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Weekend raises funds for KaBOOM!

By Christina Lords
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What is usually considered average weekend afternoon recreation is now being put to use to create funding for a good cause. Several University of Idaho organizations have teamed up to celebrate the newly renovated university disc golf course and offer a benefit tournament for KaBOOM!, a nonprofit organization that rebuilds playgrounds.

KaBOOM! is fundraising to build a playground next fall in Genesee. This will be the first year that the university has participated in the project.

The tournament begins at 11 a.m. Saturday with a free barbecue, disc golf-related games and a tutorial clinic. Tournament play will begin at 1 p.m. Events will be held in the parking lot located on the northwest side of the Kibbie Dome.

Students can pre-register for the tournament at the Student Recreation Center and be entered in a prize drawing. There is a \$10 registration fee for UI students and community members of Genesee and a \$15 registration fee for the general public.

Robert J. Taylor, the KaBOOM! intern at UI, said he had the idea for a fundraiser tournament after walking by a softball game on the Administration Lawn.

"I was walking by and thought that a tournament would be good," Taylor said. "I thought disc golf might be better because a lot of people on campus play it."

All tournament registration fees will go toward the KaBOOM! project. Prizes, one of which is an iPod shuffle, will be awarded to the top three finishers.

Adam Thuen, Student Recreation Board chair, said the tournament is also a way for the disc golf sports club to get its name out on campus and to utilize the new disc golf course.

"KaBOOM! is great, and this is a great idea for a fundraiser for that project," Thuen said. "This is a good way to relax and just have a good time. It's a good stress reliever before finals."

Taylor said a list of possible playground sites near Moscow was compiled, and Genesee met the criteria the project was looking for.

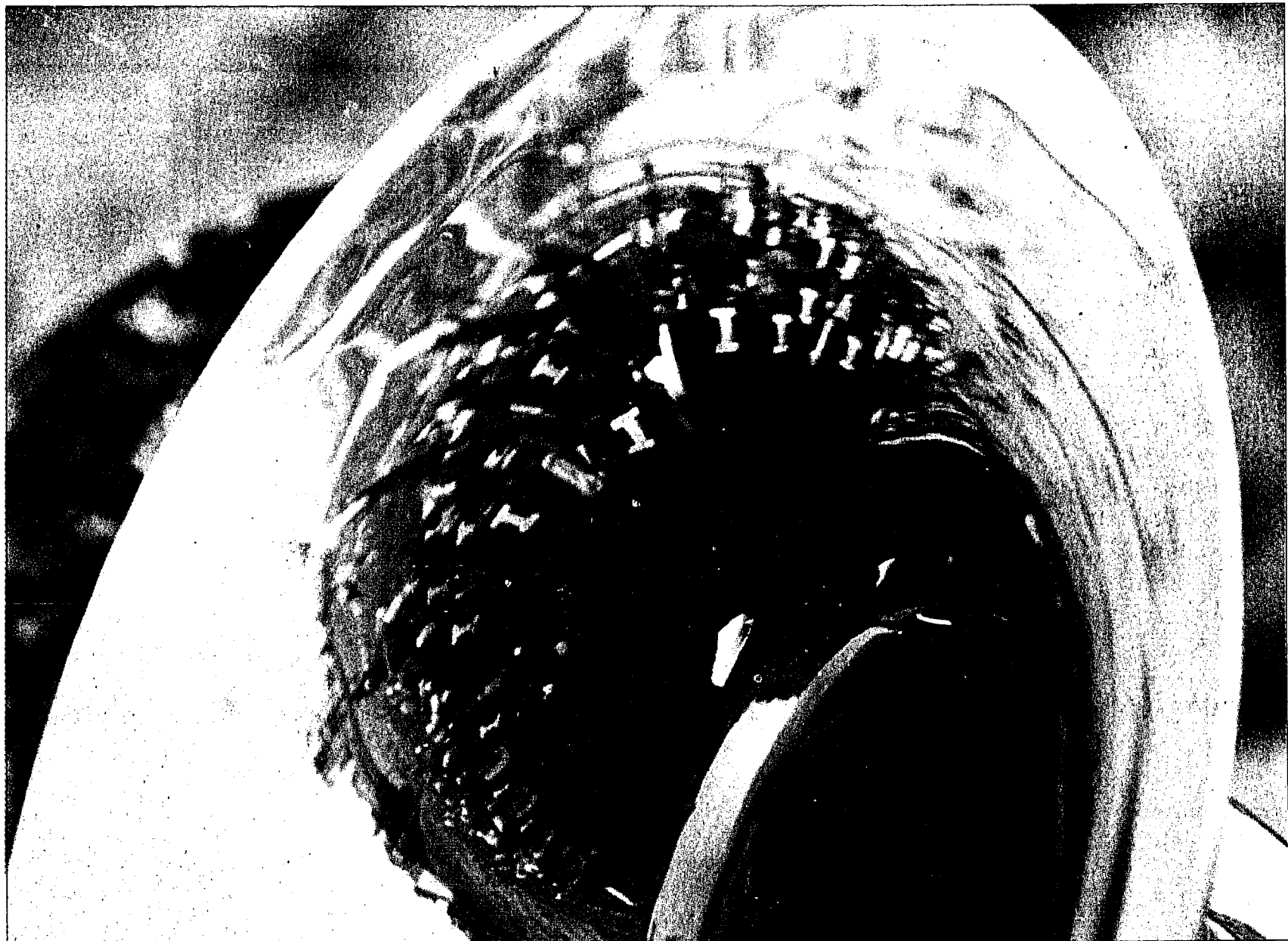
"We picked Genesee because we wanted to have more of an impact on a smaller school in a town near by," he said.

The construction of the playground is scheduled to begin in late September or early October.

Today also marks other events in

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Scenes of the times



By Bruce Mann
Argonaut

On the University of Idaho campus, it was a year of highs and lows, laughs and tears, victory and defeat.

It started as the year of Dennis Erickson, when UI welcomed back the former Vandal coach with open arms. The promises of a future filled with victories ended 10 months later when Erickson surprised Vandal fans with the announcement that he was leaving for a position at Arizona State.

The campus was hit with another major change as the administration revealed its new marketing campaign. The response from many was that of resistance as protests began against the removal of the historic starburst and long-time slogan. Administration has responded with resolve that the new look will attract more

students and raise the profile of the university.

The look of the university continued to change as the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house received a renovation and Steel House residents found themselves without a home with the announcement of its closure at the end of the year.

Two student deaths brought the university a renewed appreciation of life as they grieved for lost classmates and friends. Former UI cheerleader Angie Cabrera's life was unexpectedly taken during winter break in a car crash. Shock rocked the campus once again when UI senior David Boss was killed in what police labeled a serial killing. Days later, police arrested former UI student John Delling as the alleged murderer.

Death continued to fill the headlines when Virginia Tech suffered its own tragedy that will go down in history as the bloodiest public shooting in the

United States. The UI community, still reeling from its loss, came together and showed its support with in the form of vigils and paper cranes.

Spring brought success for UI athletics as the women's golf team took home the top spot at the Western Athletic Conference championship. The Vandal track and field team had an exceptional indoor season with three All-Americans and a top-25 national ranking.

The end of the school year marked the end of Berto Cerrillo and Travis Shofner's reign as ASUI president and vice president, the longest single term in ASUI history. It also marks the end of an era for almost 2,000 students who will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas next week, one of whom will mark the university's 100,000th graduate.

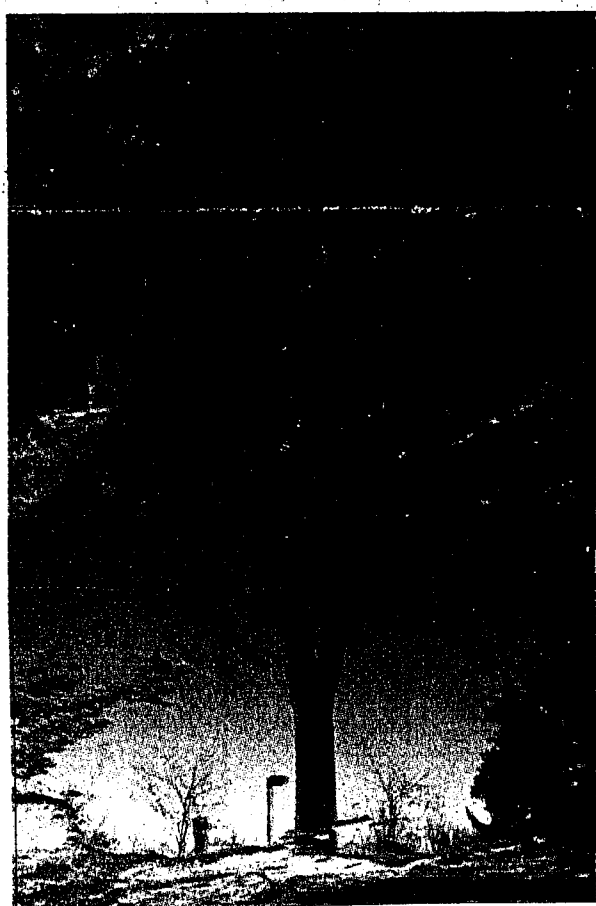
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(above) Members of the Vandal Marching Band are reflected in a tuba at Martin Stadium during the football game against WSU on Sept. 10.

Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

(left) As Moscow thaws out, scenery on Sixth Street is reflected in a puddle in the Student Union Building Parking Lot in early December.



UI graduating class of 2007 prepares for the future

New graduation procedure gets mixed reviews

By Alexis Turner
Argonaut

Graduation will run a little differently this year as seniors will be conferred during a campus-wide procession, not during celebrations for the smaller colleges as has been done in the past.

The change was initiated by President Tim White last year.

This year's graduates will meet at the Administration Building at 7:45 a.m. From there they will be led by Border Highlanders Pipes and Drums down University Avenue, as tradition, to the Kibbie Dome,

where the procession will be held. College celebrations will commence after the university procession.

Shuttles will run from all day to and from hotels to the university ceremony and the college celebrations.

A graduation survey was sent out to 5,771 juniors and seniors last fall. Of those students, 31 percent responded. In the survey students expressed an importance of having their name announced at the ceremony (83.5 percent) and walking across the stage (74.9 percent).

Of the 1,775 who responded to the survey, 54.6 percent said they would attend the university commencement ceremony.

Based on the survey results, registrar Nancy Krogh said the university ceremony will solve student concerns with receive

graduation SCHEDULE

7:45 — line-up at Administration Building (alphabetical within colleges)

8:30 — walk begins

9:30 — university procession begins

ing recognition.

"This gives a lot of visibility to grads, which is what we want," she said. "It's an important day for the university. We are awfully proud of our students and they all deserve their moment in the sun."

The change has gotten both positive and negative reactions

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UI student starts new family tradition

By Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

To the traditional University of Idaho student, hard labor and hard studying don't go hand in hand.

But to Lucia Venegas Christensen, the combination is the story of her life.

Venegas Christensen, whose parents migrated from Mexico seven years ago, will be the first in her family to earn a college degree — that is, if there are no delays.

"(My sister Maria) is graduating the same day from Boise State," she said. "(My ceremony) is one hour earlier, so I'll have to walk fast."

Venegas Christensen and her sister aren't alone in their joy. Her husband, Christian Christensen, will also don a cap and gown on May 12 as he receives his diploma from the UI Law School.

As Venegas Christensen celebrates her scholastic achievements, she says she can't help but be thankful for the organization that helped fund her dreams — the



Roger Rowles/Argonaut

Lucia Venegas Christensen, is the first from her family to graduate from college.

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OPINION

The editorial board recognizes Turkeys and Heroes and Tara says goodbye to the university.

