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Bruce Mann/Argonaut About 300 students gathered Monday evening to remember the 32 people killed by Cho Seung-Hui at Virginia Tech last week. The candlelight vigil was held outside the University of Idaho Library. Thirty-two luminarias were lit in rememberance of those who died. ASUI sponsored the vigil.

Life out of the president's office

By Christina Lords Argonaut

of the center, which now includes programming that focuses on larger issues such as rural poverty, homeOther programs will also contin-

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requests for Kibbie renovation, new programs and land

> **By Sean Garmire** Argonaut

Students will soon see some changes on the University of Idaho campus.

Several requests for new academic programs, renovations to the Kibbie Dome and land transfers were unanimously approved by the Idaho State Board of Education during its visit to UI last week.

The requests were awarded on Friday, the second day of the meeting, after the board voted to increase student fees 5 percent instead of the 5.95 percent proposed by UI's student fee committee. The move ultimately refused \$200,000 in university revenue next year.

Vice President of Finance and Administration Lloyd Mues said the university will cope with the reduction by reducing the "purchase of academic and non-academic equipment supported by matriculation fees.'

Other small reductions will take place as well, including cutbacks in the student computing and network costs and intercollegiate athletics, Mues said.

Support for transit will not be affected by the reductions.

ue, such as Alternate Service Break and student research opportunities," Mues said.

Berto Cerrillo and Travis Shomer are ready for something new.

As the current ASUI president and vice president, Cerrillo and Shofner have served for 18 months, the longest fixed term for the positions in ASUI's history.

Both men say they are proud of what they have been able to accomplish during their time at the University of Idaho.

One general comment that I can make is I am happy that we could say that with whatever happened, we could be very open and honest about it," Cerrillo said. "When we started, I think a lot of people felt concerned that ASUI had been closed off in a lot of ways ... but we always tried to stay open and honest

about anything that we were doing.

A S U I President-elect Jon Gaffney said he loved Cerrillo and Shofner's energy for their positions and how they made themselves

available to work with the student population.

'I think one of the best things about them is their approachability," Gaffney said. "They're just out there, and I've always felt comfortable just walking up to them to talk about things. Students should be able to walk up and just say 'Hey, this is what's going on.""

Cerrillo and Shofner said they are most proud of the advances that the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action has been able to make during their term.

"A big thing that I am most proud of is the legacy of the Volunteer Center," Shofner said.

The program went from being originally sustained by a person working at a one-desk cubical to one of the largest offices within ASUI, Shofner said. Cerrillo and Shofner worked to expand the programming vides volunteer opportunities to help with both local and national issues.

Cerrillo and Shofner pushed for the center to be able to provide the opportunity for students to participate in service trips, including the Alternative Spring Break program.

Cerrillo said he was also proud that ASUI could offer students a way to legally download music through the Ruckus program. The program was something the two had been discussing as part of their platform as candidates for presidential ticket, and Cerrillo said he was happy that the program was made available within the first few months of their 'term.

Cerrillo and Shofner each said they were proud of the peoto come out ahead. We ple that they were able to work with during their time in the ASUI office, including work-ing with each

Travis Shofner ASUI vice president

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other. "We had one of the biggest ASUIs that the university has ever had,' Cerrillo said. "Every position was full so we could really cover a breadth of issues. We were happy for that because it gives more students a chance to be involved. The executive side pulled the weight for ASUI."

After working together for so long in the ASUI office, Cerrillo said he has made a friend for life in Shofner.

"Uncle Travis will hang around the kids," Cerrillo said. "I have all good things to say about him."

The reason they were so successful was that they both had the same attitude, Shofner added.

"We wanted everyone to come out ahead," Shofner said. "We were never afraid to get our hands dirty."

Both men agreed that having a more productive Senate was one of the few things they said they wished



Travis Shofner and Berto Cerrillo discuss university matters in the ASUI conference room on Friday afternoon.

could have been improved.

Shofner, who in his role as vice president served as the president of the Senate, said some senators were not doing an adequate job of representing their student constituents.

"We really wanted to make progress with the Senate, and it just wasn't seen," Shofner said. "I just wanted them to do something, to be productive, to just show up and get the job done."

Shofner continued, "During our meetings, only four or five senators ever communicate. Some senators think that writing bills is the only thing that they can do, but writing the bills is usually just a way to regulate ourselves. They don't address the concerns of the students."

Senators don't utilize their chance to communicate with the rest of the Senate to talk about issues that students truly face, Shofner said. He said senators don't have anything to communicate during Senate meetings because they are too lazy, or don't have anything to say because they were not visiting their living groups on a regular basis.

Cerrillo said he was also concerned about the state of the Senate.

"The Senate has the power to cre-ate change," Cerrillo said. "There's a complete lack of drive as a body. There are individuals in the senate that really do try to make a difference, but as a body I have had a complete lack of confidence for nearly the entire term.'

Cerrillo and Shofner said too much emphasis is placed on friendships and people from the same liv-ing groups within the Senate, and not enough on what the student body really needs and cares about.

Now they say they're ready to move on.

Cerrillo plans to travel to Spain for a year. He hopes to return to the university to finish up course work and graduate in 2009. He also plans to attend law school, where he wants to focus on immigration law.

Shofner said he wants to stay close to the community of Moscow.

"I'd really like to serve the university more," Shofner said. "I've really grown attached to this place, and I want to keep giving back to the university."



Classical studies prof set to retire in '08

Students and faculty ponder the future of the program

By Hayley Guenthner Argonaut

Greek and Latin probably aren't the first two subjects that pop into the mind of the average UI collegiate.

Classical studies majors might be the exception.

'(In this field) there is something new to learn everyday," said professor and adviser Louis A. Perraud. 'These students are incredibly disciplined."

Perraud, a professor of foreign language and literature, has been a member of the UI faculty since 1982. He educates classical studies majors alongside only one other teaching assistant, and plans to retire in 2008, leaving the fate of the major unre-solved. Although there are no immediate plans to discontinue the degree, Perraud said the day he walks out the door, the decision rests with someone else.

When I leave, there is inevitably a chance for a restructure," he said. "My hope is that it is a creative one."

Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences Dean Kathy Aiken said there has

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The editorial board offers the new ASUI electees some advice and Travis takes on gun control.

OPINION

SPORTS&REC

The Moscow Alleycat Race has only a small resemblace to a normal bicycle race and Nathan Enderle edges out his competition.

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Tuesday, April 24, 2007

by Paul Tong/Argonaut

Correction

In Friday's story "The State Board," Idaho State Board of Education member Richard Westerberg was excluded from the list of board members. There are a total of eight members on the board. Also, the number of years board members serve was listed incorrectly. Board members serve a term of five years.

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Your view:

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No. Nothing can com-pletely prevent something like this: 53 (67,1%)

Yes. Just tighten gun laws: 15 (19%)

Maybe. It's always a gamble: 8 (10.1%)

This week: It's near the end of another school year. What have you gotten out of the past two semesters? **Vote** on the home page and share stories on the "Ask the Editors" blog.

Twin tragedies:

Melissa ("Notes From Japan") visits the scene of the shooting of Nagasaki's mayor:

"I finally made my way down to Nagasaki Eki on Thursday. Icchou Ito was shot twice right as he was leaving his re-election headquarters. My friends waited patiently while I took a few photos and maneuvered around the three news crews that were already there.

"Before I could even get my camera out, a man inside caught my eye and gestured me in. He asked me to sign a book of condolences for the family and turned it horizontal so'l could write in English. Caught off guard, I wrote the Yes. Just tighten school first thing that came to curity measures: 3 (3.8%) mind- 'Idaho's prayers are



with you.' The man bowed deeply and sincerely.

Robert ("Robert's Randoms") discusses Michael Vick's money:

"Michael Vick donated \$10,000 to the families of the Virginia Tech. shootings to help with provide help with funeral expenses, transportation for family members and other support services, should donate an amount according to Vick's people.

"It's great to see the high-est paid football player (10-

years, \$130-million, and a guaranteed NFL-record \$37million in bonuses) do all he can do to help his former school in their time of need. Never mind \$10.000 is about the same as one of us send-ing a dollar bill to the victims' families.

"If a public/famous figure is going to make it a point to donate money in their name, maybe they worth writing a press release about. Or donate anonymously."

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Freshmen stand tallest at Golden Joes

By Jeremy Castillo Argonaut

The Theophilus Tower is almost a dozen trophies heavier following a strong showing at the Residence Hall Association's Golden Joes award ceremony.

After taking 11 of the 18 categories, residents from the Tower were thrilled to take the long walk back from the Administration Building Auditorium on Saturday night.

Among the honors taken home were Educational and Community Service Program of the Year trophies for Tower Bar and Tower Trick or Treat and Forney Hall's Kelsi Nagle won Hall President of the Year. The building's custodial staff was also honored with the Outstanding Staff Award.

But McCoy Hall was the biggest winner with eight trophies including Male and Female First-Year Student Achievement Awards, Social Program have cried." of the Year, Hall Points Champion and Hall of the Year.

'This was a great honor," said Kevin Jòyce, McCoy Hall president. "I waited all year for this night."

Another big winner was Billie Matuska, a retired employee of the Wallace Food Court, who was surprised with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"It feels fantastic," she said. "But I couldn't have done it without the students, though. They made it so easy. I'll miss them terribly.'

Matuska attended the event thinking she was just a nominee. But in a twist of fate, she was called to the stage, walking up to receive her Idaho-shaped plaque to a standing ovation. She kept her time at the podium short, not wanting to let emotion overcome her.

"There were so many things I wanted to say," she said. "But if I stayed up there too long, I would

Over the years, Matuska swiped thousands of Vandal Cards at her cash register post but always stayed cheer-ful, wanting to help "her kids," as she called them, keep a positive demeanor.

When I was in college, I knew what it was like to be new on campus and not know anyone," she said. "But just a smile and a 'hello' would bring you out of a funk."

At the April 2 RHA council meeting, President Ian Wheeles submitted legislation to honor Matuska for her loyal service and dedication to the job.

"I've been here three years and of all the people I've met in the whole university system, I've never seen anyone know so many kids' names for no reason other than she cares about them," Wheeles said. "And for someone whose mom can't come down from Alaska to see me, it's great to have someone like Billie

who's there to ask how your day went or make you smile when you need it."

Other winners that night were Borah Hall's Benjamin Blaker for People's Choice for Outstanding Resident Assistant of the Year, Whitman Hall's Brandie Lyday for Executive of the Year and the Ethel Steel House community for Building Block Hall of the Year.

The University of Idaho's branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls was also present that night.

NACURH chair Misty Humphreys and Wheeles gave bronze pins, the organization's highest honor to Blaker, Boudreau and six others: Mary Harbert, Aubrie McArthur, Bethany Rockwell, Jeff Eggebraaten, Larissa Edwards and Damian Ball.

Boudreau was at the podium two other times that night: once for winning the Raymond T. Horton Distinguished Service Award and another for RHA Woman of the Year.

"This is really great," she said. "I feel like there's so much I could tell people after being here for two years. I've learned a lot and winning was a small part of this year. Everyone else who was nominated was really deserving. I just hope everyone remembers the important things about RHA: the residents. Whenever you have to make a decision, think of ne residents.'

Boudreau also gave congratula-tions to McCoy and Forney Halls for their impressive showing, at RHA's flagship moment, hoping its a precursor to future involvement.

"The really important thing about the Tower having won so much is it keeps them motivated to be involved with a wonderful organization," she said.

STEADY

Concert, cans for Earth Week

By Jeremy Castillo Argonaut

A guitar riff rips through an evening's quiet, the faint smell of barbecue in the air. On stage, five musicians are covered by a huge plume of fog. That's what it was like when

WhiteWater Ramble, a Fort Collins, Colo., folk band, played on the Theophilus Tower lawn this Sunday.

The concert capped the niversity of Idaho University Environmental Club's celebration of Earth Week, an annual event to raise awareness about issues concerning the planet.

