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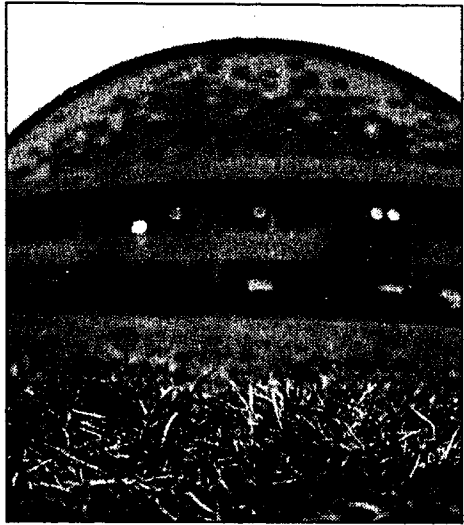


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KENTARO MURAI / ARGONAUT  
The practice field on the east side of the Kibbie Dome will not be remodeled because ASUI turned down the proposal.

## Turf war over for now

ASUI votes to hold off on field remodeling

BY CAMERLY COX  
ARGONAUT STAFF

More than a month of deliberation has brought ASUI to a decision not to support Kibbie Dome manager Tom McGann's proposal for synthetic turf fields east of the Dome. McGann presented the proposal to the ASUI senate Feb. 2, asking for student support to

go ahead with the project. ASUI President Autumn Hansen and members of the Associated Students Fee Committee agreed the project would be beneficial and an asset to UI students, but said they would oppose the project. In a position paper from ASUI and the fee committee, Hansen said they have discussed student fees and how they should be spent to profit

students and other constituents. Hansen said there have been sacrifices made for the greater good to ensure UI is providing the best it can for everyone involved. "In this light and for the following reasons, the ASUI will not be in support of the field turf project at this time," she said. The proposal from McGann stated that the project would cost about \$1.6 million, with \$1.39 million of the funds already available in a Kibbie Dome Turf Replacement Fund.

The Outdoor Recreation and Athletic Field Fund also contained \$330,000, but would be depleted by the project. A \$5 fee increase proposal had been instigated to re-establish the fund later. Hansen said there had been several concerns raised about the plan. One of those concerns is the timing of the project, she said. "We're having to make sacrifices, but the turf project is not a sacrifice," she said. "We fully support the project, and in a year it may be a better time."

Hansen said fee committee members were also concerned with the depletion of funds to construct the fields and the use of student fees to restore the fund. Hansen pointed to campus-wide cuts to budgets, programs and departments as a reason to hold off on the project. "It would not be responsible to support a project like this while others are facing such fiscal turmoil," she said. Hansen said as chair of the

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## Plus-minus OK'd

Vote moves to general faculty members

BY NATE POPPINO  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Remember those B-pluses and A-minuses from public school?

They're coming back. The University of Idaho Faculty Council voted Tuesday to approve changing UI to a plus-minus grading system.

The proposal, which passed 10-2, will add plus and minus categories to letter grades and will create new grade point average levels for those categories.

The council voted after member James Reid reported on what he found to be the general faculty and student opinions on the grading system. Faculty members were 70 percent in favor of the change, he said. Reid previously said students are almost completely against the idea.

"The main reason for liking it that faculty quoted was it allows greater precision in grading," Reid said.

Since the proposal first came up before the council last summer, Reid said, he has received input on it from faculty across the university and student groups such as ASUI and the Graduate Student Association.

Reid said the grading system is already in use at three Idaho universities: Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College and Albertson's College of Idaho. In addition, Washington State University and UI's College of Law also use the system.

The proposal will now be sent to the next general faculty meeting on May 4 for another vote.

If the faculty votes in favor of it, it will then need to be

approved by UI President Tim White and the university's Board of Regents.

If approved, Reid said, the system will take one year to set up and will come into effect during the 2006-07 school year.

It will be applied to all students who attend UI at that time and faculty members will have a choice of whether or not to use the system.

"It would affect everyone here from this point onward," Reid said.

In response to concerns about student grade point average levels falling because of the new system, Reid said he felt grades would balance themselves out.

"If you had grades that were falling in a normal range it would remain the same," Reid said. "Its (the proposal's) likely effect would be minimal."

Council member Mickey Gunter said he experienced a change to plus-minus grading when he was a student, and higher-achieving students may end up with a lower GPA.

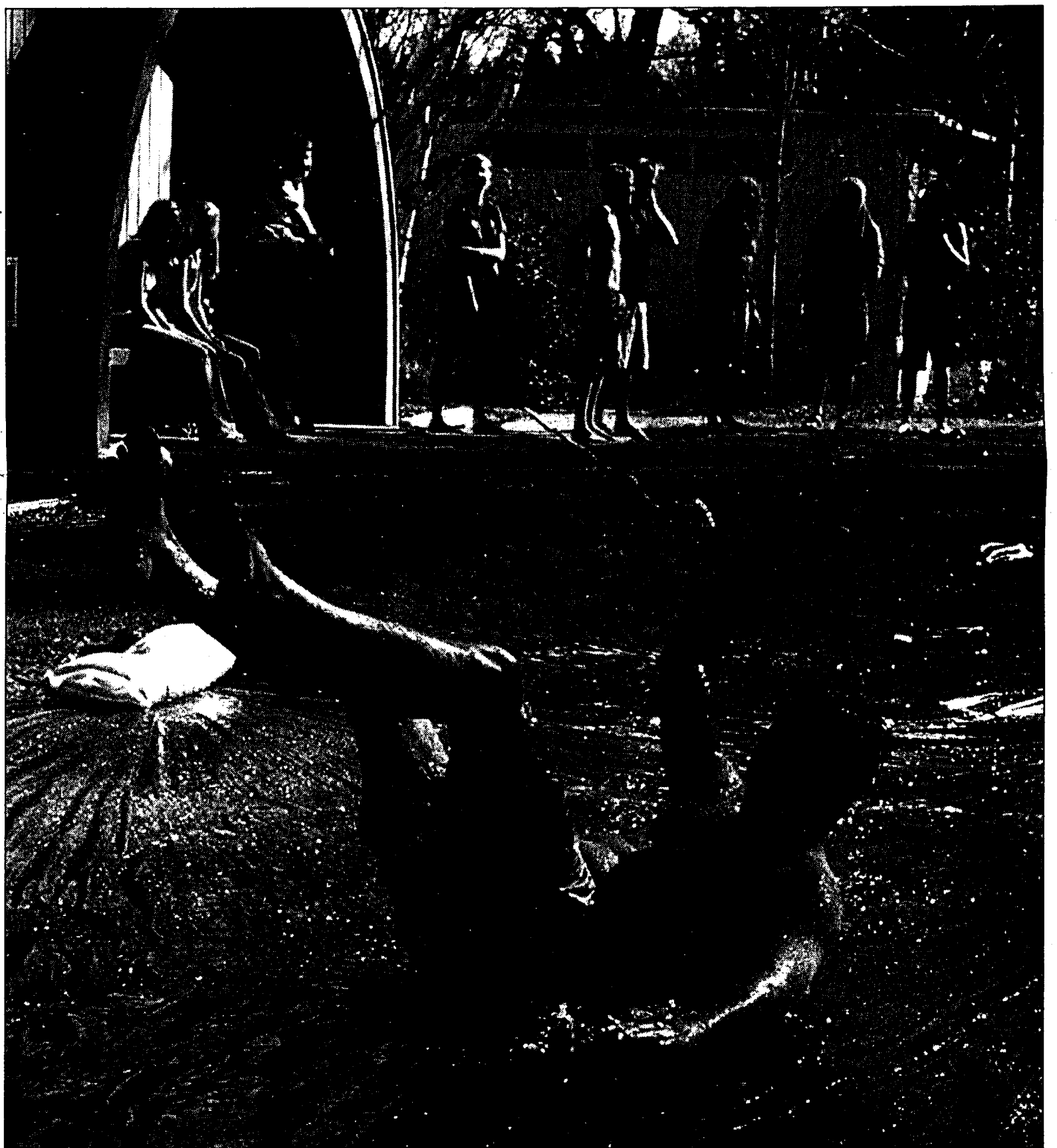
"It lowers your GPA, but I still kind of got a job I kind of like," Gunter said, joking. "I think it really will lower the students who are high achievers."

