

'Nobeldom' overrated for Williams

Nobel laureate speaks at Borah Symposium

BY LISA WAREHAM
ARGONAUT STAFF

For many students, a burden is a hangover or homework. For Jody Williams, a burden is being the winner of a Nobel Peace Prize. Williams spoke about her prize at the Borah Symposium Wednesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Williams said her "nobeldom" puts pressure on her to exceed her accomplishments on a daily basis. She said the pressure is harder to deal with every day. Williams, the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Land mines, won

the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 because of her work with ICBL. Her help has resulted in 144 nations signing a treaty banning land mines. The treaty resulted in \$1.8 billion spent for the destruction of 300 million land mines. "She served as the glue who really kept things together," said Monica Shurtman, UI law professor, when she introduced Williams. Williams said thousands of people helped the treaty become a reality. "I'm just one of thousands of people who came together to make the world a little bit better," She said. "Nobody changes the world alone. I don't care who they are." Williams said land mines have been called the "perfect soldier," because they never have to be fed, given a uniform or told when to attack. She said many people have died and have been mutilated because of the mines. Diego Chavez, a senior political science major, said he is required to attend three events for a class

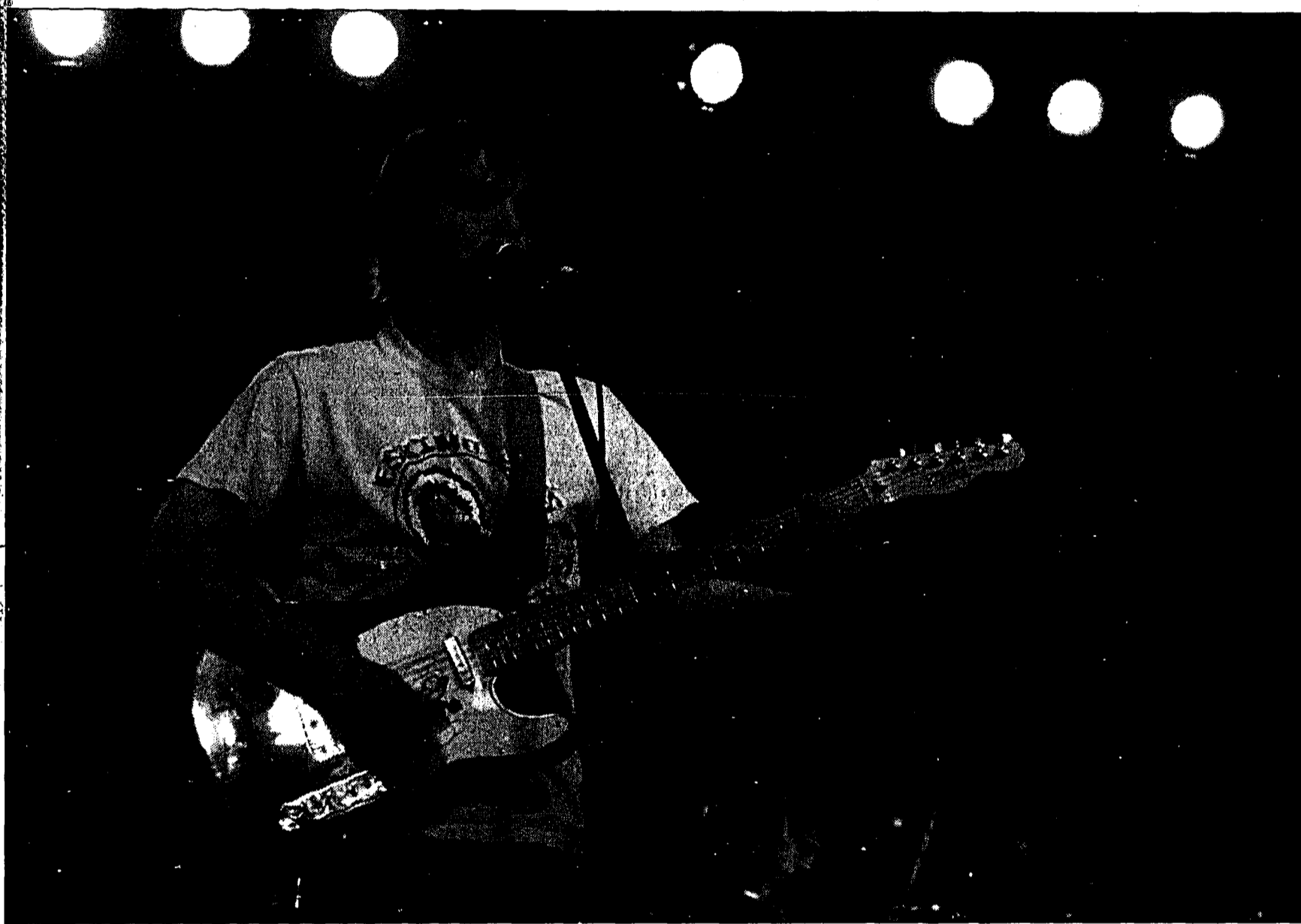
and chose this event because of William's Nobel Prize. "I think it's a pretty big deal in this area to have one of three U.S. women that have actually won the peace prize," Chavez said. Williams is also one of the 10 women globally to have won the prize. She said people often think of ICBL's accomplishment as a "utopian dream," which brings an unrealistic image to her mind. "Work for peace is not about rainbows and dogs," Williams said. "It's hard work every day to achieve the goals we set out to achieve in the campaign." She said every person has the right and the duty to promote peace. "Change is possible, even in this world of terror," Williams said. She said she knows of a plastic surgeon who donates reconstructive surgery to battered women.

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JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT
Jody Williams, founder of the International Campaign to Ban Land mines (ICBL) and Nobel Peace Prize winner, speaks Wednesday night during the Borah Symposium about the growth of the ICBL and the threat that land mines still pose.

ROCKIN' FOR AWARENESS



JARED DESJARLAIS / ARGONAUT
Dave Ewing rocks with the rest of his band "Chuck Lush" Thursday night during the Rock Against Rape benefit.

ASUI election gets larger student vote

Strong beats competition by nearly five percent

BY SAM TAYLOR
NEWS EDITOR

The results are in, counted and delivered. There are eight new ASUI senators. Whitney Strong, a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, received more than 43 percent of the student vote in this week's ASUI senate election with 356 votes out of 826 total student voters. Molly Curfman, who received 317 votes, the second largest number, was 4.7 percent behind Strong's tally. Strong said she thinks she won because of the campaign blitz she conducted throughout the Greek system. "I'm very happy. I've been freaking out all day," Strong said. "I'm really surprised, actually, but I guess my campaign strategy paid off. ... I dropped off flyers at all of the Greek houses." Of the eight new senators, five are members of Greek houses and three are either in the residence halls or off campus. There will be 10 Greeks and five residence hall or off-campus students on the senate in the fall. The campaigns by seven members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were partially unsuccessful, but three members still won senate seats. This week's ASUI elections beat out last year's voter count of 780 by 46 votes, something ASUI elections coordinator Vedran Skoro said he was proud of. "The spring election usually has a lower turnout, but we did better than last year," Skoro said. "Of course I'm happy."

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State board approves 9.25 percent student fee increase for fall 2005

ASUI could receive more than \$400,000 increase

BY NATE POPPINO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Idaho State Board of Education approved a 9.25 percent student fee increase for the University of Idaho Thursday after hearing extensive testimony from administrators and stu-

dents in Idaho Falls. Administrators asked for a 9.25 percent increase in student fees. The increase amounts to an extra \$168 per semester, bringing total fees per semester to \$1,984, or \$3,968 for the year. UI President Tim White, interim Provost Linda Morris, interim Vice President of Finance and Administration David Chichester, budget director Mark Brainard, ASUI President Autumn Hansen and the university's legal counsel are attending the two-day meeting, which began Thursday and finishes today. In addition, it was proposed that the law school fee be raised by \$500 per semester and the Western

Undergraduate Exchange fee be raised by \$84 per semester. Brainard said at Tuesday's Faculty Council meeting that the graduate student fee, currently at \$270 per semester, will again not be raised, to compensate for small student stipends. "The feeling was and continues to be we should not increase the graduate flat fee," Brainard said. The increase is the result of this semester's discussions between ASUI and university administrators. In February, Hansen said the two groups wanted to avoid the budget disputes and fights of last year. "We want to make sure that when the meeting comes we'll be able to go as a

united institution and make sure students and administrators get what they need," Hansen said. The increase, if adopted, will provide an estimated \$3.05 million in additional revenues. According to a notice of intent regarding the proposal, some of that money will go to these dedicated activity funds: • The athletics program will get \$90,900, which will be put toward complying with gender equity rules and maintaining current programs. • ASUI will get \$413,400, which will help restore funding to some programs and support and expand others. • The Idaho Commons and Student Union will get \$127,200, which will go

toward operations, student life programming and other responsibilities. • The Student Recreation Center will get \$119,900 for operating expenses, late-night programming and other responsibilities. • The Dean of Students' office and Student Advisory Services will get \$54,500 for alcohol awareness and violence prevention programs. Some graduate students are not happy about paying all dedicated fees. At the faculty council meeting, political science graduate student Mark Anderson said even though the Graduate Student Association receives

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Tri Delt president in stable condition after car hit by semi

BY SAM TAYLOR
NEWS EDITOR

A University of Idaho senior is in stable condition at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston after a semi truck hit her car Monday night. Elaine Datu, 20, the president of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, suffered a hairline fracture to her skull, broken legs and a broken collarbone and rib, said UI sophomore Melinda Giacalone, the Tri Delt vice president of administration. At 10:22 p.m., Datu was north of the top of the Lewiston Hill when she crossed the center line, according to an Idaho State Police report. As she crossed the line, the semi, driven by 49-year-old Douglas Booth of Alabama, hit the passenger side of her 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity. The car was pushed into the west-side ditch and the semi came to rest on top of the car, the report states. Booth was cited for a logbook violation not relat-

ed to the wreck, and the investigation into the incident is still ongoing. Giacalone said Datu, a journalism and mass media major, is stable, but there is no word yet whether or not she will return to school this semester. "Girls from the house have been visiting her," she said. Tri Delt members have been told not to comment too much about the incident or Datu, and Giacalone could only give basic information, she said. UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said he was glad Datu was doing OK. "We are delighted that it sounds like she will fully recover from her injuries," Pitman said. Pitman also said UI administrators were keeping updated on the situation.



DATU

"We're working closely with Elaine and her family to support her at this time," he said. Jeremy Mitchell, a junior architecture major and friend of Datu's, said she was always a hard worker and he was glad she was going to be all right. He and others went to the hospital to visit her, but visitors were not allowed to see her during the first several days after the wreck. "Her dad came down to the waiting room and talked to us for about two hours," Mitchell said. "He told us that everything was good and she'll be able to walk again." Kenton Bird, interim director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media, said he and Karin Clifford, administrative assistant for the school, visited with Datu briefly on Wednesday. "She was awake and asking questions about what she missed in class that morning," Bird said. Bird, who has known Datu since before she came to UI because of a summer journalism workshop in 2001, said she was a great student.



COURTESY KLEW-TV
Firefighters douse the wreckage of Datu's crushed car Monday night just north of the Lewiston grade. "She's engaged with her classes and campus activities, and just fun to have around," Bird said.

OUTLOOK PALOUSE WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast for Today, Saturday, and Sunday with icons and temperature ranges.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

- Today: Dissertation: Yao-ting Chu, education College of Education Conference, Room 3F 10 a.m. Workshop: "Relaxation Skills: Humor" SRC Conference Room 2 p.m. Student recital: Michael Lynch, alto saxophone School of Music Recital Hall 5 p.m. "Idaho Gem and Other UI Stories" UITY-8 6:30 p.m. "Closer" SUB Borah Theater 7 p.m. "Mostly Moscow" UITY-8 7:30 p.m. ASUI Senate UITY-8 8 p.m. Saturday: Wyoming game warden exam College of Natural Resources, Room 10 10 a.m. "Whale Rider" SUB Borah Theater 11 a.m. Student recital: Kristen McMullin, flute, and Sarah Simpkins, piano School of Music Recital Hall noon "The Grudge" SUB Borah Theater 1 p.m. "Closer" SUB Borah Theater 7 p.m. Student recital: Jessica Hanna, flute School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m. Sunday: Student recital: Noah Beck, guitar School of Music Recital Hall 2 p.m. Monday: Dissertation: Jason Abblitt, education College of Education, Room 301 8:30 a.m. Dissertation: Wendy Perry Ruchti, education College of Education, Room 402 10 a.m. Staff awards reception UI Ballroom 2 p.m. Dissertation: Ronald Wilson Wright, education College of Education, Room 301 2 p.m. Athena's Women of the Year awards ceremony Idaho Commons Aurora Room 5 p.m. UI Martin Forum UITY-8 8 p.m. UI guitar ensemble School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

CROSSWORDPUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Solutions from April 18 crossword puzzle with answers for across and down.

SENATEREPORT

April 20, 2005

Open Forum

Hank Johnston, former ASUI parliamentarian, who is taking the semester off from school, spoke to the senate about problems he saw in the legislative branch of the student government. Although the past procedure czar was at the meeting, his presence did little to stop senators from passing notes, whispering to each other and snickering as people spoke. Johnston told the senate he was disappointed in the makeup of ASUI representation, and that there were too many Greek members in senate. "You should consider making it so one cluster of students doesn't control the senate," Johnston said. "It places an unfair advantage. ... I told you last fall; I'm telling you again. Do what you want with it." Johnston said he was coming back for the fall 2005 semester and was dis-

appointed that ASUI also backed University of Idaho President Tim White's 9.3 percent fee proposal because now he was coming back having to pay higher fees. He also said he was considering giving a third "State of the Hank" address, which is his annual speech addressing the past year of ASUI and his thoughts on it. ASUI Productions Board chair Bret Cocking updated the senators on past endeavors, such as UI Moms' Weekend events. Cocking said the board partnered with the Student/Alumni relations board and alumni for Moms' Weekend and the events went well. He also said a recent ASUI Coffeehouse Series concert was very popular and that he hoped people would suggest more bands that would bring students to the concerts. "ASUI Sen. Chris Worden congratulated Cocking on his work with ASUI Productions and encouraged him to work on events for next year's Dads' Weekend.

Sen. Eric Everett said he had been passing names of bands to Sen. Hartley Riedner, who was passing all suggestions to Cocking, and he said although some people may think it is a joke, "some people really do want Hootie and the Blowfish to come." ASUI Faculty Council representative Kimberly Farnen recapped past council meetings for the senators. Farnen said the council was working on graduate student copyright issues and they had also passed a resolution supporting the 9.3 percent student fee increase proposed by White. Farnen said there was not much concern by Faculty Council members regarding the proposal. She also spoke about phase two of budget cuts at UI. "There have been no more notices of intent yet for eliminations but we do expect them, though," she said. Presidential Communications ASUI President Autumn Hansen was not at the meeting because she, ASUI

presidential policy adviser Humberto Cerrillo and ASUI adviser Steve Janowlak were in Idaho Falls for the Idaho State Board of Education meeting to discuss the 9.3 percent student fee increase. Senate Business Senate Bill S05-50, which deletes the ASUI Facilities and Operations Board, was passed unanimously. Senate Bill S05-51, which creates an ASUI Student Recreation Board to replace the facilities and operations board, was passed unanimously. Senate Bill S05-52, which creates an ASUI Commons and Union Board, was passed unanimously. Senate Bill S05-56, which suspends the ASUI Rules and Regulations regarding the advertisement and appointment dates for the ASUI Attorney General, because ASUI had already missed the date to take such actions, was passed unanimously. -Sam Taylor

LOCALBRIEFS

Spring study abroad could include Olympics Students interested in studying abroad in Italy will have a chance to attend the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, Study Abroad program adviser Clarity Wolff said. Wolff said the arena where Olympic events will take place is minutes from the study abroad campus. Classes will be in recess for two weeks so students can attend, and Olympic internships are possible.

UI student achievers honored April 15 More than 3,000 UI students were recognized for outstanding academic achievements at the 2005 UI Honors Convocation April 15, during Mom's Weekend. Honors went to those who were inducted into a scholastic honor society this academic year, made the dean's list or received an Alumni Award for Excellence in December 2004. All freshman and transfer students who became

members of the University Honors Program also were recognized. James Der Derian, professor of international studies at Brown University and of political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, spoke about "Beyond 9/11: A New Global Security Agenda." He leads the Information Technology, War and Peace Project. Open forums next week on NCAA self-study UI is seeking public input to the National Collegiate Athletic Association

Athletics Certification Self-Study Report recently drafted by several committees composed of students, faculty and staff. An open forum to gather input from students will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Crest Room of the Idaho Commons. An open forum to gather input from faculty and staff will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Horizon Room of the Commons. The report is available on the Web at www.ncaa-cert.uidaho.edu by clicking on "Draft Self-Study Report." A copy of this report is also available for review at the UI Library Reserve Desk.