Club president James Blakely was responsible for bringing WhiteWater back to the Palouse.

"Over the summer, I worked on trail crew in Estes Park," he said. "And I happened to see the band play in The Rock Inn Mountain Tavern. At the time I was thinking about Earth Fest. ... So I struck up a conversation with (WhiteWater) and asked if they toured outside of Colorado. When school started, I contacted them more and worked out more of the details."

And WhiteWater Ramble was happy to oblige. The Fort Collins fivesome gigged at John's Alley back in January and didn't hesitate to play on the Palouse again.

"This is the second time we've been to Moscow," said Patrick Sites, mandolin player and vocalist. "We played on a Monday and a Wednesday, which are often slow nights, but there were good crowds. There's a great party atmosphere here."

Sesitshaya Marimba Band, a local musical act, took the stage earlier as WhiteWater's opening act. Throughout the afternoon, concertgoers ate hot dogs and burgers sold for the club's fundraiser and visited booths of local businesses such as the Moscow Food Co-op and Palouse Scoots.

The concert was Earth Week's send-off, but the E-club was all over campus — from running a Sustainability Cafe on the Art & Architecture lawn to replacing light bulbs in the Wallace Food Court --- trying to spread the word of activism.

On Thursday morning, the Art in Aluminum Competition took place outside the Idaho Commons. For this contest, residence hall and Greek living groups built structures out of old soda and beer cans for a pizza party prize.

Some designs were simple, such as Lindley Hall's soda-can letter "I." The men of Alpha Kappa Lambda took a more comapproach with plex "Trashasaurus," an aluminum dinosaur replica.

But the winner was the College Natural Resource house's "Tree, with Dr. Pepper-can branches and trunk and leaves of empty Mountain Dews.

"I drink a lot of soda and build towers with them," said CNR res-ident Tabetha Myatt, who provided most of the supplies. "As soon as the house heard about the contest during a hall meeting, every-one looked at me. It was unnerving to have everyone turn at the same time.'

Slight discomfort turned into a positive for Myatt. She and hallmates Landon Moore and Amber Langmore came up with the tree idea and built it in about two hours.

At the concert, Blakely announced CNR's statue as the WhiteWater before winner Ramble's set and presented her with a trophy of SuperCan, an alu-

minum-bodied do-gooder. "(That) felt good," Myatt said. "We did have competition so I didn't expect it entirely, so it was good. But I didn't count us out."

SLOW AND



Kentaro Murai/Argonaut

Sophomores Kayla DesJarlais (right) and Charissa Croft (left) guide their turtles to the finish line during the Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby Saturday on Elm Street. "It's great fun. Your moms come out and it reminds them of the fun they had," Croft said. The derby raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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UI students send balloon into upper atmosphere

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE - A University of Idaho team of students designed and launched a NASA-sponsored balloon carrying cameras and electronic equipment that climbed to 90,000 feet before bursting and parachuting back to Earth.

"This has been the most successful one that I've been a part of," said 24-year-old Austin Howard, a mechanical engineering graduate student who leads the group. "This has been very exciting.

The Vandal Atmospheric Science Team of 17 students launched the balloon Saturday in Eastern Washington. It remained aloft for about two hours, broadcasting live video and taking hundreds of still digital images of the curvature of the Earth and space.

The program encourages students to design aerospace projects, and team members earn class credits.

The team used two large helium tanks to fill the balloon and loaded it with student-designed communication equipment and computers.

All the equipment had to withstand a nearvacuum at the highest point and then the fall

through the atmosphere on the way down. During the experiment, sensors measured acceleration, temperature and humidity.

The devices measured a low of minus-50 degrees Fahrenheit, The (Spokane, Wash.) Spokesman-Review reported.

"It's really fun because of the pictures and stuff you get at altitude," said 21-year-old Nathan Bialke, a senior computer engineering and mathematics major.

He said he's hoping to use the program to launch his own career in the aerospace industry.

The equipment sent up weighed about 8 pounds, a reduction from earlier plans to avoid more strict Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

The group also called the FAA to let the agency know the balloon was being launched just before it was released on Saturday.

Once launched, Howard said the balloon likely expanded as pressure decreased. Team members located the payload in a field where computer models predicted it would land.

You can literally see the different layers of the atmosphere," said Bialke after examining the images.

VTech students return to class, but focus remains on tragedy

By Vicki Smith Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. -Chemistry professor Joe Merola tried to give a lecture Monday, but looking out at 100 Virginia Tech students' faces — and the sweat shirt he'd placed on the seat of a wounded student — he couldn't do it.

"I lost it halfway through class," he said. "I burst into tears and had to turn it over to the counselors."

Students and staff paused Monday, at the twice moments when a week earlier gunman Seung-Hui Cho opened fire in two campus buildings, killing 32 people and himself.

the shootings to seek solace in what used to be routine.

They found little as they had left it.

Talking about the tragedy took precedence over classwork, with some 200 volunteer counselors on campus sporting purple armbands, and a counselor in every class where a slain or injured student had been enrolled. Students and pro-fessors shared personal stories.

"We kind of talked and hugged. There were tears

dents and campus ministers brought 33 white prayer flags from the dorm to the school's War Memorial Chapel. They placed the flags in front of the campus landmark and the campus landmark and adorned them with pastel-colored ribbons as the Beatles' song "The Long and Winding Road" played through loudspeakers. By 9:45 a.m., a crowd of thousands had gathered on the main campus lawn to

the main campus lawn to mark the time of the second wave of killings, staring toward the heavens as a man in a Virginia Tech cap rang an antique bell 33 times and students and staff released white balloons into the sky for each victim.

As the balloons drifted out Then they returned to of sight, the only sounds class for the first time since were tearful sniffles and the clicks of cameras.

Then 1,000 balloons in the school colors — maroon and orange — went up. Again, people stood in silence until they disappeared, reluctant to let go of the moment.

After a few chants of "Let's Go, Hokies," they headed off to class, where Provost Mark McNamee reported at least one sign of normalcy: "The same students who sit in the last row are still nodding off in class."

State Police investigators

Police have pulled from the university computer server all e-mails to and from Cho, as well as e-mails to and from his first victim, Emily Hilscher, according to court documents filed Monday. Police also recovered other email logs and Cho's personal cell phone records.

Two students remained hospitalized, one in stable condition and another in serious condition.

University officials said Monday they have not yet decided on the future of Norris Hall, the classroom and office building where most victims were killed. But it is unlikely that Norris will be used for classes again, McNamee said.

Workers were putting up a chain-link fence around it Monday, and classes that were held there have been relocated.

Students only have two weeks of school left — classes this week and then a week of finals. Virginia Tech is allowing students to drop classes without penalty or

accept their current grades. The rampage does not appear to be having an impact on prospective students, who must decide by May 1 whether they will enroll this fall. Admission has been offered to 12,848 new stu-

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optimistic.

We absolutely succeeded on everything (at the meeting), except for student fees."

Mues said although there is a tight timeline for construction in the Kibbie Dome, he anticipates new turf will be placed "before school starts next year, and before our first home foot-ball game."

The board approved \$1.8 million for the contract, the cost of which has been pro-jected at \$1.7 million. The contract should be sealed by Friday, Mues said.

The turf will most likely stay the same color, but according to Mues, "it isn't for sure."

The other Kibbie Dome project, which will include major renovations to the athletic training center, will be funded solely by donations. The board voted to green-light the project, which will be in excess of \$500,000, and set the spend-ing cap at \$900,000.

The improved facilities will "take better care of athletes and allow them to reach a higher potential,' Mues said.

In addition, 42-acres and a

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been no official or unofficial announcement of Perraud's resignation, but said when there is one, she will look to foreign languages and literatures to decide the outcome.

"Nothing definitive has been made," she

Junior classical studies major Mitch Pentzer said he is very disappointed at the prospect of losing the major that has been offered since the late '70s, because it would prevent other UI students the opportunity to learn and enjoy what he has.

'I frankly don't see how (UI) can be a university, an institute of higher education, without the classics," he said. Perraud said the two reasons he's stuck

around all these years are his love for teaching and the ability to learn something new everyday

"Because we study cultures we can't actually see and touch. It is tantalizing and fascinating to get closer and closer to totally understanding their point of view," he said.

Perraud said students majoring in classical studies have an all-encompassing future

state board APPROVALS

The requests approved by the board include:

•The initiation of a master's of science and water resources Ph.D. Program •The launch of an execu-

tive master's of business administration program on UI extension campuses

•A bid for new artificial turf in the Kibbie Dome •The renovation of the

home located on the base of Moscow Mountain, will be added to the university's assets. The board voted to trans-

fer the holding from the UI Foundation to the university. The estate was donated

to the UI Foundation by a retired professor. It will be used for all higher education as a space for retreats.

Mues said the new facilities will be used by administration, faculty and students working on specific projects, as a place to get away from the campus to focus and work.

Renovations are to be made on the living room of the home in the near future. "It's a win-win for the

university," Mues said. The water resources pro-

master's of business administration will be offered on the extension campuses in Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint.

ahead of them. He said he's seen students choose an assortment of careers upon graduation including becoming actual classicists, lawyers, ministers and even wine specialists and organic farmers.

"Any subject that requires a bright person could attract a classicist," Pentzer said.

Pentzer, who strives to become either a lawyer or classics professor, agrees with Perraud on all the positive attributes about the degree. According to him, the major turns out well-rounded students and the experience he's gotten with both Latin and Greek gave him an intimate knowledge of how language flows and how to effectively express himself.

"(The major) provides a background in law, literature, history, mythology, religion and even math, science and medicine. Not only were these disciplines, as we define them, founded in Ancient Greece and Rome. but virtually all the technical terminology is based on Greek or Latin," he said.

Next year may seem too far into the future for most to think about, but it has been on the mind of Perraud for a while.

"I have a great sense of satisfaction for the students I've been able to teach over the years." he said. "I have enough things in my new life to provide me with happiness and satisfaction."



and stuff," said Paul Deyerle, 20, a sophomore from Roanoke who attended three classes. "It was good closure."

Deyerle, who was close friends with one of the slain students, said he took comfort in the fact that one of his teachers, a graduate student, kept choking up during class. "Ordinarily, professors are

so stoic," he said. "It was nice to see someone sharing what I was feeling."

Monday was the first time since the shootings that Andrea Falletti had been near the memorial to the victims in front of Burruss Hall, which became a triage center for those shot at nearby Norris Hall. Faint, brownish bloodstains still marred the sidewalk.

"Every day, you wake up and you don't know what you should do. Everyone's like, 'Should we do something? Should we try to have fun?'" said Falletti, a 21-year-old senior. "You almost feel guilty Blacksburg." smiling in

Emotions spanned the spectrum of solemnity. "We are seeing the res-

olute, the angry, the confused and the numb," said Ed Spencer, the associate vice president of student affairs.

As many as 90 percent of Virginia Tech students returned to campus, and school officials said class attendance Monday hovered around 75 percent. Many said the only way to cope was to get back to school.

"You could choose to either be sad, or cheer up a little and continue the regular routine," said student Juan Carlos Ugarte, 22. "Right now, I think all of us need to cheer up."

The day began in silence, a trickle of students emerging slowly from their dorms and forming a crowd of about 100 to remember the moment Cho began the rampage by killing two students in a dorm

Afterward, a group of stu-

still have not connected Cho to his victims but continued reviewing data, including Cho's computer files, in search of a connection.

school spokesman dents, Larry Hincker said. As of Monday, only five had declined to enroll because of the shootings.

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Pastor Doug Busby, Evangelical Free Church of Pullman,

Prof. Don Crowley, chair of the University of Idaho Political Science Department, "The Legal and Constitutional Issues of Gay Marriage and the Federal Defense of Marriage Act."

Moderator: Terry Starkey, assistant director of the Bureau of Public Affairs Research at the University of Idaho.