SPORTS&REC

The University of Idaho men's golf team finishes last and tennis seniors say goodbye.

on the WEB

The paper may be on break, but the Web site's not. This summer, keep an eye out for news on

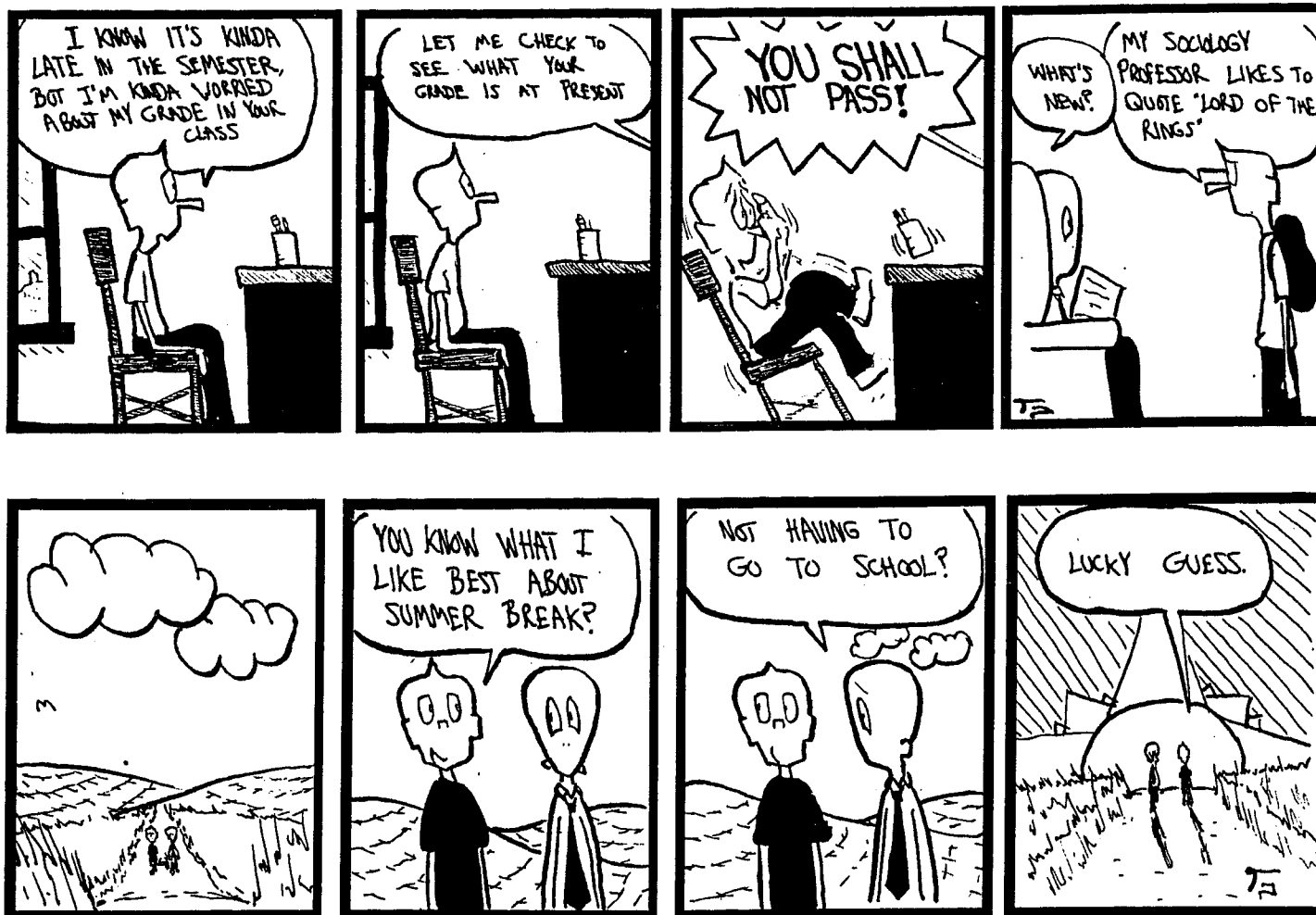
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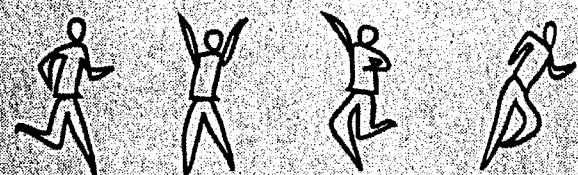
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UniversityAVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



Look for the first issue of the **SUMMER ARG** May 23



Campus Recreation

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Saturday: 9am-9pm Sunday: 11am-11pm

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This week's poll:

Despite all efforts to avoid it, the University of Idaho makes sure you don't forget about it over the summer through mailings and e-mails. How often will school be on your mind over the summer?

The week of TLD:

Most of this issue's comments were left by one person with much to say:

In response to the letter, "Senate needed stronger leadership":

"(Travis Shofner,) I would say that their failure is a reflection of your own. I am glad you finally said that out loud. Every time I glanced or attended a Senate meeting you were either playing with your paper or dozing off not paying attention. Looking back at your and Berto's term, at your many attempts to accomplish your 'goals,' were for the most part failures. You Failed. ... I wish for once that we could have a

good leader come into office and think of the students. Not just doing lip service but really, work FOR the students. I guess that there is always a chance that in our Greek dominated student body, one person will emerge and take it up but I won't hold my breath." -TLD

And in response to the article, "Football player booted for cocaine":

"Another One Bites the Dust... That song was ringing

thru my head when I read this story. I am glad that Akey is taking the stance he is. Although I hate to admit it, sharing stories about how messed up our football players has always been fun to me. Lets put it this way, don't look for them on the deans list any time soon. I guess I should be looking forward to an issue of the Argonaut that doesn't have a story of a football player getting arrested for doing something stupid." -TLD

Monkeys and hot springs:

Melissa ("Notes From Japan") shares photos from her trip to Mt. Takasaki, the "monkey mountain," and her impressions of Japanese hot springs:

"Public baths have been the most shocking of my culture shock experiences. At the onsens, people shower off before they get into a large shallow pool to soak in hot water. They do all this in the same room while very, very naked."

"When I heard we were going to the onsen, I brought along my swimsuit hoping that nudity was optional. Apparently, it's not."

Not quite over:

This may be the last issue, but we're not done. Watch the newsstands in a few weeks for the Summer Arg, and check the Web site after the weekend for an article about KaBOOM! and disc golf.



CrosswordPUZZLE

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- Preferred
 - Cuts short
 - Star Wars letters
 - Italian cheese
 - Twofold
 - Moving camera shot
 - Acapulco pals
 - Trying hard
 - Cousleau garb
 - Keepsake
 - Elegance of form
 - Map in a map
 - Quantity of cookies
 - ... down (held up)
 - West Point sch.
 - Male heir
 - Poor devil
 - Quantum
 - Brimless hat
 - Bangkok resident
 - Monkey munch
 - Large vase
 - Chance to play
 - Spider's parlor
 - Locked up
 - Send in payment
 - "The Sheik of ..." (21 song)
 - Tombstone inscription
 - Part of NRC
 - Unisex do
 - Bombshell's color?
 - World Series mo.
 - Gender-biased suffix
 - Sought mercy
 - Quaker pronoun
 - Thing done
 - Bedecks
 - Asner and Murrow
 - Eggnog spice
 - Challenge
 - More icky
 - Short drives
 - "The Divine Comedy" poet
 - Gold brick
 - Vengeful feud
 - Prohibited
 - Triumph over
 - Rhizome
 - On the Atlantic
 - Fed
 - Wrote music
 - Volume
 - Verdon of "Damn Yankees"
 - Knife thrust
 - Goon
 - Have a heart
 - Female red deer
 - Of a city
 - Wrote music
 - Female surfer
 - Rode a bike
 - Transplant, as a plant

Solutions from 5/4

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51 Like a lamb sauce **58 Cal Tech grad**
53 Defensive tackle **59 Port of Yemen**
54 Smith **60 Some wines**
55 Window unit **62 Conducted**

SudokuPUZZLE

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9	5	4	2	8	6	7	3	1
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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UI senior McNeal awarded Purple Heart

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's Riley F. McNeal and three other Marines were driving the lead Humvee on a convoy in western Iraq's Al Anbar Province through the dead of a July night.

Outside the headlights' glow was a wall of black. Nothing was visible in any direction, not even the Haditha city lights. But at least they were mobile.

"There was a sandstorm that day so it was Air Code Red," McNeal, a UI senior, recalled. "You can't move during a sandstorm because you have no air support. So we were just sitting all day. All day."

At around 2 p.m., the conditions lifted and his battalion started driving. McNeal rode in the lead car.

Noticing they were far ahead of the pack, his corporal, Jonathan Lewis, ordered them to slow down.

"We were flying along and (Cpl. Lewis) said we were too far ahead and we needed to slow the hell down," McNeal recalled.

That decision saved all their lives. Not much later, the Humvee ran over an improvised explosive

device, causing a blast that destroyed part of the vehicle.

"Since we were going only 10 miles per hour, the explosion only took the engine block out," McNeal said. "If we were going 35 (mph) and hit that thing, man, there wouldn't have been any of us left."

The explosion left no casualties but lacerated the left side of McNeal's head and gave him a concussion. After a brief hospital stay, he returned to combat.

"I was back out in a couple days going on missions," he said. "That's a pretty traumatic event. They gave us a couple days to recover and we were back out there with a new Humvee, ready to have at it."

McNeal remembers the blast clearly, describing it as "one of those moments like when you get in a car crash. Time just slows and that one second feels like five minutes."

He credits his fellow soldiers and the training he went through for preventing the worst from happening.

"We all watched out for each other," McNeal said. "That's the big thing I learned about Iraq. You're only as good as the Marine to your right and left. I was fortunate enough to

have the best with me.

"I was lucky to go on with a locked-on battalion. We knew how to operate. We knew what to look for. There were lots of times things could have been worse."

McNeal was properly awarded the Purple Heart, given to soldiers injured by enemy instruments during war, in a ceremony Thursday in the Janssen Engineering Building.

UI's ROTC department helped plan the ceremony after getting word from the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, N.C.

"It's good to see he's getting the medal," said Gunnery Sgt. James Cox. "He's getting what's coming to him. He deserves it."

Family came from all across Washington to see McNeal accept his new decoration.

His two brothers, Paul and Eric, both Washington State University students, came over from Pullman. His parents, Patty and Charlie, and grandparents, Jane and Warren, drove from Riley's hometown of Tacoma.

"We're just thrilled for him and he's excited," Patty said. "We knew he was going to get the Purple Heart but didn't know about the ceremony

until recently."

For McNeal, the ceremony and the medal is not an individual merit, but also for the team with him the night of the blast.

"I'm happy that I'm getting it, but a lot of the stuff I attribute to the guys I was out there with," he said. "It symbolizes them. They're the guys who were next to me and keeping me alive. I think of it as something that will immortalize my time with them."

McNeal keeps in touch with those friends today but is glad to return to the University of Idaho.

During November his senior year, just one semester away from graduation, McNeal enlisted in the Marines to fight for a cause he believed in.

"I thought it was a crucial time with the war," he said. "I supported it. There were other people going over there doing what I feel was right. I felt if I gave (the Marines) a couple years, I'd be doing my part."

Two months later, McNeal was training for combat in the Californian desert, then stationed at the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

"It's the greatest place in the world. I can't say enough about it," he said. "You get off work at 3:30 or 4 (p.m.)

and you're on the beach all day until it gets dark. On the weekend, you go down to Waikiki. People pay huge money to go there. I lucked out. I hit the lottery in the Marine Corps to get stationed there."

Now back in Moscow, McNeal is far away from Hawaii's tropics and Iraq's deserts. His dark, short hair now covers the laceration's scars.

Instead of wielding firearms and practicing exit strategies, he carries textbooks and studies for classes at One World Cafe.

He plans to get his secondary education degree, with an emphasis in history, next semester. From there, he wants to be a wrestling coach or U.S. history teacher.

McNeals has no regrets about his delayed departure from school. In fact, it let him accomplish two life's goals.

"I felt if I already graduated, I would want to go teach and (enlisting) never would have happened," McNeal said. "I didn't want to make the military a career. I felt if I graduated and gone in, it could have become one. I know if I left something hanging here, I would want to come back to it."

Former marketing director reflects on logo's creation

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

Frank McCreary remembers when the University of Idaho starburst was created.

It was 1970. He was working as UI's director of marketing and development.

Throughout the late '60s, a wave of corporate re-identification for colleges across the country was forming and McCreary decided to ride it before it crashed.

He was asked by then-President Ernest Hartung to create a new identity for the Alumni Association and generate more fundraising for the school. At the time, Joe Vandal was the only identifiable symbol UI had. While that sufficed the school's sportier souls, there was a demand for a more universal logo.

"I wouldn't say there was a reluctance to using Joe Vandal," McCreary said. "But for those who weren't athletically-inclined, all you could talk about when you did fundraising was him and how we need a new stadium."

While recreating a university's image can be an arduous task, McCreary eventually found the solution in Okern Devin, a consultant for Boeing out of Seattle.

"He's the guy who drew the new alphabet for us and three different approaches to a new corporate identity logo," McCreary said. "And (the starburst) was the one that was approved."

While McCreary and his department gave the new symbol the green light, other UI

employees were quick to throw up their red flags.

"The original cost was about \$50,000, which was a huge amount back then," he said. "And there was a huge outcry from the faculty about spending that much money for an identifying mark, but it was widely accepted."

There was still some resistance to the starburst. One of its critics was Director of Athletics Edward Knecht, who named it the "queer gear."

"When I heard we finally got (the logo) approved and the regents said it was OK, I called Ed," McCreary recalled. "And I told him 'I'm going to see the starburst on your new carpet in the Kibbie Dome.' And he yelled at me 'Never! Over my dead body! That'll never happen, never!'"

But that's not to say the two men were rivals. McCreary said that call was in good fun and

Knecht was a "great guy" who he "had a great time with."

And while McCreary never got to see the starburst on a carpet in the Kibbie, the sheer number of its appearance elsewhere around campus makes up for it.

One of his favorite spots for it is alongside the steel water tower overlooking the Moscow-Pullman Highway. And while he's sad to know it's leaving, he knows that's part of life.

"I hate to see it go away because I don't think it's harmful," McCreary said. "But I'm not opposed to it because everything changes." Even though he now lives in Wenatchee, Wash., McCreary still has a strong love for Moscow, which he calls his "holy land," and

still sings its praises.

His granddaughter, senior Christa Mattes, has been hearing about the town and UI for as long as she remembers.

"My mom went here, my aunt went here, so all my life I've heard 'Go Vandals, go Vandals, go Vandals,'" she said.

When she was 16, Mattes visited Moscow and the UI campus for the first time. What she wasn't prepared for, despite years of stories, was the starburst's numerous appearances.

"I got here and saw the water tower, that was a huge shocker," she said. "So was seeing it on the 'Welcome to Moscow' sign."

