controller for a tech company, known as Amit & Ernst in Boise at the time.

Michael's first love, a few years later, would be golf. And now, he would spend the next 35 years working for. He joined Albertsons in 1996 in an accounting position.

"I started as just an accountant, then moved up," he said.

Michael began moving up after only eight years with the company and eventually made the move to work for Albertsons.com. Two years later, he was the company's first officer and three years later he became the executive vice president with responsibilities for real estate and construction.

In 1994, Michael became the vice chairman of Albertsons and finally CEO chairman in 1997. He worked in that position until his retirement in 2000.

Michael lived in Boise throughout his entire career at Albertsons, but now owns a home in McCall and Scottsdale, Ariz. He is an investor in two theaters in McCall and McCall, Idaho.
WEDNESDAY

Health insurance meeting. Thomas the first health insurance program, QA to follow. 10-11 a.m. Commons Community room

THURSDAY

Reception for Columnist: Hollett and Chris Milte. Local artists will be at work in the Print Art Gallery, Shadle Park. Open 7 a.m.

SATURDAY

Painting the Palouse Volunteers meet at the Life Library. R.I. 7 a.m.

JUNE 16

*Summerville II*
Beginning of the second four-week summer session, 8 a.m.

12:30 p.m. From the past, a glimpse into the future. 10-12 p.m. 885-7784

JUNE 20

*University Theatre: American Gothic, "People, Pulp, Crime* 7:30 p.m. 885-7712

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JUNE 23

*Poet's Choice daily through July 11* 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEWSBRIEFS

Dean of College of Agricultural and Life Sciences appointed

UW was installed for one year in the master of science in agronomy by S. S. F. J. in 1973. The installation of John Rusk, 8-9 p.m. 10-12 p.m. 885-7784.

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Back to basics at Pritchard gallery

BY WENDY HENRY

Local artists Colleen McNutt and Chris Watts are ready to spotlight old hats, birds with a sense of humor and numbers ranging from 1 to 100. The University of Idaho Pritchard Art Gallery Summer 2003 Exhibition, "Back to Basics," will kick off Friday and run through Aug. 3, with McNutt’s "Birds on Hats" on the first floor and Watts’ "Number Structures, Birds on Hats" on the second. Both artists will enjoy their first exhibitors shows for the gallery.

McNutt said her husband’s old work boots and blank, surrounding her yard, was a "pleasing surprise" for her first exhibition. "The boots became characters to me," she said. "I decided to see what they might be. It felt humorous. They seem to carry a dialogue between each other."

Women are the largest share of her hat displays, completed with items of ink and paint, as "the hat never stops." Women are intelligent and funny to me," McNutt said. "They also have many human qualities."

McNutt received her master’s degree in art from UI in 1982. She has been printing since 1996.

The number structures of Watts, a professor in the Department of Fine Arts at Washington State University, will fill the balcony. Behind a pattern of solemn colors, Watts places numbers in a grid, diagonal or horizontal. He describes the structures as "art. "They cause people to pause and peer but the idea was created," he said. "They were created to be noticed."

The structures, now a 3-year project for Watts, have also served as foundations for his master’s thesis and performed by permanent Michael Ulcinske, professor of music at the University of Idaho in June. Watts plans to play a CD of the music based on his number structures as an accompaniment to the displays. The opening reception Friday will be from 5-8 p.m. Summer hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The gallery is at 414 4th St. Main St. in Moscow. Admission is free. For more information, call 885-3306.

Harpcourt picks back up

BY CHRIS KONECKI

Following the incredibly successful "Here Be Monsters," Ed Harpcourt’s "From Every Sphere"picks up right where his previous effort left off. The work again features 2-dimensional mixed media and draws from a visual instrument known as a "wave machine." The waves are made up of an entire range of colors and consist of 500 different colors and 150 different shades. The entire show is a tour de force, a visual explosion that is mesmerizing in its own right. The wave machine is a unique invention, but the result is a song radiating with energy.

"Underwater Storm" opens with a piano riff newly

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Johnson goes no frills

BY MARK RUSSELL

The success and popularity of Jack Johnson was gained the old fashioned way by touring. Johnson’s third album, "Beach House," has been released and it’s bringing the surfer sound to fans all over the world. Johnson has been touring to support his new album, "Beach House," and has been performing at venues all over the country. His performances have been well received and his fans have been flocking to see him live. Johnson’s music is known for its laid-back vibe and his catchy tunes have become hits for many people.

"On and Out" is one of his newest songs, with its upbeat tempo and catchy lyrics. The song features Johnson’s signature laid-back style and has become a fan favorite. The music video features Johnson performing live with his band and adds a visual element to the song, enhancing the overall experience for listeners. Johnson’s music is known for its positive messages and uplifting lyrics, and "On and Out" is no exception. The song encourages listeners to stay positive and embrace the good times, no matter what life throws their way.