"Let's Talk About That" is an ongoing panel discussion series presented by the University of Idaho Bureau of

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Petting zoo, games and prizes for kids

For parents living in family housing at UI, the end of April means preparing for final exams. For children living in family housing, it means a petting zoo, a 30-foot inflatable slide and games and prizes at the Family Housing Carnival.

The carnival will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music parking lot.

The Moscow Fire Department will be on hand with a fire engine and ambulance, and there will be an assortment of games, including a ring toss, golf-putting station, lollipop tree, jelly bean jar guess, milk bottle knock down and a duck pond.

Cotton candy and snow cones will also be available.

The Family Housing Carnival is an annual event put on by University Residences. Families living in the University Residences apartin the ments receive tickets for the games and booths, but anyone is welcome to attend and purchase tickets for 25 cents each.

For information contact Lindsey Overstreet at 885-5420 or e-mail lindseyo@uidaho.edu.

Forum focuses on future regional needs

A public forum on sustainable water use in this region will be held at 7 p.m. April 30 at the 1912 Center in Moscow. The forum, entitled "Achieving Sustainable Water Use on the Palouse," is sponsored by six local community groups, including the Palouse Water Conservation Network and the Moscow Civic Association.

The forum will focus on regional options for future water needs, including constructing a reservoir, increasing conservation and recharging the aquifer.

A panel discussion will be followed by audience questions and discussion. The panelists will include: Jerry Fairley, UI assistant professor of geology and hydrogeology; Fritz Fiedler, UI associate professor of civil engineering and hydrology; Barbara Cosens, UI associate professor of law; and Bill French, founder of the Palouse Water Conservation Network.

Expo showcases student innovation

The University of Idaho's 2007 Design Expo, "Green Design, Engineering a Sustainable Future," will be held on campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Design Expo is the largest science and technology exposi-tion in the Pacific Northwest and features student innovations from the College of Engineering Senior Design Capstone projects. The projects are the culmination of months sometimes years – of collaborative work by students, faculty and industry.

The 2007 student research and development is supported by 18 research and indusincluding Schweitzer try sponsors Micron and Engineering Laboratories. Design Expo will showcase

student innovations aimed at improving and sustaining life on the planet by maximizing technological efficiency, and simultaneously supporting thoughtful stewardship of natural resources.

Alumnus and inventor Ray Hanson will provide the keynote lecture at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and will include 42 projects, innovations and products developed by approximately 220 engineering students.

For information, contact David Drown ddrown@uidaho.edu or 885-7848; or Jacob McCoskey at mcco5556@uidaho.edu or (208) 301-3465.

Gay marriage panel discussion to be held Thursday at UI

"Let's Talk About That," an ongoing panel discussion series presented by the University of Idaho Bureau of Public Affairs Research, will discuss gay marriage at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room. Panelists for the discussion include: Dean Stewart, reverend at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moscow; Rebecca Rod, University of Idaho Women's Center staff member and Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender program

adviser; Doug Busby, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Pullman; and Don Crowley, University of Idaho political science chair.

The panel will be moderated by Terry Starkey, assistant director of the Bureau of Public Affairs Research. For information about the gay marriage panel discussion, contact Terry Starkey at 885-6563 or e-mail tstarkey1@mindspring.com.

Basket weaving class at Dahmen Barn

Award-winning basket weaver Doris Howell will teach a basket weaving class for beginners at 9 a.m. May 12 at Artisans at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown.

Participants will learn basic weaving techniques as well as general information about basket weaving by creating a 10inch trivet made of round reed. All materials used during the class will be provided, and each student will be given an extra kit to take home.

The cost is \$22. Howell will be offering a more advanced class in the future and will make information available at the beginner's class.

The class is limited to 12 students, and paid registrations must be received no later than May 8. Registration information can be found at www.ArtisanBarn.org at the bottom of the calendar page, or by calling (509) 229-3414 Thursday through Sunday

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artisans at the Dahmen Barn is located at 419 N. Park Way, on highway 195 in Uniontown, 16 miles south of Pullman.

Meal and barbeque conclude supper series

First Presbyterian Church of Moscow will conclude its Wednesday supper series with a Scandinavian theme meal this Wednesday and a barbecue May 2. Supper is served between 6 and 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Pastor Norman Fowler will lead a "Seekers and Learners" at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for adults interested in learning more about the church and the Presbyterian denomination. The church is located at 405 S.

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Planned activities are available for children and youth, and childcare is provided for infants and toddlers.

A free-will offering basket will be available Wednesday for voluntary contributions for an adult mission trip to Pearlington, Miss. May 20-26. The group of 19 Palouse-area residents will help with rebuilding efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Wednesday and May 2, separate from the suppers, are the last two dates for First Presbyterian Church's midweek half-hour non-traditional 'Taizé'' style worship service at 5:30 p.m. - a combination of prayer, silence and song. For information, contact Pastor Norman Fowler at the church office at 882-4122 or e-mail fpcpastor@turbonet.com.

Open forum features class dean candidate

An open forum with Kenneth Paap will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday in the Commons Aurora Room. Formal remarks are scheduled at 1:35 p.m. A question-andanswer session and a reception will follow.

Paap is an associate vice president in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at San Francisco State University. He is one of four candidates for the position of College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences dean.

His vita may be viewed at: http://www.provost.uidaho. edu/default.aspx?pid=97204.

Writing Center closes end of dead week

The Writing Center will be closing for the semester at 3:30 p.m. May 4. The center will not be open during finals. Also, the Writing Center will be closed during summer session.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

Dissertation defense: Robert P. Breckenridge, Ph.D. environmental science Morrill Hall 202 8:30 a.m.

Dissertation: Heidi Bigler Cole, natural resources College of Natural Resources, Thursday Room 14 10 a.m.

Interdisciplinary Colloquium 'The Solar System as a Laboratory — Exploration of the Giant Planets Commons Whitewater Room 12:30 p.m.

Dissertation Defense: Rena Bovee, education Boise Center, Room 348a 2 p.m.

Lecture on Polly Bemis: A **Chinese American Pioneer Commons Crest Room** 5 p.m.

Gamma Sigma Delta Awards and Initiation Banquet Commons Clearwater and Whitewater Rooms 5 p.m.

Foreign Film Series 'Riding Alone For Thousands of Miles SUB Borah Theatre 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Symphonic Band and Wind **Ensemble concert** Administration Auditorium 8 p.m.

'Dance Fall Theatre Performance' UITV8

Wednesday

8 p.m.

Asian Film 'Monsoon Wedding' Asian Festival SUB Borah Theater 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

'Borah Symposium: Why Do Governments Encourage

Women to Support their Wars? Some Feminist Clues' UITV-8 8 p.m.

Student Recital with Rachel Wilder, piano School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

Dissertation Defense: Anna B. Pidgorna, environmental science **CNR 200** 8:30 a.m.

State of the University address Administration Building Auditorium 10:30 a.m.

MMBB Seminar Series 'The **Unusual Oxidative Stress** Response of Borrilia Burgdorfei' TLC Room 032 12:30 p.m.

Idaho LEADS workshop: Understanding Privilege -Race/Class/Gender **Commons Horizon Room** 3 p.m.

Gay Marriage Panel Discussion 'Let's Talk About That' Idaho Commons Whitewater Room 5 p.m.

Asian Film Festival 'Monsoon Wedding' SUB Borah Theater 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

'Oklahoma!' Hartung Theatre 7:30 p.m.

'Dance Theatre Fall Performance: So You Think You Can Dance' UITV-8 8 p.m.

Student Recital with Levi Larson, piano School of Music Recital Hall 8 p.m





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OurVIEW Senate, heal thyself

ongratulations to the winners of the ASUI election. It appears students will have a good group of representatives next year.

However, the winners have quite a challenge ahead of them. ASUI is, in many respects, an injured institution. Most of campus isn't sure what it does. Some students are cynical about the idea of "student government" and were not encouraged by this year's session, which mirrored Idaho's Legislative session by being full of petty squabbles and odd legislation.

But ASUI isn't down by any means. It already has the tools it needs to fix itself. Here's how to use them:

 Improve communication Probably the biggest obstacle facing incoming representatives is that senators (and what they do) are a mystery to most of the campus. Getting projects covered by this newspaper is a good place to start, but not everyone reads The Argonaut. Take out ads on Facebook. To gauge student response to an idea, approach constituents in the Commons or Library and ask their opinions. And don't forget about off-cam-pus students: They make up half the population. Think about setting up meetings at various apartment complexes.

Be sure to keep the ASUI Web site updated with projects, meet-ing minutes and other details. If you have one clearinghouse of information to direct students to, it will be easier to inform them.

Don't be afraid to act

If there was one thing that defined the tenure of Berto Cerrillo and Travis Shofner, it was strengthening an already-powerful ASUI executive branch. This was due to a combination of leadership styles and the fact that senators rarely opposed the pair in any effective way. As with all government, one group's domination may be more efficient, but a good give-and-take between the executive and legislative branches

can result in better legislation. Cerrillo and Shofner built their power around issues. Both the new executives and senators can succeed by doing the same thing. • Be active right from the start A good way to demonstrate commitment to the job is to dive right in. The new ASUI members are at no loss for issues to face. Consider working with UI Residences on a plan to handle future building problems. Steel House is only the latest victim of a plague of deferred maintenance that UI officials can't keep up with. More building issues may await UI. By approaching the university about it now, ASUI can spare residents the shock and surprise that Steel House had. ASUI also should urge UI authorities to come up with a permanent solution for the Wheatland bus system. Thanks to an ASUI proposal, the bus should keep running next year, but the same money problem will come up again. ÁSUI played a vital role in fixing it the first time, and it can again. Also, think about reviving legislation to improve the Senate as a whole. There's a reason government representatives come from districts: People in Latah County don't want to be represented by some yahoo in New Jersey. Districting the campus would ensure that senators have some connection to the people they serve. Students will feel like senators actually understand them, and senators will fight harder for the bills they propose. Despite the cynics, student government plays a powerful and relevant role on campus when operated well. The newly elected members have a year to change UI for the better. Good luck, and be sure to have fun with it. – N.P. for the editorial board



Bearing arms in modern America

The events of last week brought up a lot of questions. What were the real contributing factors in what happened, and how can it be avoided in the future? A lot of what hap-pened last week was due to mental

illness. However, the discussion in the media quickly turned from the mental instability of one person to a broader discussion of mentally unstable people who own weapons, and then inevitably a discussion of gun control.

Gun control is usually a hot topic after a significant **Travis Galloway** violent event. Regardless for Columnist the reasoning behind an arg_opinion@sub. uidaho.edu event such as last week in Virginia, these events give gun control proponents extra momentum for their cause. In the minds of gun control proponents, eliminating access to firearms can prevent violence. Given what is known about the mental health of last week's shooter, it seems that a more thorough evaluation of people interested in buying weapons should definitely be on the to-do list.

Opponents of gun control will first always claim infringement upon the Second Amendment, which reads, "A well regulated milition to be 3.9 million people or about 1.3 percent of the size of today's America. This should be noted because it draws to light that the Second Amendment was written in a very different era, and has

become largely a relic of that era.

The original intent of the Amendment was to preserve the role of the militia, the local military unit that constituted a great deal of America's limited military power at the time. In the 1790s, fears regarding an invasion by Britain or France were running high. In 1812 the British did invade and local militias

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played an important part in the war. By the time of the Civil War, militias were less popular, but still existed and had a limited role and effect on the war's outcome. Today, the National Guard and state defense forces have replaced militias in their role of local defense. However, the National Guard functions directly under the power of the federal government, and only 23 states actually have their own defense forces. Over the past two centuries, the nation's defense structure and priorities changed and

a single sentence that was attached to the Constitution over two hundred years ago is pretty ridiculous. Gun control makes sense on certain levels. Weapons that have no other .purpose than killing people should not be sold to the general public. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that a 30-round handgun magazine isn't designed for taking down an elk. Firearms that have a very clear use for hunting or sport should continue to be allowed. Shooting guns is an American pastime that should be preserved.