NATIONALBRIEFS

Bush says gas prices beyond his control WASHINGTON - President Bush lamented the soaring cost of gasoline Wednesday but said he doesn't have a "magic wand" to make high prices disappear. Speaking to members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Bush suggested he's powerless to stop price increases that pushed the average price of gasoline to a record \$2.28 a gallon last week. Rising gas costs have taken a toll on consumer confidence and Bush's standing in public opinion polls. "Millions of American families and small businesses are hurting because of higher gasoline prices," Bush said. "I wish I could simply wave a magic wand and lower gas prices tomorrow; I'd do

that. Unfortunately, higher gas prices are a problem that has been years in the making." Experts cite several factors for the high gas prices, starting with the cost of crude oil. Growing demand from China and other developing nations, instability in Iraq and America's dependence on foreign energy sources have all helped push up crude oil prices. Critics say Bush could provide some relief by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the government's stockpile to protect against an oil disruption, but he's resisted that idea. Bush believes the reserve should be used for national emergencies, not to influence prices at the pump. Beyond that, experts say there's little Bush can do to bring quick relief at the gas pump.

Air Force begins using Kevlar shorts QUANTICO, Va. - Air Force Senior Airman John Chege was driving a 5-ton truck in a convoy south of Mosul, Iraq, when a roadside bomb went off, splattering his vehicle with razor-sharp shrapnel. That blast last July killed a gunner in the back of the truck and wounded a passenger in the cab. A metal shard dug six centimeters into Chege's butt. The 26-year-old Seattle native's legs went numb. For a while, he couldn't walk or use the toilet. "They had to put a colostomy bag on me." Now, thanks to the ingenuity and cooperation of a small group of military officers and civilian equipment specialists, the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab

at Quantico has developed a novel form of body armor - Kevlar shorts - to save troops from death or maiming injuries. But the new armor has been issued to only a handful of the troops at risk. After public outcry over shortages of flak vests and armored Humvees, the Army and Marines ordered those items by the thousands. The unfamiliar Kevlar shorts have yet to inspire such fervor. The manufacturer calls it a classic illustration of bureaucratic inertia. Nine months after the Marines began trying out the new shorts, only the Air Force has bought a significant number for personnel on dangerous convoy duty in Iraq. The Marines, who pride themselves on being the nation's quick reaction force, are still testing a batch of 10 pairs and don't plan to make a decision on buying more for months.

ASUI debates salary increase

BY CYNTHIA REYNAUD ARGONAUT STAFF It has been 10 years since ASUI senators have received a salary increase, and that is long enough, some say. In the proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year, ASUI President Autumn Hansen said she has written in an increase in senators' salaries, an act made possible after ASUI received a budget increase with an estimated revenue increase of about \$413,000 for the 2006 budget. Next week, the ASUI finance committee will be voting on the proposal, but as of now, it is unknown if the increases will be made. "Right now our pay does not denote our value by any means,"

Hansen said. "Money denotes value - it really does." The current salary for an ASUI senator is \$55 every two weeks. On average, the minimum time a senator puts in at the office is 15 hours per week, Hansen said, and some work even more. "Two dollars an hour? I see that as slave labor," she said. The proposed increase would raise the senators' salaries to about \$75 per pay period, which, she said, still isn't enough to compensate for all the work they do. "We're willing to step up regardless of pay, but what's wrong with compensating for that work?" she said. Some senators, though, do see it as wrong. ASUI Sen. Tom Callery, chair-

man of the ASUI Finance Committee, said he is against the salary increase. "I would say our pay is adequate, at least with restoration," Callery said. Last year, he said, senator salaries were cut. The restoration would only bring salaries back to their original amount. "I think you do make a sacrifice to be in ASUI," Callery said. "No one comes up here to do it for the money." Sen. Travis Galloway said he wants salary increases because not everyone can financially afford to make the sacrifices ASUI requires. "This is an appeal to underprivileged students," he said. "Making student government into an actual, viable job ... this is a step in that direction."

who can be in ASUI," Shofner said. "We can say for a fact there is not a whole lot of diversity right now." "Most of our families fall under pretty similar tax brackets," Galloway said. Shofner said while \$75 once every two weeks is not much to live on, it is "an adequate source for relief." A concern for some senators is how the student population will react to the student government increasing their salaries. Sen. Alex Stegner said he thinks they would be outraged. "For student leaders to be giving themselves salary increases - it's not right. That money could go to any number of things that's serving students," Stegner said. "The bad image of it can't be denied."

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"She still lives in wealth," Williams said. "But she found a way to give back to her community."

Williams said her goal is to motivate at least one person every time she speaks at an event, because her peace advocacy started with a pamphlet she received about a man speaking.

"If what I say reaches one or two or three (people) every time I speak ... and actually affects them and they go out and make a change in the world, imagine the ripple effect," she said.

Williams' speech, "An Individual's Responsibility," concluded the Borah Symposium, an annual event promoting peace.

The topics of other symposium events included genocide, interreligious engagement for world peace, overcoming violence, and morality vs. security.

"We aim to create an environment where we feel it's OK to question our old perspective and feel empowered," said Rula Awwad-Rafferty, chair of the Borah Foundation Committee. "Peace is globally a human right for all of us."

Moran Rosenthal, a senior natural resources major and Borah Foundation Committee member, said the symposium was dedicated to people who have been persecuted for seeking peace.

"It's about recognizing those who have made a difference," she said. "Because in many ways talking about peace is not easy, or even safe."

Sharon Scott, administrative assistant for the Borah Foundation Committee, said the symposium was aimed for the University of Idaho as well as the Moscow community.

"I think any time you can afford yourself to hear anyone in this caliber that is involved in peace you should do that," said Deena Heath, director of the Moscow Arts Commission.

Awwad-Rafferty said the committee started organizing the symposium far in advance.

"It takes a whole year, literally," Awwad-Rafferty said. "But the power that you feel, them bringing the world to your fingertips, it's amazing. It's sudden inspiration."

Earth Week draws attention from community

BY BRIAN RICH
ARGONAUT STAFF

Though today is Earth Day, some at the University of Idaho have been referring to it as Earth Week, noting events that began Tuesday and will culminate on the Idaho Commons lawn today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Friday is a great time to come out and see what's going on on campus," said Jonathan Teeters, ASUI director of sustainability.

Earth Week's first event was Tuesday, Solid Waste Day, where Monday's trash was collected from the Idaho Commons and piled on the sidewalk for all to see.

Alonzo Mandanna, one of the event's coordinators, said the trash produced Monday was lighter than usual, though they were unable to weigh it.

"This was a slow Monday," Mandanna said. "Some busier days produce over 1,000 pounds."

Mandanna's classmate, Rick Pringle, said they planned on a bigger display but ran into problems with Campus Health and Safety.

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JONATHAN TEETERS
ASUI DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

"Our original idea was to get a pile from all around campus but it was a little too far-fetched," Pringle said.

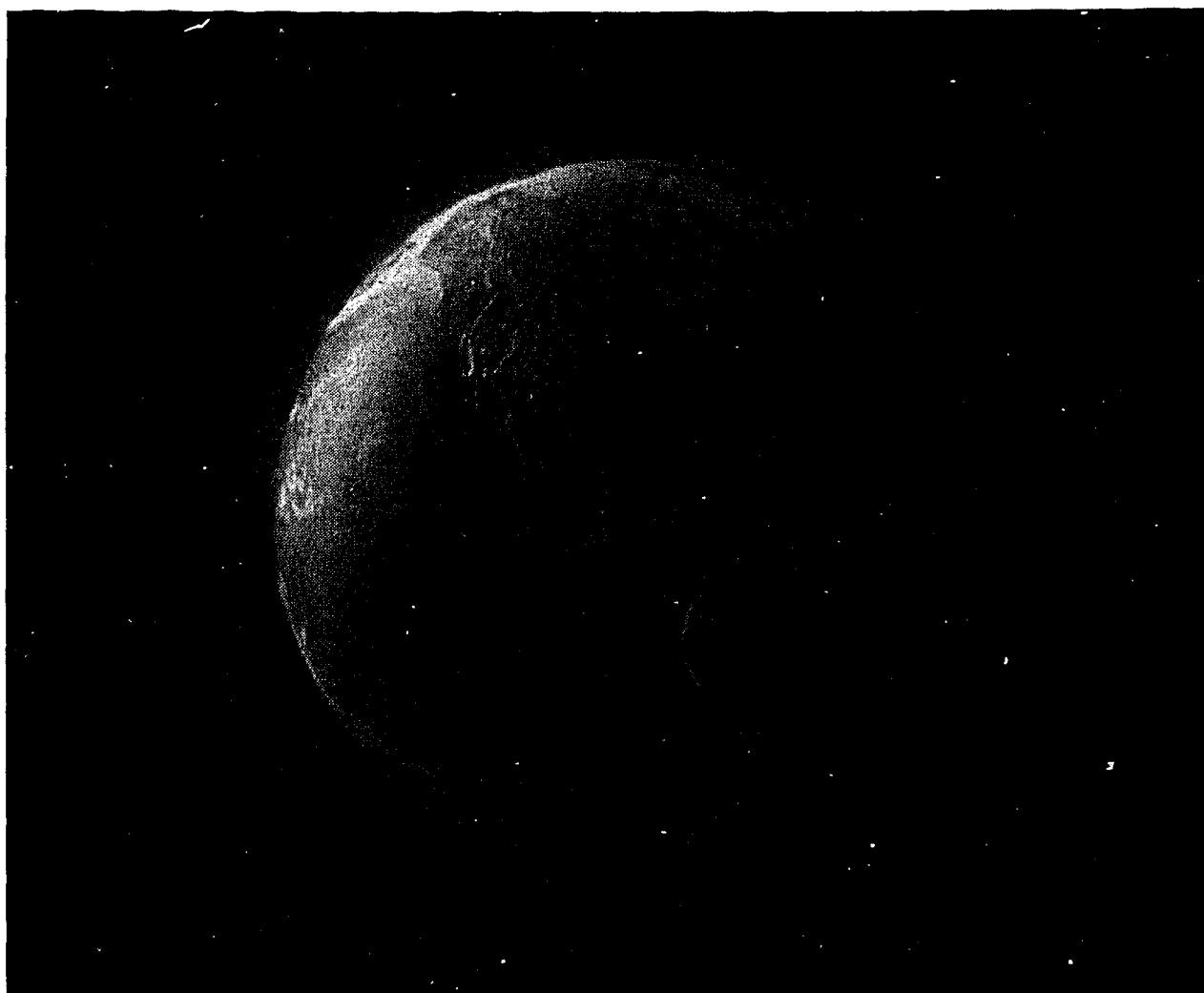
The trash was piled up to show students what a single building produces on a normal weekday, something that normally goes unseen.

"Solid Waste Day and Compost Day, those were student activities. They came to me, wanting to get involved, and I gave them ideas to make a difference," Teeters said.

Pringle, Mandanna and another classmate, Randy Twyman, are members of a group that began participating in Earth Week events as part of a class assignment, though Pringle said it has motivated him to be more active in sustainability programs on campus.

"The class sort of motivated me to get involved more, but I think it's something I want to keep involved with and something I want to pursue next year," Pringle said. "I've got one more year left and I'd like to see what I can change."

Other events this week were Alternative Transportation Day and Compost Day, where volun-



NASA's HUBBLE Space Telescope displays the earth from space. Students at the University of Idaho spent the week working on various sustainability projects in support of Earth Day. But at UI, the entire week was spent celebrating the planet.

teers helped students separate compostable items from their trash in the Wallace cafeteria and the Commons.

Alternative Transportation Day was a movement to encourage people to use any means of transportation other than one-person vehicles. Compost Day was part of a larger movement to test the feasibility of a campus-community composting program, Teeters said.

"Composting is a very easy program to get started with obvious benefits, especially in an agricultural area like this," he said.

Pringle said he would like to see the community embrace this week's events.

"It would be nice if the projects would help people think a little bit and get them to get involved," Pringle

said. "The whole campus sustainability thing is the students getting involved and getting things done that they want to see. It makes the campus better all around, financially and environmentally."

Teeters said that though Earth Day is often the day people get up and do something, most people lose motivation soon after.

"We know we're supposed to recycle on Earth Day, so we do," he said. "We know we're supposed to walk to work, so we do."

But Teeters said cooperation can make a sustainable environment more achievable.

"We don't all have to change the world," Teeters said, "but together we can change the world."

SENATE

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Tyler Smith, Zach Olson and Nick Slater, all members of SAE, won seats.

Brandon Nixon, another SAE, was disappointed in his loss.

"You know you gotta be disappointed when you put in work like that," Nixon said.

Nixon said he was going to consider other ways to be a part of ASUI.

"I'll look at my options and see what's out there," he said.

Travis Shofner, the only senator who ran for reelection, said he was happy with his win and that he looked forward to working with a fresh team of senators.

When asked about the issue of a campus pub, which was part of his campaign platform, Shofner said he hoped the issues surrounding the pub had died down.

"The issues are hopefully dead, so I hope we can now get to the task of investigating our options and talking with students to see if this is something they want," Shofner said.

Julio Alvarez, another winner who lives in Borah Hall, said he was happy about his win and that he wanted to focus on safety issues.

"I think that's what people are mostly concerned about," he said.

Alvarez said he still wanted to try to promote the establishment of a bilingual newspaper.

"I think it's necessary for students to learn Spanish and to be bilingual," Alvarez said.

The new senators, including Shofner in his reelection, will join six other senators - five of which are members of the Greek system.

The issue of too many students of one living group being elected to the senate had been addressed in the senate candidate forums last week. Most candidates agreed with each other, saying the senate should be more proportionally based on the people it is representing.

FEES

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the university could not shape fees for every student.

Student fees have risen by an average of 8.9 percent a year for the past 10 years. Seven of those increases have been by 9 percent or more.

The highest increase was 11.91 percent in 2002, while the lowest was 4.65 percent in 1995.

According to rankings developed by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the state of Idaho ranks 12th in the average amount of resident undergraduate fees charged, with a total of \$3,877.

The commission is made up of 15 western states. Washington tops the list at \$5,168, and Wyoming is the least expensive at \$2,721.



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MAILBOX

Government should leave smokers alone

Dear Editor,
I would like to respond to Scott Smith, "Education helps us to stop smoking" (April 8). Your letter made me mad and sad at the same time. I am mad because you think that smoking is something the government should stick their noses into and (apparently) regulate. I am sad ... well, for the same reason. Your stance on this issue is an example of how we in this country have strayed from the independent attitudes of our ancestors. In your letter you stated that you think smoking, like other health issues, is something the government should do something about. Smoking is not really the government's business because — and hold onto your seat for this one — it's a private choice. One does not choose to get sick. One does however choose to smoke. Regardless of how much they (tobacco companies) manipulated nicotine levels or how much advertising they use, every smoker chose to smoke. I know, because I am an ex-smoker. No one forced me to take that first puff. I did that on my own and I take full responsibility for the decision.
With freedom comes great responsibility. For example, if you drink and drive and kill someone, it's not the bar's fault for serving you. It's yours for getting behind the wheel. If you have sex and get AIDS, it is not the government's job to cure you. If a person begins smoking and develops cancer, it's their own fault.
I agree that smoking in public buildings should be prohibited for health reasons (notice I did not say privately owned businesses, which you are free not to go into, which is another personal choice). But otherwise, smoking is an individual decision and is, quite frankly, none of your business. Personally, I value my constitutional freedoms enough that I wouldn't have it any other way.

David Riley
Senior
Fish and wildlife resources

Everybody has the right to self-defense

Dear Editor,
It has become apparent to me from Matt Johnston's letter ("Brice didn't have right to 'defend' himself" (April 19)) that my previous letter was not clear enough. I would now like to clarify a few of my points that Johnston misinterpreted. First, every living creature has the right to self-defense. All creatures instinctively act to preserve themselves when threatened. Denying this fact is akin to denying a human need to breathe.
Second, I never claimed that pulling a gun on an unarmed man was a display of moral fortitude, but was engaging in hyperbole to make a point. The Argonaut had depicted Brice as a morally depraved individual and I attempted to show that a depraved man would have simply shot Ryffel. Brice showed that he was a man of moral character by pulling his gun only as a last resort and used it to end the confrontation in a nonviolent way. Brice went to his car and was attempting to leave. By following him, Ryffel was clearly the aggressor and was unwilling to let Brice leave.
The final problem I have with Johnston's letter is that he feels that Brice (a 30-year-old former football player) should have had nothing to fear from a 20-year-old student. From this line of reasoning I can only infer that Johnston would have preferred that Brice had confronted Ryffel physically and beat him up if needed rather than attempt to leave and finally end the encounter in a nonviolent way.

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\$29 million school bond levy vote important

Dear Editor,
Students may be unaware that a \$29 million school bond levy vote will take place this Tuesday, April 26th, at the fairgrounds (1021 Harold St.). Students are stakeholders because the proposed 30 percent increase in property taxes will be passed directly on to them through rent increases. Support quality education by voting against this bond. It will primarily finance the construction of a "country club" high school east of Moscow (in a floodplain area) that will encourage ugly, tax-funded suburban sprawl, destroying the natural beauty of the Palouse hills in that undeveloped area and pulling money away from Moscow's historic downtown. Furthermore, the deceptive budget does not even include site development, an auditorium, or a football stadium. What exactly are we getting here? An expensive, unfinished project? Why has the school district ignored recommendations to remodel existing facilities? Finally, the increased cost of running a new, larger facility will either cause further tax increases or cuts in worthwhile spending for teachers and substantive educational materials. The district already spends too much on administration, facilities, and non-certified employees — spending has even increased while enrollment has decreased.
Ignore the patronizing "Vote Yes for Kids" rhetoric. We students are paying more for tuition, fees, books, health insurance and even gasoline — let's not add an irresponsible construction project to the list (we at UI know all about those). You can register at the polls by bringing (1) a driver's license with local address; or (2) any document with local address (e.g., bills) along with a picture ID; or (3) your Vandal card, a current UI fee statement with your local address, and another picture ID (Idaho Code 34-408A). Take some time this Tuesday to speak out. Vote NO on the bond levy.