Council member Ed Bechinski asked Reid whether C-minus students would face the same academic probation as other students who fall below a C-average GPA.

"Students know that going in, a C-minus is not a C," Reid said.

The grading system will have no A-plus or D-minus. Reid said that is because the proposal uses the same language as WSU's system, which lacks the two grades.

## WET 'N WILD SPRING BREAK



DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT  
UI political science freshman Ian Harpole slides down Phi Delta Theta's makeshift Slip 'n Slide Thursday afternoon while enjoying the nice spring weather.

## Money 101: When shopping goes wrong

BY LISA WAREHAM  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Andrea Meldrum did not need any shoes, but she bought three pairs of the same style anyway.

"I am an out-of-control shopping addict," said Meldrum, a freshman English major at University of Idaho. "I bought the pink and purple for less than I bought the tan, so that justified it. I still don't know what I'm going to wear them with, but I guess I'll figure that out later."

Meldrum said the tan pair was \$75 and the other two pairs were \$30 each.

People buy products for a variety of reasons, and most businesses base their marketing strategies on those reasons, said Kathy O'Malley, a UI business professor.

O'Malley said one technique is sale items like the shoes Meldrum bought. She said sometimes businesses lose money on these low prices in order to lure people into the businesses. The hope of the businesses is that people will buy other items.

Another technique is making

people think they need an item, said assistant psychology professor Traci Craig.

"They provide you with a problem you didn't think you had," she said.

Craig said an example is a cell phone commercial she saw in December. The commercial showed a family in a mall without cell phones. They realized they had a huge problem because they could not communicate with each other, Craig said. The family decided they needed cell phones, and after they bought cell phones for the family, their problems vanished.

Craig said water, food and shelter, rather than cellular phones and computers, are needs.

O'Malley said marketing is also present in supermarkets. She said many supermarkets use store structure to sell more products.

When people enter WinCo Foods, they are forced to turn left into an aisle before they can reach any other aisle, O'Malley pointed out.

"It's inconvenient to go any

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## Hansen fixes law student quarrel

BY CAMERLY COX  
ARGONAUT STAFF

Issues between members of the Student Bar Association and the Associated Students Fee Committee have finally been settled after SBA members complained about having to pay a dedicated student fee increase, ASUI President Autumn Hansen said.

Hansen said she and ASUI leaders acted on concerns brought forward by SBA at the fee committee's open student forum last week. Members of SBA disagreed with having to pay a \$22.75 increase to the dedicated student fee, which is currently \$144.35.

While SBA members and law students will still pay full student fees, the dedicated student fee increase will be returned to them by the UI Law School.

The dedicated student fee pays for outdoor programs, student media and international programs for students, Hansen explained, and the programs are shared by all UI undergraduate, graduate and law students. These programs are referred to as "common goods," and

student leaders are trying to redefine which programs' costs should be shared by all students.

"What they're going to have to do is rebate their students \$22.75," Hansen said.

Hansen said before the change in the system, SBA paid fees as a part of ASUI's budget, but their portion of the fees was returned to them before the budget was finalized.

The only change, she said, is that the fees are rebated to the law students instead of kept by the law school.

Hansen said she hoped this change would not set a precedent. She said the decision was one they made quickly in an effort to solve the issues at hand.

"It was a procedural issue that I solved. We will continue collaborating after spring break," she said. "The goal was to figure out the issues with the SBA. It has all been done in the spirit of collaboration."

Mark Brainard, UI budget director,

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## Fees announced

STAFF REPORT

University of Idaho President Tim White issued his finalized request for a student fee increase from \$1,816 to \$1,984.

The 9.3 percent increase announced Tuesday was not unexpected and had been discussed for several weeks.

The majority of the \$168 full-time student fee (\$122.65) will once again go to matriculation, like last year's fee increase, which was requested and instituted by interim UI President Gary Michael.

A significant increase made by ASUI leaders to bolster their budget has also been approved and included in White's budget.

An additional \$22.75, a 50.1 percent increase, will be added to the ASUI budget, on top of the \$45.40 the student government already receives from each undergraduate student. The increase will add more than \$413,000 to the ASUI budget.

UI intercollegiate athletics will also receive an increase of \$5, which means students will go from paying \$95.50 to the athletic department each semester to \$100.50.

White's overall increase will add more than \$3 million to the UI budget for the 2006 fiscal year, which begins July 1.



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other way," O'Malley said.

She said this aisle has cheaply priced foods that were probably bought in bulk. People are likely to buy the items and later remember the store for its cheap prices, even if other prices are not, she said.