Going overboard with gun control wouldn't do anyone good. Private citizens should always have the right to defend themselves to a degree. It's not like we're ever going to have to wage a war in the streets against a despot, but this country has its fair share of rough parts and rougher people, and sometimes upstanding citizens have to use lethal force to defend themselves.

The gun control debate isn't going to get anywhere anytime soon. It would be nice for the country to come to some sort of compromise with itself regarding the modern role of weapons in society. The key word in the previous sentence is modern. Society has changed quite a bit from 1791. We don't have to worry about

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The fountain

Since I'm graduating in a few weeks, I thought I'd tip everyone off to the best water fountain on campus. It's on the first floor of the Niccols Building. It's supernifty because it has a foot pedal, so you can get a drink with your hands full and you don't have to touch a button or lever that some other germ-covered drinker who just sneezed on his hands or something touched. So there ya go. My secret place revealed. - Tara

Walking for progress

My high school friend Alborz has started out on quite the jour-ney. He started on April 14 in Newport, Ore. He will follow Highway 20 all the way across the nation to Boston, Mass. He is doing this trek for self-growth and to develop "a snapshot of the country at this moment in time." He is also raising money to help fund several small projects that he encounters along the way. Throughout this, he is keeping up a Web site, complete with blog, photos and videos. He's doing a really cool thing, and it's definite-ly worth checking out. The Web site is www.walkforprogress.com. — Miranda

History and revision

Week after week the editors and managers get to write the off the cuffs that you, the cherished readers, are faithfully reading. But have you ever thought where this expression comes from? I did and I did some research. According to dictionary.com, it is thought to come from the practice of writing last-minute notes on your cuff.

People must have gone through a lot of shirts back in the old days. – Kentaro

A gated community

What is with America's obsession with walls? A wall between us and Mexico, supporting the Israeli wall separating the Palestinian stretches of land, and now this suddenly halted wall separating off the Sunni section of Baghdad. Honestly now, it's being protested by the people we're supposedly building it for. It's not like walling in all the insurgents will make them go away.

— Nate

- Ryli

– Cvnthia

– Mackenzie

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Biking Moscow

I didn't know that bikers were

so hardcore in this town but I am

really amazed. I followed around

a few competitors in a bike race

this weekend and was totally

amazed. I couldn't believe how

fast they were. They beat me to

nearly every checkpoint and I was

in a car. It was freaking awesome to see these guys racing around town. One of them was nearly hit

by a car crossing the road. He did-n't even look both ways! I have a

Graduation is less than three

weeks and I've only checked off

three items on my 20 things to do before I graduate. Seriously, I just

need to walk into the Albertsons

It's true — springtime really does bring out all the cute little ani-mals that I love to goo and gah

over. I saw so many cute puppies this weekend. I just want to snatch

their cute little fuzzy heads pop off.

minus heads. What a dilemma. It's

them up and squeeze them until

But then they'd be cute puppies

just a joke, PETA, so lay off.

Building and get it over with!

Puppies galore

new appreciation for biking.

My lame checklist

tia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." The Second Amendment was passed in 1791. Just a year earlier the nation conducted a census, which revealed the national populamilitias passed into history because they became unnecessary.

The Second Amendment, although its intended purpose no longer is necessary, still remains in place. Americans should retain the right to own firearms, but relying on

an army of redcoats landing on the coast anymore. But we still hunt and do peaceful things with firearms. Perhaps like the solution to prohibition, we should amend the amendment and establish modern language for the right to bear arms.

Break windows, knock down doors, rinse, repeat

A couple in Omaha, Neb., have decided to move after their home. was burglarized four times in the last year, including twice in the last

month, according to a report from KETV Channel 7 in Omaha.

Four times in a year? Who do you sue for that? Do you get mad at the cops for not catching the burglar or do you blame the home security system that failed?

No one should have to fear for their home just because they have nicer stuff than their neighbors.

arg_opinion@sub uidaho.edu "How many times is it going to occur to one home? I don't know what's left to steal," Mike Svagera, the violated homeowner, said.

Over the course of a year, the Svageras have had \$5,000 worth of property stolen, including TVs, DVD players and computers.

KETV said that the most recent burglary left the home's windows smashed and doors broken down.

Somehow, the burglar made it past the home security system and the steel-reinforced doors.

The pattern indicates that each incident happened during the daylight hours.

Local police say they are on the case and even investigating neighbors. The Svageras won't be around, though. They are packing up and getting the hell out of Dodge. Omaha, sorry.

Can we talk about this for a

moment? At the risk of sounding insensitive during a sensitive time, there is a solution to the Svageras problem. A completely legal, constitutionally protected

solution.

Stay home with a shotgun and when someone breaks down your door, shoot them in the face.

No, don't randomly go around the neighborhood, knocking on doors, looking for whoever stole your stuff. They could have guns, too, and might not like you knocking on their doors.

Just wait.

TJ. Tranchell

Staff writer

If the burglar has been there four times already, there is a good chance he or she will come back a fifth time

And there you'll be, insured by Remington and well within your rights as an American citizen.

If the burglar tries to break in before the end of the five-day waiting period, well, we know who to blame for that, too.

Gun control has just popped back to the forefront of American consciousness and with good reason. It is one of those things that will never be solved to the satisfac-

tion of every citizen. That old phrase, "You can't please everyone all the time," is never more true than with gun control.

If the Svageras can't afford to sit home, waiting for their burglar, there is someone who will do it for

them. He's been on the news a lot the last week or so. You may have heard some of his songs about wild times and wild women.

Ted Nugent, the Nuge, would gladly sit in the Svageras home, just for the opportunity to blast away a crook in the name of patriotism. And that's the real problem.

When an issue could be sensibly resolved, the extremists on both sides step in and cloud the issues for everyone. Not all gun advocates own 50 guns and are willing to shoot anything that moves.

Not every gun control advocate is against the rights of citizens to protect themselves, their families and their property.

Gun laws that are too loose lead to events like the Virginia Tech massacre. Laws that are too restrictive can lead to fascism.

As a nation, we don't want either of these extremes. It is just the extremists who get in the way of reasonable folks from talking about these issues.

Maybe we should ask Mike Svagera what he would do. Maybe we should first ask him if he owns any guns and if the burglar stole those, too.

Right now, there aren't any guns in the house I live in, for a number of reasons.

Don't go getting any ideas about breaking in though. Just because my roommates and I don't have any guns doesn't mean we are easy to burglarize

Unlike the Svageras, there is always at least one of us at home.

· Letters should focus on issues, not on personalties.

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Peaceful paper cranes I'll probably be hit with rocks for this one, but I have to say it. It is sweet that students at UI want

to show their support to Virginia Tech. But what are they supposed to do with a box full of paper cranes? I know there has to be an awesome, deep reason behind the cranes, but it would be so much more meaningful if UI students gathered their financial resources to help set up scholarships in the names of victims, help with funeral costs or help the school build a memorial. Let's make a lasting impression, not a self-serving one. - Savannah

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Faith can be found in bad times

There's nothing like a tragedy to kick-start faith. After shock, between sadness and action, tragedy can be

strangely reassuring. It's easy in college to lose one's faith, or at least misplace it. Waking up to attend church works for the first semester or so. After that, the siren call of sleeping in until noon beckons, and God falls to the side. Then two college

Managing editor students die in Idaho, arg_opinion@sub. uidaho.edu and 33 students and teachers in Virginia, and suddenly, in one way or another, in the midst of the sadness, God reappears. For some, it's "God have mercy on them." Even shocked questions of "God, how could you?" imply that on some level, God is real to the speaker. How could God — any

god, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Zoroastrian - allow something like this? How could human suffering on a level such as this be permitted? More innocent civilians died in Iraq on April 16 than died in classrooms in Virginia, but it's different, our. minds say. Iraq's in a war, and besides, it's on the other side of the world. Bobby and Sue and Jimmy and Ellen are eating lunch in the Commons while they lie on slabs on the East Coast.

Among other answers, God would probably remind us that free will's a bastard sometimes. That while 35 assumedly good and wholesome people died in the recent past, they're most certainly assured of a place in the life to come.

That's not the answer we want to hear. It implies that God has it out for humanity, and it thwarts our desires for some sort of divinely imposed utopia right now, devoid of serial killers and rapists and the mentally ill who can somehow acquire gun licenses. But God has never provided a utopia on this planet. That's reserved for later.

Among other answers, God would probably fall back on some of his words in the past,

courtesy of Matthew chapter 5: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Mourners at all three uni-

versities - UI, BSU and Virginia — have learned an important truth: Though those they mourn for are gone, they themselves are not alone. This has become apparent in many ways, not the least of which is the table manned in the Commons by members of ASÚI. The student leaders,

reminded of our own recent tragedy, are encouraging UI students to sign a banner and fold paper cranes to be sent to Virginia Tech.

Nate Poppino

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. News accounts of the

Virginia event detail the names and lives of victim after victim. There was Ryan Clark, the RA at the dorm where the shooting began who was working toward biology and English degrees. Jarrett Lee Lane was valedictorian of his high school class and traveled to Blacksburg to study civil engineering. Emily Jane Hilscher worked in a veterinarian's office and was close to completing her first year as an animal and poultry sciences major.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

If one thing defines the reactions of victims' friends and survivors of the shootings, it's sadness, not rage. Anger is a perfectly normal response, and those responsible for the shootings should be brought to justice. But these shootings are one of those times when we should feel for the perpetrators and their families as well. Mental illness is a hard thing to fight in this day and age. How must it feel knowing that your flesh and blood was capable of this?

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

According to those who knew him, David Boss was nothing if not pure in heart. The UI senior is described as the living embodiment of kindness, of charity, of all those values that we use to define the morally superior human. From all accounts, the world will be a worse place without him, but the afterlife will be better for him.

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"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Liviu Librescu, an engineering and math professor at Virginia Tech, had already suffered much. The Israeli was a survivor of the Holocaust and was internationally respected in the field of aeronautics. His life ended heroically one week ago as he blocked the door to his classroom with his body, urging his students to flee through the windows as bul-lets targeted him. His home country of Romania has awarded him the National Order of The Star of Romania with the rank of High Cross for his heroism and scientific accomplishments.

And maybe God would end with this:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

John Delling currently sits in an Ada County jail cell, accused of murdering two men and injuring a third between March 20 and April 2. In the past, he allegedly claimed people were stealing his "powers." Cho Seung-Hui lies dead after committing sui-cide. Five weeks ago, he purchased a 9-mm pistol, which he turned on his classmates April 16. Before that, he wrote disturbing fiction obsessed with murder and sodomy, stalked women and caused his friends to seek mental help for him.

Both men were likely very sick. Neither man, for whatever reasons, received the help he may have needed. These murders weren't committed by people in the throes of complete sanity. Demonize them if you will, but the tragic declines of their lives make them both victims as well.



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MOTHER EARTH: WE PROBABLY COULD HAVE SAVED HER, BUT WE WERE JUST TOO DAMN CHEAP.

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the ball rolling with Student Media Equal Pay Day perfect time to trim wage gap Gei

By Rep. Carolyn Malonev (D-NY) MCT Campus

WASHINGTON --- The rites of spring bring warmer

thereby creating a self-inflicted wage gap.

The reality is that very few women have the "choice" to stay home with their children, since most American families ely on two wage-earners. It goes without saying that single mothers don't have much of a choice about working either. In 2005, nearly three-quarters of women were in the labor force, including nearly two-thirds of women with young children.

empowering women to negotiate better pay and toughening penalties for employers that break the law.

The lack of quality affordable child care and workplace flexibility in this country for women and men also limit families' choices regarding how to balance work and family.

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eather, dasedall ar when women's annual earnings finally catch up to what men earned last year.

Because full-time working women still earn only 77 cents for every dollar men earn, it takes them nearly 16 months to earn what men make in a year for doing the same work.