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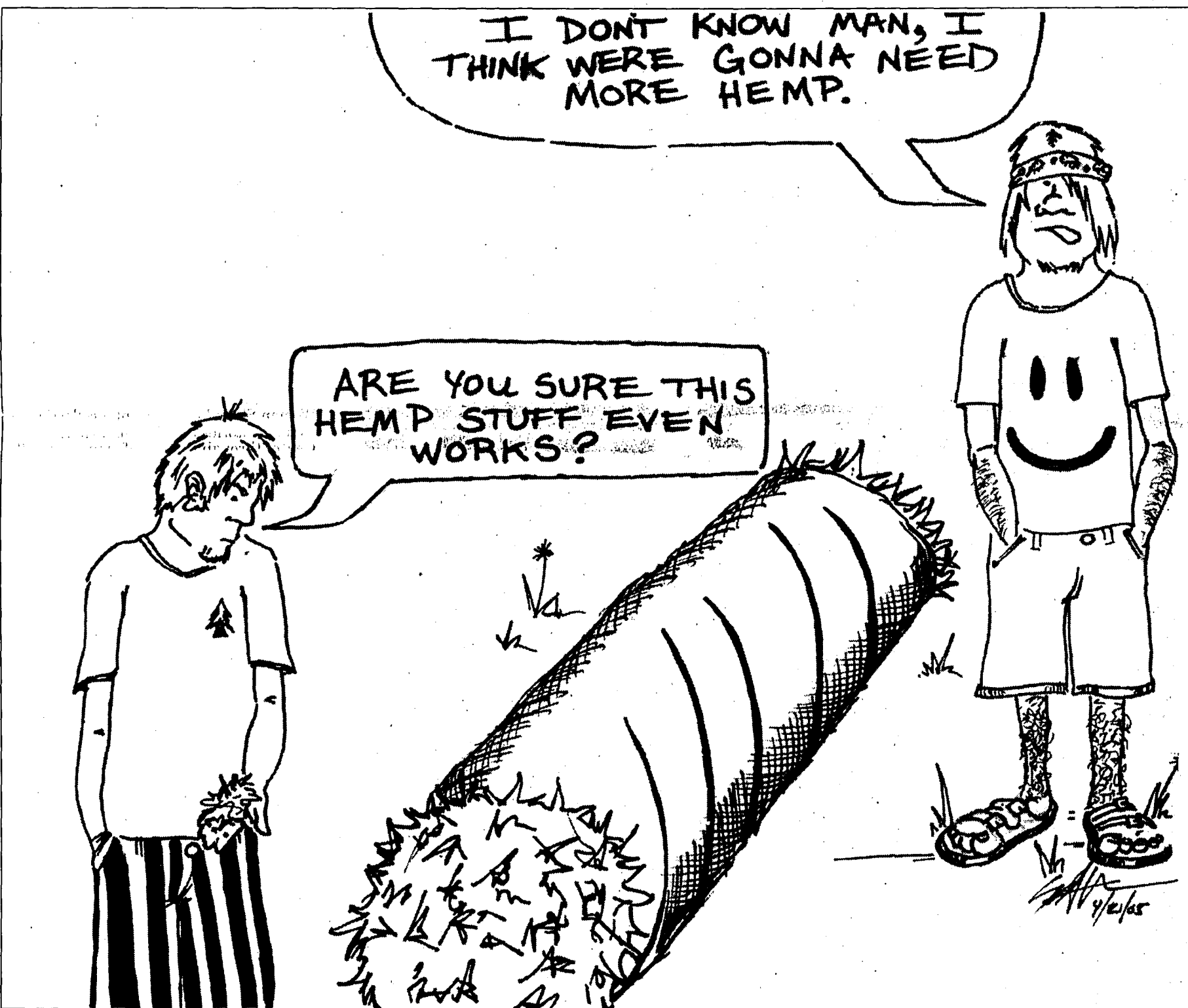
Hemp has more uses than most may think

East City Park will be filled Saturday with free live music, hippie twirly dancing, and the subtle aromas of patchouli and nag champa at Moscow's annual Hemp fest.
While the festival is a pleasant way to welcome spring, it operates with a larger goal: the legalization of hemp in the United States.
Hemp is a fibrous plant similar to flax. It is a distant relative to the infamous marijuana plant. Hemp and marijuana, however, are not the same thing.
Hemp does contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive drug that gives marijuana its oompf, but in amounts less than 1 percent. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the average THC content of marijuana used recreationally is 3 percent. The average THC content of sinsemilla, a hemp strain bred for its high THC content, averages more than 7 percent.
Hemp is useful in a variety of ways. Parts of the plant can be used to make textiles, paper, paints, clothing, plastics, cosmetics, food, insulation, animal feed and other products. It is easy to grow, requiring few pesticides, and it produces a higher yield per acre than cotton for cloth or wood for paper.
There is already a demand for hemp products in the United States. According to the National

Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, U.S. retailers and manufacturers annually import about 1.9 million pounds of hemp fiber, 450,000 pounds of hemp seeds and 331 pounds of hempseed oil from Canada and other countries that regulate hemp cultivation.
While hemp farming is illegal in the United States, it is legal to import hemp fiber, sterilized seeds and edible hemp-based products not containing THC. According to NORML, hemp seeds have nutritional value, being second only to soy in protein content and containing the highest concentration of essential amino and fatty acids in any food.
Hemp has been grown historically in the United States. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew hemp for use in manufacturing rope, sails and paper. Oil was extracted from hemp seeds and used to fuel lamps. When marijuana was outlawed in the United States 1937, hemp production ended. U.S. hemp production resurfaced briefly in 1942 when the government encouraged farmers to grow it for the war effort. But with the end of the war came the end of hemp cultivation.
Hemp still grows wild across the United States. Known as "ditchweed," this wild-growing hemp is the kind that contains less than 1 percent THC and is eradicated regularly by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

One argument for keeping hemp cultivation illegal is that the plants look similar, and marijuana growers would easily be able to conceal a patch of high-THC marijuana plants in or near an industrial hemp field. But in public testimony opposing the government's eradication of "ditchweed," Paul Armentano, director of publications for NORML, said this would not be practical for black market marijuana growers.
"Black market marijuana growers cannot tolerate the presence of ditchweed anywhere near their cultivated marijuana patches," he said. "The genetics of cultivated marijuana require a careful cross breeding of high-THC strains in order to maintain the plant's usefulness as a drug. Cross-pollination with ditchweed will ruin a strain's sinsemilla quality. The resulting seeds are also rendered worthless. Therefore, marijuana growers do not use ditchweed to camouflage their hand-tended plots."
With hemp's many uses and the U.S. demand for hemp products, it only makes sense for the United States to legalize it for industrial production. Hemp is not marijuana, nor does it provide a legitimate cover for marijuana growth. It's an environmentally friendly, versatile, easy-to-grow crop of which American farmers deserve to be able to take advantage.

C.M.



Scott Aguilar/Argonaut

Bush administration ignores good information, chooses to lie

Shortly before the election last July, the Senate Intelligence Committee released its findings on how strong the prewar intelligence concerning weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was. The report, of course, found that the intelligence community, guided by the CIA, had greatly "overstated" and "mischaracterized" the intelligence.
This was no simple mistake; the intelligence was cherry-picked and manipulated to conform to Bush's sprint to war. The report was mildly (at best) damaging to the Bush administration, as it laid the most significant portion of blame on the bumbling dupes in the agency, rather than our brave commander-in-chief.
"What the president and Congress used to send the country to war was information that was ... flawed," said chairman of the committee Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan. Committee member, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.V. was more forthcoming, observing that the report sketched out "one of the most devastating ... intelligence failures in the history of the nation."
What wasn't covered in the report, primarily due to the foot-dragging of Roberts, was the way the Bush administration falsified the intelligence it did receive to build its dubious war platform. This area, dubbed Phase II, was dumped as inconsequential by

Roberts after the election. Though, according to Roberts, before the election Phase II was "one of my top priorities," after Bush won, further investigation became "pointless" and was relegated to the "back burner."
Without any report, it is still known that Bush and company embellished and exaggerated intelligence that was already overstated. For instance, when Bush claimed that Iraq had an "active stockpile" of biological weapons, this was based on a CIA report that Saddam was only working on a bioweapons research and development program. It turns out that neither was true, which Bush and his cabinet absolutely knew. Ignoring a wealth of good information, the administration relied on the reports of "Curveball," an appropriately codenamed Iraqi chemical engineer and dissident defector. Colin Powell was virtually the only person in the administration not let in on the gag, a negligence that led to the end of his career as a respected statesman.

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The CIA has long distrusted "Curveball," labeling him a "crazy" "fabricator" who had defected as the result of a "nervous breakdown." Then-CIA director George Tenet was briefing Secretary of State Colin Powell the night before Powell's speech to the United Nations when a high-ranking CIA official called Tenet to warn him not to rely on "Curveball's" testimony. Tenet "forgot" that the conversation had taken place, that night and after.
According to Congressman Jim McGovern, D-Mass., (no relation I'm aware of, except for comparable political influence) who recently toured Iraq, the situation is getting worse, not better. The Iraq security forces are a joke, the violence is escalating (certainly against Iraqis) and members of the Iraqi National Assembly maintain that basic commodities are in shorter supply now than before the invasion. The World Food Organization reports that Iraqis are getting less food every day, not to mention the billions of dollars that will likely be requested for continuation of combat, including \$500 million for the construction of American military bases in Iraq. Though the Army promised no bases would be built in Iraq, a sign of lasting American military presence, the Bush administration earmarked the funds anyway.
It looks like we elected the wrong flip-flopper.

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ARGONAUT ARTS & CULTURE

Get Lit! festival ends with a bang

BY JON ROSS
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Spokane is not known as the Mecca of literature, but with help from a few internationally known authors, organizers of Eastern Washington University's Get Lit! festival are trying to make the city's literary scene more appealing.

The festival wraps up at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Met in Spokane with an appearance by Salman Rushdie. The event also features readings by novelist Debra Magpie Earling and poet Carlos Reyes. Tickets are \$40 and are still available for purchase at the Get Lit! Web site.

Rushdie has written a handful of fiction and nonfiction works and will be reading from his newest

book, "Step Across This Line: Collected Non-Fiction, 1992-2002."

In 1989, the author was forced into hiding after publication of "The Satanic Verses," which Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini deemed sacrilegious.

Rushdie is Saturday's featured author, but Earling and Reyes will also read from their works. The opening acts will each read for 15 minutes, giving Rushdie a full hour. A question-and-answer session will follow the reading, and a book signing featuring each of the presenters will end the evening.

Get Lit! started in 1998 as a way to inform the Spokane community about the literary opportunities in the area, said Kathy Hill, administrator for the festival.

"We're trying to raise the awareness of people in the area about the

EWU Press," she said. The festival's other goal is to "promote literature and literacy in the area."

In the beginning the event wasn't very successful. It started as a weekend gathering of professors at EWU, and featured one guest author.

According to the festival program, "What had started as a hopeful event mustered only three homeless men seeking shelter from the wind and rain, two open mic participants and an angry board member."

Seven years later, the festival has expanded to a week's worth of events featuring poets, novelists, journalists and radio personalities. Panel discussions and poetry slam competitions were also scheduled during the week.

Hill said the program is about showing people they can witness a noteworthy literary festival outside major metropolitan areas.

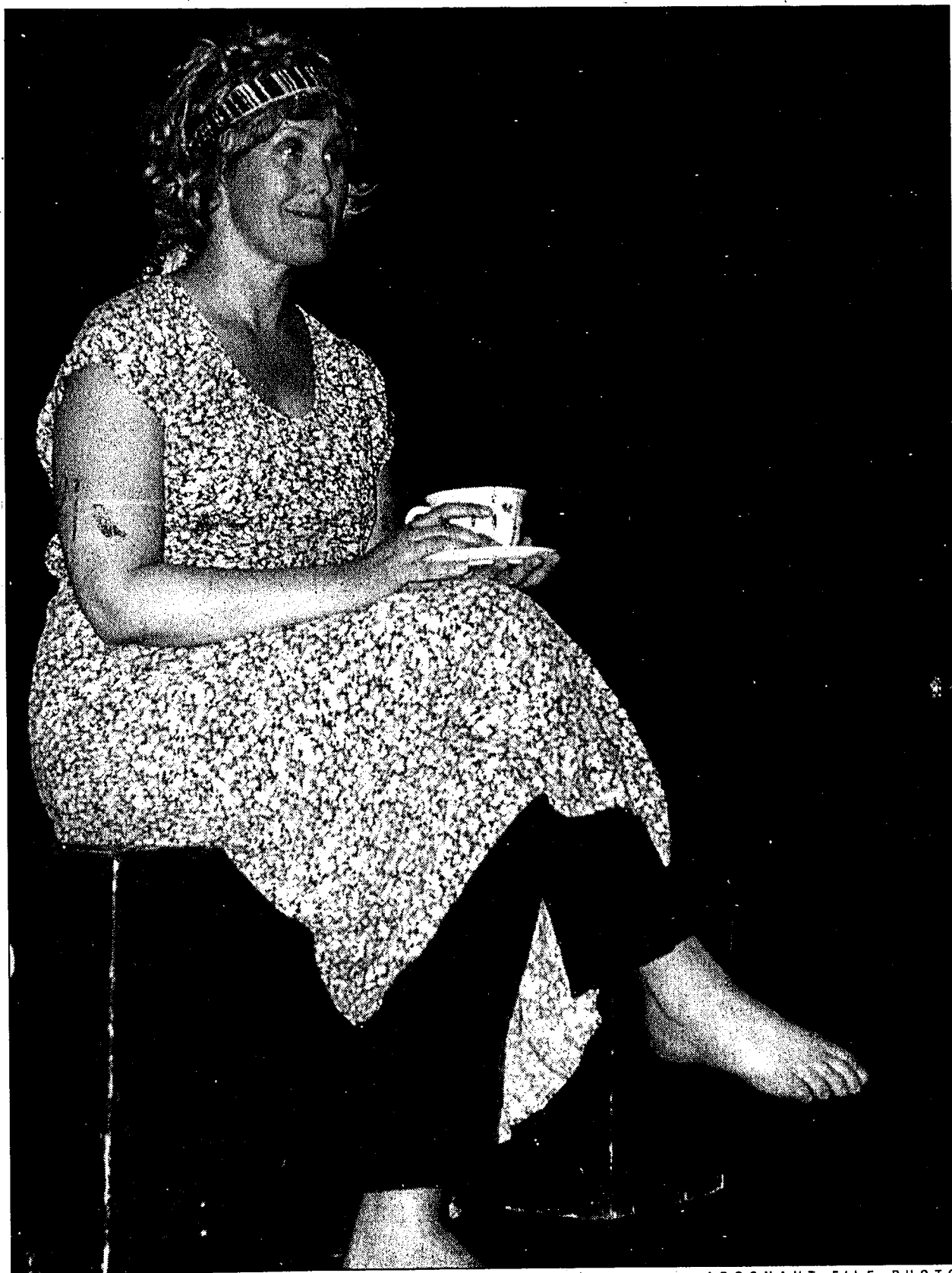
"We bring internationally known writers and authors here, and people take advantage of that," she said. "How often do you get to see Robert Bly in Spokane?"

After the headlining events, audience members are invited to participate in Get Lit! After Hours, a gathering at a local bar. Last year, author and festival participant Kurt Vonnegut joined the crowd, but there was a cover charge. Authors participating this year are not guaranteed to be at the party.

"It's just a gathering place where people who have been to an event can get together and talk about the event," Hill said.



Writer Salman Rushdie will read for the final night of the Get Lit! festival. COURTESY PHOTO



Isabella Whitfield, creator of the one-woman show "Abreaction," performs last summer. She will perform "Abreaction" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the 1912 center. The 30-minute play will be followed by a 15-minute video and question-and-answer session. ARGONAUT FILE PHOTO

Whitfield tells women's stories

BY ABBY ANDERSON
ARGONAUT STAFF

Isabella Whitfield is going to abreact for four Moscow women this Friday and no one is going to stop her.

Whitfield, creator of "Abreaction: A One Woman Show," will present a collection of local women's stories at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the 1912 Center through a series of monologues. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at BookPeople.

"Abreaction" means to release emotion by acting out a situation in words, behavior or imagination. Conceived a year ago as a final project for her Master of Fine Arts, Whitfield created the 30-minute performance piece detailing the events that changed four women's lives.

"As women, we have a ton of events that change our lives," she says. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be interesting doing that?'"