Eventually, Mattes chose to attend UI instead of Oregon State University in Corvallis, her hometown. That's why she was taken aback when hearing the symbol her grandfather helped create was being phased out.

"I was really surprised because it's such a recognizable symbol," she said. "Even my friends from home who come visit know about it when I talk about it. I understand why because it seems a lot of colleges are changing things to move into the future. But at the same time, it's such a recognizable symbol that it feels like we're losing part of our identity."

However, McCreary believes a university is more than a symbol.

"The starburst is an identity mark, but I don't think (dropping it) will harm the university one bit," he said. "I don't believe the image of the University of Idaho was cast in the starburst."



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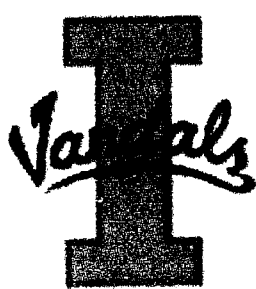
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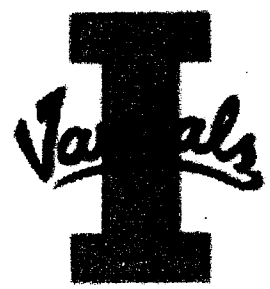
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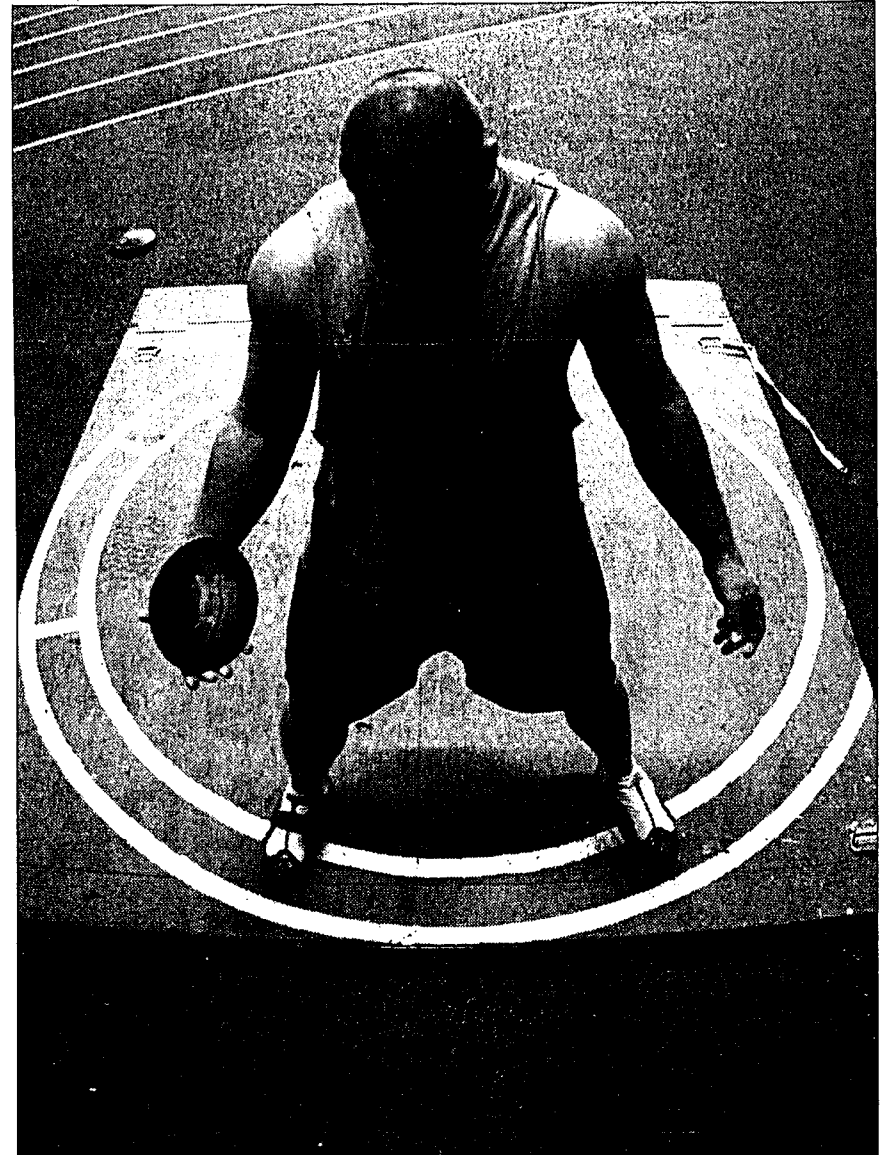
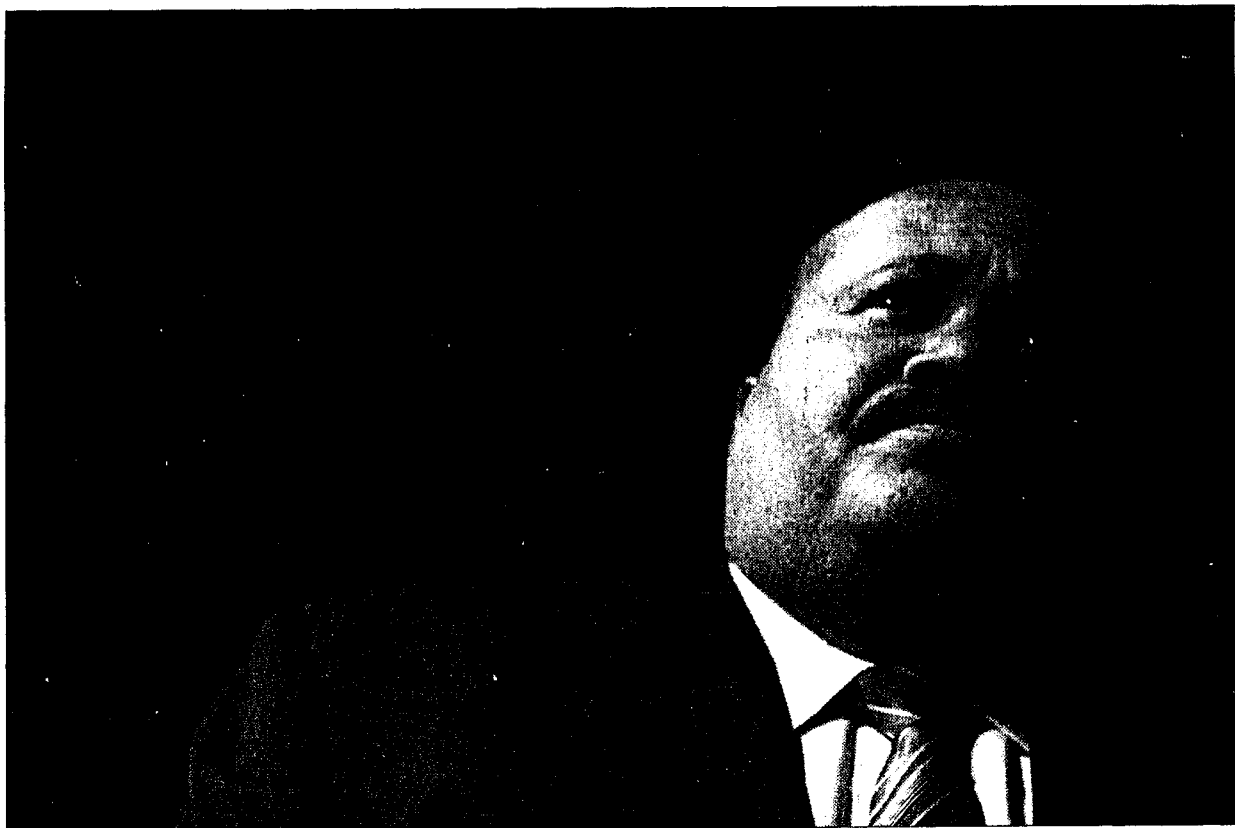
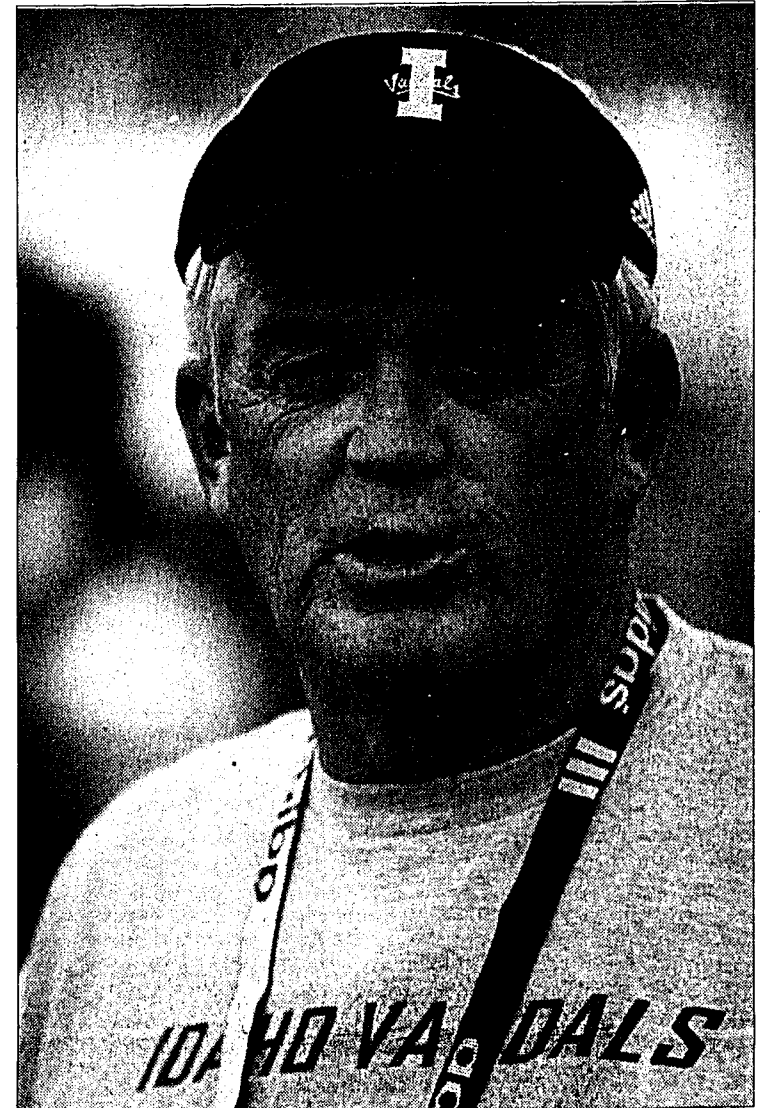
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Year in REVIEW



Kentaro Murai / Argonaut
 (left) Moscow High School student Sarah Nielsen practices "The Angel" for the Festival Dance and Performing Arts production of "A Christmas Carol" at the Hartung Theatre.

Bruce Mann/Argonaut
 (below) Dennis Erickson, who began his head coaching career with Idaho in 1982, returned to the Vandals in 2006 only to leave after 10 months when he accepted the head coaching position at Arizona State.



Melissa Davlin/Argonaut
 (above left) Martin Luther King III appeared on campus to deliver his speech "My Father's Dreams, My Mission" at the Kibbie Dome in February. His speech focused on how his father's ideas of peaceful resistance and civil disobedience could affect today's political situation.

Kentaro Murai/Argonaut
 (bottom left) Steel House residents protest the closure of their hall in front of the Commons on March 23. The women were informed that Steel would be closed down at the end of school year due to extensive maintenance and repair issues.

Kentaro Murai/Argonaut
 (above right) Junior Russ Winger prepares to throw discus during track practice at the Kibbie Dome. Winger finished second in the shot put at the NCAA Indoor Championship and was named an All-American for the third time.





(top left) Lora Chiorah-Dye teaches students African dance in September outside of the Idaho Commons. Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

(above right) More than 300 students, faculty and staff gathered to remember the 32 people killed by Cho Seung-Hui at Virginia Tech a week after the shooting. The vigil was sponsored by ASUI. Bruce Mann/Argonaut

(bottom left) There were horns aplenty at the 2007 Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival in February. Lisa Wareham/Argonaut

(bottom right) Hanging on to the ball, Idaho running back Brian Flowers fights off Tyron Brackenridge in Idaho's 56-10 loss to Washington State on Saturday, Sept. 9. Bruce Mann/Argonaut

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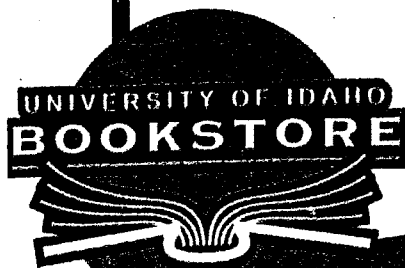
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SECURE SYSTEMS

UI computer policies receive a makeover

By Nate Poppino
Argonaut

When students return to classes in the fall, the biggest change to the University of Idaho campus may be something they can't even see.

After dealing with a range of computer theft and information security problems during the last three semesters, the university is changing the way it protects private and sensitive information.

"I think we're on top of it," said Lloyd Mues, vice president for finance and administration. "We have in fact changed our policies on campus on how we deal with this information. We're in a whole lot better position today than we were a few months ago."