"On and Out" is just one of the many songs featured on "Beach House," which has been critically acclaimed and received positive reviews. Johnson’s music has been praised for its catchy melodies, relatable lyrics, and overall feel-good vibe. His performances continue to sell out and his fan base continues to grow, with new fans discovering his music every day. Johnson’s music has truly made an impact on the music industry and his fans are excited to see what the future holds for him and his music career.

"On and Out" is a perfect example of Johnson’s talent and his ability to create music that resonates with listeners on a personal level. With his catchy melodies and positive messages, Johnson’s music has the power to lift spirits and bring joy into the lives of his fans. Whether listening to "On and Out" on repeat or discovering his music for the first time, Johnson’s music is sure to provide a vehicle for positivity and good vibes.
Vandal athletes take act national

by Nathan Jense

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fter a successful showing by the University of Idaho track team at the Big West Conference championship, the Vandals dispatched four athletes to the NCAA West Regional. Now six Vandals are headed to the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif., this week.

The Vandals’ success was highlighted by two first-place finishes and a second-place finish in a regional in Palo Alto, Calif., on May 13. Angela Whyte, in the 1,500-meter hurdles, and Jan Eitel, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, each took home their respective golds in the region and will now take their show east to California to see if they can continue with the best in the country.

"The group that we had expected the most of was Angela Whyte," coach Nathan Jense said.

Whyte finished the meet with the fastest time in the 1,500 hurdles, running a 5:21.13 in the preliminary round before building off the rest of the field in the final.

"It was just another race for me to accomplish some things that I personally didn’t accomplish," Whyte said. "I wanted to run under 5:30 seconds, but I think I ran in the finals and another thing in the finals prevented me from running even better." Whyte ran a lifetime best, 4:58.49, in the final of the 3,000-meter steeplechase, edging out conference rival Rene Brown of Cal Poly to be a near-second performer.

Eitel took the lead at the beginning of the final lap and held on for the win. Eitel had the fifth-best time of the NCAA West Regional. "She had a good shot at finishing in the top five," Jense said.

Two other Vandals, Mariakurwa and Hugh Hefner, also competed for the NCAA West Regional with top-five finishes.

Mariakurwa, the 1992 Big West induction ceremony champion, captured fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, breaking her own school record with a time of 11:31.01.

Hefner qualified with a fifth-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.00 seconds in the final.

The Vandals will also find two more athletes, Lolo Jones and Ben Whyte, have a chance to win their respective events at nationals. Jones has qualified in the outdoor heptathlon and Whyte is qualified for both the outdoor and indoor hurdles.

"She’s been practicing, working on her maintenance instead of just making gains," Jense said.

According to Whyte, she broke her personal best of 5:00.00, but she still needed to work on fluidity to pass on the race.

Whyte has high hopes for win

by Nathan Jense

Coming into this year Angela Whyte had only one thing on her mind, to prepare herself physically and technically for the NCAA championships and winning the 100-meter hurdles.

"I think Angela's one of the best 100-meter hurdlers that the conference has seen," Jense said.

Whyte went into their NCAA West Regional competition at the top of the field in the region and looked better than the rest of the nation in the first week of the season.

She finished the best in the west in nearly 12 seconds.

Now the fifth-year senior gets her last chance at a national title. She gets the chance to win in the finals in Sacramento, Calif., on May 12.

But she thinks it's almost better in a way. She may not be able to convince Angela of life, of coming in not being in the top two or three on paper. "I can beat her," Whyte said. "I think that going into a more advantageous in her way to win.

Theoughest opponent that Whyte could face would be her teammate at Louisiana State, who won the 100-meter hurdles in this year's indoor championships, and Illinois' Perdita Felicien, who qualified in the finals in the indoor championships with the best of 12.52, which she ran in the 2001 outdoor championships, is not out of the question, however.

"I think right now I'm starting to get a few more miles under my belt because the season is so long. So, I'm just trying to maintain," Whyte said. "I think she not only her skills in the hurdles, but the seven-event event that will be rather more on her in this years as well as her athletes. But Whyte proved her abilities earlier this year when she scored the second-best points in the nation in her first attempt in the heptathlon.

She is currently ranked second in the nation. "We're trying to make me into a shot putter, a javelin thrower, a high jumper, a long jumper, so we're just trying to get as many events as we can," Whyte said.

But she's not a natural athlete and she's out picking up on things very, very quick," Whyte added. "I think a few a shot to win the whole thing.

"I've been a lot more efficient, a lot more intense in my training," Whyte said. "I've interacted with every other athlete coming from this area of our area and that's what's great. She's got it going, and I'm right behind her."

"We're going to have a shot at the world record," Whyte said. "And we're going to be doing that."

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