The UI graduate began by asking women in the Moscow area what events had changed their lives the most. Four stories were chosen, videotaped and transcribed into monologues. The women whose stories are featured are a rape victim, a mother mourning the loss of her son, a woman who went on an uplifting rafting trip and an older woman talking about her life. Whitfield will present the videotaped interviews after the performance, and a question-and-answer session will follow.

Whitfield says she has many stories to share, but enjoys becoming someone else through acting.

"I like changing my physical being into another person, discovering how they move, where their voice is at. ... I like being in someone else's skin."

This ability to become someone else became apparent to Whitfield during a rehearsal of "Death of Kelly," a monologue about a mother losing her son in a drunken driving car crash.

"I had only planned on having three stories, but when I heard her story, I had to tell it," Whitfield says. "I said, 'Oh gosh, I'm feeling what it must be like to lose a son.'"

A monologue based on an interview with a girl who was raped at UI is important for college students to see, Whitfield says.

"I really want people to see what happened

"My wish is that it helps the women that shared their stories to have them spoken."

ISABELLA WHITFIELD
ONE-WOMAN SHOW CREATOR

to this girl," Whitfield says. "There's just not enough awareness about that stuff, and it should be talked about. My wish is that it helps the women that shared their stories to have them spoken."

Even when the idea for her final project wasn't clear, Whitfield always knew she wanted to do her own work.

"I believe in creating your own work," she says. "Come up with an idea and put on a show. As actors, we should create our own work and not hand us a part or a role in a play."

As a single mother and actress, Whitfield has created "For the Love of Acting," an acting company that teaches drama classes. During the wine reception at 6:30 p.m. Friday, a fundraiser will be held to support Whitfield's next acting venture.

While she hopes to eventually go on tour with "Abreaction," Whitfield remains hesitant. "I'm a mom first," she says. "The mom in me needs to stay put."

Although her daughter has seen and described the monologues as "empowering," Whitfield says the performance is not appropriate for children.

"I don't think every parent would want their 13-year-olds to see it, but I think that seniors in high school getting ready to go to college should see it."

Whitfield says even though it wears her out emotionally, she loves doing the monologues. "All of those stories were gifts to me," Whitfield says. "I feel honored to share their stories with people, very meaningful deep stories."

Chomsky lectures at WSU

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
ARGONAUT STAFF

While some students shy away from politics and social agenda, those looking for political opportunities will have the chance to hear advice from Noam Chomsky tonight.

Chomsky, professor of linguistics and philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be delivering his discourse on "Imminent Crises: Responsibilities and Opportunities" at 3:30 p.m. today at Washington State University's Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum.

The Potter Lecture is part of the Frank Fraser Potter Memorial Lectureship, an annual event held in honor of Frank Potter. Potter was instrumental in the department's founding.

Associate professor and chair of the philosophy department David Shier was responsible for organiz-

ing the event. He said everyone within the department votes to choose whom to invite each year.

Shier said students should attend because Chomsky is widely regarded as one of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century.

"While that reputation was established primarily by his work in linguistics, his writings on propaganda, as well as on social and political issues, have been quite influential and widely read as well," he said.

Chomsky has received several honorary degrees and has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual history, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy. He has written numerous articles and books that analyze U.S. foreign policy over the past 50 years.

According to Business Week magazine, "With relentless logic, he bids us to listen closely to what

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Springfest comes to Washington State University

BY TOM BANKS
ARGONAUT STAFF

This year's Springfest concert at Washington State University is being billed as a haven for acoustic rock lovers. On the bill are four West Coast eclectic pop/rock outfits, a couple of which are on the verge of erupting on a national level.

The bands performing are Citizen Cope, Maktub, Raining Jane and Cornerstone.

"Citizen Cope is a unique blend of acoustic rock, reggae, blues, funk and hip-hop influences," event manager Nur Bernhardt said. "They're blowing up on the West Coast and are currently listed on Rolling Stone magazine's artists-to-watch list, and it's really amazing how they tie all their influences together."

Bernhardt said prospective audience members ought to show up so they can catch Citizen Cope and the other groups in their "up-and-coming" phase.

"We're advertising things like, 'You missed Jack Johnson when he played WSU, you didn't show up when Maroon 5 came here, so please don't miss Citizen

Cope when they play Springfest,'" Bernhardt said.

Citizen Cope is not the only artist coming to Springfest with an impressive resume. Maktub, a Seattle funk band, was described by the Seattle Weekly (a music fanzine) as the No. 1 band currently at work in that town.

"They're Al Green for a new generation," Bernhardt said.

Raining Jane is an all-female folk-rock quartet that originally formed when its members were students at UCLA.

"We've been together about six years, and just quit our day jobs last September," said drummer and vocalist Mona Tavakoli. Tavakoli said the band's sound is, like Citizen Cope's, an amalgam of folk and pop music elements. These include rap breaks in the middle of some of the tunes, courtesy of Tavakoli.

The band, which just recorded its second album, operates independently of a record label.

"We do all our own booking and promotion ourselves. I take care of the booking, one of my bandmates does the press releases, and another one of us does the artwork and graphic design. It's four busi-

ness-savvy girls running the whole operation," Tavakoli said.

Rounding out the bill is Cornerstone, a Pullman-based reggae band. Cornerstone is the only Springfest performer that is not a long-term band.

"We got to play the show because of our winning the Battle of the Bands," Cornerstone member Cole Palea said. "It was unexpected, 'cause we just sort of entered it as a casual thing. A lot of people look at the battle of the bands as a way of breaking out or getting signed, but that really wasn't why we did it."

Palea also said his band is not necessarily planning on making a career out of music.

"We look forward to the big stage and the whole environment, and also being able to socialize with the other bands," he said. "It's going to be more of a learning experience than a chance to further our career."

Springfest begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Beasley Coliseum. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) Ticket prices at WSU are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students. Tickets are also available at TicketsWest, but without the discount.

Almost a tradition of excellence



With the notable exception of beer, nothing is more typical of the college experience than sports. Believe it or not, that's true of Idaho too.

The University of Idaho began its love/hate affair with athletics in 1893 when it competed in a field day against Washington Agricultural College, now known as Washington State University. A year later, UI founded its first intercollegiate team (football) and UI has had sports teams ever since.

Regardless of current jokes, UI has a tradition of excellence in athletics. From coaching legend Clarence S. "Hec" Edmundson and track champion Dan O'Brien, to "Shotgun Formation" creator John Middleton and five-time NBA all-star Gus Johnson, the university has seen its fair share of excellent athletes. The difference is, with some rare exceptions, those sports heroes come from UI's secondary sports.

Boxing is just one example. The UI boxing team started in 1932 and became nationally competitive in just four years. Rolly Shumway won the first national championship for Idaho in 1936. Then, in the 1940s Ted Kara won three straight championships, the first time this had ever happened. Powerful boxers gave UI national recognition until 1954, when the program shut down thanks to criticism and a lack of high school talent.

UI track can claim the 1996 "World's Greatest Athlete." Dan O'Brien, a great at UI, went on to win the gold medal in the decathlon during the 1996 Olympic Games.

Women's sports have had, and maintain, excellent programs. Though they started in the 1919 season, women's sports really took off in the '70s. They included basketball, tennis, volleyball, softball and hiking. Women's basketball, for instance, has had 447 wins in 31 seasons giving them one of UI's only historical winning records. Women's volleyball, starting in 1974, has a record of 581-431, which gives them a winning record as well.

But for most students, the events surrounding the games are most memorable.

Homecoming is by far the longest-running tradition at the university (with the exception of graduation) and the events associated with it have long been favorites. The first Homecoming at UI in 1909 was against Washington Ag. as a way to bring alumni back to the university.

Over the years, students have participated in parades, rallies and living-group decoration competitions just like they do now. The serpentine, held the day of the game, snaked around campus picking up students along the way, but with a twist: The previous incarnation of the serpentine was filled with people dressed in pajamas. The serpentine tradition died in the '70s, but has been revived in the last few years on a much smaller scale.

Everything was bigger during past Homecomings. Almost all students attended the pre-game rally in the early years. Pictures of past parades show lines of elaborate floats and excited students marching down Main Street.

Probably the biggest of all these traditions was the bonfire. For years, freshmen gathered burnable materials, stacked them stories tall and poured oil all over the structure. The tradition lessened considerably in the 1930s when townspeople complained about the freshmen stealing burnable material.

Since most of Idaho's Homecoming games were against WSU, the rivalry was intense. Before the game, Vandals would find a big W painted on the "T" Tower or the opposing team's letters carved into the turf. Vandals participated as well by stealing the clapper from WSU's victory bell or taking the WSU mascot.

For years, the fans of the losing team would take the "Loser's Walk" from Moscow or Pullman after the game. The tradition started in 1939 when the

sports editors from the WSU and Idaho newspapers made a bet. From there it grew to include hoards from either school. The tradition, like every other, it seems, lessened and stopped altogether in 1969.

These days, regrettably, are gone. Now the bonfire is a small stack of pallets, the Loser's Walk last year had just two participants and the parade is little more than a collection of hungover college students.

Important to college athletics is, of course, rivalries. UI has three supposed rivalries. WSU is the most obvious, but the University of Montana and UI have a long tradition together. A more recent, but just as vicious, rivalry developed in 1971 when Idaho played Boise State University. The problem, of course, is that in a rivalry there needs to be a chance either team can win. With Montana and BSU, that's possible, but with WSU, fat chance. WSU has beat UI 67 of the 80 times the teams have played. Then again, that might be another tradition - losing to WSU.

Also associated with Vandal athletics is, of course, Joe Vandal. Argonaut Sports Editor Harry Lloyd McCarty developed the mascot of UI in 1918. Other options, which were thankfully rejected, were the "Wreckers," "The Huns" and "The Huskies." None of these caught on, leaving Idaho with the Vandals. Joe has been around since then.

School Spirit and traditions were a major part of most of Idaho's history. Those traditions had enforcers called the I Club, made up of varsity lettermen. Members of the I Club paddled and punished those who didn't follow the dress code, which at the time included green beanies for freshmen. This policy rightfully came into question and the paddling stopped, but the I Club remained. Today, varsity athletes still letter but spend much less time enforcing traditions.

While UI athletics have many traditions still practiced, they have lessened over the years. However, one group has lost nearly all tradition. The university residence halls, to the dismay of many alumni, have lost the sense of tradition, community and hall pride once present. And this is where we will pick up next Friday.

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our leaders tell us, and to discern what they are leaving out. ... Agree with him or not, we lose out by not listening."

Russ Driver, assistant director of Beasley Coliseum, said there has been buzz on campus about the lecture.

"From what I understand, he's the most famous political activist out there," Driver said.

An issue Chomsky may touch in his lecture along with the economy is international relations, especially America's involvement in politics around the world.

Shier said he thinks this will interest students because of the impact it has on their lives as well as others'.

"We've all seen recently just how dramatically American involvement, even just in Iraq, has affected so many things of importance to students and to all of us," he said.

Shier said Chomsky's visit is important to the university community on the Palouse because Chomsky is willing to challenge the assumptions that underlie much of American policy and American social structure.

"This is very much in the philosophical tradition of Socrates, who urged his contemporaries in Athens to

constantly re-examine themselves and their community ... with the aim of understanding what it means to live a good life," Shier said.

Shier said his own students are interested in political agenda, national security and what is going on in the world today, but can understand how some may be more distant on those matters.

"I do think that sometimes these issues can seem a little remote for college-age people," Shier said. "That is, that sometimes it's more natural to focus on issues that seem closer to home."

He also said he thinks everyone should try to get involved in politics, at different lengths and ways, like even starting at a local level.

"I've seen students collecting signatures on petitions against Wal-Mart coming to Pullman, for example," he said. "Probably for some of these students it's one of their first political experiences, and for some it will no doubt lead to further involvement."

Since Chomsky's visit is on a larger scale than usual, Shier said the department received additional support from WSU president Lane Rawlins, Mary Gresch from WSU Marketing Communications, and Eric Lear, Dean of WSU's College of Liberal Arts.

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ARTSBRIEFS

UI VOX holds safe sex bash

UI Voices for Planned Parenthood will throw a bash Tuesday in support of safe sex. "Sex on the Sidewalk" will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Idaho Commons Plaza. The group will sponsor informational tables, games, music, prizes and a raffle.

"The goal of 'Sex on the Sidewalk' is to eliminate the taboo of talking about sex and related issues on campus. We hope that students who participate will have fun as well as learn valuable information about their sexual health and reproductive rights," organizer Carina Christiani said.

Idaho writers speak out

Authors of "Forged in Fire, Essays by Idaho Writers," a book featuring writings by Idaho authors, will have a reading Thursday. The 7 p.m. event will serve as the first public reading of the book. Stories in the book address topics dealing with fire such as fighting forest fires and using fire to smelt gold.

Local authors - including Kim Barnes, Paula

Coomer and Phil Drunker - will be present at the reading. A book signing and reception will follow.

UI student makes it to the Atlantic

"Pantheon of Loss," an essay written by graduate creative writing student Sean Prentiss, has received honorable mention in the Atlantic Monthly College Writing Awards Competition.

The essay is about the author's experiences competing as a wrestler in high school and the dangers associated with the sport.

The national competition has three categories - poetry, fiction and personal or journalistic essays. The names of winners and honorable mention recipients are included in this month's edition of Atlantic Monthly.

"The competition is extremely fierce," said Robert Wrigley, director of the UI creative writing graduate program, who notes many students from Ivy League schools snag the awards. "The Atlantic, I am told, receives thousands of entries each year."

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Keilen Nagsaki (left) and Randy Blanton bask in the sun at last year's Hemp Fest. This year's festival will feature bands such as Oracle Shack, Chubbs Toga and The Sweatshop Band.

Moscow residents celebrate hemp

BY CHRISTINA NAVARRO
ARGONAUT STAFF

The organizers of Moscow Hemp Fest invite locals to take a vacation from stress and hard work and enjoy a day of free music and art.

Volunteer Amber Gladieux said Hemp Fest's goal is to provide people with a good time while spreading awareness about hemp, its usefulness and the justifications of it being legalized.

Anna Kivi, who has been involved with Hemp Fest for four years, organized this year's event and said planning usually takes four to five months.

Although they weren't sure how long it's been around, Kivi and Gladieux said this is Hemp Fest's eighth or ninth year.

"I'm not sure if the music scene itself has gotten bigger," Kivi said. "But the word has gotten out that there are great bands that play all day for free in the park, which seems to draw a larger crowd every year."

She said since local bands will play for free, it's easier to book them. Organizers try to have at least a few out-of-town bands each year, too.

Gladieux said the music covers a lot of different ground, from acoustic acts such as Evy and Milo Duke to classic rock, country, bluegrass, jam sessions and a drum circle at dusk.

Other bands include SmoKing Bill, Oracle Shack, Chubbs Toga, The Sweatshop Band, Broken Will, Melefluent, Kite and Bare Wires.

"The music is definitely a good

"The word has gotten out that there are great bands that play in the park for free."

ANNA KIVI
HEMP FEST ORGANIZER

thing to do on a day when the weather is nice," Gladieux said. "It's just a good hanging out in the park sort of day."

Kivi said she chose the bands based on which have played in the past, were cooperative and helped out with other aspects of the festival, such as advertising and logistics.

Kivi said the vendors and the music tie for the Hemp Fest's most popular attraction because the vendors bring most of the people to the park, and the open tunes keep them there.

Vendors sell a variety of items, including glass art, handmade clothes, jewelry and musical instruments.

Kivi said there are many regular local vendors and from out of town, but they always get a few new additions each year.

She said that along with having twice as many vendors this year, Hemp Fest will have speakers from the Seattle and Olympia, Wash., Hemp Fests and more booths that will carry information on industrialized hemp.

Gladieux said the event was origi-

nally called Earth Fest, not only to celebrate Earth Day, but also because organizers were afraid of what people would think of the name Hemp Fest.

Kivi said she can understand how people could think the event promotes hemp's illegal cousin, marijuana, but this year organizers are trying to be more legitimate by having speakers and information booths to help educate people.

"Hemp is different from marijuana, and that is what Hemp Fest is promoting: the industrial use of hemp," Kivi said. "However, people and vendors alike come to the park with their own ideas of what Hemp Fest is, and they are our representation."

Gladieux said organizers have to deal with vendors bringing pipes and bonges every year, but they can't turn any vendors down because they need them and their support.

"We're trying to separate ourselves from marijuana issues," she said. "They are two completely separate topics."

Hemp Fest is a nonprofit, un-sponsored organization. Since it is supported primarily through vendor fees and T-shirt sales, organizers said it can be a struggle to break even.

"We don't make anything," Gladieux said. "All the revenue we make goes toward renting from the University of Idaho's Sound Direction (Production) and Lighting, renting out East City Park for the day and paying for the T-shirts up front."

The festivities run from 10 a.m. to dusk Saturday at East City Park.

One semester for 20 minutes: adventures in making a student film

If for some reason you want to keep your sanity during the final weeks of the semester, don't take JAMM 475.

The Thesis Film Production course serves as a capstone for many Radio/TV/Digital Media students. Basically, students have the semester to produce a short narrative or documentary film. No problem, right? With 16 weeks to produce 20 minutes of cohesive material, what could go wrong? The answer, as my classmates and I have discovered, is everything.