For minority women, the wage gap is even larger, so black women don't catch up to white men until late May, and Hispanic women don't catchup until mid-September. Equal Pay Day will be

observed April 24. As this dubious landmark approaches critics have pointed to the lifestyle "choices" of women to account for the wage gap, but evidence suggests other forces are at work.

The gender gap in earnings has been about the same for the past decade, despite the fact that there are more women in the labor force and their productivity and educational attainment have increased. The pay gap affects women at all income levels and across a wide range of occupations, and it widens as

women grow older. A 2003 Government Accountability Office study that I commissioned with Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., showed that when occupation, marital status, job tenure, industry and race are accounted for, women still earn 80 cents for every dollar men earn.

Estimates of how much women stand to lose over their lifetime due to unequal pay practices range from \$700,000 for a high school graduate to \$2 million for doctors and lawyers, according to

the WAGE project. The glass ceiling for women in the workplace may have some cracks in it, but it certainly hasn't been shattered. Women continue to bump up against everything from subtle biases relating to gender stereotypes about hiring, pay raises and promotions to more egregious acts of discrimina-tion against pregnancy and care-giving responsibilities. Skeptics argue that women

choose flexible work schedules or lower paying jobs in order to have more time with family, Moreover, there appears to be a "mommy penalty" and a "daddy bonus" related to pay. The GAO has found that women with children earn about 2.5 percent less than women without children, while men with children enjoy an earnings boost of 2.1 per-cent, compared to men without children.

Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act that's before Congress would take critical steps to prevent discrimination from ever occurring by

Mothers are often forced out of good jobs due to inflexi-ble work schedules. But more companies are discovering that doing right by families improves their bottom lines by lowering health-care costs, turnover rates of trained workers, and absenteeism ---and they should be encouraged to do more.

Our country will not stay competitive in the world economy until we address these serious problems, so we have again asked the GAO to inves-tigate the policies other countries use to increase workforce attachment among women and low-wage, low-skilled workers.

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The Argonaut What happens when lawyers forget the law?

If you were to ask Attorney General Alberto Gonzales what it is like being the most unpopular man in Washinton, D.C., chances are he would start to answer the question and then forget what he was going to say. Yes, it is hard to imagine that our justice department would forget its justifications for firing eight U.S. attorneys, but many protesters in Congress think it might have been political. Well, that's a new one.

It is little news that Gonzales' memory failed about 50 times when he went before the Senate Judiciary Committee March 19, but what crime did he commit? Who were these attorneys that the Bush administration maintain were dismissed because their job performance didn't hold up when placed side by side with "poli-cy, priorities and management?"

Carol Chien-Hua Lam was the U.S. attorney responsible for bringing down Rep. Řandy "Duke" Cunningham, a Republican from

California's 50th congressional district who pleaded guilty to conspira-cies of bribery, mail fraud, wire fraud and tax evasion. A politician

from California who dodges taxes may not be surprising, but why did Lam pay the price?

Paul Charlton was another attorney removed, and had been leading the investigation against Arizona Rep. Richard Renzi, also a Republican. So, it seems, the problem might not have been focusing on a guilty party, but maybe the lack of evidence found to incriminate the latter, Democrats.

U.S. attorney David Iglesias was fired a week after a phone conversation with Republican senator Pete Domenici, in which Iglesias informed Domenici that an indictment of another Democratic senator would not be handed down until December.

Brandon Macz

Staff writer

This was just before the 2006 midterm election.

Gonzales may not have asked to be involved in the scandal, now being referred to by critics as "Attorneygate," but many in Washington seem to feel that he was never against any decision that may have been made for him in relation to the eight firings. Gonzales has been widely criticized as a "yes" man to the Bush administration. Then again, who would dare say no?

arg_opinion@sub. uidaho.edu As long as Gonzales con-tinues to falter when questioned and forgets pertinent evidence for the firings, he will continue to tarnish the Justice Department. It is pretty bad when representatives and senators across the map are calling for your dismissal, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

President Bush said that Gonzales'

presence during the hearings last week had increased his confidence that he had picked the right man for the job. This should be taken lightly, however, considering Bush himself has never had much of a presence either before Congress or the American people.

The facts are out there that Gonzales was responsible for the firings of U.S. attorneys whose records showed their priorities to be leaning against the Republican party and not too greatly against Democrats. U.S. attorneys seek out those responsible for committing illegal activities within political offices of the United States. How can these attorneys be dismissed for investigating those who are evidently guilty just because they happen to be Republican? Perhaps the American people should be held accountable for electing such criminals into office because they seemed to have been the ones with the real descent in priorities.

Gonzales is fighting a battle that he seems inevitably unable to win. This may sadden many who had been grand supporters of the executive order he drafted after 9-11 to put limitations on the Freedom of Information Act or his poetic memo in 2002 that questioned whether the United States had to treat Al-Qaeda and Taliban captives according to Article III of the Geneva Convention, which calls for the humane treatment of prisoners.

The sad fact for the "yes" man from Texas and good friend to President Bush is that he pushed too hard for his political affiliates and now he has been left alone to fend off the judiciary sharks that prey on the 👔 blood of hypocrisy, where U.S. attor-neys are fired for investigating Republicans too often and not indicting Democrats fast enough. The only thing the soon-to-be unemployed Gonzales has going for him now is that he is still a supporter of affirmative action. He'll need it.



MailBOX NSA students not educated for UI

Tara Roberts' article on the university's policy of not recognizing degrees from New Saint Andrews College was very informative, but it did raise an issue that was left unaddressed.

She quotes Brad Littlejohn as saying, "many of the facul-ty, ... don't like NSA and don't want to encourage us by accepting our students." There are no quotes from any university faculty members in response to this assertion.

One reason people might object to the university accepting graduate students with degrees from NSA is that the college was founded by Doug Wilson's Christ Church. Doug Wilson was co-author of the book "Southern Slavery: As It Was," which argued that, "slave life was to [slaves] a life of plenty, of simple pleasures, of food, clothes, and good medical care." This is not a good reason for not recogniz-ing NSA degrees. Every NSA student doesn't necessarily agree with Wilson, and no one should be kept out of a public

university for his beliefs.

A better reason for not recognizing an NSA degree is their curriculum is very narrow. Caitlin Rice mentioned that NSA has only two classrooms, but she didn't mention how many scientific labs they have: zero. Reading a six-foot stack of books every year may compensate for a lack of lecture time, but there's no substitute for lab work in science. Only three books are listed in the NSA "Natural Philosophy" required reading, and one of them is actually about math, Euclid's Elements. Another of these books is about biology, Darwin's "Origin of Species." I've never taken any Natural Philosophy courses at NSA, but for some reason I doubt they treat Darwin's theory of natural selection in the same manner as an accredited university.

The university shouldn't refuse to recognize an NSA degree because of Wilson's moral bankruptcy. They should refuse to recognize it because the NSA offers a narrow, biased curriculum that is unfit for accreditation. Geoff Beidler

graduate student, computer engineering





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Guts and gears

Thirteen cyclists race to 11 checkpoints with little regard for rules or safety

By T.J. Tranchell Argonaut

Michael "Buggy" LaMoreaux decides to put together the first and maybe only Moscow Alleycat Race early last week. By Saturday, he is ready to host a rag-tag group of riders.

"In bigger cities, bike messengers get together and have these races," LaMoreaux says. "It gives them a chance to do something like work, but isn't work:"

As riders and volunteers arrive on Saturday, LaMoreaux circles the 11 checkpoints on maps he acquired from the Moscow Chamber of Commerce.

"I've never been a bike messenger," he says, separating the maps to be distributed to the racers. "This just seemed like a lot of fun. I've been in a few of these, so I know how it works."

Participants meet at Russell Elementary School — the starting and finishing line. Riders need three requirements: a bike, a lock and a bag.

Each bike is as unique as its owner: Raleighs, Shimanos, a green-wheeled Bianchi and a pink-tired Cheeta. Some are road-racing bikes with only one gear. Mountain bikes, however, dominate the field of 13.

The rules are simple: Each rider is given a manifest listing 11 check-points. A volunteer at each checkpoint will sign the manifest. The first rider to return to Russell Elementary with every line signed wins.

The checkpoints are scattered throughout Moscow, each at a different city park.

After the rules are explained, the riders huddle to discuss strategy or separate themselves from the pack to mentally prepare. Solomon Reid, Brendan Lynn,

Chris Sappington and Adam Jessup stand together, poring over the map. "I think we'll hit Ghormley Park

first," Reid says, pointing to the location not far from the University of Idaho campus. "From there, we'll go to the arboretums and circle back to the north." Reid's three friends-slash-teammates-slash-competitors agree. Travis Cadez, sitting on his Surley road bike and smoking a cigarette, has his game face on. He is ready to go, anticipating the 5:30 p.m. start time.



The start time finally arrives.

The volunteers have left for their posts. The riders place their bikes along the fence of the Russell School courtyard, and then re-ascend the stairs. LaMoreaux yells "GO" and the riders run to their bikes - some down the steps, others jumping the hedges.

Most riders have the same idea as Reid and head for Ghormley Park where they must pick up a brick to be dropped off at East City Park. Other than that, only two other checkpoints must be done in order. Riders must lock their bikes at the Shattuck Arboretum and go into the amphithe-

ater to have their manifest signed. Then they make their way into UI, heading for the "new" arboretum, where they have to track down the volunteer for signatures.

While the majority of racers take that route first, Cadez and Joey Fountain head northeast instead, quickly arriving at Kiwanis Park and Hordemann Pond. The task here is simple: get off the bike and run one lap around the pond.

Fountain and Cadez are long gone by the time Reid and Sappington arrive at the pond. Both have yet to stop at East City Park, so the weight of the brick is still with them. Reid drops his backpack but Sappington keeps his on and they take off in opposite directions around the pond. Both are on a break-neck pace to complete the race.

Sappington is the first to arrive back at Russell, beating Reid by almost two minutes. But there is a problem: He is missing a signature from Eastgate Park and must return there in order to complete his manifest.

Reid arrives at 6:19 p.m., 49 minutes after the start. He pulls in just as Sappington is leaving to fulfill his missing signature.

"Chris was behind me the whole (time), right up to East City," Reid says. "I don't know how he got here before me.

Reid is told that Sappington and nis single-co road blke missed a sto therefore, Reid is the winner. He climbs a fence guarding an air conditioning unit in excitement. He checks the odometer on his bike: 10.05 miles to complete the circuit.

"Too much caffeine and sugar isn't

Enderle's the man ... for now

Top: Race organizer Buggy LaMoreaux waits to hand out checkpoint lists to Adam Jessup (left) and Chris Sappington during the Moscow Alleycat Race on Saturday at Russell Elementary School. Middle: Braden Barrows picks up a brick at a checkpoint. Bottom: Solomon Reid approaches a checkpoint in the New Arboretum. Reid won the race and received a \$100 gift certificate from Paradise Creek Bicycles.

a good idea," he says.

Cadez doesn't know what part of the race will be the most difficult.

"Ask me when I'm done," he says. Charlie Olsen, owner of the Bianchi road bike with the green wheels,

adjusts his helmet. He is sporting a helmet cam and smiling, getting people to wave at the camera.

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WOMEN'S GOLF UI looks to extend season at WAC championships

By Nick Heidelberger Argonaut

The University of Idaho women's golf team wants to keep playing, and the only way to guarantee that happening is to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament, which started Monday, and concludes Wednesday in Las Cruces, N.M.

"We really want to go to regionals," said junior golfer Kelly Nakashima. "I think this is the closest we've come this

far. Either we win conference, or by some chance make it by rankings."

Idaho is currently ranked No. 17 in the western region, and No. 52 nationally. San Jose State and Hawai'i are the only WAC teams

ranked ahead of Idaho in the western region heading into the conference tournament, at No. 11 and No. 13, respectively.