O'Malley said after people walk through the sale aisle they land in the produce section. She said many stores are set up so consumers walk by the produce, deli and bakery sections. She said stores make more profit by selling from their deli than from already packaged meat.

O'Malley said businesses also tend to sell more if they have these sections, because people like the freshness.

Some supermarkets, like Safeway, bring in customers by offering their Safeway Club cards for discounts on items.

She said Safeway receives information from the card members such as age, address and driver's license number. She said Safeway can keep track of everything card members buy, and then figure out which marketing strategies work the best for different age groups.

O'Malley said while these tactics are legal, others are not.

One illegal technique is the bait and switch, she said. This is when a business lures consumers with a cheap item and then persuades the consumer to buy a more expensive item instead.

"Sometimes the business will not actually advertise," she said.

She said there is another illegal marketing strategy called psychological discounting. This is when a business raises the prices on items with the intent to lower the prices and call them sale items.

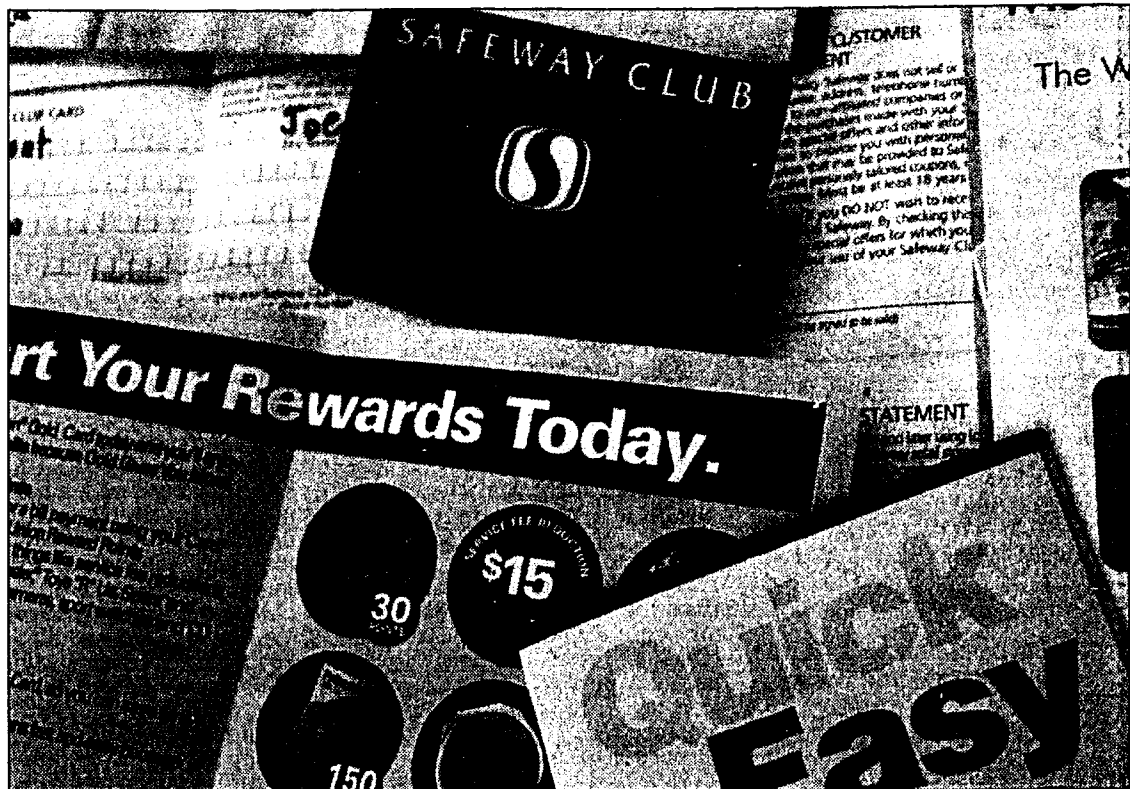
O'Malley said she was shopping in a toy store and bought some toys for her children. She said the items showed the higher price tag and the lower price tag. O'Malley said when she was removing the tags she found different original prices under the marked-up ones.

She said the "marked-down" prices were about the same as the original prices at other stores.

"It sounded like I was getting a good deal on toys, but I wasn't," O'Malley said.

#### TIPS TO AVOID NEEDLESS BUYING:

- Bring only cash into stores, rather than credit cards and checks. Bring in only what you can afford to spend.
- Go into stores with a list of what you need and stick to the list.
- Look at price tags before buying products and trying on clothing.
- Do not walk into a store just because it says "sale." Be sure you need something in that store first.
- Realize that just because something is cheap does not mean you need it or will use it.



Many stores offer special cards which are used by marketing departments to track information about the consumer's purchasing behavior.

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fee committee, she placed the option of a fee increase for the project up for a vote.

The committee voted against beginning the project at this time.

"However, we favor the all-encompassing requests for a recreation reserve fund that can adequately support the project at a later date," Hansen said.

ASUI Sen. Tom Callery, a member of the fee committee, said he supported the proposal and wished the committee had more time to consider the issue. He said he abstained from the vote.

"I really wanted a collective forum," he said. "But the committee felt that wasn't possible. It is too bad. I wish we could have rallied more support and had more time because it is a good project."

Callery said he thinks the proposal should go through in the future.

"We'll try to keep it in the spotlight," he said. "We'll continue to talk to students and move forward until the next fee process."

McGann said the project was waiting only for student approval. He said it would not move forward without an OK from the senate.

The project would include two 80-yard fields to be remod-

eled with a Generation 2 infill turf system and lighting that would allow activities after dark and year-round.

"The ASUI senate is the voice of the students," he said. "If they don't want to begin this project right now, we won't."

McGann said he thought there was a lot of confusion surrounding the proposal.

"I don't think people understand it enough," he said.

McGann said he has seen how much a project like this could benefit the student body and he had contacted several universities who use synthetic turf on their practice fields.

"Everyone said we'd be crazy not to do it," he said.

McGann said he has been working on this project for three years because he thinks it will be a benefit to students.

"I will pursue it until I'm told to cease," he said.

Hansen encouraged further discussion of the project.

"Again, I would like to commend the efforts of the field turf project constituents in making this a well known issue and gathering as much information from departments on campus as possible," she said. "The field turf project can and will offer much to the University of Idaho, but it makes more sense to pursue at a future date."

McGann said if they were to get a "thumbs up" from the student body, they could have had the project done before or soon after students returned from summer break in late August.