One of the biggest challenges in the course is figuring out an idea that's worth 16 weeks of work. Now, I get ideas in my head every day. For example, I was thinking earlier today that we should do away with sports in the Olympics that aren't popular outside of the Olympics. Unless ESPN covers water polo on a regular basis, the sport needs to stop wasting my precious Olympic viewing. This idea, in addition to being incredibly stupid, also doesn't translate well into a thesis film project. By the time I finally settled on a decent idea for my film, five

weeks of the semester were already gone.

The development of that idea takes time, and after that, the script writing process drags on. Not only did I need a good idea, I also needed a reasonable way to make that idea presentable. I worried about my script for weeks, and I desperately thought of ways to write something that wouldn't be laughed off the screen in two minutes.

People are going to see my movie and judge it, so it was a smart idea to at least try to cater to people who will ultimately decide how good it is. But once the script was at least presentable, half the semester was already gone.

Then came the pre-production

step - auditioning actors, finding locations and other associated crap. The script needed to be storyboarded and rehearsed, and without a planned schedule of how things would get done, things simply wouldn't get done. Of course, planning to film ended up taking longer than actually filming. It was well after Spring Break before I'd shot even a single frame.

But hey, if you plan it accordingly, shooting usually goes relatively well, right?

Not when it rained on the day I needed exteriors and the microphone picked up inaudible dialogue. The actors just didn't deliver that genius dialogue like I imagined, usually because those "wonderful" lines ultimately weren't as precious as I thought they once were. By the time I'd shot, reshot and reshot

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again, there were literally just days before the Moscow Kino Film Festival. And the biggest step was still to come.

Editing, to put it frankly, is a real bitch. Some people like it. I absolutely loathe it. Logging footage onto the computer often takes longer than editing individual scenes together, and the sound mixing process is the most painstaking and annoying work I've done at the University of Idaho. It was bad enough when I had to do it for one-minute news packages. It's horrible having to do it for a 25-minute narrative. The hours were ticking away,

and I'd seen the same footage hundreds of times. It didn't get any better with multiple viewings, and a depressing conclusion began to sink in: The movie will never be as good as I want it to be.

Add to the pile a part-time job and five other classes, and a little stress is understandable. I don't mean to whine and make the process sound utterly unrewarding, because there are certain joys in creating and realizing an artistic vision. Other students in other majors might face more time-consuming projects than making a student film, but for us "filmmakers" over at the Radio/TV studio, the thesis project is our sweat and blood. It's a chance for us to prove that we're not total hacks, and that our effort can result in something of substance. We're hoping others might understand our personal visions and that we might offer

some entertainment or insight to those who watch our movies on the big screen.

My film is called "Brother/Sister: or the mysterious creature in the woods." It's a stupid title, I know, and after its viewing I should be banned from criticizing Hollywood films in this newspaper again.

But in the end, I'm proud of the work I've done, and my classmates are proud of their work too. Many of us dream about having our work viewed publicly on the big screen, and the Moscow Kino Festival gives us that chance. I can't guarantee that my movie will entertain you, but I'm sure somebody who's a little more skilled in the editing process will likely deliver.

That is, of course, provided that any of our movies are finished in time.



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ARGONAUT SPORTS & REC

Tennis heads to Big West finals

BY SHAWN CAFFERTY
ARGONAUT STAFF

Coming off a productive weekend, the Idaho men's and women's tennis teams are heading to the famous Indian Wells Tennis Garden for the Big West Conference Championships.

The championships start today and go through Sunday.

The Vandal women (6-6) are going into the tournament with a lot of momentum from their last weekend of the regular season. Recording their first shutouts of the season on April 16 and 17 seems to show that they are peaking at the right time.

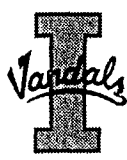
The women are going into the tournament as the No. 10 seed and will be taking on the No. 7 seed, UC Riverside. The winner of the match will face No. 2 seed UC Santa Barbara.

"Right now, for the women in the conference, it is going to be tough for us," coach Katrina Perlman said. "There are a lot of teams in our conference who are ranked, so it is going to be a lot of tough competition. I think our best is yet to come. I don't think people realize how good we are. The women are really excited to get down there and see what we can do."

After finishing off their regular season by going 2-1 last weekend, the Idaho men will be starting the tournament ranked last out of the seven teams in the bracket. Idaho will take on No. 2 seed Pacific today. Their match will begin at 8 a.m.

"The men are also going to have a lot of tough competition, like the women, but I think we should be OK," Perlman said.

Both teams are optimistic about the tournament, despite the low seedings. "We are really excited for both the men and women to head on down there and see what we can do," Perlman said.



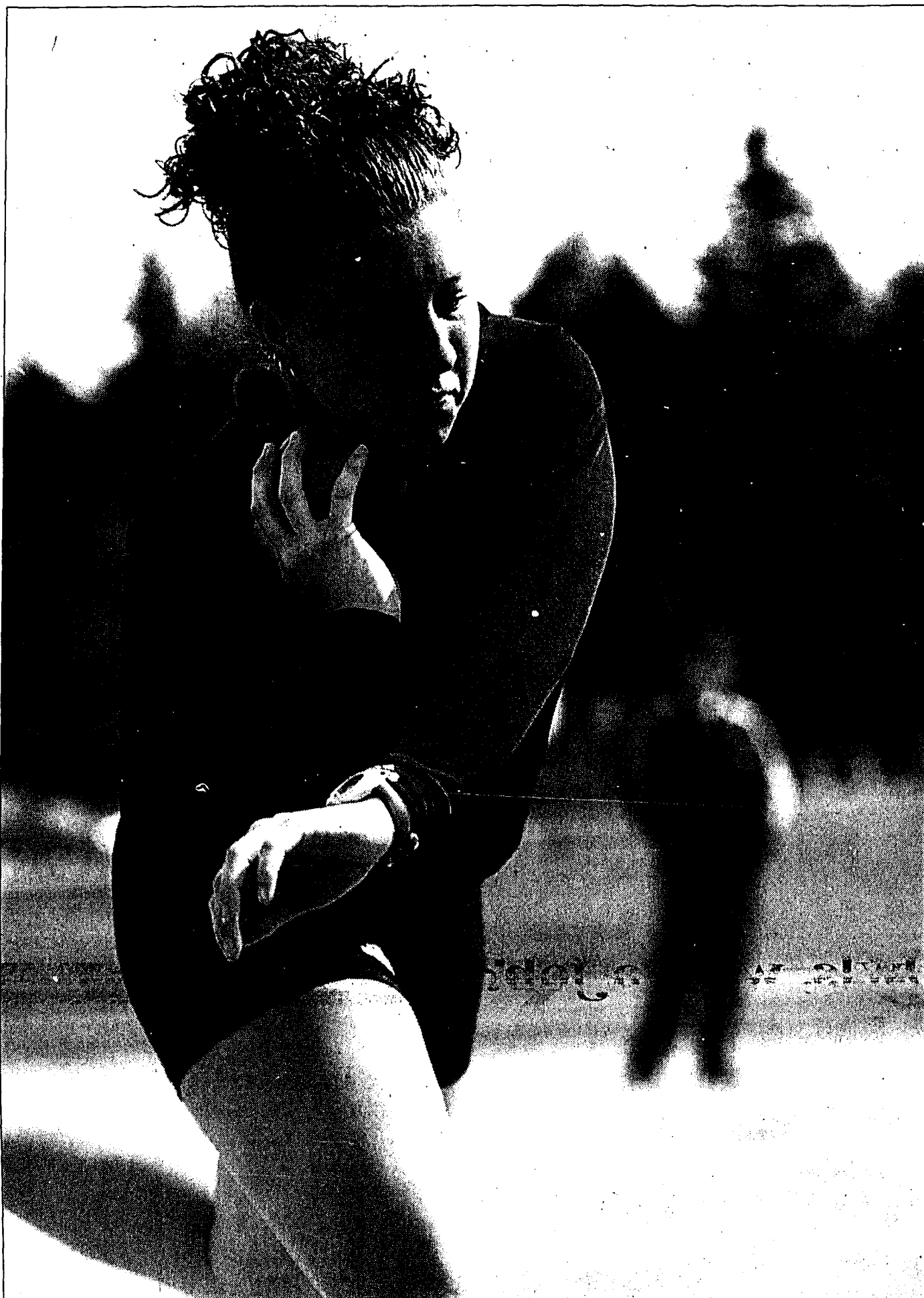
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Candace Knuths winds up to throw the shot put during Saturday's track meet at the Dan O' Brien Track Complex.

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Men in white

UI students involved in local cricket club

BY NAFISA NAIK
ARGONAUT STAFF

Twenty-two men were seen dressed in white uniforms Saturday afternoon at Roger/Orton field in Pullman.

WSU-Pullman cricket club members played a match with several students from the University of Idaho and involved them in their practice match sessions. The members of this club are trying to make the game more popular, and are giving people from cricket-playing nations an opportunity to come and practice with them.

"The idea is to come and enjoy the sport, spend a fun afternoon and hone your cricket skills," team captain Vikas Singh said.

Cricket, often called the gentleman's game, is a little similar to baseball in terms of a bat and a ball concept, but the rules differ considerably.

"One of the main differences is baseball has nine innings whereas cricket has just one inning," Singh said.

The flat, paddle-like bat is made out of willow, and the ball is made of leather. There are 11 players on each side, and the aim for the team batting first is to pile up as many runs as possible. The opposing team then tries to match or outscore the first team's point run total.

The club, which has been in existence since 1995, is part of the Northwest Cricket League. It plays matches with other teams in the northwest, and finished No. 3 in the league last year.

"We won 10 out of 13 matches played," Singh said.

The club was also named the club with the best sportsman's spirit this year by the WSU sports club federation.

The WSU cricket club season will start Saturday, and the first game will be at WSU at Roger/Orton field.

Singh encouraged people to root for their team during the league matches.

"We would love to see students and community members come and watch our games," Singh said.

Powerlifter to compete in Senior Nationals

BY JULIE ENGEL
ARGONAUT STAFF

International students in Ashley Roberts' high school were only allowed to play one year of sports. So after playing football and basketball for a season, he took up a neighborhood powerlifter's offer to coach and train him.

Roberts, now a sophomore at the University of Idaho, is traveling to Detroit, Mich., on Fourth of July weekend for the American Powerlifting Senior Nationals, where he says he will be competing against some lifters who are 10-to-20 year veterans. He hopes for a top 10 finish and wants to learn how to deal with pressure in the competition.

Roberts set the Idaho state record in 2003 at the American Powerlifting Northwest Championships in Kennewick, Wash. He placed first at the bench press and deadlift championships and won the World Championships in Las Vegas, Nev. In 2004 he placed first in four different events, building his muscles for the Senior Nationals.

He squats 705 pounds, benches 505 pounds and deadlifts 610 pounds, and said he would like to set personal bests at the championship.

Powerlifters do not make millions and are rarely in the spotlight, and Roberts says they never get the money-hungry ego.

"Powerlifting is not driven by money. It's driven by desire," Roberts says.

In competition, Roberts channels the aggression associated with the bad events in his life, and when he's in the zone he becomes a different person. He is determined and dedicated to his sport, making sacrifices and lifting every day. Unlike many athletes, the best professionals in powerlifting will sit down to talk and spend time giving advice.

"I'm not scared to get under a weight and try it," Roberts says.

It's not about the here and now for Roberts, he says. Besides finishing in the top 10 at Senior Nationals, his goals include breaking world records and participating in the Strongest Man Competition. He also likes a challenge, and says the squat is his favorite lift because it is grueling to train for and it takes technique. The hardest is the deadlift, where he lifts the weight off the floor, standing locked in position, using 75 percent of his muscles and doing it at the end of the meet.

Roberts is a resident assistant at UI as well as a volunteer strength and conditioning coach for the university's varsity sports program. He says he avoids drinking and parties to stay focused, and his weakness is he doesn't know when to quit. He says he's never understood the showboat weight lifters who do it to impress women.

"If it hurts, it doesn't matter," he says. "I just shrug it off and go."

"Powerlifting is not driven by money. It's driven by desire."

ASHLEY ROBERTS
POWERLIFTER

Vandals face tough competition at Nike Portland Spring Invitational

BY MACKENZIE STONE
ASSISTANT SPORTS&REC EDITOR

Consistency through repetition is in the minds of Idaho's volleyball players after the Nike Portland Spring Invitational April 16 at the University of Portland.

Idaho played against four leading schools in the tournament, but was not focusing on winning or losing its games.

"We didn't keep any stats, just flip scores," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "It's not about wins or losses. We are trying to get experience in different roles, and it is an opportunity to allow redshirted athletes to get comfortable with the system in the fall."

Junior Saxony Brown played setter for the Vandals in the tournament to adjust to her new position for the fall season.

"I still have a lot of stuff to learn, but I think it went really well," Brown said about her performance at the setter position. "I want to work on consistent flow and getting connected with the middle to be more consistent defensively."

Brown said she is getting more repetitions and experience in practice. "We have been doing a lot of passing

reps, and we are trying to incorporate the right side more," Buchanan said.

The Vandals played Santa Clara, Oregon State, Pacific and Stanford

University at the tournament. Going up against the reigning NCAA

champion Stanford was good experience for the team, as was playing the other top-notch schools in the tournament, junior Amanda Bowman said.

"We got to play some pretty big schools, and if we can hang with them then we can hang with anybody," Bowman said.

The team lost three starting players last season, but it doesn't seem to have slowed down the Vandals. The team has four seniors, including Kati Tikker, who has taken it upon herself to step up for the team.

"Looking back at the tournament, I need to be more consistent as a senior player," Tikker said. "I am learning how to be a smarter player, and the team's go-to player."

"I think we did some really good things at the tournament, but we could

have been more consistent," Tikker said. "The things we have been working on this spring have come together. The spring is about breaking it down and focusing on the little things."

As the team moves into the fall season, Buchanan will get the players focused on many things but wants to maintain the defensive identity the team has established in the past.

Idaho has gone a combined 36-24 and earned consecutive at-large berths to the NCAA tournament.

The team's season will begin at the end of August. It will play at least 10 home games, looking forward to the Western Athletic Conference Championships in November.

"We are doing well with the stuff we have been practicing," Bowman said. "We just want to go out this spring with a good feeling."

Idaho had anticipated playing Oregon State this week, but the team dropped out from the game because the school hired a new coach. Buchanan said Idaho will still play one more exhibition game, but the opposing team has not been identified.

"We are still going to play this week," Buchanan said. "But we are just going to have to go by the seat of our pants."



SPRING VOLLEYBALL



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KATI TIKKER
UI VOLLEYBALL PLAYER



DANIEL BICKLEY / ARGONAUT
Freshman Renee Skidmore practices putting at the University of Idaho Golf Course April 12.

-Vandal Wrap-Up-

Skidmore takes first at Big West Championships

Renee Skidmore calmed her nerves by telling herself Tuesday was just another round of golf. But it wasn't. Skidmore, a UI freshman from Everett, Wash., successfully quelled those jitters to win the Big West Conference Golf Tournament in Rancho Margarita, Calif. She shot two under par for a total of 214 at Tijeras Creek Golf Club.

Her efforts helped the Vandal women to a third-place finish with a team total of 924, which was 20 strokes behind team champion UC Irvine with an 894 and 10 behind runner-up Long Beach State at 914.

Skidmore's steadiness was the impetus behind her championship endeavor.

She opened play Monday with a 70, followed Monday afternoon with a 69 and finished with a closing-round 75.

"I could feel myself getting nervous," Skidmore said. "I just tell myself it's just another round of golf. I had to keep calming myself down."

Skidmore, who joined teammate Cassie Castleman as a first-team all-conference selection, finished five strokes ahead of runner-up Selanee Henderson of UC Irvine. All five Vandals finished in the top 20. Kelly Nakashima was 11th at 235, Jill Phillips was 14th at 237, Castleman tied for 15th at 239 and Jennifer Tucker tied for 20th at 247.

Brad Rickel, who was honored as the league's co-coach of the year, was proud

of his team, despite a tough second round for the team.

"We let the second round get away from us," Rickel said. "We played pretty good golf with the exception of that round. We're satisfied with the effort, but not the results."

All in all, though, "it was a great year for a young team," Rickel said.

The Vandals find out April 25 if they, as a team or individually, qualified for the NCAA Regionals.

Team standings: 1. UC Irvine 894; 2. Long Beach State 914; 3. Idaho 924; 4. Cal Poly 261; 5. Cal State Northridge 966; 6. UC Riverside 1000.
Idaho Individual: 1. Renee Skidmore 70-69-75-214; 11. Kelly Nakashima 76-81-78-235; 14. Jill Phillips 77-83-77-237; 15. Cassie Castleman 77-83-79-239; 20. Jennifer Tucker 85-84-78-247.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Vandals sign standout pole vaulter

Idaho track and field co-coach Yogi Teevens announced Monday the signing of K.C. Dahlgren to a letter of intent for the 2006 track and field season.

Dahlgren, a native of Missoula, Mont., was the 2004 and 2003 Montana AA State pole vault champion and is currently ranked 14th in the nation among high school pole vaulters. She is in the top 10 among seniors in the United States. Dahlgren has the top mark in the state of Montana this season, 11-6, and her personal best in the event is 12-1 1/2.