"This is an excellent golf con-ference," UI coach Brad Rickel said. "We're going to have to have a good golf tournament to have a good result."

Out of the nine tournaments the Vandals have competed in this year, they have finished outside of the top eight only once. That was a 12th-place finish at the Price's Give 'Em

Five Intercollegiate, which happened to be on the same course as the conference championship. But that doesn't have Rickel worried.

"We only had one bad tour-nament this year," Rickel said. "I don't think it was so much the course as a lack of focus."

In their other eight tournaments, the Vandals managed to register first-, second-, third-, fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-place finishes. Nakashima said teamwork had something to

do with that. 'Everyone "We really want has their peak moments,' to go to regionals. Nakashima said. "And it's always at the right time. If somebody fails then somebody

> **Kelly Nakashima UI golfer**

> > and good playing.

The team is a combination of experience and youth, with senior Cassie Castleman, jun-iors Renee Skidmore and Nakashima and freshmen Amanda Jacobs and Beth Stonecypher. But Rickel said he doesn't see his youngsters as freshmen anymore.

"We have a ton more experience than when we started the

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By Ryan Atkins Argonaut

FOOTBALL

For coach Robb Akey and the University of Idaho football team, this spring's quarterback battle seems to have sorted itself out, at least for now.

"I thought (Nathan) Enderle conducted himself pretty well out there. I think he is doing a nice job," Akey said. "He is starting to take a couple steps ahead of the other guys."

Enderle struggled in Saturday's scrimmage, going just 3-for-9 with an interception, but it didn't hurt his standing with Akey, who says he is still ahead of teammates Luke Tracy and Brian Nooy. "I think in the overall scheme of

things at this point in time, Enderle probably has a little bit more of an edge," Akey said. "At this point that would be the pecking order, Tracy sec-ond and Nooy third. But they have three more opportunities to bang it out. It will be interesting to see how they respond. Can they close the gap, or will it continue to separate?"

Akey also complimented Enderle, a redshirt freshman, on his ability to perform in game-type situations.

"A lot of what he has done in the game-type, scrimmage-type situations, is where he has shown the most," Akey said. "He does appear to be a bit of a gamer, and under pressure, perform a little better."

For Enderle, being the top quarterback on the depth chart is nice, but he said the competition is far from over.

"Well, it's exciting. I am glad I have the opportunity to be the No. 1-guy right now, but we have three great quarter-backs working hard for it," he said. "It's still good competition so I still have to keep on top of my game."



Kentaro Murai/Argonaut

Freshman Deonte' Jackson slips past freshman Paul Senescall during scrimmage Saturday at the Sprinturf field.

Vandals than the sorting out of the quarterback situation was the improvement of the defense, which was torched for nine touchdowns and two field

goals last week. Linebacker Brandon Ogletree, who had an interception, was happy with how the defense responded on Saturday after last week's performance.

"We are coming along real good. We had a lot more calls this week and we executed it real well," Ogletree said. "We have been dwelling on it all week. We knew we had to come out here this week and give a better effort than last week."

The defense gave up five touchdowns Perhaps more important for the and two field goals, and tallied a score of

its own on Rory Fawley's 61-yard interception return. But some players, like senior cornerback Stanley Franks, said

it's not enough. "There's a lot of room for improvement because we're still learning the system and trying to work on our techniques as well," Franks said. "But we're doing good, as long as we keep progressing." That progression is being made diffi-

cult by a rash of injuries, specifically on the defensive line.

"It's hard. It puts pressure on everyone, but hopefully when we get those

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I think this is the closest we've come this far." comes up and helps us out. So everybody has really good tim-ing of peaking The Argonaut

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Olympian skiier adapts past to help HIV org

By J.R. Conrow Argonaut

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Some athletes do it for glory, others for money and fame but Nikki Stone does it for something more important.

Stone visited the University of Idaho Thursday as a motivational speaker for Right to Play, which is an athlete-driven international humanitarian organization.

About 125 people filled the Student Union Building Ballroom to learn about the program and its

effects on children through-out the world. Stone

focused on the HIV epidemic and how the power of sports can make a difference in the lives of children who have been affected with high mortality rates at

very young ages.

Stone's emphasis about the impact of Right to Play on children hit home with her audience as they participated in childrens' games, such as hot potato, tag (running from one end of the ballroom to the other without being tagged) and hiding the quarter in the hands and passing it down a row of people while a second group standing across would have to guess where the coin is. The crowd was divided into three different groups for each game.

The tag game proved to be the most concerning of all the games. Each tagged person stood in the middle of the ballroom with their eyes closed for the following rounds as representations of people with HIV.

Stone said that teaching awareness about how to prevent HIV was for children to learn the ABC's: To abstain, be faithful and use a condom.

After each game, the audience came together for a short "briefing" session to discuss issues or feelings that were being experienced. Stone said this same procedure happens in the real-life encounters as well.

Stone said her focus was to make people aware of how it feels to be left out by having HIV and that if one in a few people have it, it doesn't take much to spread the disease and cause chaos.

Before her career as a

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"Both the parents motivational speaker, Stone brought home of this child had America's first been killed in war. Olympic gold medal This story made inverted aerial skiing in the 1998 Winter me want to help." Olympics in . N'a g'a no, Japan, after

Nikki Stone 1998 USA Olympian

career-threatening chronic spinal injury less than 18 months earlier. Her achievement was nearly impossible because the injury prevented her from standing, much less walking or skiing off a 12-foot wall of snow that launches aerialists' five stories into the air. She had severe damage to two of her spinal discs but beat the odds for an Olympic gold medal.

Japan, overcoming a

It also led her to other success that she accumulated throughout her career. Stone was awarded 35 World Cup podiums, 11 World Cup titles, four national titles and two Overall World Grand Prix titles.

She graduated with honors from the Union College in New York for her undergraduate work and graduate studies at the University of Utah in sports psychology.

Stone said she learned about Right to Play when she attended a presentation that was put on by the president and CEO of the organization, Johann Olav Koss. The meeting gave her a new perspective and she chose to join the organization.

"Johann shared one story in particular about a young girl who lost everything," said Stone, a Right of Play member since 1999. "Both the parents of this child had been killed in war. This story made me want to help.'

The organization itself has more than 40 active programs that are implemented in 24 different countries. The United States, Canada, Italy and United Kingdom have national offices whose goal is to mobilize global citizens who strive to give back to the international community through the power of sport and play.

Right to Play programs place an emphasis on fostering healthy physical, social and emotional development of children and building safer and stronger communities. The program itself has two focus areas: SportWorks and SportHealth.

SportWorks deals with child and community development with the main goal to make more safe and peaceful com-munities. SportHealth leverages the convening and influencing power of sport to pro-vide health education and encourage healthy lifestyle behaviors. It teaches the importance of vaccinations and the prevention of HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Stone said that during a recent trip to Sierra Leone, one of the countries with Right To Play programs, she saw the power of sport firsthand.

"The program saved some of the boys' lives over there, it helped them relieve stress and teach them how to show



Clifford Murphy/Argonaut

Olympian Nikki Stone passes a ball to a forum attendee during a demonstration of various games involving balls during a discussion held inside the UI SUB Ballroom Thursday. It was part of a Martin Forum discussion on "Sport for Psychosocial Development & Peace," and is actively involved with the Right to Play organization.

respect to others," Stone said. "This opportunity is their only time to learn a valuable education."

Most sports are available for children to be part of, but Stone said the main sports in most of the Right To Play countries are soccer and volleyball.

The majority of the countries with Right To Play have experienced the share of diseases, war and violence. Stone shared a story about a detention center in Sierra Leone where two young boys had found a way to escape but later would be found and shot to

death. As a result the other boys remaining held were all put in one room with a cemented ceiling at the top so no one could escape. About 30 boys were placed in one room with nine multi-mats.

"This experience has given me a chance to appreciate life and to be able to give back something that can help oth-ers," Stone said. "The smiles on a child's face says it all."

"While these kids face so many dangers, they still have the chance to have fun and can still be kids," Stone said. "Right to Play has given hundreds of people to be heard and more who want to make a difference."

Other American athletes involved in Right to Play are: Koss, a four-time Olympic gold medalist; hockey hall of famer Wayne Gretzky; seventime Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong; Olympic swimmer Jenny Thompson; former NFL quarterback Steve Young and Australian Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe.

For information on Right To Play or to donate, visit www.righttoplay.com.

The NBA and all its recent loveliness

It has been a busy last few weeks for the NBA with draft talk swirling in the air, the suspension of a veteran official and of course, who could forget the start of the playoffs.

The frantic week for the NBA started last Tuesday when Joey

Crawford, a 31-year officiating veteran was suspended for the rest of the season for an unfair ejection of Tim Duncan in the Spurs game against the Avericks April 15

holds grudges against players. But if it wasn't a star player that was being ejected, would Stern still have

issued the suspension on Crawford? The nation's debates tickle me and

arguing calls, and if Crawford actually

have sparked my interest in what exactly the league is trying to do. So whose fault is it?

The over-critical commissioner, the veteran referee that holds grudges or the NBA superstar

anywhere on the court.

With all of this coming into the weekend, we are left with the beginning of the NBA playoffs.

The Western Conference seems as if it could have three different possibilities for NBA finals champion --- the always-satisfactory San Antonio Spurs, the defending conference champion Dallas

Mavericks and the exciting Phoenix Suns. Then in the East, we have seemingly every team with a chance to reach the NBA finals except for the injury-plagued Washington Wizards.

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guys back we will get rolling a little more," Franks said.

Special teams also continued to impress, with Tino Amancio kicking a 53-yard field goal that split the uprights. Amancio also connected on a 37-yard field goal and went 3-

for-3 on extra points.

"He hit it pretty darn good. He could be a pretty nice weapon," Akey said.

GOLF

and a second-place finish at the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational, after a playoff for first. Nakashima has finished in the top-25 six times the year, and leads the team with a 75.56 stroke average. Skidmore is close behind, with a stroke average of 76.59, and has been the Vandals top finisher in two of the final four tournaments. Jacobs and Stonecypher each have two top-10 finishes and five top-25 finishes.

Crawford told media that, "if my employer does not think that was acceptable, I have a problem."

Crawford then implied in an e-mail to Bloomberg News, that he didn't expect to officiate in a NBA game again in his career.

It's ironic that David Stern, the NBA commissioner, made it clear before this season that players were going to be punished for arguing with officials after calls, in part to clean up the league's image. Yet, when Crawford issues two techni-

cal fouls against Duncan, late in the fourth quarter because of heckling from the bench, Stern issues punishments of his own toward the referee that was just

trying to clean up the game. Now granted, Duncan is one of the league's premier players and is not known for being obnoxious. So nobody will really know if Duncan was even

at had one too many laughs? It is hard to tell exactly what happened. Later in the week, as sus-

pension talk started to drift behind the clouds of draft picks, Greg Oden declared for

With wallets of owners starting to be tickled by the talk of who to pick first overall, Oden announced that he will be declaring for the draft to join his best competition, Kevin Durant.

I won't even start discussing who would be the best choice for the first overall pick because there has been enough talk of this to drive someone nuts. Either player would make a team

and owner happy. Chances are, you could flip a coin and be happy with the player you picked.

How can you argue against a dominating defensive big man or a exciting offensive scorer that can drop shots from

Predictions have been that the finals champion will come out of the dominating Western Conference, but you can't throw out the fact that who ever comes out of the West is going to be worn down from the rough play that they have received in prior games.

The NBA seems to never disappoint. With a league filled with exciting young superstars, it is hard to not produce a satisfactory environment.

With the NBA Finals in sight, and a remarkable draft that will be one for the ages around the corner, the commissioner has to be pleased with the way this season is turning out.

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year," Rickel said. "The freshmen aren't freshmen anymore. They've had a year of experience.³

The Vandals have gone 18-9-1 so far this season against other teams in the WAC.