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said he is happy the decision was "reached amiably."

"It's probably the best outcome," he said. "They're really doing what they feel is best."

He said while he had little involvement in the decision, he did speak with Hansen on the issue.

"I'm very impressed with Autumn and how she handled it," he said. "I don't foresee any problems with their conclusion."

SBA President Suzanne Fegelein said overall she was happy with the changes.

"I didn't get to go to the meeting, and our communications were primarily through e-mail, but Autumn did her best for the SBA," she said. "The students will pay the fee and the SBA will get back 100 percent. Essentially there is a pay increase, but then it gets returned to them."

Fegelein said while SBA's initial goal was not to pay the increase at all, she is pleased it

will receive a rebate.

"We were still opposed to paying the fee at the very end. We voiced those concerns to (UI College of Law) Dean (Don) Burnett, but the goal at this point is to maintain and improve relationships," she said.

Hansen said she was glad SBA's concerns had been brought into the open and changes could be made.

But Fegelein said SBA's initial concern had not yet been remedied. She said the reason it opposed ASUI's fee proposal was because law students were included in the fee increases discussed by the fee committee, but no longer had representation on the committee or were a part of the deliberation for the fee proposal.

Fegelein said until the night before the forum, neither she nor any other members of SBA were aware the fee committee existed. Fegelein said SBA did some quick research and found legislation stating SBA should be included on the committee, but at the forum was informed of a bill kicking them off the committee. She said, however,

since the committee's decisions affect SBA, they should have representation on the committee.

"If the AS Fee Committee is making decisions, the SBA should have representation that is meaningful so the vote counts," she said.

Fegelein said SBA's goal now is to either pass a bill that will include them in the committee or to come up with a new committee for SBA separate from the fee committee.

Hansen said she was concerned with SBA's objective to gain equal representation on the committee.

"There are 8,000 students represented by ASUI and 300 by the SBA," she said. "It'd be a California-Idaho situation."

She said this issue has not been touched on yet.

"The process is broken. I'm not sure if it can be solved by everyone at the table or by everyone separately," Hansen said.

Fegelein said SBA's final concern were the common goods their fees, as well as undergraduate and graduate fees, pay for.

She said while they are still unclear and undefined, many students are worried they are paying for programs they do not use and do not benefit from.

"If it's something I use, I will be happy to pay for it," she said. "But I don't know if all students should have a fee increase to pay for the common goods."

Fegelein said SBA is not trying to get out of paying for these programs, but members believe ASUI can't mandate a fee increase without a set budget.

Brainard agreed with Fegelein and said he hopes the one issue the groups will continue to consider is the common goods.

"They're very important and I hope the groups will work together on this matter," he said.

Fegelein said since the concerns have been identified, she believes the groups can work cooperatively for a better system.

"We've seen the flaws, and all we could do was to react," she said. "The rebate is the solution for now, but we're going to keep working on it."

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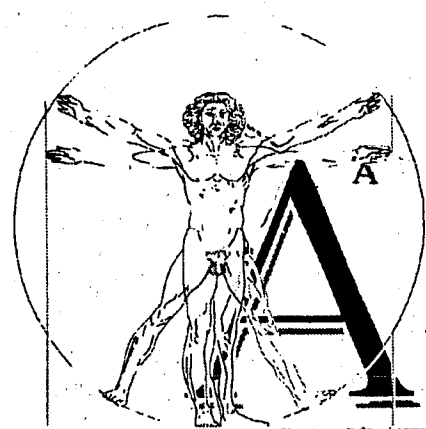
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## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

## Revolutionary MOVES



Pullman High School's Sean Anderson tears up the dance floor of the "Dance Dance Revolution" game at Bumpers video arcade Thursday evening in the Palouse Mall.

DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT

*"Dance Dance Revolution" sweeps arcades and dorm rooms alike.*

BY HILLARY FLOWERS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

As Robbie Krishner walks into Bumpers arcade in the Palouse Mall, he exchanges his \$2 worth of rolled nickels for \$2 in quarters at the front counter. He isn't there to play just any game. He walks up to a machine, puts in his 50 cents and starts to dance.

He's playing "Dance Dance Revolution."

"DDR" was released in Japan in 1998. The game came to the United States in 2000, and is now available as an arcade game and in Xbox, PlayStation, PlayStation 2 and PC versions. The mastermind behind the game is Konami Digital Entertainment, a Japanese corporation. Bemani provides the music for the game.

#### The arcade revolution

The nearest arcade version of "DDR" is located inside Bumpers in Moscow's Palouse Mall.

Store manager Sam Whipple, a senior broadcast journalism major at the University of Idaho, said he has seen groups of people surrounding the game waiting for their turn to play. On a typical weekday, about 10-20 people play "DDR" every hour, Whipple said. On weekends, he said, the game is played nonstop during business hours. While some college students play the game, Whipple said it is most popular among junior high and young high school students.

"Our 'DDR' machine rakes in about \$200 a week," Whipple said. "Considering that all of that is in quarters or tokens, it's a pretty popular game."

At 50 cents a game, this means the game is played about 400 times a week. Whipple said Bumpers makes about 20 percent of its revenue on the game.

Whipple said people are drawn to music, and "DDR" is one of few games that incorporate music as a centerpiece.

"They're doing more than just using their thumbs or moving a joystick," Whipple said. "They have to use hand-eye coordination."

Whipple said one particular woman comes in to play the game just to exercise. He said if

a person wanted to go on a diet, "DDR" would be a reasonable form of exercise to go along with the diet. He said "DDR" was mentioned in a health journal.

"It's good for the mind and body," Whipple said. "Mostly just wasting time, but it can be effective."

Krishner, a sophomore computer science major, plays the game about once a week. He said he used to play "DDR" more, but now he only spends about a dollar a week on it.

"I just like the music," Krishner said. "It's easy to do, and it's something that I seemed to have picked up naturally."

Krishner said the game is convenient for this school-based community, and agrees that it's a good form of exercise. He said he prefers to play "DDR" at the arcade rather than the version that is played at home, because the pads and arrows are more responsive. He said the home version wears out quicker and shifts around while being played.

#### Dancing in the dorm room

Junior psychology major Mike Larsen has owned the PS2 version of "DDR" for about six months. He first discovered "DDR" a year ago when he was at a friend's house. He played, and was instantly hooked on it. He said he thought it was a blast, and it's not so hard once the player gets used to the game's unique style.