"K.C. is a very versatile athlete who will primarily be a pole vaulter for us, but will see action in the heptathlon as well," Teevens said. "We're very excited to sign K.C. and know that she will make an immediate impact in the WAC."

Winger earns Big West Athlete of the Week honor

Idaho's Russ Winger was selected as

the Big West Field Athlete of the Week Wednesday after winning the shot put and discus events April 16 at the McDonald's Outdoor.

Winger won the shot put with a personal-best throw of 60-8 1/2 before winning the discus with a mark of 169-10. Winger had already qualified for regionals in both events prior to the McDonald's Outdoor.

Winger has the top discus mark in the Big West this season and the second-best shot put mark. He placed second in both events at last year's championship meet.

Ruman receives Big West honor

Idaho's Patricia Ruman was selected as the Big West Women's Tennis Athlete of the Week for her performance in two Vandal victories last weekend.

Ruman played at the No. 1 spot for the Vandals and went 2-0 in singles and doubles against Eastern Washington and Gonzaga. The women recorded shutouts against both teams to end the regular season at 6-6.

Idaho women's basketball releases 2005-06 schedule

The Idaho women's basketball team has released its 2005-06 schedule, which includes its first games as a member of the Western Athletic Conference.

The Vandals will play 11 games at home, 12 on the road and will take part in two multi-team tournaments.

"Scheduling is very important," coach Mike Divilbiss said. "We have got to play some teams that challenge us and give us an opportunity for some quality wins, and we feel this schedule does that."

The 2005-06 season will begin at home vs. Portland State and will include two other preseason home games vs. Gonzaga and Portland State.

Idaho's maiden voyage through the WAC will begin Jan. 5, 2006, when the Vandals head to New Mexico State.

The WAC Championship Tournament is scheduled for March 7-11, 2006, at Reno, Nev.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Today

UI men's and women's tennis at Big West Conference Championships Indian Wells, Calif.

Saturday

UI men's and women's tennis at Big West Conference Championships Indian Wells, Calif.

UI track and field at Oregon Invite Eugene, Ore.

UI track and field at Cougar Invite Pullman

Sunday

UI men's and women's tennis at Big West Conference Championships Indian Wells, Calif.

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Without Shaq, West opens up for Spurs

BY DAVID MOORE
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

(KRT) - No matter what anyone says, the balance of power did not shift when Shaquille O'Neal departed one coast for the other.

But it did change the competitive landscape in the Western Conference.

The Los Angeles Lakers won three championships, advanced to the Finals four times and made five trips to the conference finals in O'Neal's eight years with the club. His trade to Miami, along with the departure of Phil Jackson, prompted San Antonio's Gregg Popovich to liken the Lakers' revolution to the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The next six weeks will determine which team is successful in this power grab.

San Antonio, which has captured two titles yet been knocked out of the playoffs three times in the last four years by the Lakers, should go from oppressed to oppressor. Everyone considers the Spurs the favorite.

Well, almost everyone. Popovich deflects the notion that the Spurs should be favored to emerge from the Shaq-deconstructed conference.

"No, I don't see why," Popovich said. "I think any one of four or five teams should be favored for whatever reason you like."

"Phoenix has the best record, but I don't see a whole lot of difference between Phoenix and Seattle, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. I just don't see it. I think any one of those teams can be favored for a particular reason. Then there are teams like Denver and Memphis that no one wants to play in the first round of the playoffs."

"There is only a couple of games difference between each team. What the heck does that mean? It doesn't mean a whole lot."

"It's going to be a heck of an affair for fans. It's going to be great."

Skeptics will question what Tim Duncan's late-season ankle injury means to the Spurs' chances. No one can answer that. But I can tell you the immediate impact.

Duncan's injury allowed San Antonio to slip behind Phoenix and into the easier bracket.

Denver owns the league's best record since the All-Star break. But does anyone believe the Nuggets can go on the road and win a

series against a Spurs team that is 38-3 at home this season?

The Nuggets are at their explosive best in transition. San Antonio doesn't allow teams to get into the open court. The Spurs will force Denver to execute its half-court offense, where it's not nearly as successful.

Others will give the Nuggets more of a chance than I do. But in the final five days of the regular season, when this team had a chance to embellish its playoff credentials, it lost to Houston by 28 points and Phoenix by 14 points.

Get past Denver, and the Spurs face the winner of the Seattle-Sacramento series. That should be no problem.

And Phoenix? The Grizzlies are a deep, athletic team that could extend the Suns more than expected. The winner of the Dallas-Houston series will push the Suns to the limit. If the Mavericks win - and I think they should - they can push Phoenix right out of the playoffs.

O'Neal is gone, but don't fall into the trap of thinking the West is wide open. Of the three teams that finished with the best record - Phoenix, San Antonio and Dallas - two are likely to advance to the conference finals.

There is even less intrigue in the East. As long as O'Neal is healthy, there is no team that can prevent a Miami-Detroit

showdown. The beauty of the playoffs is that a lower seed wins just enough to make you believe anything is possible, even when it isn't. But hey, we all need a diversion over the next two months.

And that is what the lower seeds have to sell in the first round.

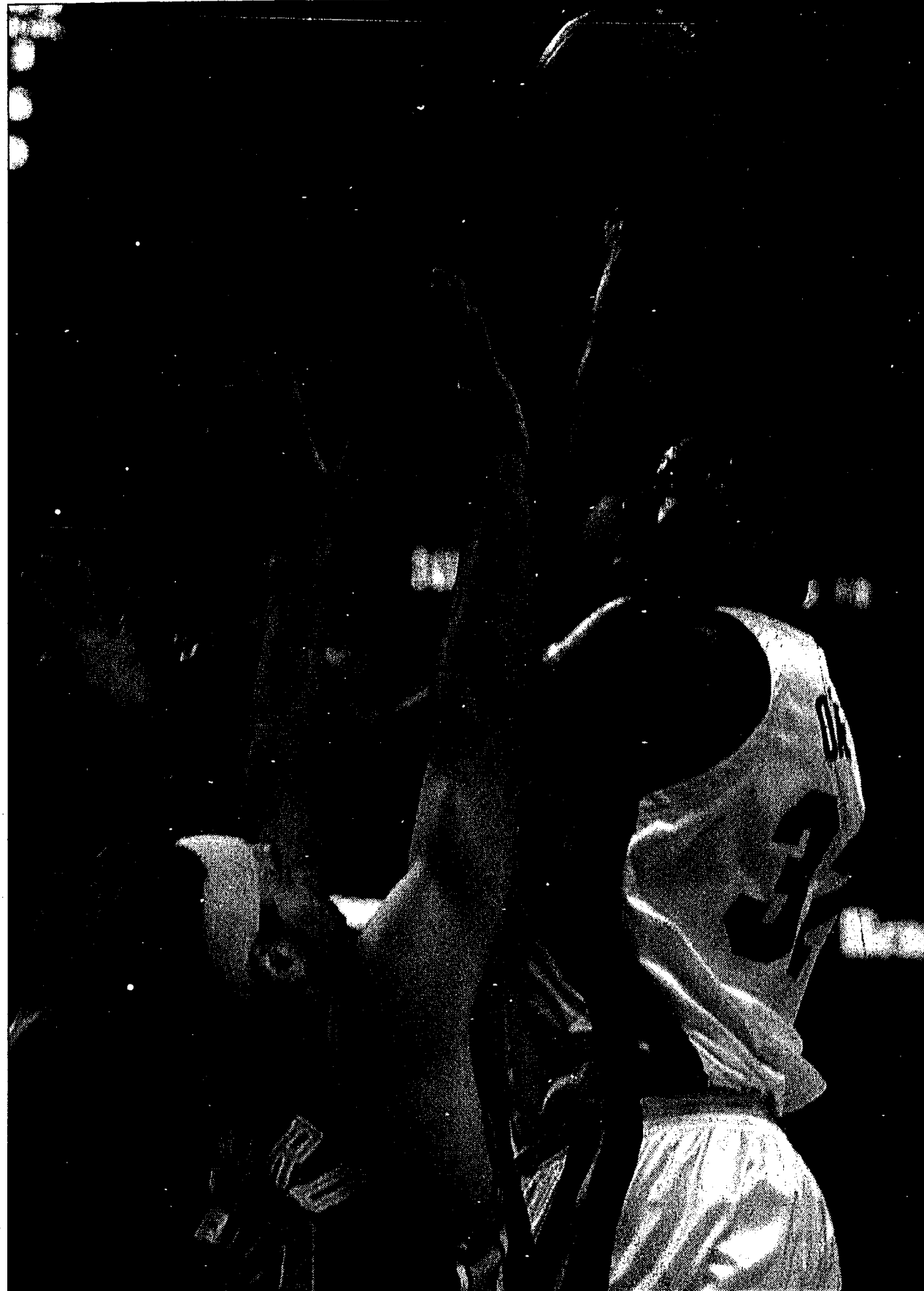
"The thing about the road to a championship, there are five teams, eight teams, 10 teams with a legitimate chance," Denver coach George Karl said. "Sometimes, you get one of those in the first round."

"When we were in Milwaukee, we got New Jersey in the first round. They went to the Finals. Most people felt if we would have won that series, we would have gone to the Finals."

"We (the Nuggets) can live with losing in the first round. I don't know if Phoenix or San Antonio can. Sometimes, the weight of loss overbears the actual truth of the series."

"It's going to be a heck of an affair for fans. It's going to be great."

GREGG POPOVICH
SAN ANTONIO SPURS



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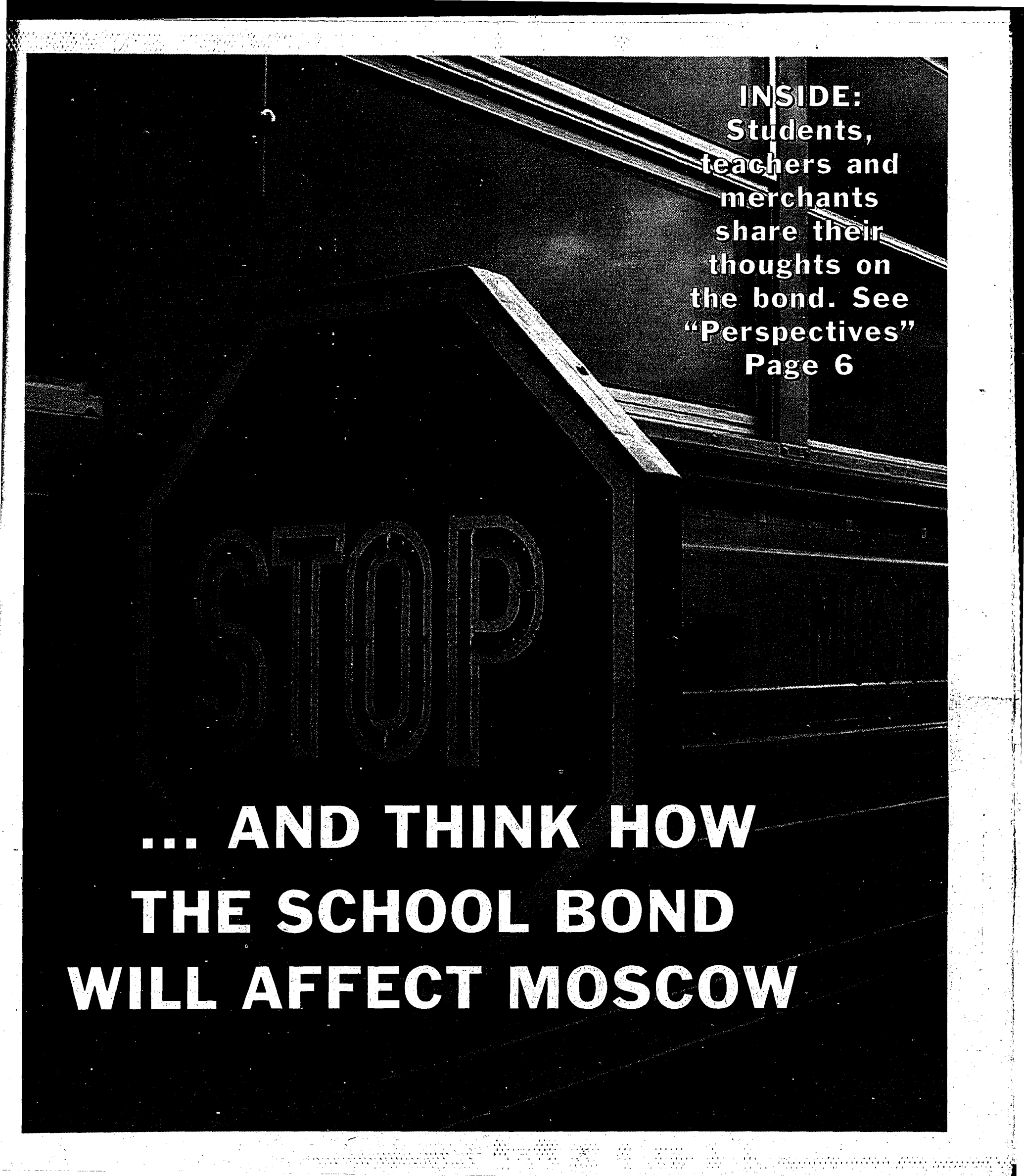
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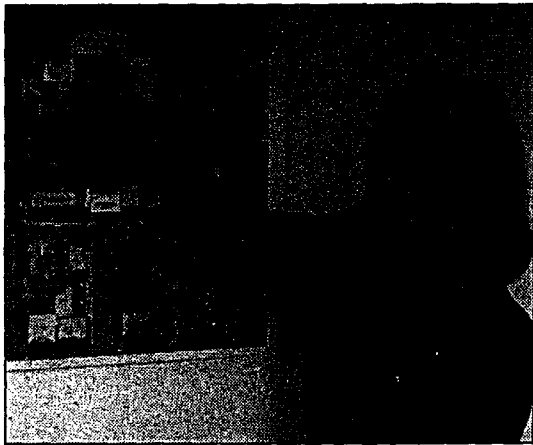
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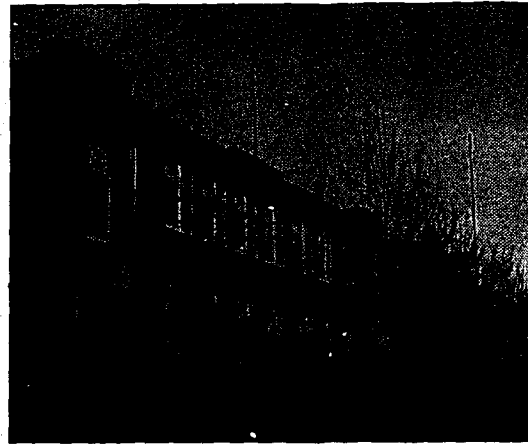
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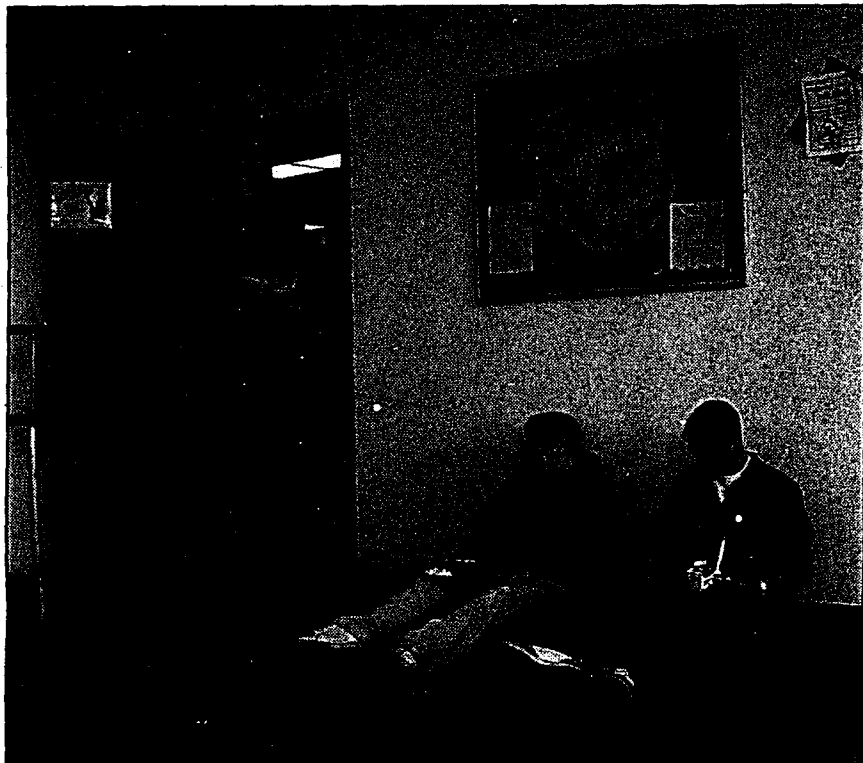
Candis Donicht, superintendent of the Moscow School District, points to an aerial photo of the current high school site.



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Elementary Plan

Russell Elementary is one of the elementary schools under consideration for remodeling.



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Community Perspective

Moscow High School juniors, left to right, Lyndon Harvey, David Wharton, Heidi Guske and Chris Eby choose to eat lunch in the high school commons.

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Family Land

David Trail, right, and his family propose to donate 30 acres of land for the new high school.