"We know our strengths," Rickel said. "We have to go down there and be who we are and play to our strengths." So far, Nakashima has been

a major strength for Idaho this year. She has led the team in four tournaments this year, including a victory in the Inland Empire Intercollegiate,

The NCAA Regional tournament is May 9-12 in St. George Utah.

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Sports CALENDAR Saturday

Today

UI women's golf at WAC championships Las Cruces, N.M.

Wednesday

UI women's golf at WAC championships Las Cruces, N.M.

Thursday

UI women's tennis at WAC Sunday championships Boise

Friday -

UI football plays Silver and Gold game Kibbie Dome

UI women's tennis at WAC championships Boise

UI men's tennis at WAC championships Boise

Nationa/BRIEFS

Warriors shock Mavericks in game 1

The Golden State Warriors stunned the top-seeded Dallas Mavericks 97-85 Sunday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference series.

Baron Davis scored 19 of his 33 points in the third quarter to help lift the Warriors to their first playoff win since 1992. Davis also added 14 rebounds, eight assists and three steals.

The Mavericks were 67-15 during the regular season, and only one other team in NBA history lost its first playoff game following a season in which it won more than 63 games.

Juwan Howard paced the Mavericks with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

The teams will face off in Dallas again on Wednesday.

The Denver Nuggets also pulled a major upset on Sunday, beating the No. 3-seeded San Antonio Spurs 95-89.

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UI women's tennis at WAC

Intramural four-person golf scramble play begins

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UI men's tennis at WAC championships Boise

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UI men's golf at WAC championships Reno, Nev.

Allen Iverson led the Nuggets with 31 points and Carmelo Anthony added 30 points and eight rebounds. The teams face off again on Wednesday.

Red Wings sent to Stanley's next round

The Detroit Wed Wings used Johan Franzen's doubleovertime goal to earn a spot in the second round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The Red Wings 2-1 win over the Calgary Flamed clinched the 4-2 series win and will play either Dallas or San Jose in the second round.

The New Jersey Devils also secured a spot in the second round with a 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Brian Gionta scored his fourth and fifth goals of the playoffs to lead the Devils to ne 4-2 series win.

The San Jose Sharks, Ottawa Senators, Anaheim Ducks, New York Rangers and Buffalo Sabres are already through to the second round.

The Argonaut

Vandal distance runners shine at Oregon Invite

UI track athletes hit two NCAA Regional qualifying marks and four personal bests in the distance events Friday at the Oregon Invitational in Eugene, Ore.

Idaho's top two steeplechasers, senior Bevin Kennelly and junior Diego Moreno, both nailed NCAA Regional times. Kennelly finished fourth on the women's side with a time of 10 minutes, Vandal 31.66 seconds, while Moreno finished 11th for the men with a time WRAP-UP regional mark in the event.

Two more Vandals moved right to the edge of NCAA Regional marks as both Brittany Hodges, who improved her 400-Allix Lee-Painter and Mike Thompson hit big personal bests in the steeplechase.

Lee-Painter, a sophomore, trimmed 13 seconds off her previous personal best in the event to finish 10th with a new person-al-best time of 10:52.50, which is 2.5 seconds away from a regional mark and bumps her up to sixth all-time at Idaho in the event. The most impressive feat, though, is that Lee-Painter has improved her personal best by 50 seconds in an event that she's still learning.

"She's running amazingly well. She's really new to the event and she's closing in on the regional mark," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "I just think one more race and that's it. She finished today really strong and wasn't tired at the end."

Vandal track continues to improve at Cougar Invite

Six Vandals hit personal bests and three more hit NCAA Regional qualifying marks Saturday at the Cougar Invitational in Pullman.

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Fountain, one of two who took a different route than the rest, comes in next for a silver. He is followed by Lynn, the third member of Reid's foursome. Jessup, the final member of that quartet

has fallen behind. Olsen, Nick Fuller and Braden Barrows screech to the finish line one after another, but again, something has gone wrong. Olsen has lost his manifest somewhere during the race, which disqualifies his fifth-place finish.

The remaining racers soon return to Russell. Sappington, after getting the missing signature, finishes seventh. Cadez comes in ninth.

"I don't know what happened, man,"

Melinda Owen and K.C. Dahlgren led the Vandals by hitting regional marks in the event. Owen won the event with a WACleading height of 13-1 1/2 and Dahlgren finished second with a vault of 12-5 3/4. Dahlgren is currently ranked second in the WAC with a best height of 13-1 1/2 on the season.

Sophomore Jake Boling continued his tear through the hammer throw, finishing third overall and first among collegiate

competitors with a regional-qualifying toss of 194-6. It's the third straight week Boling has hit a

Four women turned in personalbest performances, led by junior meter time by one second to finish third with a time of 57.84. Sophomore Steffani Patten also hit a personal best in the event, finish-ing 13th with a time of 59.98. Sophomore Mykael Bothum improved her personal-best discus mark by over two feet with a secondplace throw of 148-3, which moves her to 10th all-time at Idaho in the event. True freshman Darcy Collins hit a personal-best in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.63 and finishing fifth.

Two Vandal men hit personal bests at the meet, as James Rogan improved his best in the discus throw to 151-2 for a fifth-place finish and Ian Snook cleared 13-7 1/4 in the pole vault to finish ninth.

Idaho men's tennis sweeps Spokane Community College

The Idaho men's tennis team ended the regular season with a 7-0 sweep over Spokane Community College on Saturday. The fourth straight victory gave the Vandals eight wins on the season, an improvement over their two wins in 2006.

Cadez says despondently because he was not able to finish higher.

As the wait for the remaining riders continues, a startling revelation occurs there is a cheater.

The owner of the pink-tired Cheeta was seen by the organizer's mother removing his bike from the back of a pickup truck. He is disqualified, too, and the group enjoys a laugh over it as he finished 12th anyway.

Jessup still has not appeared. He is new to town and has only had his blue Schwinn road bike for one day

As the riders wait for the official finishing order, they compare their experiences. Barrows has a patch of red on his right

leg, just below the knee. It's a little skinned from walking down the stairs," he says. "Don't go walk-ing down stairs in clipless pedal shoes." No one was injured during the race but

Barrows did have a close call with a truck. "It was a tight fit," he says. "Nothing

too big, though, he just honked at me." The prizes are handed out, a \$100 gift certificate for bike repairs and a bikechain-and-cog necklace trophy for Reid. Oh, and Jessup arrives.

He reaches the finish line at 7:09 p.m., 1 hour and 49 minutes after the start.

'We're giving you the DFL prize," LaMoreaux says.

Jessup catches his prize and laughs for coming in Dead F---ing Last.

"I'm not from here. I'm from Kentucky," he says, laughing at the prize. He, like the rest of the riders, is happy to have finished.

"This is about what I expected," LaMoreaux says. "Any less and I'd be disappointed. Any more and it would have been overwhelming."

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Sports BRIEFS

Disc golf tourney to benefit Genesee playground

Four UI organizations have teamed up to sponsor the grand opening of the UI disc golf course and tournament May 5. The course is northwest of the Kibbie Dome.

Registration is 11 a.m. to noon, and will include a free barbecue, disc golf-related games and an instructional clinic. Tournament play will start at 1 p.m.

Registration fees are \$10 for UI students and \$15 for non-students. Pre-registration can currently be done at the UI Student Recreation Center. Pre-registered particpants will be entered into a drawing.

All registration fees will benefit the ASUI's Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's KaBOOM! project, which is a non-profit organization that wants to provide every child in America with a place to play within walking distance. The Volunteer Center is using the KaBOOM! model to renovate and add additional play structures to the playground at Genesee Joint School District.





ARTS&CULTURE

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Pure vocals at the Moscow Co-op

By Rebecca Bujko Argonaut

All of the members of the group Trillium play a musical instrument. Some play more than one, but they say the only instruments they need are their voices.

Trillium, named after a flower with three petals, primarily consists of three people Joseph Erhard-Hudson, Mac Cantrell and his wife, Janice Boughton — but has had up to eight people participating. For the group's per-formance at the Moscow Food Co-op there will be a fourth singer, Heather Nelson, har-monizing with the group. The members joked about renaming the band Dogwood, which has four petals, for the show.

Although most of the group's work is a cappella, they sometimes practice with starting pitches from the piano and some of the songs have accompaniment.

The group is a cappella for a few different reasons. They said it is much easier to get together because they don't need as many people. They also said it is easier to concentrate on making the vocals sound good when the singers don't have to play instruments. Erhard-Hudson said he enjoys the sound of pure vocals.

"It is the most rewarding kind of music I have ever done," he said. "I have always liked small-group work." Cantrell joked that Erhard-

Hudson likes to sing under any circumstance.

"He is a singing slut," Cantrell said. "He will sing for anyone."

Trillium generally sings about events from four categories: death, lost love, drinking and God.

"There is the occasional song that doesn't fit into one of those groups," Boughton said. For example, they sing a song about getting old and

another about fox hunting. The band members get their song ideas from a variety of different places, including the internet, CDs and other bands. They have gotten a lot



Lisa Wareham/Argonaut Heather Nelson (left) rehearses with Trillium members Janice Boughton, Mac Cantrell and Joseph Erhad-Hudson Sunday night at Cantrell's home. The group is named Trillium after the flower trillium, which has three petals. While Nelson is not in the group she performs with them sometimes.

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The a cappella group Trillium will perform from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Moscow Co-op.

of ideas from an a cappella band in Canada and Boughton transcribes the music for them to sing.

"So we can really get these complex harmonies, instead of just listening to them and trying to fake them, I'll write down the musical notes then we will run our parts," she said. "If you want to get really interesting stuff you kind of have to either invent it or lift if from albums."

Boughton said she has written a lot of different songs herself but "they are not for public consumption.'

The group started when Cantrell and Boughton decided to sing some songs at the Unitarian church. They needed someone to sing tenor and finally decided to ask Erhard-Hudson.

"I was tickled pink," Erhard-Hudson said. "I was ready to expand the amount of time I gave to my music."

The group has now been together for more than two years and practices once every week or so.

Boughton said of the three people in the group, Erhard-Hudson is the one who can actually sing.

"We just mouth words at the right pitch," Cantrell said. All the group members said they think the performance

will be fun. "The food is good and the music is free," Erhard-Hudson said.

Cantrell said not very many people stay for the full two hours of the performance, but they usually stop by when

they are shopping. "A person can just listen for 30 seconds and walk out or just stay for an hour," he said. Boughton said the group doesn't think badly of bands

that are not a cappella.

"You can't judge other peo-ple's bands," she said. "Knowing how we came to where we are and what goes into it, anybody who is willing to get up there in front people, my hat is off to them."

Ancient culture inspires new club

By T.J. Tranchell Argonaut

Chinese culture has been around for millennia, but the University of Idaho's Chinese Culture Club has only been chartered since February. Started by Jeremy McLain, the club is still in its formative stages but McLain is looking to expand.

The club's beginnings might seem like an ancient epic, given McLain's journey start-

ing it. "Growing up, my parents managed a Japanese foreign exchange program," McLain said. "High school students from More for anywhere from one Japan would come for anywhere from one month to one year and stay with families in the U.S. (usually my parents' friends). My father would teach them English and U.S. culture in a formal class setting and every week we would take the entire group out on field trips."

This planted the seeds for McLain's interest in Asian cultures. But China wasn't on his map just yet.

"Being awestruck by Japanese culture, Chinese culture never was very important to me," McLain said. "Having never had a real introduction to it, I guess I just figured that the overpopulated, overly oppressed people were just what I had figured. Preconceptions never are a very holistic view of things."

Those preconceptions were shattered when McLain served a two-year LDS mission in Taiwan. He studied Mandarin for only two months — often with 10-12 hours of instruction a day, half of which was just on language — before leaving this country to fulfill his calling.

His experience in Taiwan, serving in seven different cities over the course of two years, helped McLain realize how fascinating Chinese culture is. Upon returning to the States, he enrolled at Brigham Young University and subsequently took a summer job teaching English in mainland China.