Larsen said he usually plays it in the family room where he lives in the LLC Engineering dorm, because if he played in his room he would disturb the students below with all the jumping and stepping that goes with playing "DDR." He plays once a week for about three hours.

He said "DDR" includes many motions and rigorous exercise. He likes it because unlike other video games, the player is actually moving around, and not just sitting playing with a controller.

"I just think it's really fun," Larsen said. "It actually gets my heart going."

Larsen spent about \$300 on the game and foam dance pad. He said he would spend more

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## Blues legend to play Spokane Opera House

BY TOM BANKS  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The King of the Blues is back, and ready to bring Spokane to its knees.

B.B. King, along with his beloved guitar "Lucille," will be playing at 7:30

p.m. Wednesday at the Spokane Opera House. Tickets are \$39.50 and \$49.50.

"Aside from being a legend, B.B. King is the defining character in the entire blues genre," said Matt Gibson, marketing director for the Opera House. "He just is the music. He's one of those guys who you absolutely have to go see at least once in your life, just so you can say, 'Yeah, I saw B.B. King do a show one time.'"

King is also one of the few original electric bluesmen still alive, let

alone touring and recording. He turns 80 this year.

"His age does not affect his musical abilities on stage at all. His singing and guitar playing are as strong as ever," tour producer Brian Martin said.

King's capabilities on stage have put him into an elite category of musicians of the last half-century. He stands as one of the most influential and gifted guitarists of all time. He has a unique touch on the instrument, and is widely known for Lucille's polished tone and his instantly recognized vibrato.

"His unique style has influenced everyone from Eric Clapton to Steve Miller," Martin said.

King's style has remained unmistakably his own through a 50-year career. His quavering, emotive guitar licks anchor tracks such as "The Thrill is Gone" and "Payin' the Cost to be the Boss."

King is still one of the most avid

touring musicians out there. He averages about 250 live sets every year, and continues to record on a regular basis.

King will be busy in 2005. In addition to his seemingly nonstop touring, he is being honored with a museum built in his name.

Construction of the B.B. King Museum will begin in June in his original hometown of Indianola, Miss. The state of Mississippi has also declared "B.B. King Day" a state holiday. Bulfinch Press is also publishing "B.B. King's Treasures," a collection of memorabilia, photos, and letters.

King's most recent tour kicked off this month and will continue through the end of the year.

"He's very much like Ray Charles, one of those guys who is just an amazing live performer and defines the genre he's a part of," Gibson said.

## Student life caught in Web

BY JON ROSS  
ASSISTANT ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR

The University of Idaho is now on the cyber-map.

UI, along with 60 other campuses across the country, was added to thefacebook.com on March 1. Thefacebook is a national online service that allows college students to stay connected with high school buddies and make new friends.

"I think the site is popular because it's versatile," said Chris Hughes, co-founder of the Web site. "Different students use thefacebook in different ways, but in general, college students return to the site to find information on their

peers, to make connections with friends and acquaintances, and to communicate with one another."

Once registered on the Web site, students can create a profile listing such things as class schedule and high school. Users may also start groups, like "Beer Pongers Anonymous" and esoteric factions such as "Committee To Get Sharon Hutchinson A New Wardrobe."

"It's a reference tool and a means for communication," Hughes said. "I think that combination — and the fact that it's fun to use — keeps people coming back."

Though the UI portion of the site has grown to more than 1,000 users, word is still spreading slowly on

campus. Jamie Hastler, a sophomore majoring in international studies, first logged on Saturday. She uses the site mainly to get in touch with high school friends, but doesn't spend a lot of time surfing the directory.

"I actually don't think it's that cool," she said. "It's OK."

Hastler notes that there are other sites on the Internet that offer a comparable service.

Web sites that seem to be in direct competition with thefacebook are Catch 27 and IdahoFacebook.

IdahoFacebook, which serves as a more compact version of thefacebook,

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# ARGONAUT SPORTS & REC

## Mitchell, Faurholt carry Vandals into semis

BY BRENNAN GAUSE  
SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Idaho's two All-Big West first-teamers, Leilani Mitchell and Emily Faurholt, combined for 48 points as the Vandals advanced to the semifinals of the Big West Conference Tournament with a 63-50 win over UC Irvine Thursday afternoon.

The Vandals will play second-seed Long Beach State at 2:30 p.m. today.

Playing with only a six-player rotation due to an injury to freshman post Jessica Summers, the Vandals used a staunch defense to pull out to an 11-point halftime lead and then weathered a second-half charge by the Anteaters to grab the victory.

"Our players were outstanding on defense," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "It was a tremendous effort. With (Jessica) Summers out, we are under-sized. Emily (Faurholt) and (Karly) Felton were outstanding with their post defense. We have a lot of respect for Irvine's post play. ... They absolutely abused us at their place." The Vandals' defense was particular-



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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• Long Beach State  
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ly evident in the stats of Irvine's second-team All-Big West member Angie Ned, who'd averaged 16.3 points per game during the season, finished with 10 points on 3-of-17 shooting from the floor.

Mitchell, who finished with a game-high 27 points, and Faurholt (21) scored Idaho's first 25 points as Idaho went into the locker room with a 32-21 lead. Mitchell scored the first four points after halftime to push the Vandals' lead



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to 15, but the Anteaters responded with a 10-3 run to close the gap to eight. By the seven-minute mark Irvine had narrowed Idaho's lead to only five points at 49-44.

The Vandals' offense picked it up from there, rolling off an 8-1 run of their own to stretch their lead back into double digits, and from there they coasted on to an easy win.

"We weren't pretty, but we grinded it out and found a way to get it done,"



FAURHOLT

Divilbiss said. "No team is going to go away quietly and we expected that. (UC Irvine has) been playing with more confidence late in the season, and they are a more difficult opponent than their 8-21 record shows. This is a quality win for us."

With leading rebounder Summers (7 rebounds per game) on the bench, Idaho senior wing Heather Thoelke stepped up and tied her season high with 11 boards to keep the Vandals competitive on the glass. The Anteaters still managed to rebound Idaho, but only by a narrow 35-32 margin.

Mitchell added seven assists and seven steals to go along with her 27 points.

## Disappointing season ends with first-round loss

BY JASON LEIBLER  
ARGONAUT STAFF

The Idaho men's basketball team suffered a disappointing 80-67 first-round loss to UC Irvine to put an end to a disappointing season.