UI journalism students produce special section

KENTON BIRD
JAMM



Kenton Bird is the interim director of the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media. His e-mail address is kbird@uidaho.edu

This section is the product of work by nearly 30 University of Idaho journalism students. It has been an opportunity for them to apply textbook principles to a real-world project: explaining a complicated public policy issue to Moscow's citizens.

My public affairs reporting class conceived the project last fall. Students chose the Moscow School District's facilities planning process as the subject of an in-depth report. They attended meetings, visited schools and interviewed students, teachers and parents. Their stories examine

strengths, needs and challenges of schools across Moscow.

When the semester ended, the school facilities committee hadn't concluded its work. Five students elected to continue following the process. After the committee made its recommendation to the School Board in mid-February, students sought reaction from three stakeholder groups: teachers, high school students, owners or managers of downtown businesses.

The task of organizing, illustrating and presenting the stories fell to students in Shawn O'Neal's news editing and production

class. Working on a tight schedule, the students shaped their cohorts' writing into the section you hold in your hands.

This is intended to offer a variety of perspectives collected over the past six months that may provide additional insights to voters before the April 26 election.

Kenton Bird

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Planning process years in making

BY TONY GANZER
JAMM 427

Many ingredients have been thrown into the process for the Moscow Schools Facilities Planning Committee, but the outcome may not satisfy everyone.

With years of planning, meetings, diagrams and discussion for a major bond in Moscow, voters will give their verdict on April 26.

"Others are amazed at how long our process took. In my view, it takes as long as it takes, and with Moscow's diversity of thought on this issue, I worry we haven't spent the time to build enough support," committee member and University of Idaho sociologist J.D. Wulfhorst said. "I hope I'm wrong."

Wulfhorst is the external communications coordinator for the committee, and was a major figure in the \$1.1 million operating levy effort in April 2002,

an effort that earned 63 percent of voter.

The April 2005 bond effort is slated for \$29 million, and requires a majority of 66.67 percent, according to Idaho law.

The 24-member facilities committee was brought together after Chairman Bill Goesling submitted a diverse group of names to the Moscow School Board.

"About two years ago it was determined the committee was overloaded with in-house people, and not enough community representation. So I was charged to identify the various constituent groups that had an interest in this school district," Goesling said.

"I think it was clearly made more representative, but if you look at demographics of the community, it didn't cover everybody. With any committee, you can't cover every possible position," Wulfhorst said.

Involved in the committee are school principals, parents, maintenance person-

nel, and other concerned community members.

University of Idaho College of Natural Resources faculty member Bill McLaughlin was asked to be the committee's facilitator, to steer the committee and keep it focused. McLaughlin has worked with committees and discussion groups with the U.S. Forest Service.

"It seems like all the interests are there, and often times you don't see that," McLaughlin said.

The diversity of the committee prevented one particular interest group's wants from overruling any opposition.

"There probably isn't any idea out there that we haven't solicited, looked at and evaluated," Goesling said.

The Moscow School District hired consultant firm The Matrix Group of Coeur d'Alene, to survey the Moscow schools in 2000. Superintendent Candis Donicht, hired in 2002, endorsed its recommendations to the school board.

The school district hired Boise firm Hummel Architects in the summer of 2002, and then began laying its infrastructure.

"One of the things we got to think about is Moscow schools over a 25-year time horizon," McLaughlin said.

The legacy of difficulties with bonds for Moscow schools provoked the committee to plan its steps carefully, and establish working rules of order.

Committee members spent months touring schools, visiting with experts and consultants, and taking in information before working with architects to draw up building options for the schools.

The committee had been overwhelmed with options and diversity in perspective. With 39 possible building projects and three final project options, members spent many months sifting

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Trail family offers to donate land for new high school

BY MORGAN VAUGHN
JAMM 427

Trail family representative David Trail said the family plans to donate a 30-acre piece of their 500-acre property, east of Mountain View Park, to the Moscow school district. That is if the school district purchases 10 acres at fair market value.

The school district plans to build a \$20 million high school on the 40-acre piece of property, which will serve grades nine through 12 with better parking, more room and updated classes, if the bond passes.

Trail, '66, a Chartered Life Underwriter at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, represents the financial interests in the Trail property.

According to Trail, about four or five years ago, the school district approached his family about acquiring some land needed to build a new high school. The Trails agreed to the proposition late last year, and decided to gift 30 acres with the stipulation that 10 were purchased at fair market value to be determined by a

nonpartisan assessor.

Trail said the family property has never been, and won't otherwise be sold within the current generation of family, with exception to a former sale of two percent of the 500 acres they own.

The property is currently leased to farmers and is highly sought after. According to Trail, he gets phone calls almost weekly inquiring if the family would be willing to sell a piece of their land.

"It's very prime land," Trail said. "I can't even tell you how many I've turned down. We're not interested in selling it, but I could sell it tomorrow morning if I wanted to."

Some residents within a quarter to half a mile of the property have expressed concerns toward having a school in the vicinity. Increased traffic could become a problem on Mountain View Road, originally an old country road, and the building may affect wetlands and views of Moscow Mountain.

Scott Straubhar, a representative of Hummel Architects

"Our decision was an emotional decision and not a commercial decision."

DAVID TRAIL

Spokesman for the Trail family

who will be in charge of the school's construction if the bond passes, said the wetlands area won't be a concern. He said they may be able to improve the wetlands areas within the property.

Straubhar said most state-of-the-art high schools need 40 acres to accommodate all the necessary playfields, parking, and classroom area.

The new school plan would also eliminate the need to bus students back and forth between the high school and the junior high school to use its fields; an issue both Trail and the school planning facilities committee felt should be addressed.

"(The school) was obsolete 40 years ago when I was first there," Trail said.



Photo: Geoff Crimmins, Moscow-Pullman Daily News
David Trail stands on part of the family property that will be donated to the Moscow School District for the proposed new high school.

Trail said the main focus is to help with school issues.

"What you have to gain is pride in helping the public system," he said.

The \$29 million bond to restructure the Moscow school district -- \$20 million for the new high school -- will be pro-

posed on April 26. Trail said if it fails, future costs will be even higher because of inflation. He calls it "the cost of waiting."

"Our decision was an emotional decision and not a commercial decision," Trail said. "I don't know of any better offers."

Russell Elementary due for a change

BY ELIZABETH DALESSIO

JAMM 427

Seth Hamilton has a busy morning. When the sixth-grader is picked up by a school bus on Indian Hills Drive, he heads for West Park Elementary School. Only, he doesn't go to school at West Park.

Hamilton, who attends Russell Elementary School, has to transfer to another bus that takes him and other older students to the correct school.

"We sit on the bus and wait for the other bus in the mornings because sometimes it is late," he said.

Hamilton, 11, is one of many students who attend fourth through sixth grade at Russell. Kindergarten through third grade students attend West Park Elementary.

Hamilton said he likes West Park better because of the bigger gym and grass on the playground.

"The gym at Russell is tiny. It needs to be bigger."

He is one of many who feel that small improvements are necessary to make the school a better place.

Hamilton's mother, Edie Hanson, attended Russell from 1968 to 1973 and said her biggest concern for her son is the grade configuration.

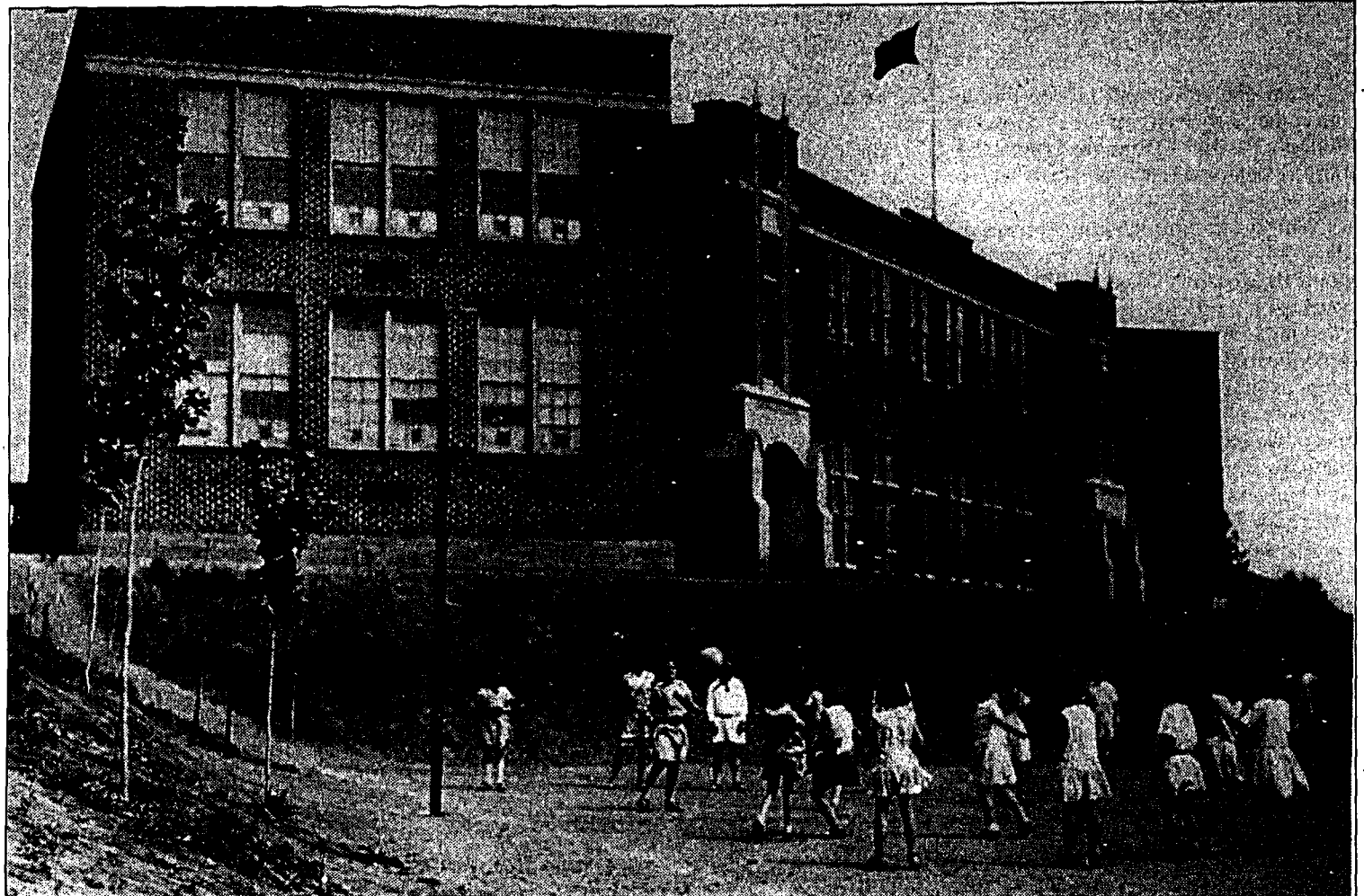
"My oldest son went to West Park all the way through school," Hanson said. "I liked that because he developed stronger bonds with his classmates and his peers."

A re-configuration committee has been formed to discuss options at both Russell and West Park. The team consists of teachers, parents, both school principals and other members of the community.

Jeanie Gayler, who has a son in the fifth grade at Russell and a daughter in third grade at West Park, said she doesn't mind the grade configuration.

"They both have had excellent teachers," she said. "Socially, I don't believe that my third grader needs to have sixth graders to look up to."

"My kids don't know any different so they don't mind. They just accept it as the way it

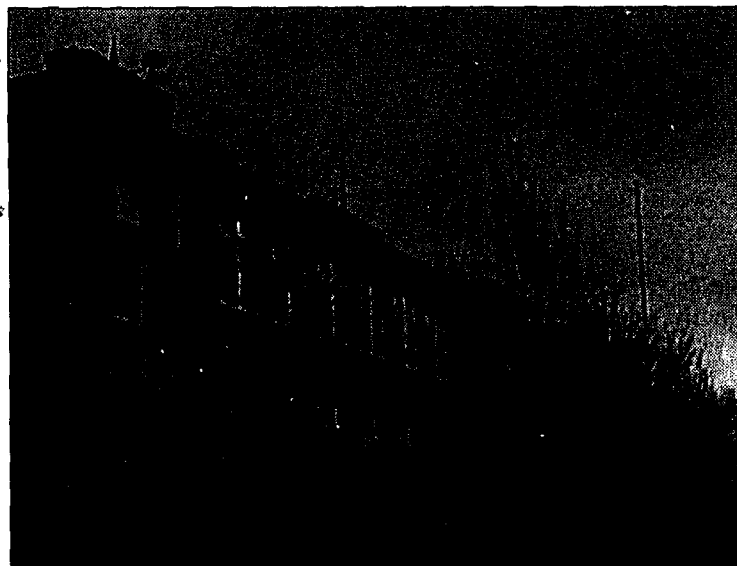


is. There are any number of configurations to choose from, and much research to support each of them. What I do believe is that the grade configuration should be the same for all schools district wide."

Carole Jones, the principal of Russell Elementary School, said the reason the Moscow School Board split the configuration of West Park and Russell was due to shifting enrollment from parents who attend the University of Idaho.

"The high cost of keeping two full elementary schools operating during a time of declining enrollment also caused the split," she said. "Both Russell and West Park are inadequate to house a K through six program with two classes per grade level. At present, there are not enough students to fill each school."

Russell was built in 1928 and celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2003. However, in 1928, education was different



than it is now.

"No more do we simply have a classroom full of students and one teacher," Jones said. "We have special education, gifted/talented, Title I and instruction for non-English learners."

According to Jones, maintenance and classroom sizes are two of the biggest concerns the

elementary school faces.

"The classrooms need storage, wiring for technology, room for computers and learning stations and science labs. The vintage 1928 classrooms are not outfitted for today's student/teacher style of instruction."

The library at Russell is a converted classroom which

Photo Anne Drobish-Shahat
The Russell Elementary building has not changed much since 1928 (above). Today (left), the school's playground and gym facilities are of particular concern

Jones said severely limits the capacity. A 1928-style classroom is approximately 75 percent of the size of present day school classrooms.

The boiler used at Russell is the original model. There is also no running water in classrooms for drinking or science experiments.

"The electrical system has had to be upgraded to meet our tech needs," Jones said. "There is no elevator for non-ambulatory staff or students."

Russell also uses portable

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Substandard technology in schools may affect education

BY TIM KNOX
JAMM 427

Presently, some of the school buildings in Moscow may not be considered technologically efficient.

All of the buildings are in need of some technological help, Chanc Hiatt, a network support specialist for Moscow School District, said.

Candis Donicht, superintendent of MSD, explained that part of the problem is the electrical wiring within the buildings.

"When we look at our facilities, we see that in almost all of our schools our electrical systems are maxed because of the increased use of instructional and management technology," Donicht said.

Donicht is referring to Idaho's new program called the Idaho Student Information Management System. This system is designed to be a wide-ranging resource that will include information on student progress, attendance, homework assignments, testing, teacher goals, course curriculums and other educational tools.

ISIMS is being implemented as a part of the Statewide Plan for Technology in Idaho, which is designed to help bring Idaho into compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

"With ISIMS comes a whole new way of doing business," Hiatt said. "We are going to be putting an enormous strain on the network and the machines (computers) we currently have."

MSD currently utilizes a mostly wireless antennae/radio based computer network, with wireless Internet access through First Step.

"The system is several years old and does not meet our needs as far as stability or bandwidth," Doyle said.

MSD is currently in the process of implementing a fiber-optic network, in coordination with the City of Moscow, Department of Transportation, and Gritman Memorial Hospital, with Avista donating some fiber cable to the project.

"All buildings are prepared to connect to fiber," Doyle said. "All that is needed at this point is fiber in the street near the buildings and the appropriate cables and interfaces."

Fiber optics, which involves sending signals of pulsing light along tiny threads of glass, have been found to be more reliable, faster, and yield a higher longevity than other network wiring, such as copper wiring.

"Fiber should meet the needs of the district in the future," Doyle said. "It will provide the bandwidth necessary for the district to convert to ISIMS, provide the technology to meet future curricular needs and the stable communication necessary to administer a public school."

Technology was one of the issues addressed by the Facilities Planning Committee. Improvements to Russell and West Park Elementary Schools will include "ample power and data for computer stations."

Ed Christian, a member of the FPC, said the electrical and telecommunications status at every school in the district is substandard, according to the architect's review.

"Very old buildings are not up to today's standards for technology," Christian said. "Upgrades to (technology) systems appear in all of the work the architects priced out for us which were presented in November," Donicht said. "In any new construction, architects design appropriately for today's needs."

Roads breed some concern for proposed high school location

BY MORGAN VAUGHN
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The Moscow School Facilities Planning Committee's April 26 bond proposal has set a maximum of \$20 million to be spent on a new high school, but needed street improvements near the proposed site means the money may not cover all costs.

The proposed Moscow High School will be on the Trail family property, south of Moscow Mountain next to Mountain View Park. Access to the site, though, leaves much to be desired, particularly in the case of Mountain View Road.

North of Hamilton-Lowe Aquatics Center, Mountain View Road is a 22-foot wide, two-lane

road. It has no shoulders, curb and gutter, bike lanes or sidewalks.