A few months ago was November, when three desktop computers with the names and personal information of 70,000 people associated with UI, largely alumni, were taken from the University Advancement office, sparking concerns that the data could be used in identity theft. The semester before, two touch-screen monitors walked away from Renfrew Hall. And the problems continued: in January 2007, seven laptops were whisked away from of a locked cabinet in the Polya Lab in Brink, and in February, a file with Social Security numbers of 2,700 UI employees was posted to a public university Web site for 19 days.

The problems are no different than those faced by most

other colleges, Mues said.

"I think part of it is the openness and decentralized atmosphere of colleges and universities," he said. "That's really the big thing: It's a very, very open environment and we need to tighten up some. At the same time, we need to continue what students and the press and everyone want."

Campus lockdown

After a computer security campaign that focused on laptops, Information Technology Services is now looking at ways to keep both portable and larger computers from walking away, said Tony Opheim, ITS chief technology officer.

His advice follows the old term "best practices" — assume anything that can be stolen will be stolen if left unattended.

"It's mostly been centered around laptops, to be honest," Opheim said. "What happened to us was someone stole desktops. We have to stress, 'No, almost anything can be stolen.'"

That also includes data. Mues and Opheim said they're taking advantage of this chance to update the systems protecting UI's computers as well as secure the computers themselves. The new measures include locking down every piece of private data and upgrading the access control lists that protect the servers to real firewalls.

"The stolen advancement computers and accidental file posted, firewalls wouldn't have done anything to them at all," Opheim said. "Hacking is still a

big thing. ... We're trying to solve the bigger security problem, not specific incidents."

Internally, finding and securing all sensitive files will allow Opheim to track who uses those files which can contain information about UI employees and alumni, including Social Security numbers and birthdates; intellectual property that belongs to students and staff; and other student information protected by FERPA. To secure all that, the first stop for ITS was the Banner interface, through which students register for classes, employers set up payroll and the financial aid office doles out money.

"At the heart of Banner is where the sensitive information really is," Opheim said. "If you have not been explicitly granted access to a piece of sensitive info, you do not have access to it. That's 180 degrees away from where it's been in the past."

Locking down loose data files can have useful consequences. One thing Opheim removed was an easily accessed table in Banner that held Social Security numbers used to log in. As a result, people can no longer use their numbers as a username.

"It was a table that because of the design of Banner is really open," he said. "The best way to protect it was to remove it. ... In general, it's just a bad practice to use a Social Security number as a login anyway, so that's the message that got conveyed."

Externally, the access control lists used to filter traffic

from the Internet are limited in what they can filter and outdated as a whole. New firewalls, set to be put in place this summer, will allow Opheim to have more control over who can go where.

"What we're going to do is start putting them (the firewalls) in front of the Banner servers, critical users," Opheim said. "We'll go ahead and replace the access control lists. They're old and were put in place 10 years ago. ... It's time to get this done."

Future measures will include regular scans of computers that have access to all of Banner — not student computers, as they don't have access — and other measures to monitor where files are going and prevent them from ending up on public Web sites and other locations.

"Accidents are going to happen," Opheim said. "They're totally unintentional."

Compliments and criticism

Reaction to the thefts and the university's response has been mixed, Mues said. Though to his knowledge, the computers stolen in November have not been recovered, there have been no signs that someone has tried to abuse the data on them.

"I think it's natural for anyone in this day and age to be concerned about how personal information is being held and used," Mues said. "We've heard from people that are concerned and heard from people who say, 'You're doing a good job.'"

Bill McLaughlin, professor of natural resources and chair of the current Faculty Council, said faculty were very concerned about incidents such as the November theft, but have been reassured by the university's actions.

"The faculty in general feel that the strategies ITS is using and the approach the university is taking on this issue feels very reasonable," McLaughlin said. "I think the question the faculty have asked is, 'Why haven't we addressed these issues before?'"

In the case of things such as the access lists, Opheim said, ITS had faith in how well it had programmed them, though the department knew the technology would have to be replaced eventually.

"It's also been money as well," he said. "These things are not cheap."

Students seem less worried about the change. UI junior Kjersti Myhre said she doesn't know that much about the thefts, but doesn't consider them something to worry about.

"I think it's a problem, but I guess I don't think it affects me," she said.

And senior Josh Harris said he thinks the university is doing as much as it can to prevent future thefts.

"They can't do that much to make sure those computers don't get stolen," he said.

Protecting sensitive data will always be an ongoing challenge, Opheim said, and not one that will be easily solved.

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Here are some ways to guard your computer and avoid identity theft:

- Don't leave sensitive information on unguarded computers, especially laptops.

- Never leave a computer unattended in a public place.

- Be careful online: Learn to identify phishing scams and spyware, and always be careful who you give your Social Security number to.

- Install a firewall, antivirus and antispyware software on your computer. Such programs can be found for free on the Internet.

- Check your credit report from the three major credit bureaus at least once a year.

- If you think your personal information might have been stolen, ask for a flag on your credit accounts. This will alert you if anyone tries to use your name to obtain new credit.

buy. It is a process, and it's always changing," he said. "Every day, the security is a little bit better, the risk is a little less than before."

More than 14K marijuana plants found growing in Idaho forest

BOISE (AP) — About 14,800 marijuana plants with an estimated value of up to \$29 million have been seized in a remote area northeast of the state capital, Boise County Sheriff Drew Bodie said.

The plants found Wednesday on national forest land about 20 miles north of Arrowrock Dam were in the early stages of growth, but the

elaborate operation was designed to supply plants for four to six major pot production sites, Bodie told the Idaho Press-Tribune of Nampa.

When mature, each plant could produce about two pounds of marijuana worth around \$4,000, and with normal mortality the crop would have been worth \$14.5 million to around \$29 million,

authorities said.

No arrests were reported.

Following a tip on April 29 from a bear hunter who said he and his dogs stumbled onto the operation, sheriff's deputies were joined by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Fish and Game Department and State Police in the raid, officials said.

Officials said a DEA helicop-

ter was used to take 12 officers to the mountainous site, where they destroyed an elaborate drip irrigation system and other equipment, seized camping gear and other potential evidence and hiked out with the pot plants.

The growers apparently abandoned the site, leaving

behind a food stockpile, after it was discovered by the bear hunter, Bodie said. He estimated the site had been occupied for at least a month.

"There's no doubt in my mind they knew what they were doing," sheriff's Lt. Dale Rogers told KTVB Television of Boise. "They had a lot of equip-

ment in there. This was a huge, huge nursery."

Similar but usually smaller marijuana growing operations, commonly involving several hundred to a few thousand plants, are not uncommon in the area and other national forests across the western U.S.



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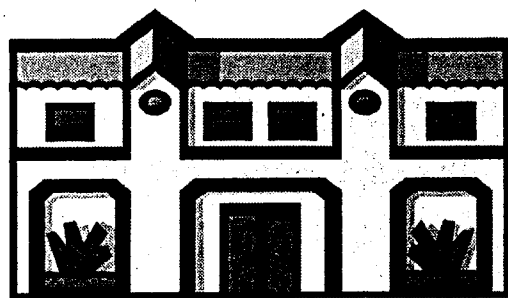
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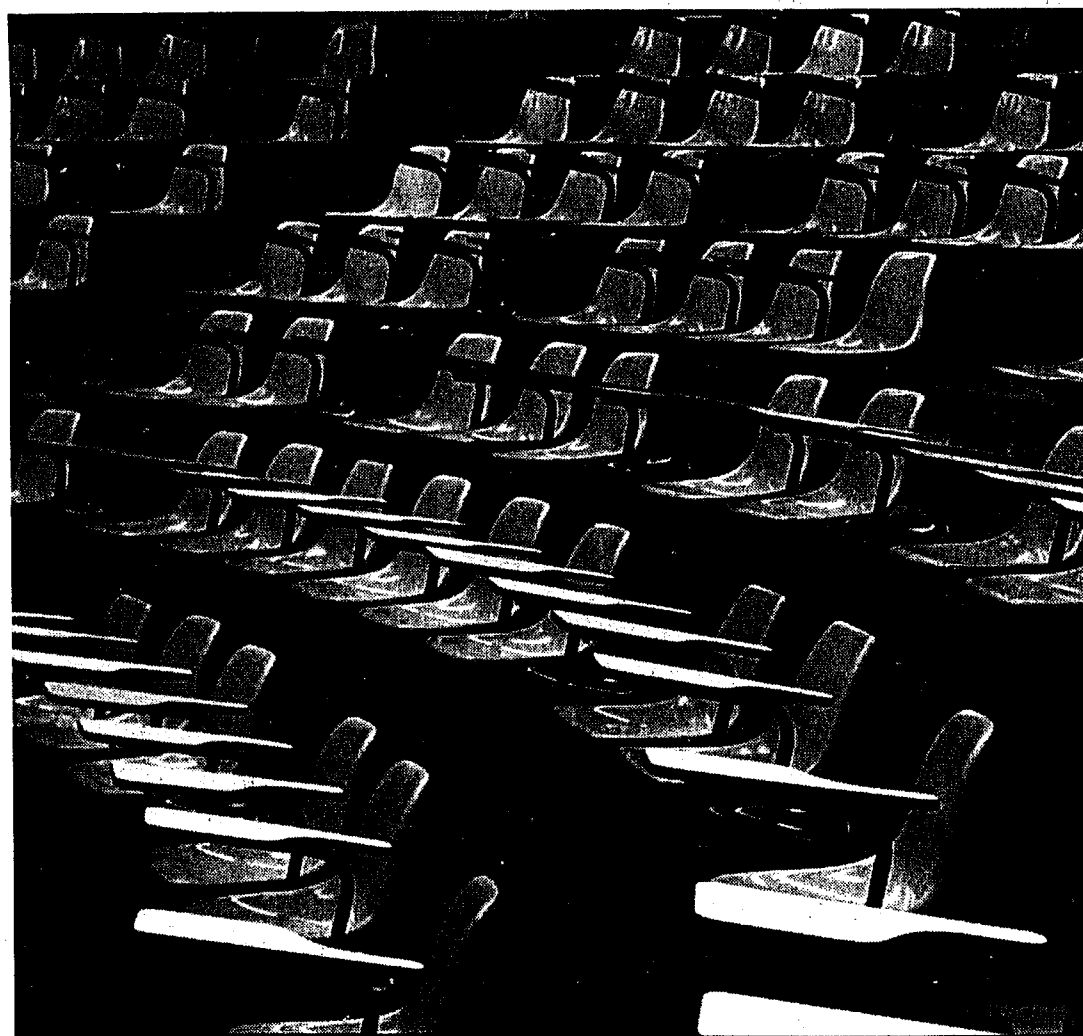
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Crowd rallies in opposition of immigration raids

By Shanna Stalwick
Argonaut

In an age where college students' political involvement and reform efforts are often derailed by apathy and barred with dispassion, one crowd marched to the beat of a different drum Tuesday.

In a rally headed by the politically-active University of Idaho student group Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.), UI students, faculty and community members peacefully assembled to express their anguish over the recent immigration raids throughout the nation that have divided families and deported immigrants living illegally in the United States.

Roughly 50 people marched from St. Augustine's Catholic Center across campus to the Idaho Commons and through downtown streets before arriving outside the Latah County Courthouse.

Rally participants also distributed petitions for those to sign in support of keeping the Chicano Studies course from being dropped from the university's curriculum. A professor is needed to appropriate the course in the onset of its current instructor's resignation, Francisco Salinas, as the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"The entire rally is really about human rights and civil rights," said M.E.Ch.A. member Victor Mazo.

Some rally participants branded their cheeks in a green, white and red tricolor copy of the Mexican flag stamped with the Mexican coat of arms in the center. One student coated his entire face and chest in the flag of Mexico, while his back was streaked in American stars and stripes. They marched with energy and flare, and with the optimism that one voice can make a difference.

Their voices bellowed in unison as they chanted in Spanish and English.

"What do we want?" M.E.Ch.A. co-chair Juan Reyes demanded as his voice charged through the megaphone he held to his mouth.

"Immigration reform," the crowd responded.

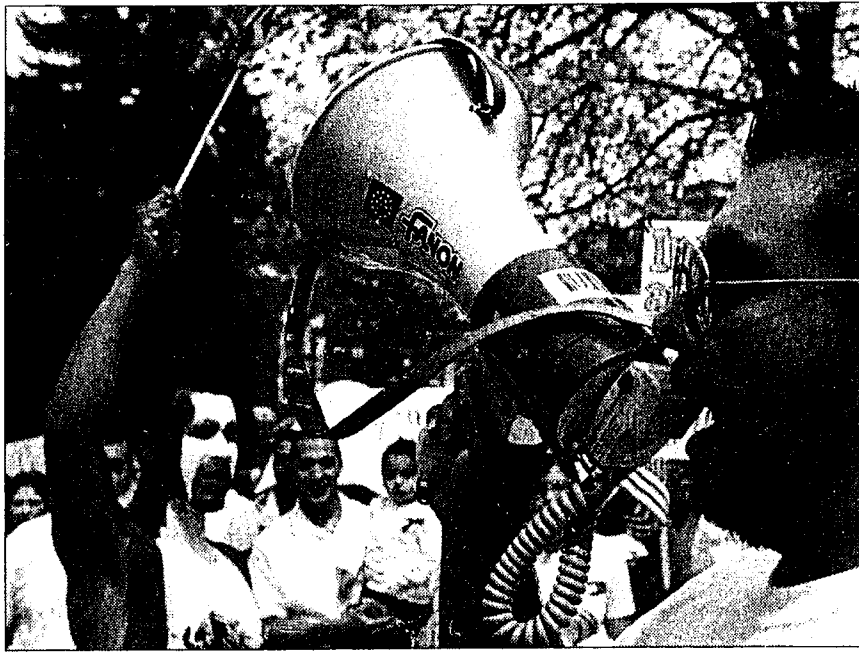
"When do we want it?" Reyes retorted.