"I spent two months in mainland China," he said. "I either worked in or traveled to Shanghai, Beijing, Hefei, Zhengzhou, Xian and Angin. Not to mention all the places I passed through on either a train or a bus. I got home the day before I started school here at the U of I. The first semester here I took a course in

ioin the CLUB

Join the Chinese Culture Club at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Ice Springs room in the Commons.

Spanish, just to be well-rounded."

The Chinese Culture Club was not McLain's first club involvement, nor his first leadership position. He last served as president of the Association of Computing Machinery, helping reorganize that club before handing over the responsibilities to his vice president in order to start the Chinese Culture Club.

"I found out that WSU offered a Chinese minor and took their 300-level conversation class," McLain said. "Some of the students taking Chinese classes there get together every week and have dinner. They have one rule: You may only speak Chinese. It is a way of creating, for a couple hours at least, a Chinese-only environment out of the classroom.

"I started attending these dinners weekly and found out that WSU also had a Chinese club. It wasn't very active. They called it the Professional 'Chinese Students Association.' Some enthusiastic students decided to bring up the level of activity last semester. I told those students that I also was considering starting a Chinese club at the U of I but was overwhelmed with my ACM responsibilities. One day after a very disappointing turnout at an ACM meeting I decided to do it."

After speaking with history professor Pingchao Zhu and seeing her enthusiasm for being the club adviser, McLain began distributing posters and getting the word out.

"Eight people responded and I decided that that was enough. We met for the first time a few weeks after putting up the fliers in one of the library's group study rooms. Almost all of the students were studying different things. All had an interest in Chinese culture and especially the language. Around half of them had even been to China or Taiwan or Singapore before."

Right now, the club meets every Tuesday and language is a major part of those meetings. Club members come to each meeting with a new Chinese word they want to learn. A new

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'Oklahoma!' state of mind



The cast of "Oklahoma!" gather for a group photo during the rehearsal on April 12 at the Hartung Theatre.

By Brandon Macz Argonaut

The clear blue sky spreads over the golden prairie. Aunt Eller is scrubbing her wash in the old wood basin as the farm sits proudly REVIEW behind her. It's a "beauti-Play ful mornin" and after watching Rodgers and

Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" it's safe to say that the applause grows high in the Hartung Theater.

The play centers around the mixed romance of Curly McClain (Kevin Partridge) and Laurey Williams (Kimbre Lancaster), but the hefty cast and classic script made everyone a star in this production.

The main component not credited in the play's program was the stage, with its boxed

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"Oklahoma!" will run at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday and April 26-29 in the UI Hartung Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students, faculty and youth. Tickets are available at the UI Kibbie Dome Ticket office at 885-7212, www.uitheatre.com and at the door.

prairie setting that changes its light almost as frequently as the story does.

Partridge played a lighter part than the high-strung Biff Loman in the UI production of "Death of a Salesman," but it was the dry wit he contributed to McClain that had the audience laughing.

Lancaster is great at matching Partridge by performing her part as the bottle of emotions that is constantly shaking. It's their story that unifies the theme of the play, but much interest comes from the secondary characters.

Ali Hakim (Adam Critchlow), is the Persian ped-dler who keeps falling into (Adam forced engagements at the end of a gun barrel. Critchlow doesn't fit with the rest of the characters, but this is purposeful because the harder he tries to run from the women he has to "love," the more he is drawn back to Oklahoma territory. A heavy-hitter for comedy relief, Critchlow plays the Persian peddler down to the last stereotype with ease and humor behind every line.

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Chuck's patient zero goes on a 'Rant'

By T.J. Tranchell Argonaut

The oral biography in literature could be making a comeback. Last year, Max Brooks released "World War Z," a sur-vivors' tale in the aftermath of a zombie war. Now, Chuck Palahniuk, still very much committed to his goal of re-inventing the horror novel, is releasing "Rant: An Oral Biography of Buster Casey."

Oral biographies are often seen with historical events, such as getting a group of veterans together to talk about their experiences in a certain battle. The beauty of the form is that, while each person is telling the same basic story, the details can vary significantly.

Such is the case with "Rant." Palahniuk lets a variety of char-

ArtsBRIEFS

Food for fines program continues

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Auditions for 'The Wizard of Oz'

Regional Theatre of the Palouse, RTOP, is holding auditions for the MGM musical "The

acters tell the story of Buster a plague that spreads across his nap time. Friends, called Casey — Buddy to his young the country. Party Crashers for their spree of Casey - Buddy to his young mother, Buster to his father, and

Rant to everyone else - but never lets the lead character speak at all, unless someone else is quoting him. Even those quotes are different from person to person. It isn't odd that

Rant never gets to speak for himself because the first scene "Rant" has Chester Casey, Rant's father, talking НННН (of 5) with a used car sales-Available May 1 man about how he got

from Doubleday a super deal on a plane ticket, "bereavement discount," in order to pick up the body of his son.

Wizard of Oz."

Auditions are April 30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1036 W. A St. in Moscow; May 1 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1300 SE Sunnymead Way in Pullman; and May 2 at the United Methodist Church, 109 S. Mill St. in Colfax. All auditions run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Both singing and non-singing roles for people of all ages are available.

Actors should be prepared to sing a simple song such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," or bring sheet music for another song in their vocal key. A pianist will be provided. Some people may be asked to move or dance so they should wear appropriate shoes.

Callbacks are May 4 at St. James Episcopal Church, 1410 NE Stadium Way in Pullman. Callbacks run from 5:30-9:30 p.m. If a person is not called back, however, it doesn't mean that they are not cast in the show

Rehearsals for the show begin July 9 and the performance dates are Aug. 24-26 at Washington State University's Performing Beasley Arts Coliseum.

RTOP is a new theater company headed by Pullman resident John Rich, managing artis-

Palahniuk's use of various

voices gives him a chance to master a wide range of dialects and tones, much like his previous novel "Haunted." In "Rant," however, those shifts can come multiple times per page instead of each chapter. Every speaker is clearly identified so there is never a risk of forgetting

who is speaking. Through the other speakers, a picture of Rant Casey emerges.

A complete list of characters and more information about

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People disagree with each other, including scenes discussing how the three-year-old Rant Before the book starts, Rant would pick his nose and wipe is dead. He is patient zero for the results on the wall during

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Party Crashers for their spree of driving across the country causing car wrecks, claim to have heard the story straight from Rant. His mother, Irene, disputes the story.

This goes on throughout the book. One person says one thing, and someone else claims otherwise. These stories turn Rant from what could be a onedimensional bad guy into a multi-faceted person who could be your best friend if you shared his ideas about life, or your worst enemy if you did something he didn't like.

Rant's plague eventually leads to massive quarantines and what is called the I-See-You Act by the Party Crashers. Even after Rant's death, plague conditions continue to the point of endangering even his friends.

For as bad as Rant is portrayed by his enemies, mostly government officials and people who thought he was a bad kid, his friends have a genuine affection for him. At one point, Rant's love interest, Echo Lawrence, asks him what he really wants from her. Rant answers back by asking what she had for lunch. He gets closer to her trying to guess what she had eaten. It is a moment of strange sen-

timentality that is rare in much of Palahniuk's work and is much more effective than similar moments in "Fight Club" and "Survivor."

The narrative line is filled with inconsistencies, but that could again be part of the oral biography form itself. This is not a book for anyone who wants their story told from beginning, to middle, to end. It is for anyone feeling more adventurous, maybe someone who is working their way up to James Joyce or back down from Joyce.

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This is only Palahniuk's eighth novel and 10th book overall, counting the essay collection "Stranger Than Fiction" and the Portland tour book "Fugitives and Refugees." He has been publishing for only a slightly shorter time than Quentin Tarantino has been directing movies. The fact that both have attained a cult status in that time can be seen as a sign of the times. Each has taken previous forms and made them their own and adds to those traditions instead of detracting from them.

And as long as there are college students, Palahniuk, like Tarantino, will continue to have an audience for his work.

THEATRE

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Any big performance could always use a little subplot, and the conflict of love gets a sadder spin with William's best friend, Ado Annie (Kristen Haller) and her inability to say no to all the "purty talkin' fellers" in Oklahoma, especially Ali Hakim and Will Parker (Teagen Kroon), a cowboy who doesn't know when to put the money down.

A couple duels and a few fake gunshots keep the energy going in "Oklahoma!," but try not to breathe too deeply when there's a smoking "gun," and try to resist the urge to join in the brawls. The music is what makes a musical, and "Oklahoma!" brings a lot of talented voices to the stage, as well as a great band that didn't falter in the grave dug for them at the bottom of the stage.

Curly McClain's fondness for Laurey Williams is overshadowed by the lonely and possibly insane farm hand, Jud Fry (Noel Barbuto), who is as humorously ignorant as he is mean.

What will surprise skeptics not wanting to see a frontier musical is how mature jokes and subtle actions within "Oklahoma!" are funny enough for adults, but made to go over heads of the children.

What propels the audience out of reality and into "Oklahoma!" itself are the actors' commitments to remaining in character, which meant rowdy small talk and appropriate gestures when warranted.

For those who haven't seen "Oklahoma!" the ticket window of opportunity may close soon considering every show to date has been performed in front of a full house. Next show times will be 7:30 p.m. April 26-28.

CHINESE from page B4

topic, such as weather or food, is dis-

Chinese vocabulary on the topic that they can find and we go through it during the club meeting," McLain said. "We have two to three native

McLain hopes to get even more involved and expand the club from just language study. Celebrations of Chinese holidays, multicultural dinners with students from China and Taiwan, and presentations of Chinese film are all in the realm of possibility

The slow start has yet to faze

"I think that these last few weeks are just the beginning," he said. "I have a feeling that next semester the club will take off. In my club experience, I have learned that it is important to be laid back and let the members decide what they would like to do. If there is no input then you must choose a course of action and do it. That is what being a leader is all about. Clubs should not be like classes. They should be more fulfilling than pumping raw knowledge into people brains. Clubs are here to bring in new ideas or activities that were not previously available on campus."



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Idaho in the event. True freshman Darcy Collins continued to improve, hitting a personal-best in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.63 and finishing fifth.

Two Vandal men hit personal bests at the meet, as

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qualifying toss of 194-6. It's the third straight week Boling has hit a Regional mark in the event.

WAC-leading height of 13-1? and Dahlgren finished second with a vault of 12-5?. Dahlgren

is currently ranked second in the WAC with a best height of

Sophomore Jake Boling con-tinued his tear through the ham-

mer throw, finishing third overall and first among collegiate competitors with a Regional-

13-1? on the season.

Four women turned in personal-best performances, led by junior Briftany Hodges, who improved her 400m time by one second to finish third with a time of 57.84. Sophomore Steffani Patten also hit a personal best in the event, finishing 13th with a Sophomore time of 59.98. Mykael Bothum improved her personal-best discus mark by over two feet with a secondplace throw of 148-3, which moves her to 10th all-time at

James Rogan improved his best in the discus throw to 151-2 for a fifth-place finish and Ian Snook cleared 13-7? in the pole vault to finish ninth.

Redshirt Russ Winger, who was competing unattached, broke the meet record in the men's discus throw with a personal-best toss of 193-6 and Matt Wauters, also redshirting and competing unattached, won the men's hammer throw with a 9foot personal best of 214-0. Other strong Vandal per-

formances included Benjamin Mimoun winning the men's 200m (21.69) and finishing third in the 100m (10.97), Beau Whitney finishing second in the men's discus throw (154-8), Meagan Garcia taking second in the women's 100m (12.72), Bothum taking second in the women's shot put (46-7?) and Kate Buehler taking third in the

women's javelin (142-1). The Vandals will hit the road for another two-meet split next weekend, as the team will split its time between the Duane Hartman Invitational on April 28 at Spokane, Wash., and the Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational on April 29 at Palo Alto, Calif.



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