Philip Cook, a research associate at the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, said it barely meets minimum standards for traffic lane widths and doesn't accommodate cyclists or pedestrians.

The city of Moscow proposed a bond about a decade ago, to make improvements to Mountain View Road. The bond failed and the city had to fund the improvements, which are still unfinished, from its annual budget.

Hummel Architects will be in charge of construction if the bond passes, and has planned two exits from the school: one on Mountain View Road and another on F Street. Two exits are required for

safety access issues and to help traffic flow.

Improvements for F Street include a bridge over Paradise Creek, sidewalks and bike lanes. On-street parking may be eliminated. The added traffic may also pose a problem for McDonald Elementary School children that cross F Street to get to school.

The district may also be in charge of extending Mountain View Road east along the school property and south to F Street, which could cost as much as \$1.1 million. Another requirement the district may have to fulfill is buying traffic lights at newly constructed intersections and right-of-ways at a cost that has yet to be

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Alternative school's growth halted by lack of resources

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If the April 26 school bond passes in Moscow, the alternative high school will no longer operate out of an old convenience store. It will change venues from a former Circle K building to the current Moscow High School building, which many people believe will be a great step forward.

Former student Amy Graves graduated from the alternative high school program in 1995. At that time it was still a program run by the Moscow High School. She said the setting of the alternative program was much more intimate, with no more than 20 students per teacher. This allowed the students to get more individual attention.

Things could go back to this if the bond passes and



Photo: Anne Drobish-Shahat

Paradise Creek Regional High School is housed in the former Circle K convenience store on south Main. If the bond issue passes, the school will eventually move to a portion of the current high school on Third Street.

more space is created.

The principal of Paradise Creek Regional Carole Jones said "the program works great," but she thinks they need room to expand, and most likely would if more space were issued to them.

"There's a lot of possibilities," she said. "They want to get some professional/technical classes, and possibly more teachers, but can't do that if the program is stuck in the old building."

At an October school board meeting, the alternative high school's presentation impressed several board members, said J.D. Wulfhorst, a University of Idaho rural sociologist and school facilities planning committee member.

"I think their facility situation is as much about equity and doing the right thing as it is physical space," Wulfhorst said.

The alternative school is a successful option for students who cannot conform to the normal high school lifestyle as well.

Facility and faculty size limit student enrollment to between 30 and 40. The number will most likely increase if the bond passes, said Joe Swarner, who is a secretary and aide at Paradise Regional. Swarner said most students feel they are getting a good education at the alternative high school. He said generally, there is improvement in most areas, though not as much in math and science as in reading and writing.

Downtown businesses fear loss of students

BY TONY GANZER
JAMM 427

Editor's note: The following articles are part of a perspectives package that express the thoughts about a new high school through the eyes of three key groups in the community.

The high school student is a community icon to many downtown Moscow business owners.

The sight of students browsing shop windows or grabbing a bite to eat at the Co-op on their lunch break has given many Muscovite merchants a familiarity

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and comfort with the younger generation.

Talks of moving Moscow High School out of downtown and onto 40 acres of land on Mountain View road may threaten to dissolve that symbiosis of merchant and student and create other problems in the process.

"If kids don't shop downtown as teenagers, they won't as they are adults," said Kenna Eaton, general manager of the Moscow Food Growers Cooperative.

"It's nice to see them around," she said.

Students have made the Co-op a regular stop for lunchtime and after-school visits.

Eaton said seeing the teens in her store — and around downtown — enhances the community by not isolating the students. Rather, it welcomes them.

Bob Greene of BookPeople agreed.

Greene likes meeting student to recruit prospective employees. He said he feels more confident in offering work to the next generation after watching them walk by, or in, his bookstore.

He said he remembers the traditional image of a student — books slung over the shoulder, dressed and



Moscow Food Co-op general manager Kenna Eaton stands in front for the Co-op's dining area, which is full of Moscow High School students during their lunch hour.

Photo Anne Drobish-Shahat

pressed for school. Over the years the image has evolved, but the idea of inclusion continues. It is an idea that is in danger of being lost if the high school moves.

"Keep it downtown," Greene said.

B.J. Swanson, vice-president of American West Bank of Moscow, said she worries the move might have a large economic impact on the downtown community.

"I had to be concerned taking 900 people out of downtown," Swanson said.

"Losing any kind of large population has a negative effect," said Paul Kimmel, executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce. Kimmel said the Chamber doesn't know the exact impact students have on downtown businesses, and can't take a stand on the

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Facility conditions top teachers' list of needed improvements

BY TIM KNOX
JAMM 427

No one is closer to the education process of Moscow's youth than the teachers, who work hard to ensure students receive the learning they need to succeed.

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Teachers in the Moscow School District have many concerns about the facilities in which they are required to educate the young people of Moscow.

Lori Maxwell, a first grade teacher at Lena Whitmore Elementary, said space is a large concern in the district.

One of the main issues is Moscow High School's cafeteria that seats 80 of the approximate 550 students attending the high school. Due to the size of the facility and student population, MHS

also lacks sufficient parking, physical education facilities and requires the use of temporary classrooms at McDonald Elementary School.

"It is amazing we don't have more problems than we do with the kids all jammed together like this," said MHS assistant principal and activities director Jerry Jaques. "The kids deal with it great."

Maxwell said she believes facility improvements will provide adequate space, which can accommodate the wide variety of programs offered, and ensure safe and secure, code-compliant buildings.

Robing Barnes, a physical education and wellness teacher at Moscow High School, deals directly with these issues. P.E. classes are bused daily to and from facilities and playfields at the junior high and University of Idaho.

Barnes said students lose approxi-

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mately 20 minutes of class time to bus-

ing. "To have the new facilities would be better. We could offer more programs, better safety and wouldn't waste time," Barnes said.

Maxwell explained facilities are only one aspect of the education process, but will help teachers by providing the tools

necessary for efficient and quality instruction.

"New and remodeled schools are about safety, security, space, and accessibility, which ultimately improve education but do not define a good education," Maxwell said. "When people build or remodel their kitchens they don't expect that it will make them better cooks. They build or remodel because they need more space, a better floor plan for convenience, and newer appliances which will ultimately facilitate good meal preparation."

"Our whole mindset of technology and chemistry has changed," Jaques said. "Times are different and the expectations are greater."

Bob Allenger, the Spanish teacher at the high school, agreed with Jaques.

"How many students 30 or 40 years

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Students give mixed views on possible move

BY ELIZABETH DALESSIO
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The transition from middle school to high school can be extremely difficult for young students to overcome. In Moscow, though, making that transition seems pretty easy.

Here, freshmen remain at the junior high, but compete and participate in

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high school activities.

"There are days when the seventh and eighth grades don't have classes and we do," said Kyle Hamilton, a freshman athlete at Moscow Junior High School. "Sometimes we are alone and on completely different schedules."

Hamilton is one of the many freshmen who are considered a part of the high school, but still attend the junior high.

"We definitely need to build a new high school," he said. "The ninth grade needs to be included with the high school."

If the \$29 million Moscow School District facilities bond passes on April 26, Moscow will construct a new high school, as well as make renovations and remodels to other schools in the community.

"The high school now is old and out of date," Hamilton said. "We need new facilities."

Hamilton said the biggest challenge facing the current high school is that of athletics. Student-athletes are forced to impose on the junior high to practice and play games because Moscow High

School does not have any playing fields.

"The girls play games at the high school sometimes and that is pretty much it," he said. "It sucks that we have to go to a different school to play sports. We should be able to walk out of the door and have fields ready to go."

Moscow School District Superintendent Candis Donicht said she believes making changes to the facilities will enable the district to better deliver instruction.

"The facilities should be the skin around the program; they shouldn't drive the program," Donicht said.

Donicht said any issues concerning new and improved curriculum would be more easily addressed once the grade configuration is changed from 10th through 12th grade to ninth through 12th grade.

"The ninth grade teachers will join the rest of the high school faculty, contributing not only their time, but their varied backgrounds and certifications enabling a more diverse program with more class electives to choose from," she said.

Sarah Dickerson, a junior at MHS, said she feels education should be more of a priority in the district.

"We should be focused on the teachers," Dickerson said. "They should raise the teachers' salaries. Education should be the priority."

Dickerson said the science labs at the high school outdated, but doesn't feel she would receive a better education because of a new facility.

Other MHS students are concerned with the effects of a location change. The proposed new facility would be built at the northeastern edge of



Photo by Anne Drobish-Shahat

Students gather in the commons at the high school to eat lunch and talk.

Moscow, north of a proposed extension of F Street and east of Mountain View Park.

The Trail family has offered to donate 30 acres if the school district buys 10 acres, creating a 40-acre site for the building, playfields and parking lots.

"I love the high school being downtown," said Jessica Streets, a MHS junior who takes advantage of the Moscow Food Co-op's close proximity to the high school nearly every day.

"If the high school were going to move it would be hard on the business-

es downtown and students would have to drive more."

Driving is a concern for students in both situations.

Hamilton said he doesn't think the drive to the new high school would be bad, while Streets is concerned with losing the community aspect of the high school.

"We are centrally located," she said. "Anyone who wants to walk can do so. But, if there were better transportation in this town, we wouldn't have to drive. I would really like to drive less."

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determined.

Though the \$1.1 million expense wasn't originally factored into the bond proposal, Scott Straubhar, who represents Hummel Architects, said the firm will drop its commission from 7.5 percent down to 7 percent, meaning Hummel will take a \$145,000 cut in pay from what was originally \$2.17 million.

"It is important to note that the board has set a clear directive that the high school project shall not exceed \$20 million," Moscow School District

Superintendent Candis Donicht said. "Therefore, tradeoffs may happen inside of the project if any one aspect of it comes in higher than anticipated."

Straubhar echoed Donicht's statement, saying any extra money needed will have to come out of the quality of the building. Straubhar is confident the firm can cover the necessary costs with the commission adjustment and emergency excess-funding factored into the proposal.

Other on-and-off site costs total about \$2.8 million. These include water, sewer, utilities, two bridges over Paradise Creek, on-site streets (loop and service roads), a parking lot,

linking F Street to the property, and an intersection at Mountain View Road.

But getting to the area may present a problem.

"The transportation commission is concerned about the lack of major east/west roadways," said Walter Steed, the chairperson of the Moscow Transportation Commission. "You've got to have some east/west: you can't have a wagon wheel if you don't have spokes." He said Highway 8 and Palouse River Drive are the only major streets that take traffic east and west.

"You can name street after street with problems," he said. "It becomes a barrier to

east/west transportation." Examples he gave included Third Street missing a bridge, a reduced curb-to-curb width on Sixth Street, and a bluff on D Street, near Polk and F street, not meeting Highway 95.

The transportation committee has long-term plans to build a "ring road" around Moscow. The road will address the east/west traffic issue, among other things. It is intended to be a 35-45 mph road with limited access to keep traffic flowing.

Most of the streets that go east and west are neighborhood streets. By putting the high school on the other side of town from its current location,

increased traffic could plague residential streets such as Sixth Street and Third Street that were not originally designed for heavy traffic.

Another problem for Third Street is the lack of a bridge over Paradise Creek. A bridge is being considered, which would connect Third Street to Mountain View Road, but city officials have been wary of doing this in the past because they don't want to turn it into a traffic collector. D Street is also getting improvements.

"Walking and biking represent freedom to a kid," Cook said, adding that many high school students will want to drive for the same reason.

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ago felt the need to continue their education and attend a university?" Allenger asked. "How much can you earn today with a high school degree?"

Allenger explained the outcome of high school has changed. Instead of being the end of education and classes, students are now going on when they finish high school, he said.

"Students feel the need to take college prep classes," Allenger said.

"Is this the best building to meet those needs? Probably not. Methodology of instruction has changed and we want to be able to provide the best education we can."

Another issue that concerns teachers is student grade configuration throughout the district's buildings.

The ninth graders currently attend school at the junior high building, even though they are considered high school students and participate in high school activities and sports.

"We are doing the ninth graders a disservice," said Penni Cyr, president of the Moscow Education Association and librarian at Moscow High School.

Candis Donicht, the Moscow School District superintendent, said she believes ninth graders are old enough to be at the high school and get serious about their high school career.

"Ninth grade is high school and people have come to the community meetings to say so," she said.

On January 25, Donicht made a recommendation to the school board regarding grade configuration and

spoke in favor of a ninth through 12th grade high school.

With a new ninth through 12th grade high school the current seventh through ninth grade junior high would become a sixth through eighth grade middle school.

But LaDene Edwards, a music teacher at Lena Whitmore Elementary, said she does not believe moving the sixth grade up to a middle school setting is a good idea.

"I feel that sixth graders could use one more year in an elementary setting for social and emotional issues," she said.

"It is felt that if one supports a nine through 12 configuration then questioning stops regarding what K through eight students need, but rather what facilities are left."

In her recommendation to the board, Donicht discussed taking advantage of having all of the sixth graders in one building. She said block scheduling and team teaching would give teachers more prep time and the ability to work together to meet the developmental needs of the sixth graders.

Edwards said she feels Moscow students do get a quality education and will continue to do so regardless of whether the bond passes or not.

"But, of course, if facilities are not maintained and upgraded, especially in this age of technology, that level of quality is harder to maintain down the road," she said.

Barnes agreed that Moscow teachers do an excellent job and said, "Our goal is to teach these kids life-long skills. There's so much more they learn than pencil, paper and grades."

Russell

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buildings placed next to the school as classrooms. Jones dislikes the use of portables in elementary school.

"I always hate to see them (portable classrooms) next to a building, especially a beautiful and historically significant one like Russell. I think it distracts from the school."

Russell is built on a hillside with an asphalt surface, making it impossible for a grass playground. On snowy days the surface is very slick, and in the winter the building is cold and drafty.

Hamilton, who enjoys outdoor activities at school, said the playground is the most disappointing part of the school.

"There is no grass on the playground," he said. "More kids get hurt if they are playing football and stuff."

Through the years, Russell hasn't changed all that much, Hanson said.

"We used to have gravel on the playground, now there is asphalt. We used to not have any kind of air conditioners and we could throw snowballs then."

Jones said she is concerned with the limits the building has on her students.

"The cost to upgrade this building far surpasses the cost of building a new one. I very much like Russell. I like the history and tradition. Good teachers and teaching are a tradition at Russell also. I think the teachers and students need and

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through information.

To throw another variable into the mix, the Trail family of Moscow offered to donate 30 acres of land on Mountain View Road to support a new high school, if the district would purchase an adjacent 10 acres to make a 40-acre total lot.

As time crept toward April, after a hand-full of public forums, the committee made a presentation to the school board in February, offering its recommendation for a \$29 million bond, including a new \$20 million high school on the Trail property.

Wulforst said though the committee is diverse and considered many building options, the number of district staff involved in the committee, may impact how balanced some perceive the package to be.

"I wouldn't say the committee is stacked, but what it comes down to is who is willing to speak and who is willing to assert and advocate for a particular position.

Some on the committee were a lot more assertive than others, which happens with most groups of that size," Wulforst said.

Debates on the committee's proposal may be moot after the school board accepted the committee's recommendation in mid-February, and decided what voters would see.

Moscow voters will now have to decide whether the committee's proposal is acceptable.

"Education [about the bond] is the key," Committee member Rob Spear said.

Spear said setting up outreach services with the community is important for the bond initiative. The committee approved a telephone survey in December that would discern the pulse of the community. The survey interviewed 397 residents of the Moscow school district, and determined most residents agreed improvements are necessary and would consider voting for a bond.

Goesling said after every few steps of discussion and brainstorming, the committee went to the community for input.

Originally, Wulforst wanted to include smaller, more personalized community focus groups, surveys, and more open forums in a larger outreach initiative, but the committee needed to be ready for a vote in April.

A current bond from 1991 expires in December, meaning lower taxes if the proposed bond is not passed.

"We can pass a \$10 million bond with no impact on the taxpayers," Spear said.

But \$10 million would build a little less than half of the proposed \$20 million high school, less money to purchase acreage and road improvements.

Goesling is confident the committee's process has shown the community that the \$29 million bond is the best route to take.

"I'm optimistic because I think the people that have taken the time to read and to understand the educational needs of the community have agreed the board reached the proper decision with respect to what we needed to do within the financial limits of the community," Goesling said.

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moving of the high school or on the bond issue until raw numbers are gathered and made available.

Eaton said students only spend about \$100 a week at her store, but having them around her shop is still important to her.

"I don't see the need (for a new high

school)," Eaton said.

The current high school could use a renovation and upgraded science labs she said, but a new building doesn't make sense to Eaton.

Other business people are divided on whether the \$20 million high school is needed. And if it is, there is much doubt as to whether the bond can pass.

"I don't think raising taxes will hurt

(businesses) that much," Swanson said.

She said a cohesive committee and process is needed to pass a bond, and she doesn't see that synergy in Moscow's process.

Swanson said the 39 project possibilities the committee sifted through were too many, and a solid plan is needed to pass a bond.

Kimmell likes the efforts the school

board and facilities committee made to contact the community for input on project ideas and the process. It was an effort, though, not everyone was aware of.

Eaton said she doesn't feel included in the process, especially from the perspective of a downtown merchant.

"Never once have I been approached as a business person; I'm frustrated by that," Eaton said.