"Now!"

The crowd wore mainly white to represent the purity and mellow nature of the rally, Reyes said. Black ribbons were pinned to the demonstrators' shirts to symbolize solidarity and sympathy toward the immigrants and their families impacted by the raids.

"This is a sad step that some cities have been taking," Reyes said. "Shoot first. Ask questions later."

A March 6 raid in New Bedford, Mass., picked up 361 undocumented factory workers, leaving many children in neglect as a result of their parent's deportation. This particular raid left many to ask the question: Are ille-



M.E.Ch.A. co-chair Juan Reyes leads chants during a rally Tuesday by the Commons.

Kentaro Murai/Argonaut

gal immigrants criminals guilty of breaking laws set in black and white, or are they victims of exploitation within the measures of a capitalistic society?

A video shown at a Teach In, an informational session put on by M.E.Ch.A. at St. Augustine's Tuesday, allowed for viewers to draw their own conclusions to this query as they

listened to one woman's recollection of a raid in Benton, Texas.

M.E.Ch.A. co-chair Nanci Sandoval said the woman's personal testimony allowed her to empathize with the rift immigration raids can leave between families.

"I didn't know these Latina women were being treated this way," she said. "It's very shocking."

Demonstrators also gathered to pay homage to the "Great American Boycott." The boycott represents the demand for full rights for immigrant workers and their families in protest of H.R. 4437, a bill in the United States Congress designed to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws and enhance border security.

An estimated 12 million immigrants are illegally living in the U.S. today.

In an effort to show the impact of this minority on the nation's economic mobility and sustainability, demonstrators encouraged others to refrain from making purchases, attending classes and going to work as part of the second-annual boycott.

"This shows our support for the families that are being torn apart. If they can't be together, why should we?" Sandoval said.

Support for immigration law reform was expressed across the nation, including an estimated crowd of 150,000 in Chicago, Ill. Thousands congregated outside City Hall in Los Angeles County, Calif., which is home to an estimated 1 million illegal immigrants.

Once the Moscow demonstrators reached the courthouse, Salinas spoke briefly to the crowd.

"The civil rights movement is not over," he said. "The civil rights movement is alive today in this march."

Image campaign may be starting to pay off

By Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Since its start last November, University of Idaho's image campaign, "Open Space. Open Minds," has come a long way. Looking at responses from current and prospective students and alumni helps to determine what changes will be made this summer and shown this coming fall.

A lot of work has gone into the campaign, but even more will be done throughout the summer. Making changes on aspects of the campaign is what the marketing and strategic communications is working on now.

Wendy Shattuck, assistant vice president of marketing and strategic communications, said she respects all feedback from current students and alumni.

Even though the image campaign is in the early stages, an increase of interest in prospective students shows a slight difference. With changes being made, even more is hopefully in the future for the university.

According to Chris Murray, vice president for university advancement, enrollment applications are increasing and so is interest in the university.

Working on changing the image of the university as a whole is one of the main goals of the image campaign, Murray said.

Changes are being made to the

campaign including taking a more direct approach to not only prospective students, but also to their parents. Instead of showing many photographs of the outdoor side of campus, they are targeting classrooms and buildings.

A key attribute that will be worked on over the summer break is to show more alumni success rather than the campus itself. A message that is going to be sent out is "come to UI, get the degree and be successful," Murray said. "We want prospective and transfer students to get the feeling that attending the University of Idaho is the right choice for their future."

Since there is more interest in the university, something must be going right for the image campaign. Murray believes it is because it is very visible and the campaign has gotten a lot of feedback.

"Exciting things are cooking," Murray said. "This is an exciting time for the university."

Shattuck believes that the photographic style of the campaign is working very well. The photographs show students around campus interacting with other students, these sorts of photos send the message that the campus is laid back and a great place to receive a higher level of education.

"(They are) natural photographs," Shattuck said. "(They) give a sense of the campus."

Even though some do not like the campaign slogan, "Open Space. Open Minds." it is still giving the university a name. In other areas, people are reading about the changes that are being made and it puts the university in their minds.

For next fall, Shattuck said they are planning on working with more print advertising, which means less billboards and possibly more radio. More direct advertising means more mailing, phone calls and emailing.

As far as enrollment goes, Director of New Student Services Lloyd Scott said, "It's too early to tell."

Scott said some universities give students a cut-off date for when they are supposed to be enrolled. UI is different, letting students enroll until late in the game, making it difficult to get an exact number at this point in time of student enrollment for next fall.

A crucial time of advertising for UI is what Scott calls the conversion period. It is around this time of the year when some prospective students have registered, but actually have not enrolled at the university. At this point recruitment is an individual follow up. Calling, e-mailing and mailing information to students and parents is what will continue to happen throughout the summer.

Board decision opens UI to nationally accredited schools

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

Thanks to a vote by the Idaho State Board of Education, some students who were formally rejected from the University of Idaho will have the chance to apply for transfer credit or graduate school.

The April 19 vote changed a clause that stated the Board only recognizes institutions accredited by "regional accreditation organizations." Under the new rule, Idaho's public universities and colleges must recognize schools accredited by other organizations under the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Provost Doug Baker said schools now recognized include Albertson College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University, Brigham Young University-Idaho, the University of Phoenix, Boise Bible College, Apollo College, IIT Technical Institute and Moscow's New Saint Andrews College.

Before the rule change, students at these schools who were rejected on the basis of accreditation had the opportunity to appeal to the state's Council on Academic Affairs and Programs. Now, however, their applications will be reviewed like any other student's.

"I assume that will have more applicants (from such schools)," Baker said. "If they're CHEA-recognized, then their students will be welcome to apply and we'll be happy to have them apply."

As with any other transfer request or graduate application, these students' applications will be reviewed by the registrar to be sure the students are at the appropriate level, and that the program they're applying to is appropriate, Baker said.

Some credits may not transfer. For

instance, Baker said, there may not be an equivalent course at UI for an IIT Tech student who took diesel mechanics.

"You just have to look course by course," he said.

The accreditation-recognition change has been in the works for some time. Baker said the CAAP council, which primarily discusses policy for Idaho public institutions, discussed the change over the year and voted to approve it. It was then brought before the SBOE.

The accreditation discussion has been on the radar in Moscow, where New Saint Andrews students were rejected from transferring or applying for graduate school at UI. NSA is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools — a CHEA-recognized organization — but not by a regional accrediting organization.

NSA students and administrators met with Stuart Tennant, the SBOE chief post-secondary academic officer and member of the CAAP council, to discuss the change before the board's April 19 meeting.


Now that the change is in place, NSA Executive Vice President Bob Hieronymus said he's sure there are NSA students trying to transfer to UI or be accepted for the graduate program.

"This clarifies what has been at best a confusing situation," Hieronymus said. "We're very grateful for the State Board of Education's role in helping to clarify things."

Hieronymus said he hopes NSA and UI leaders will be able to discuss how the change affects the relationship between the two universities.

"We just encourage patience in the process," he said.

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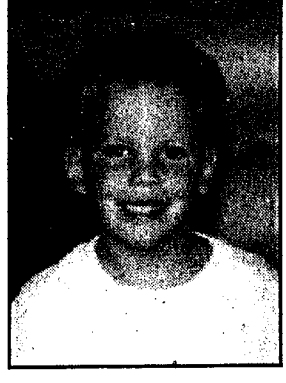


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Your determination and persistence has paid off. Hope you've had fun along the way.

We love you, Mom and Dad

Senators set goals for next semester

By Christina Lords
Argonaut

Dean Throop has already taken steps to bridge the communication gap between ASUI and the student body — and he has only been in office since Wednesday.

As some aspects of the ASUI Senate, such as its productivity and attendance records, have become a heated point of conversation within the ASUI office and among the student body, some senators are taking action. "I'm a hands-on person," Throop said. "I want to accomplish as much as I can right now."

Throop said he hopes to lead by example, and hopes to help set a fairly rigorous pace for the Senate next year. Before he took office, Throop pushed for the ASUI Senate meeting

time to be more publicized to students. He added the meeting time to the events that scroll across the flat TV screens in the Idaho Commons, spoke with the editors of The Argonaut to add the Senate meetings to print in their calendar every week and also took out an ad in Tuesday's Argonaut to encourage students to come to the Senate meeting and meet the new senators.

"I just wanted to increase communication," Throop said. "I didn't see many people trying to do that."

Other senators, new and old, are also trying to set aside goals for next year.

Chuck Chambers, the only senator who ran for re-election for the fall, said he hopes to create an "ideas board" within the ASUI office, where senators can write comments about the projects they are working on to keep the others in ASUI updated on their work.

He also said he hopes to create a program much like American Idol, where students could compete in a vocal competition throughout the semester. He said he wants to incorporate prizes for the winners, and the final contestant would be able to open for the finals concert at the end of the semester.

Chambers and current Sen. Garrett Holbrook said they want the Senate to work more closely with the executive branch of ASUI.

"I would love to see the two (branches) come together," Holbrook said. "There is a perceived division that has been built in over time ... we need to use our voice to work with what they're doing."

A majority of people perceive some senators to be inactive, he said. Holbrook said he hopes that senators can find new ways of communicating with students

by utilizing the Senate's seats on the many boards throughout campus, and by meeting with student groups and other organizations on campus.

Setting up a training program for senators to encourage more cooperation between the executive positions within ASUI is a goal of Chambers.

"I want to be able to find a way to show the new senators where to find the information they need," Chambers said. "Sometimes new senators have no idea what direction they need to go in."

Personal goals of Holbrook and the newly elected Sen. Lauren McConnell are to address academic advising.

"I want academic advising to go from 'hey, remove my block' to actual mentoring," McConnell said. She added that she has been communicating with the academic advising task

force on campus to look into improvements for the system.

Holbrook said he plans to work with ASUI President Jon Gaffney next semester to also improve academic advising. Looking into how the university's peer institutions handle advising, including student peer advising, is an important aspect, he said.

"The work load of an adviser has to be tremendous," Holbrook said. "But if you added 10 peer advisers, that could cut the workload."

Advisers should be knowledgeable about the classes that are required for a student to take, the professors that teach those courses and should know about the personal history of a student, Holbrook said.

"It could be the difference between getting out on time and getting out a year late," he said.

McConnell brings Texas-sized ambition to the Senate

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

When the spring ASUI election winners were announced, Sen.-elect Lauren McConnell was surprised at the results.

The University of Idaho sophomore didn't think she'd lose but never anticipated getting the highest number of votes at 791.

"It was kind of a shock," McConnell said. "My friends and I had a friendly bet going and I ranked myself third. I thought for sure the lineup would be Chuck Chambers, Kelby Wilson and myself."

McConnell admits she was apprehensive about campaigning to the fullest at first.

"I was afraid of overstep-

ping my bounds. From the first day of the campaign I had fliers going. Then I looked around

and only the presidential candidates were out (advertising) that fast. Then I thought, 'I don't want to out-politic people here.' When I talked to Chuck Chambers, he said, 'No, don't worry about it. Go for it.'"

And with those words, McConnell's campaigning across campus began.

"I put out fliers, I hosted a karaoke and pizza party, I wrote my name in chalk everywhere I could think of and talked to a lot of people," she said. "I e-mailed all the (Greek

house) presidents and everyone who responded, I talked to."



Lauren McConnell

The advertising paid off. Come fall, McConnell will sit in the Senate, trying to give a voice to her fellow Vandals.

"People respond to people who listen," she said. "Students are dying for people to ask them, 'What do you need?' instead of saying, 'This is what students need.'"

One of the big goals she has for her term is providing transportation to UI's weekend warriors. She's already enlisted the help of Jeannie Harvey, director of the Women's

Center, on implementing a SafeRide system.

"It would pick them up from the local bars on Friday and Saturday night so they don't drive drunk or walk home intoxicated or be with someone else who's intoxicated if they want an alternative means of transportation," she said.

The same idea was put into place years ago with ASUI's failed Vandal Taxi program, which was ultimately killed due to its high costs. However, McConnell's plan doesn't rely so heavily on the school's budget.

"The federal government will give us money for a SafeRide system, which means it'll fund itself," she said. "And

if we can demonstrate ridership, Mothers Against Drunk Driving will also give us funding as well."

McConnell thinks the Wheatland Express and the number of users Vandal Taxi had will help SafeRide succeed.

She's also planning on improving advising and has sat on the Academic Advising Task Force.

"That's a big issue I want to work on, reformatting advising and making it more mentoring than just, 'Hey, let me remove your block,'" she said.

McConnell also wants to look at where student fees are going and how they're spent.

"There's a lot of extraneous stuff that gets tacked on that students don't even know about," she said. "I think there should be much more accountability on that. Maybe that's just the economics major in me that wants to know where my dollars go. A lot of students are going to be like 'Oh, whatever' but I think it's important."

And in the end, McConnell's reason for running for Senate was to help the student community — her favorite part of attending UI.

"Everybody knows everybody. It's great," she said. "If you know 400 people well on Idaho's campus, you can play the two-degrees of everybody else."