The story of the game for Idaho (8-22) was rebounding, or the lack thereof. The Vandals, who have prided themselves on rebounding all season, were outrebounded 50-25 by Irvine.

"We got pounded on the glass," Idaho coach Leonard Perry said. "We give up 15 offensive rebounds. In my eyes, that's the story of the game. It seemed like they were a little more determined to go get the shots they missed. When you get a team to miss, you have to go get the ball."

The Vandals were unable to contain junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald, who exploded for 30 points to lead Irvine, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range. Jeff Gloger had 12 points, Greg Ethington had 10, and Darren Fells had 10 off the bench for Irvine.

The Vandals were sparked by a career-high 19 points from sophomore guard Dillon Higdon, who hit 5 out of 7 3-pointers. Dandrick Jones, who received Second-Team All Big West honors this year, also scored 19 in his final game as a Vandal, and Tanoris Shepard added another 16.

Besides those three, Idaho really had no help offensively, as they were outscored 18-3 in bench scoring. Jerod Haynes, who finished with three points, was the only nonstarter to score for Idaho.

Senior post Anton Lyons, the Vandals' leading rebounder with seven per game, managed to pull in only one board on the night.

This was the last game for Lyons and fellow Idaho seniors Dandrick Jones, Lionel Davis, Matt Anderson and Armend Kahrmanovic.

"I was proud of our team's effort," Perry said. "We really tried to execute. We fought hard. This group, for whatever reason, has not been equipped enough to fight through any type of adversity. I could never really put my finger on it this year, but whatever happened on the offensive end affected us defensively."

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LEONARD PERRY  
IDAHO COACH



Idaho's Kendra Colyar (left) keeps a couple steps ahead of WSU's Grace Coulter during the women's 3k at the McDonald's Last Chance track meet in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday.

## Kurrat and Kamau off to championships

BY MACKENZIE STONE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Two University of Idaho track and field athletes will advance to the NCAA Indoor Championships, but for most Vandals, last weekend was their final indoor meet of the season.

Athletes competed March 4-5 in the UI Last Chance and the University of Washington Last Chance in Seattle in a final attempt to qualify for the championships.

Multi-event athlete Manuela Kurrat was the only Vandal to previously secure her spot in the NCAA Championships with her mark in the pentathlon at the WAC Indoor Championships in Boise. Tuesday it was announced that Mary Kamau received a berth in the mile with her provisionally qualified time from her performance on Saturday.

Sophomore Dee Olsen had a provisionally qualified time of 4:45.97 in the mile, but it was not fast enough to compete in the NCAA championships.

Kurrat and Kamau are the only Vandals who qualified for the championships, which are today and Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark. Last year, no athletes from Idaho qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

"She (Kurrat) is ranked in the top five, and if everything goes as planned she finish at the top. She is very focused."

Kamau and Olsen did not automatically qualify, like Kurrat, but were eligible to compete based on how their times compare to the rest of the nation.

The automatic qualifying time is 4:39.10, which only two athletes had reached as of March 4. Kamau finished second and broke her own school record in the UW Last Chance with a time of 4:40.79. She is ranked seventh in the nation for her time in the mile going into the championships.

"Both Mary and Manuela are capable of finishing all-American," Teevens said.

Olsen was in the running for her time in the mile, 4:45.97, when she finished fourth at the UW Last Chance.

"They both break the school record and they both ran great," head coach Yogi Teevens said.

Both Kurrat and Kamau will go into rest mode until they leave for Arkansas.

"They will be in rest mode and will be finishing technical work," Teevens said. "We want them to be fast and fresh."

Multi-event athlete Melinda Owen finished fourth in Seattle in the pole vault, barely missing the qualifying mark on her third attempt. She made it over the bar at the provisional qualifying mark but knocked it off on the way down, Teevens said.

The provisional qualifying mark for the pole vault is 12-11 1/2, and Owen cleared 12-5 3/4.

"It was amazing she jumped that high," Teevens said.

YOGI TEEVENS  
IDAHO COACH

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## Tennis teams prep for road trip and nationally ranked foes

BY MACKENZIE STONE  
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

The Idaho tennis team is going back on the road again this weekend to go up against several nationally ranked teams.

The women's team will compete today and Saturday in the Boise Tournament against Boise State and Montana State.

The men's team will compete against the University of Washington today in Seattle and then get back on the court Saturday to compete against Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

The Huskies (10-3) are ranked 14th and are 4-0 against unranked opponents.

"They (UW) are tough and it will be

good experience for us, but we can compete with anyone," coach Katrina Perlman said. "There is more excitement than anything to play Washington to see where we are and to see where they are."

The No. 1 seed for Idaho in singles and doubles is sophomore Michael Suttner (11-9).

"He (Suttner) is going to have a tough match because his opponent is probably highly ranked," Perlman said. "But we are decent too."

The Vandal men haven't had an official match since they were shut out by Lewis-Clark State College on Feb. 22.

The No. 1 doubles spot, Suttner and Terence Nugent, had the only win for Idaho.

Since then, they have been focusing

practice on errors from the matches against LCSC to prepare for their competitions against UW and PLU.

"We will go up against Pacific Lutheran the second day, and their level of play has gone up quite a bit this year," Perlman said. "They beat (LCSC) earlier this year."

PLU beat LCSC 6-3 in its first competition of the season Jan. 29. PLU has finished second for the past three years in the Northwest Conference Tournament.

The Idaho men's team's only win so far was a 7-0 victory against Linfield College, which it played Feb. 13. Prior to that win, the team lost 1-6 to No. 42 Boise State Jan. 17.

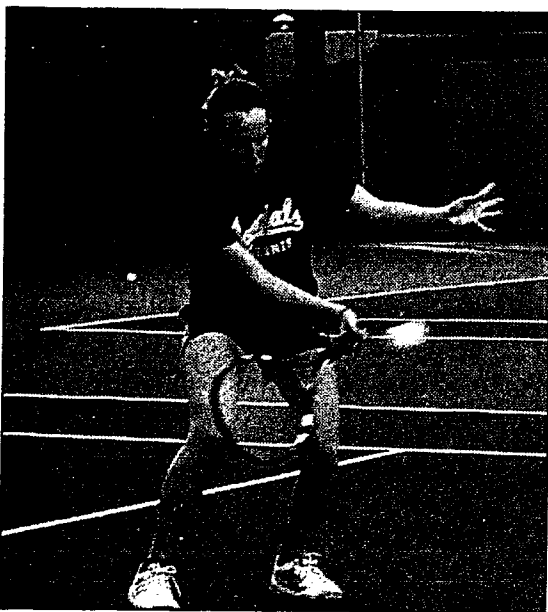
Next it will be the women's turn to take on Boise State, which they will go up against tomorrow. The team

plays Montana State Sunday.