The student-to-student familiarity at UI is a stark contrast to the University of Houston, where McConnell transferred from last year.

"(There were) 30,000 people on-campus," she said. "Also UH is 80 percent commuter so you don't have the same community."

Coming to Idaho was McConnell's fourth move across state lines. Born in Fort Worth, Texas, her parents moved to Laramie, Wyo. to finish college as non-traditional students. McConnell returned

to Texas last year where teaching jobs awaited her parents. But her second time in the Lone Star State didn't last.

"They got professorships in Houston thinking they would like it because they like the beach, but they didn't," she said.

Her time in Texas ended when her parents both became professors at UI.

"My dad interviewed here and got the job," she said. "Then they interviewed my mother and she got the job. So it was set. We knew within a week we were moving."

McConnell followed her family to Idaho in order to stay close. She originally looked at attending Boise State University but chose UI instead.

"I looked at BSU and at UI, because that's where my parents were applying," she said. "I took one look at BSU's Web site and said 'I'm not going there.' My parents asked me why not and I told them it looks like a community college."

After a semester living in her folks' house in Troy, McConnell moved into Scholars Hall, where current Sen. Jimmy Fox also lives.

"Lauren's really bright and hardworking," he said. "She'll bring a fresh perspective but a smart perspective to the Senate. She's going to go in and want to do things and she's going to be smart enough and tactful enough to get things."

In fall, McConnell will be the only senator from the residence halls, another situation Fox is familiar with. However, he doesn't foresee any prejudices coming from within the Senate.

"I don't think anyone has a bias of where they live," he said. "I have never seen a bias toward anything. Most of what ASUI deals with is bigger than the halls or the houses. It affects every student equally."

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STUDENT FEES

Where does all the money go?

Fee proposals live and die by the State Board of Education

By Christina Lords
Argonaut

Laird Stone is the father of a Vandal.

He feels the pinch in his pocket book every time student fees increase.

He also plays a part in the long process of how an increase affects the cost of students' education.

As president of the Idaho State Board of Education, Stone is a major player in deciding all financial aspects of public instruction. The state board oversees the budgets for all K-12 public schools, five state colleges and universities, Idaho's professional technical and vocational education, state funded libraries and the School for the Deaf and Blind, among other institutions.

Each state board member serves a five-year term and is appointed by the governor — with the exception of the superintendent of public instruction who is elected by the general public. There are eight voting members on the board.

Stone maintains that keeping a college education affordable is one of his priorities when looking at issues related to higher education.

"We need to make sure we're not pricing education out of a student's reach," Stone said. "You have to make sure you're not placing complete financial burden on the student's back."

This year the University of Idaho student fee committee and President Tim White made a proposal of a 5.95 percent increase, which was cut to 5 percent by the board. The proposal has been going through revisions by the student fee committee for half a year.

UI's student fee committee

is made up of four members of ASUI, two members of the Graduate and Professional Student Association, two members of the Student Bar Association and the dean of students.

The proposal was considered modest compared to last year's proposal of a 9.5 percent increase which was cut by the state board to 5 percent.

This year's .95 percent cut will equate to a \$200,000 loss for the university. If the board had not cut the fee, it would have cost students an additional \$40 per semester.

Sue Thilo, a state board member, said she tries to make her judgments based on the information that the administration and student leaders present during the state board meetings. She asks that the students and faculty be prepared to defend their budgeting proposal.

"When it's all said and done, I am very interested in how the budgeting process took place," Thilo said. "It's all about the process, and what the priorities are and what the shortfalls are."

Stone said it is important to every state board member to keep student fees and matriculation fees low, but due to inflation and enrollment numbers, student fees must increase.

"Ideally, I would love to say that we could have a zero percent increase for those students that are truly struggling to get by," Stone said. "There are increases in the cost of providing services, increasing the cost of living, of maintenance, of supplies, and those are increases in cost where the Idaho Legislature or the state board have control over."

While enrollment numbers are taken into consideration for

all higher learning institutions, enrollment numbers are especially pertinent to UI.

Enrollment numbers have continued to dip during the last few years at the university, including a drop of 3.7 percent for the Moscow campus from the fall 2006 semester to the spring 2007 semester. The university's statewide enrollment dropped 5 percent from campuses located in Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls.

According to Lloyd Mues, vice president of finance and administration, this year's university budget will not be affected by the enrollment decline, as it was anticipated and planned for last spring. Mues said \$1.5 million was set aside to cover any loss in revenue for the school year. He added that he thinks the actual loss will be far less than that.

Projections for graduating high school seniors are also considered and added to the equation when figuring out student fee increases, Stone said. There are no set mathematical formulas to make the determinations of the state board, so board members must consider trends and look to the future, he said.

While it is not an official regulation, Thilo said the state board has a historical policy that limits the amount of a university's proposed increase to 10 percent.

"We just haven't allowed that for a long time," Thilo said. "None of the four major institutions are asking for that, which we are happy to see."

This year was the fourth time ASUI President Berto Cerrillo sat in on the annual state board meeting. Cerrillo has spent four years on the student fee committee. He has

presented UI's increase proposals alongside White for the last two years.

He expressed extreme disappointment with the board's final decision.

"This year we knew we had to come in with a lower increase proposal," Cerrillo said. "After what happened last year, and what happened again this year, it really makes me question the decisions that they make."

Cerrillo equated the proposal to cut funding for UI programs to buying a cheaply made item at a dollar store.

"It's like if you buy something at a dollar store ... sure, it's going to cost less, but eventually it will break," Cerrillo said. "It will only get you so far. Where instead, if you paid a little extra money for a quality item, it will last longer. Same thing with program funding. If you fund something with enough money to make it a quality program, it will last longer. We want a quality education."

"We're looking to maintain what we do, and quality is not a word I have heard from the state board, and that worries me."

The proposals of Idaho State University and Boise State University saw cuts from the board as well.

The board also cut ISU's proposed 5.49 percent increase to 5.01 percent. BSU proposed an 8.09 percent increase and was cut to 6.16 percent. The board voted against a motion that would have cut BSU's proposal to 5 percent to make it comparable to UI.

Lewis-Clark State College, with a proposed 5 percent increase, and Eastern Idaho Technical College, with a 3.5 percent increase, were each granted their recommendations by the state board.

Pocketbooks hit by rising costs

By Devin Rokyta
For the Argonaut

The Idaho State Board of Education announced Friday that student fees will increase another five percent for the fall semester, following last year's increase of 5.85 percent, leading some University of Idaho officials to worry attending college is becoming too expensive.

Dan Davenport, director of admissions and student financial aid services at the University of Idaho, said the total price tag associated with going to college may eliminate the opportunity for some people to go to school.

"The thing to remember is that tuition and fees are only 20 to 25 percent of the cost of going to college," Davenport said. "You have books, personal expenses and so forth. Even if tuition and fees stayed the same and other costs increase, we will continue to eliminate students from going to college."

Davenport said the average UI student who takes out loans graduates with \$20,000 debt. He said with increasing costs, it is important for students to take advantage of the university's financial aid advisers.

"Our job is to find all the resources we can and try to match them up with the students," Davenport said. "The main thing is to look at all of your options."

UI's Vice Provost Bruce Pitman said the fee increases are necessary to maintain the university and will go toward covering employee health care costs, building upkeep and staff salaries, but

he, like Davenport, is also worried about how students will afford school.

"I worry about students having to take out monstrous loans to finance their education," Pitman said. "I know that as prices go up, it forces choices on students that they might not otherwise make. I also know that if you don't increase your costs and you don't deal with buildings that are falling down and you don't deal with faculty salaries there is a cost there too, because then you are getting an education that is of very little value."

Pitman recommends students take full course loads of 18 hours a semester and attend summer sessions to graduate in the least amount of time possible. By avoiding a fifth or sixth year in school, students not only avoid the \$10,000-15,000 cost each, but also find themselves in the workforce earning a salary. He estimated each additional year in school after the fourth will cost a student \$50,000 in fees and lost earnings.

Pitman said students should view their education and the costs associated with it as an investment in their future. A college graduate will earn about \$1.5 million more than someone with just a high school diploma.

"Education is a commodity that you buy," Pitman said. "It may pinch in the short term, but when you take the long view of the commodity that you are buying ... it becomes a much better deal. It is a product that you buy and have for the rest of your life."

University athletics equate adequate funding with success on, off field

By Sarah Hughes
Argonaut

Athletic funding is a controversial topic on the University of Idaho campus, even though less than 0.5 percent of the athletics budget comes from student fees.

UI is behind the curve in funding for all of the schools in the Western Athletic Conference.

ASUI President Berto Cerrillo said money to support the university's sports teams comes from areas other than just student fees, including ticket sales, food sales at games, allocations by the state and donations by alumni.

According to Athletic Director Rob Spear, football has the largest budget and is the most profitable sport for the school. Unlike most sports at Idaho, football is profitable, paying for 80 to 90 percent of all the

other sports, Spear said.

Spear said if the university had a larger sports budget, the school would have more winning teams because it could recruit more talented players and pay higher salaries to coaches. The university would also be better able to retain its coaches if they were more successful, Spear said.

"There is definitely a correlation between money and success," Spear said.

Dianna Bell, a UI graduate and Professional Student Association representative on the student fee committee, disagrees with putting more money into sports. She said more of the student fees should be focused on education and less on athletics. Bell said the university should spend more money on educational events such as lectures.

"A university should be about a

person's ability intellectually, not physically," Bell said. "We aren't a sports camp, this is a learning institution. So why do athletes receive coveted full-ride scholarships? It's a bit incongruent."

According to Bell, a successful sports team isn't the only way for a university to gain attention.

"Having a faculty member win a Nobel Prize will also put a university in the spotlight," Bell said.

The dedicated student fee is decided by a panel of students which put together a proposal and recommend it to President Tim White.

Funding for a new events pavilion, which was proposed in August 2006, is another controversial issue. Students will not be responsible for funding the project, which would cost millions to build. The majority of the money would come from state allocations and donations from alumni.

The new facility will be completed in four phases, Spear said.

The first phase involves bringing the Kibbie Dome up to code and increasing safety. Fire suppression and smoke exhaust systems will be put in, along with a west end exit. The east and west walls will be replaced with steel and translucent fiberglass panels and the turf will be replaced.

The second phase involves constructing a new performing arts center, which will connect to the north side of the dome. The center will hold up to 6,000 people for sporting events, and it can be sectioned off to hold as few as 675 to as many as 5,300 people. It will be acoustically sound for concerts, dance performances, band performances and speakers. It will also be home to events such as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, graduation and Relay for Life.

The basketball and volleyball

teams will also host games in the event center.

The third phase of the project is to add spectator accommodations. The field will be lowered 10 to 12 feet to increase line of sight and 3,600 seats will be added along with suites on the north side, which can accommodate 12 to 20 people. The press box will be renovated and club seating will be added on the east end.

The fourth and final phase of the proposed Events Pavilion involves minor improvements and additions. An academic support center will be constructed, along with tiered classrooms and team meeting rooms. An indoor tennis court and a 200 meter indoor track will also be added. The west-end will be expanded for seating in the end-zone.

The project is expected to take at least three years to complete.

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God's Love, A Poem about Trent

The biggest smile ever comes from
a heart just as large;
Lying there as an infant with the
Spirit fully in charge.
Growing to be a loving youth eager
to harmony bring;
Yet became gnarled with unholy
"stuff," causing hands to wring.

A strong, developed young body
driven to beat his foe

Was taken over by self-centeredness,
yet "Pinned!" he did not know.
The task of pleasing others was
replaced by pleasing himself.
The result was less than honorable,
duty was put on the shelf.

He was chased back to the farm, yet
he farmed not.

He was shown the good life but was
distracted.

Maybe to trick others as he was
duped, now very low.

Became part of an expensive fix just
to remember to know!

That knowledge became his target,
so he chased after a degree.
It took him to Iowa and back, then
to the Palouse country.

Living with God and following the
Son now leads him every mile.
Still, he has a very large heart with a
matching Spirit filled smile.

Love, Your Family

By Daniel Becker

Silver, gold and green

UI examines environmentalism's effect on the bottom line

By Sean Garmire
Argonaut

As the flagship institution for a state renowned for unspoiled land and plentiful natural resources, the University of Idaho is in an advantageous position to be a leader in environmental issues.

The university has long been committed to reducing the use of natural resources. Since coming to UI, President Tim White has consistently implemented conservation strategies into the university's plans and policies.

White said his reasons for wanting sustainability "to be part of the tapestry of the University of Idaho" go beyond saving energy, making money and catching the eye of new recruits.

"It's a principle," White said. "To me, it is a moral imperative as a citizen of this world."

Yet, there is a bottom line. The university has spent large portions of its budget on developing and implementing new, more energy-efficient hardware into its facilities in hopes of reducing energy and resources, which will ultimately save the institution money.

The word sustainability is the kind of polysyllabic language frequently passed around by the legislators, administrators and faculty at the university. And the meaning often escapes many people. However, the recently hired sustainability coordinator, Darin Saul, has a definition that makes the word more manageable.

Sustainability, Saul said, means "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future generation to meet their needs."

This is the area of Saul's expertise. He was hired to fill a newly created position this semester, which is the result of the university's signing of the Sustainable Idaho Initiative. The initiative is a contract that holds the university to increasing and integrating sustainability into the infrastructure and curricula within the institution.

Saul said the university's concept of sustainability is an entirely new way people are looking at environmentalism. This brand of environmentalism is a way to allow businesses to save, and even make, money.

"Unless you can put a long-term economic footing in place, it will backslide over time," Saul said. "Sustainability gives us a way to talk about these (environmental) issues without them being politically loaded."

Saul said he sees students, faculty and administrators at the university as having a great and growing concern for environmentally sustainable issues. Groups addressing conservation issues exist all over campus in disconnected groups, and Saul is working to bring those groups closer together to assist their work.

One group is the environmental club, which is working in conjunction with ASUI to enhance funding for the university's recycling program. Saul sees this program as being clearly underfunded.

The self-funded recycling program recycles a total of 15 to 18 percent of the total waste on campus, while Washington State University recycles approximately 57 percent.

Making changes to become more environmentally responsible can be a daunting task for individuals.

Saul said if everyone on campus turned off lights and computers while not in use, it would only affect a small fraction, 3 percent, of the energy budget.

"Our opportunity to have an impact on an individual level isn't huge," Saul said.

However, small changes can lead to larger ones.

The changes being made on campus include designing and implementing wind generators to aid in powering the campus, planting native plant species on various spaces on campus, and growing and using locally grown fruits and vegetables on campus.

Also among the new items is a plan to implement solar-powered street lights on several walkways.

These lights will be purchased and placed in areas where street lights are needed, but are difficult to power.

Saul said the lights will be put in sometime in the next few months.

"The idea is to start using them, get some experience, and implement them (in more places on campus) eventually."

He expects the costs for the lights to be around \$40,000 to \$50,000, which is a large part of his spending budget.

With a budget of \$90,000 annually for five years (\$450,000 total), Saul's available spending pales in comparison to the general budget for UI campus facilities.

With 253 buildings on the Moscow campus, the overall costs of running energy at the university are huge by almost any standard. This semester, administration contracted an energy performance evaluator—a company called ESCO—to examine energy use on campus, come up with ways to make the university more energy effective and bring the institution's facilities up to date. The company will do a comprehensive survey of all buildings on campus and make recommendations on how to better and more efficiently manage energy. The savings made under the new plan will need to pay for the renovations within 15 to 25 years.

The university has already invested approximately \$500,000 into energy-saving measures, and has achieved about \$350,000 annually in savings on its utility bills.

Resource Conservation Manager Richard Nagy works in facilities and oversees the university's utility budgets.

Nagy said he anticipates between \$10 million and \$30 million will be required for the changes ESCO will recommend.

Widespread plans for the solar lights, however, look dim.

According to Nagy, there are no current plans to widely implement solar lights.

"We don't have any official budget for things like that. We're interested in sustainability issues, but we don't have a



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budget to do that," Nagy said. "You take your costs, how long it lasts and your maintenance replacement costs. Over 10 years it costs you so much to build and maintain it. Now how much electricity did you generate with those dollars? It doesn't look too good, but you're doing it to be green."

For administrators who deal with maintenance and facilities, sustainability is, in Nagy's words, "a life-cycle cost analysis." Money spent on issues that are purely green, and generate no revenue, are often overlooked.

This is the brand of environmentalism Saul described.

Yet there are many examples of environmentally friendly practices on campus that are not driven by money.

In April, the university voluntarily joined the Chicago Climate Exchange, North America's only legally binding, multi-sector market that holds institutions to reducing green-

house gas emissions.

UI is one of only five public institutions that have signed the contract. Those institutions include Michigan State University, the University of Iowa, the University of Minnesota and the University of Oklahoma.

Under this contract, UI is legally held to reducing its emissions and working to capture and reduce current atmospheric greenhouse gasses.

For each 100 metric tons of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas the university reduces, one contract is earned. The university must reduce emissions 6 percent by 2010.

However, there are opportunities to earn money through the process.

For every additional 100 metric tons of greenhouse gasses UI reduces, the credits can be sold as a commodity to other institutions under the contract.

"The idea behind the market is, by treating emissions as

a commodity, we're bringing capital to the problem," said Terry Grieb, associate professor of finance. "It brings capital and market incentives to the problem."

Grieb explained that if the university is able to sequester and reduce enough greenhouse gases, they could make enough money to fund projects to increase further technology to reduce more emissions.

White said he sees a future of neutral carbon emissions. But just how far in the future isn't clear.

"We've been here 119 years," White said. "We're just starting to mature as an institution. I'm looking at the long-term horizon."

White said he sees this as a major recruitment issue, but also more than that.

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98 years later, College of Law looks to future

By Tara Roberts
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Law is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2009, but administrators, faculty and students are planning for the next 100 years already.

The impending centennial has "energized some of the discussion" regarding the college's future that's taken place over the past few years, Dean Don Burnett said.

"We're doing this because the law school aspires to be the best small law school in the country," he said.

The college has a responsibility to serve the whole state, said Maureen Laflin, law professor, director of clinical programs and chair of the strategic planning process.

"We provide education, we do research and we provide service to the state," Laflin said. "We're looking at what kind of investments we need to make, what type of resources we need to gather."

In 2000, the college opened a Boise office. In 2003, the faculty adopted a "statement of strategic direction" and focused on planning the college's curriculum. Faculty and administrators have been working to broaden the curriculum in areas such as water policy, dispute resolution and ethics. In recent years the college has started becoming more specialized, interdisciplinary and skills-based to meet demands in the professional world, Burnett said.

Right now, \$1.5 million in physical changes are in progress for the college's building. The legal aid clinic was recently expanded and new study areas were installed in the law library. The courtroom will be remodeled to include new technology, as will a main classroom.

Such upgrades are important to prepare law students for the professional world, said Richard Seamon, the college's associate dean for administration and students.

"Technology is changing. A lawyer that walks into a courtroom today is in a different place than a lawyer 30 years ago," Seamon said.

The plan for the future, which Burnett titles "Legal Education in Our Second Century," examines what curriculum and facility developments are necessary for the law school to best serve the state.

"What is the state going to need in the next century?" Seamon said. "It's obviously changing a lot, so what do we need to change?"

Administrators and faculty leaders have met weekly to discuss the future, guided by Laflin. They've also gathered opinions and information from

students at town hall-style meetings, the next of which will be early next fall. This summer, they're meeting with the Idaho State Bar Association. Other state organizations and alumni will be involved as well.

Talk of a move to Boise has come up in the planning process, but the college's leaders said it's all discussion, no decision.

"In any strategic planning process you want to have an open discussion of all options," Burnett said.

One of those options is moving the school to Boise, but strengthening the school in Moscow is another, Burnett said. He also listed investing in the Moscow campus while adding to the college's presence in Boise, and investing more in Boise to gradually create a J.D. program there as well as Moscow.

Laflin said focusing too much on where the law school will be takes the focus off more important issues.

"We don't want to be us someplace else, we want to be what a law school should be in the 21st century," Laflin said. "It is so complex ... focusing solely on geography gets us lost."

Burnett agreed, saying the focus should be on the statewide mission, not geography, which can be polarizing. All the options for location and investment may not even be on the table yet.

Students have heard the options and will be part of the planning process as it develops.

Second-year law student Ty Bair, editor of the college's Idaho Law Review, said he gets the impression that many students like Boise, but think the Moscow campus is good, too.

Bair said there are many factors that go into making such a decision, and he's impressed with administrators' work so far.

"The deans have done a really fantastic job involving all of the students," he said. "They really have made an honest effort to solicit input from the student body."

Pele Peacock, third-year law student and immediate past president of the Student Bar Association, said the decision isn't about whether students would rather live in Moscow or Boise — it's about what's best for the students' education.

"There's a lot of factors that need to be looked at as completely as possible before a decision can be reached," she said.

Peacock, who has worked closely with the administration during the planning process, said there are students who feel strongly about Moscow and Boise. She loved her experience in Moscow, but said the decision is difficult because current students are deciding for future students, not themselves.

Peacock said she's been pleased with the depth of the planning processes so far.

"We're lucky to have an administration and faculty that really listen to us and take it to heart," she said.

Third-year law student Brian Wonderlich agreed.

"It seems like (the administrators) are handling the process really well," he said.

"It seems like they're talking to all the appropriate interest groups" such as students and alumni.

Wonderlich said he's kind of torn about the law school's future. He said he's bothered by the lack of loyalty law students show to the University of Idaho in general.

"I don't see that improving in any way if that law school moves to Boise," he said.

On the other hand, he said, there are many opportunities for pro bono work and jobs in Boise.

Wonderlich, who is from outside Boise, said he thinks it's good for students from Southern Idaho to get a feel for North Idaho so they can better understand the state as a whole.

"There's a lot going on in the state outside of Boise," he said.

Regardless of where the college goes, it has the support of the Idaho Supreme Court.

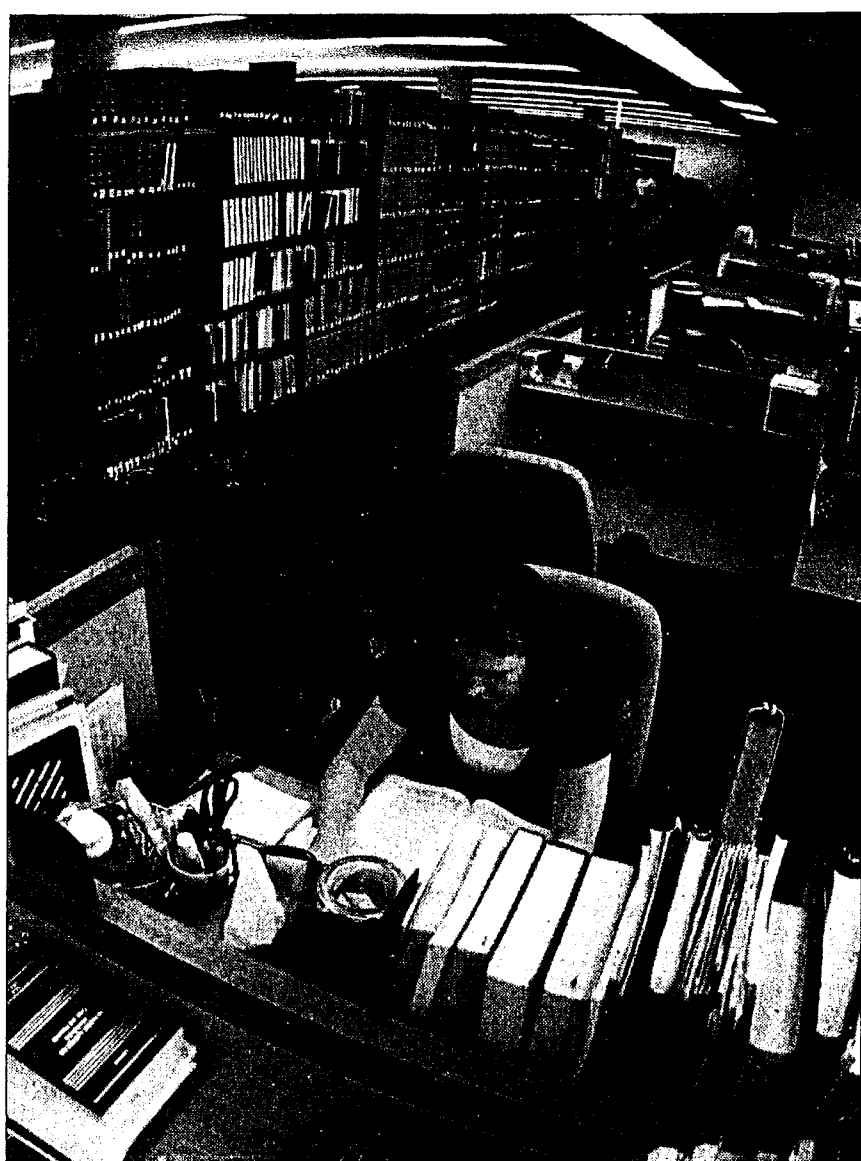
Chief Justice Gerald F. Schroeder spent time at the college earlier this semester as a visiting jurist. He attended some of the town hall meetings to see what the interests of students, faculty and administrators are. He said he and the court have seen the college progressing and have an interest in its development.

"We're trying to work closely with the law school with anything that will improve it," Schroeder said.

In his State of the Judiciary address, Schroeder proposed that when the court's library moves, it should expand to accommodate a

"Technology is changing. A lawyer that walks into a courtroom today is in a different place than a lawyer 30 years ago."

Richard Seamon
law associate dean



Third-year law student Beth Smethers works in the new study spaces Wednesday in the College of Law Building.

learning center "where students from the law school could have opportunities for additional training and contacts in the Boise capitol city area."

Whether this happens depends on funding from the Idaho Legislature. If it's approved, Schroeder said, construction would likely begin in two years.

Schroeder said the court's goal is to expand opportunities for students and cooperate with the college whichever direction it takes, not get involved in controversy.

"I know the courts would cooperate fully in supporting the program," he said. "Expansion of the third year program into Boise is compatible with our program."

The Idaho Legislature and State Board of Education will be vital voices on any changes the college

decides to make. Changes in the program require board approval. Funding for changes comes from the Legislature as well as student fees and private giving.

Burnett said he thinks the college will begin identifying funding resources next fall, but it will be another year or two before any specific directions are defined.

"I think we will be crystallizing elements as we go along," he said.

Laflin said the planning process has been very evolutionary — as people look deeper into the situation, their opinions change and become more complex.