"It will be tough in both competitions, but Boise is more competitive than Montana," Perlman said. "Boise playing at home is always tough because they get a lot of supporters out there, and they can get kind of rowdy."

The women have had two wins this season against LCSC, but fell to Washington State and No. 58 University of Denver earlier this year. But just because their last competition was on Feb. 27 doesn't mean the Vandals have been resting. Rather, they have been gearing up for their matches this weekend.

"Practice is always intense because we want to practice like we compete," Perlman said.



Efrat Leopold returns the ball during practice Friday.



# Vandal Wrap-Up

## Women's golf breaks UI record at Bobcat Desert Classic

Playing in the last round of a three-round tournament and holding the slimmest of leads over a rival school, the Idaho women's golf team excelled under pressure Wednesday and clinched first place at the Bobcat Desert Classic.

The Vandals shot 291 at the Palm Valley Golf Course, thus setting a school record with a three-round score of 888.

"They entered the day with a three-stroke lead over second place Boise State. By the end of the round, the Vandals' lead was 15 strokes.

"The entire team played great. Everyone competed well, and everyone contributed great scores," Idaho

coach Brad Rickel said. "To shoot 888 is phenomenal in women's college golf."

Freshman Renee Skidmore took the individual title from BSU's Katie Street by shooting 70 for the second consecutive round. Skidmore, who shot 215 for the tournament, has finished in the top three five times in her first seven tournaments. This was her third tournament championship.

The Vandals finished ahead of 19 other teams.

Junior Jennifer Tucker shot 72 in the third round and tied for third with 221 overall. Sophomore Cassie Castleman tied for sixth with 224.

"We're real happy to have the spring season underway," Rickel said. "Hopefully this is a sign of things to come."

**Team Standings:** 1. Idaho 888, 2. Boise State 903, 3. tie, Montana State and North Texas 912, 5. Western Michigan 918, 6. Northern Arizona 921, 7. Montana 922, 8. Portland 929, 9. Gonzaga 933, 10. Eastern Washington 937, 11. Cal Poly 945, 12. tie, UC Riverside and Western New Mexico 947, 14. Sacramento State 949, 15. Grand Canyon 954, 16. Weber State 956, 17. Wyoming 965, 18. Idaho State 1010, 19. North Dakota State 1032.

**Vandal Scorers:** 1. Renee Skidmore 75-70-70-215; T3. Jennifer Tucker 72-77-72-221; T6. Cassie Castleman 74-76-74-224; T23. Kelly Nakashima 73-81-75-229; T54. Jill Phillips 82-80-76-238.

## Disappointing finish for men's golf team

The Idaho men's golf team followed two outstanding rounds Monday with one disappointing round Tuesday to finish eighth at the Braveheart Classic.

The Vandals posted 310 in the third round and finished with 882 overall.

"We definitely showed what we're capable of in the first two rounds," head coach Brad Rickel said. "We went back a little today."

Pete Williams, who posted a 67 in the second round, shot 75 on the final day to tie for 10th with 214.

UC-Riverside won the tournament with 850. Brendan Steele led the Highlanders by shooting below 70 three times en route to a 203 total.

"Hopefully we'll find good things to build on," Rickel said. "Next time I hope we'll react a little better."

**Team standings:** 1. UC Riverside 850, 2. Cal Poly 856, 3. UC Santa Barbara 869, 4. UCLA 873, 5. St. Mary's 875, 6. Utah 876, 7. Boise State 878, 8. Idaho 882, 9. Loyola Marymount 883, 10. tie, San Diego and Portland 889, 12. Weber State 898, 13. New Mexico State 901, 14. Southern Utah 904, 15. tie, Santa Clara and Utah State 907, 17. Sacramento State 914, 18. Cal State Northridge 919, 19. Pennsylvania 936.

**Vandal scorers:** T10. Pete Williams 72-67-75-214; T35. Jason Huff 71-73-79-223; T40. Dylan Hill 70-75-79-224; T45. Christian Akau 72-76-77-225; T78. Bill Witte 82-72-79-233.

**Non-scoring individual:** T68. Gabe Wilson 75-76-81-232.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

Today	Boise
UI track and field at the NCAA Indoor Championships Fayetteville, Ark.	<b>Sunday</b>
UI men's tennis at University of Washington Seattle	UI women's tennis at Boise State Boise
<b>Saturday</b>	Note: Intramurals - Entries for team sports will be open one week before entry deadline. For more information call the Campus Recreation Office at 885-6381.
UI track and field at the NCAA Indoor Championships Fayetteville, Ark.	Outdoor Program - For more information call the office at 885-6810.
UI men's tennis at Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, Wash.	Sports calendar items must be submitted in writing or e-mailed to <a href="mailto:arg_sports@uidaho.edu">arg_sports@uidaho.edu</a> by Sunday or Wednesday before publication. Items must include a date, deadline or other kind of time element.
UI women's tennis at Boise State	

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Fencing club president wins tournament

UI Fencing Club president Byron Wong won the men's foil event and secured a spot in the Fencing Summer National Championships in the Inland Empire Divisional Tournament.

The United States Fencing Association sanctioned the March 5 tournament in Spokane in the West Central Community Center. Also in the tournament, Rose Keller finished fourth in the women's foil event. There were two other club members who finished second and third in the novice foil event.

The fencing club meets from 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays in PEB 111, inviting all students and faculty to join regardless of their level of experience. Also, students may enroll for one credit in the advanced fencing class, which is taught by Norman Pendegrift and Robert Behal.

### Idaho women's basketball player awarded 'Best Hustle'

Lelani Mitchell, a guard for the Idaho women's basketball team, was honored with the Big West Conference "Best Hustle" Award.

The award, which is voted on by Big West Conference players, is the first specialty award given to a member of the Vandal women's team.

Mitchell, a sophomore from Kennewick, Wash., was rewarded for her all-around scoring, stealing, assisting and all-out covering of the court. She kept the Vandal offense running at a quick clip with conference highs in assists per game (5.74), steals per game (3.78) and assist-turnover ratio (2.31). She averages just 2.5 turnovers per game.

UC Riverside's Kemie Nkele, who wrapped up 2005 Freshman of the Year honors, added Big West Defensive Player of the Year honors to her resume while Cal State Fullerton's Amber Pruitt was honored with the Big West Best Sixth Woman award.

## Congressman defends subpoenas, warns MLB

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA  
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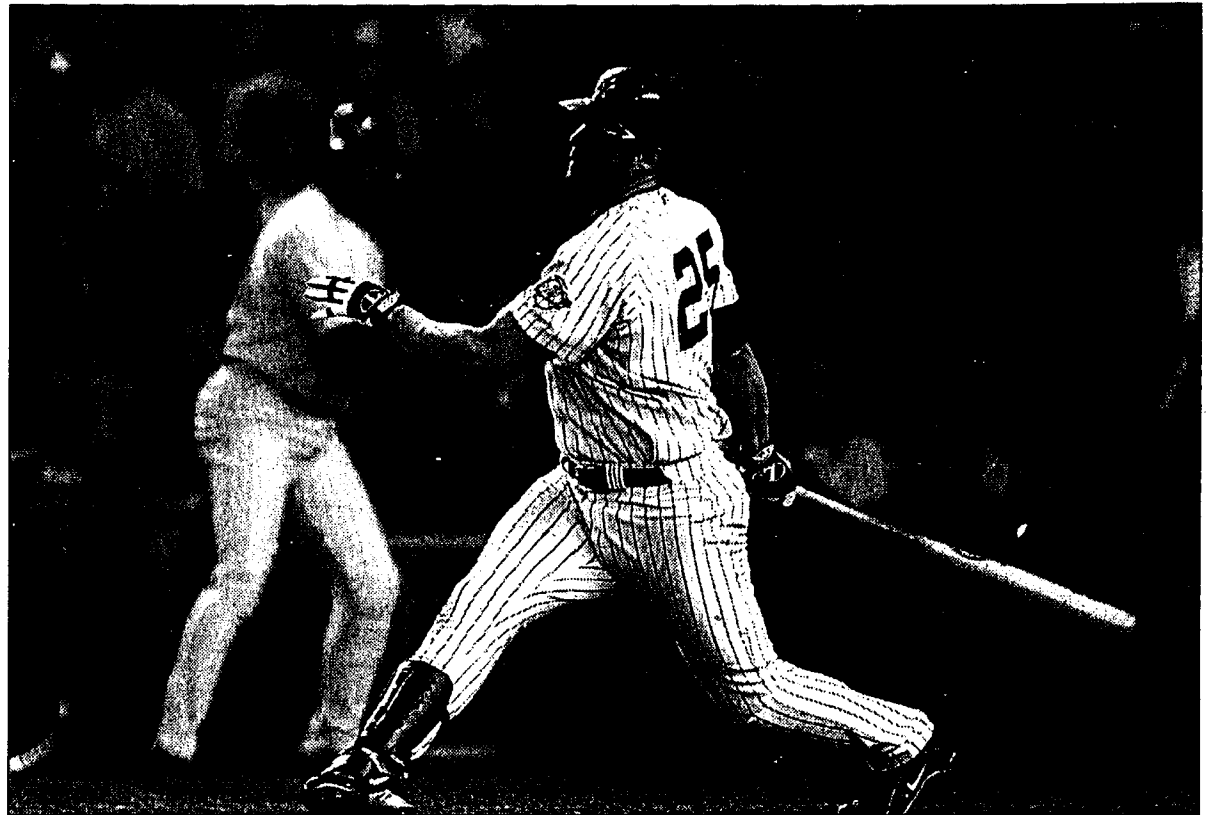
(KRT) - Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., said he'd hold any of seven baseball players in contempt of Congress should they fail to appear for March 17 congressional committee hearings where they've been subpoenaed to testify about steroid use.

Davis, chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, also reacted sharply to plans by Major League Baseball to fight the subpoenas, likening league officials and players to former Enron head Ken Lay, who balked at congressional investigations into his company's financial collapse.

The committee on Wednesday subpoenaed some of the biggest names in baseball, including sluggers Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Jason Giambi and Jose Canseco, whose recent book "Juiced" alleges rampant steroid use by players over the past 20 years.

But Davis baffled many by not issuing a subpoena to Barry Bonds, the single-season home run record-holder who's at the center of the controversy. He said he didn't summon the San Francisco Giants outfielder because he feared that would turn his hearing into "a Bonds show." He also said that Bonds' congressional testimony could affect a federal grand jury investigation of steroids produced by a San Francisco Bay area laboratory and noted that Bonds wasn't implicated in Canseco's book, as several other players were.

"The hearing's not about Barry Bonds," Davis said. "It's about steroid-use policy, and I'm afraid if Bonds gets here it's going to be a hearing about Barry Bonds. We're not interested in witch-hunting ... we're interested in getting to the bottom of this."



The Yankees' Jason Giambi strikes out in the ninth inning as the Red Sox win game six of the American League Championship Series at Yankee Stadium Oct. 15, 2003. Giambi is one of several MLB players being subpoenaed by Congress.

Bonds might be called to a future hearing, Davis said.

Baseball officials have vowed to challenge the subpoenas, charging that Davis' committee has no authority to investigate the issue. But in a four-page letter Thursday to Major League Baseball, Davis and Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat, cited a provision in the rules of the House of Representatives that gives the committee the authority "to conduct investigations of any matter" at "any time."

Canseco has agreed to testify. The committee also subpoenaed three baseball officials, including commissioner Bud Selig, and Donald Fehr, the head of the

Major League Baseball Players Association. Commissioner's office attorney Stanley Brand said in a letter to Davis and Waxman that the league would fight the subpoenas for all the players except Canseco, as well as those for documents related to baseball's steroid-testing program.

Fehr will testify next week, along with Robert Manfred, baseball's vice president for labor relations, who's offered to appear on Selig's behalf, Brand wrote.

Davis vowed to pursue contempt of Congress charges against anyone who doesn't show up. "There are a lot of these peo-

ple, they make millions of dollars, they don't intermingle with the public, they don't understand what the world is like. There is a series of laws. It's like Ken Lay saying, 'You don't need to investigate me. There's already an investigation going on. My company's investigating me,'" Davis said.

"That's not the way this business works," he continued. "Whether it's the president of the United States or whether it's a Major League Baseball player, everybody's subject to the law in this case, and some of these people may not understand this. But I think they will by the time we're through."

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