"What we've really worked on in this process is not to fixate on position, but to focus on process," she said. "If it was an easy process, we would have been done ages ago."

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 2006/2007 GRADUATES

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- Nancy Leann Petersen

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- Leah Kim Evans-Janke
- Mark Alan Schreiter

Congratulations to Honors Program Students

Honors Certificates (27 honors credits)

- Thomas A. Barnett, Jacksonville, Ill., Biology, Psychology
- Adam R. Becker, Tekoa, Wash., Political Science
- Casper G. Bendixsen, Idaho Falls, Anthropology, Philosophy
- Donald J. Bloomquist, Lakewood, Colo., Biological Systems Engineering
- Kristin A. Boyd, Boise, Finance, Foreign Languages-Spanish Opt.
- Shannon N. Brown, Post Falls, Architecture
- Steven L. Clark, Filer, Architecture
- Heather R. Coddington, Lewiston, Public Relations
- Christina R. Fowler, Boise, English, Spanish
- Megann R. Gleckler, Malad, Soil & Land Resources
- Heather L. Grant, Post Falls, Microbiology
- Eric K. Howell, Meridian, Biology
- Brooke A. Jardine, Twin Falls, Sport Science
- Rose H. Keller, Burns, Oreg., International Studies
- Erik L. Luvas, Boise, Recreation
- Levi E. McGarry, New Meadows, English-Creative Writing Emphasis
- Christine L. Meyling, New Plymouth, Economics
- Jenna L. Molina, Sandpoint, Wyo., MusicTheory, MusicApplied Music
- Amy R. Morgan, Anchorage, Ala., English
- Kathryn M. Morris, Sandpoint, Microbiology
- Danielle J. Pals, Moscow, International Studies, Foreign Languages-Spanish Opt.
- Whitney A. Power, Bethel, Ala., Political Science, Economics
- Devon B. Reoch, Sandpoint, History
- Cynthia L. Reynaud, Billings, Mont., Journalism
- Hartley A. Riedner, Beaverton, Oreg., Journalism
- Tara E. Roberts, LaCrosse, English
- Jessica R. Snow, Richland, Wash., Physics
- Holly M. Stael, Boise, Mathematics-General Opt.
- Danielle M. Stumba, Oak Hill, Oh., Wildlife Resources
- Lindsay A. Walters, American Falls, Geological Science-General Geology Opt.
- Sylvia C. White, Allyn, Wash., Wildlife Resources
- Jessica Yadora, Kennewick, Wash., Political Science, Foreign Languages-Spanish Opt.
- Tei H. Yamamoto, Caldwell, Biology

Honors Core Awards (19 honors credits)

- Abbey K. Burgess, Twin Falls, Science/Preveterinary, Biology
- Caitlin H. Chenoweth, Anchorage, Ala., International Studies, Foreign Languages-Spanish Opt.
- Alyssa L. Flerschinger, Boise, Animal Science-Science/Pre-Vet Opt., Biology
- Samantha Kristina Garlow, Lata Oswego, Oreg., Architecture
- Melinda E. Giacalone, Eagle, Public Relations
- Shannon P. Grant, Rathdrum, Mathematics-Applied Actuarial Opt.
- John M. Hamilton, Malba, Mathematics-Applied Statistics Opt.
- Lindsay A. Harris, McCall, International Studies, Foreign Languages-Spanish Opt.
- Jennifer L. Hosonoishi, Lewiston, Mechanical Engineering
- Christopher J. Horgan, Jerome, Civil Engineering
- Benjamin J. Keeler, McCall, Radio/TV/Digital Media Prod.
- Kevin A. Kovalchik, Colville, Wash., MusicInstrumental Performance
- Tyson E. Meeke, Middleton, Mechanical Engineering
- Alexander R. Modos, Wapiti, Wyo., Civil Engineering
- Melio G. Natus, Boise, Biology
- Bryn E. Parker, Elk City, Psychology
- Emily C. Poor, Moscow, Ecology & Conservation Biology-Cors Biol Opt.
- David N. Sore, Rexburg, Architecture
- Dylan J. Sinclair, Twin Falls, Microbiology, Spanish
- Jessica Tueller, Geneva, History, English
- Sara K. Walkara, Clark Fork, English (Creative Writing Emphasis)
- Mark A. Waegel, Sparks, Nev., Architecture
- Lauren Zeck, Moscow, MusicHistory and Literature, MusicApplied Music, Music Composition

The Department of Materials Science and Engineering is very proud to list the following graduates that represent our department with outstanding academic achievement.

Undergraduate Students

- Noritoshi Araki - B.S.M.S.E. - Materials Science & Engineering
- Kobina Osei Essiam - B.S.M.S.E./B.S. Met.E - Materials Science & Engineering/Metallurgical Engineering
- Lucas J Fowler - B.S.M.S.E./B.S. Met.E - Materials Science & Engineering/Metallurgical Engineering
- Alexander Ross Struble - B.S.M.S.E./B.S. Met.E - Materials Science & Engineering/Metallurgical Engineering

Graduate Students

- James Francisco Jabal - M.S. M.S.E. - Materials Science & Engineering
- Chung-Chih Juan - M.S. M.S.E. - Materials Science & Engineering
- Prateek Sachdev - M.S. M.S.E. - Materials Science & Engineering
- Yuxia Zheng - M.S. M.S.E. - Materials Science & Engineering

- Mark Elliot Kockler - Ph.D. - Mining Engineering-Metallurgy
- Yanko Alexandrov Kranov - Ph.D. - Materials Science & Engineering

Graduates, thank you for your dedication and hard work. We wish you the best.

Dr. F.H. (Sam) Froes, Dr. Batic Pesic, Dr. Keith Prisbrey, Linda Shepard, and Valerie Headtke

The Martin School of International Affairs congratulates the Spring 2006 graduates in International Studies!

We wish you all the best!

- Leah Ashmead
- Andrew Beck
- Alisha Birk
- Jillian Burrus
- Larry Dicks
- Nathan Drosch
- Martha Franz
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- Lynette Gunter
- Stephanie Heinz
- Alena Howard
- Sam Keeter
- Sarah MacEachern
- Anabel Magana
- Nancy Patterson
- Casey Schober
- Rebecca Schwartz
- Andrea Warren
- Erin Willburn
- Richard Wilson

CampusCALENDAR**Today**

Ecology from afar lecture series
CNR Room 10
12:30 p.m.

Dissertation defense: Mark Kockler, mining
BEL 111, Civil Engineering Conference Room
2 p.m.

Open forum - CLASS Dean Candidate
TLC Room 44
3:45 p.m.

Women's Center Brown Bag Series presents 'Women in Radio'
Memorial Gym Room 109
5 p.m.

ASUI Blockbuster Series 'Animal House' and 'Kicking and Screaming'
SUB Borah Theater
7 p.m.

'Mostly Moscow'
UITV-8
7:30 p.m.

Jazz Band and Choir Concert
School of Music Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

'ASUI Senate'
UITV-8
8 p.m.

Saturday

Disc golf tournament
Parking lot, Northwest side of Kibbie Dome
11 a.m.

Memorial Service for UI Professor Emeritus William A. Billingsley
Recital Hall, Lionel Hampton School of Music
3 p.m.

ASUI Blockbuster Series 'Animal House' and 'Kicking and Screaming'
SUB Borah Theater
7 p.m.

Greater Palouse Youth Orchestra Concert
School of Music Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Monday

Boise Commencement
Boise Centre on the Grove
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Science on Tap
'Extremophile Research: A Look at Bacteria that Thrive in Hot, Cold, Salty, Acidic, Toxic and Other Nasty Environments'
Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Dissertation: Amon Brock Eubanks, education
College of Education Conference Room
10 a.m.

Dissertation defense: Ashley Ater Kranov, education
College of Education Conference Room
3:30 p.m.

Thursday

Dissertation defense: Brian W. Moser, natural resources
CNR Building Room 200
9 a.m.

Friday

Honors Program Certificate Ceremony
Administration Building Auditorium
3 p.m.

'Swing into Summer' Concert
School of Music Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Moscow Commencement
Kibbie Dome
9:30 a.m.

Idaho LEADS Exploring Leadership Workshop - Film and Discussion: Topics in Community Leadership
SUB Chief's Room
3 p.m.

Local/BRIEFS**Free relationship workshop May 18**

A free workshop on Vibrant Relationships will be held from 7-9 p.m. May 18 at the United Church of Moscow located at 123 W. First St.

Kathleen MacFerran, a certified trainer with the Center for Nonviolent Communication, will introduce tools that can help in strengthening relationships between family and community members that are based on respect and understanding.

For additional understanding and practice, attend the presentation on Vibrant Relationships at Home from 9 a.m. - noon May 19 at the same location. Vibrant Relationships in the World will follow from 1-4 p.m.

A \$30-\$50 donation for each workshop is suggested with no one turned away for lack of ability to pay the requested amount.

Childcare will be provided for a moderate price with prior registration. Contact Caitlin Cole at 883-3959 to register.

For information, visit www.palousecc.org or call Veronica Lassen at 882-2562.

Dinner celebrates Moscow's success

Moscow residents affiliated with the NoSuperWalMart group invite the community to come celebrate the city's vibrant downtown at a no-host dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday at La Casa Lopez. Those who wish may proceed from the dinner to Council chambers, where the Moscow City Council will be holding a public hearing on amendments to the Large Scale Retail Ordinance, also known as "Big Box," to consider adding provisions for "Dark Stores" and "Size Cap."

For information about NoSuperWalMart visit www.nosuperwalmart.com.

Student honored for winning project

The University of Idaho chapter of Sigma Xi would like to congratulate Anna Kolodziejek of the Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Department for her outstanding presentation at the 2007 Grad Expo. Anna's winning presentation was titled "Characterization of Yersinia pestis surface proteins and role

in host-pathogen interactions." Her award includes a cash prize and nomination for membership into Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society.

Sigma Xi is an international, multidisciplinary research society founded to honor excellence in scientific investigation and encourage a sense of companionship and cooperation among researchers in all fields of science and engineering. The University of Idaho Chapter of Sigma Xi congratulates Anna for her outstanding presentation and all participants in the Grad Expo for their accomplishments in the pursuit of science.

Paint the Palouse moved to August

Rain, paint and soggy volunteers do not mix. That is why organizers of Paint the Palouse, a program that provides volunteers to paint homes for area homeowners unable to paint themselves, are moving the 19th annual event from April to August 25. A new Paint the Palouse Web site, resnet.uidaho.edu/ptp, has been created with information about the event, and includes a PDF of the home-

owner application.

The deadline for applications has been extended to June 15. Applications can be picked up at the University Residences office on the second floor of the Wallace Residence Center.

Paint the Palouse receives donations from local businesses, as well as ASUI and the Residence Hall Association. Students from the residence halls and fraternities and sororities volunteer to paint.

In the event of inclement weather on August 25, Paint the Palouse has scheduled a make-up day for Sept. 8.

Double-sided printing saves paper

The UI Sustainability Center and ITS have joined forces and have been working double time to get students to double-sided print. It saves your print pages and reduces the UI's ecological footprint. Take advantage of the technology offered at the UI, and remember to double-sided print all your remaining documents this semester. Keep this in mind next semester to get the most out of your print pages.

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support of the Genesee project. Tonight is Restaurant Night, during which three local restaurants — Papa John's Pizza, One World Café and San Miguel's Family Restaurant — have promised to donate a portion of their proceeds for the day to fund the project.

In addition, KaBOOM! is asking for a \$2 donation at all of the Finals Fest events today, including comedian Buzz Sutherland's act and the double feature of the movies "Animal House" and "Kicking and Screaming" tonight on the Tower Lawn.

For information on donating or volunteering opportunities with KaBOOM! e-mail kaboom@sub.uidaho.edu.

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from students. Brian Feller, a senior in accounting, said he believes the change was a good one.

"My wife and I both are graduating," he said. "Now we get to graduate together."

Feller said the smaller college processions are not as important to him as the larger.

"I enjoy my teachers and appreciate them without introducing them to mommy and daddy," he said.

Crystal Vorhies, a senior in microbiology molecular biology biochemistry, said the change will only make student recognition more difficult.

"People will be sitting further back and can't see anyone," she said.

Krogh said as of now, 1,400 students are scheduled to attend the procession and it's expected to last two and a half hours.

Length of time is another complaint Krogh has received. She said the university is doing everything they can to manage

that, but said she does not think the duration is too much to handle.

"We all go to movies that are that long," she said. "It's different but give it a chance."

For Vorhies, time is very important as her college has scheduled their ceremony an hour before the estimated completion of the university procession.

"It seems like more encouragement for us to get our diplomas and leave," she said.

However when students meet at the Administration Building, they will be lining up by college. Vorhies said she can only hope that since she is in the College of Agriculture that she will be conferred first and can make it to the college ceremony.

Vorhies said her college is very tight-knit. She said throughout the year she has been a part of many fun activities and competitions that allowed her to get to know more people from her college.

She said the college celebrations are more important to her because of this bond. "It's a way to let everyone know we're here," she said.

College RECEPTIONS

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: immediately after graduation at the Agricultural Science Building

College of Art and Architecture: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Prichard Gallery

College of Business and Economics: approximately 12:30 p.m. at J. A. Albertson Building

College of Education: immediately after graduation in Physical Education Building Room 110

College of Engineering: immediately after graduation in Memorial Gym

College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: immediately after graduation in the Kibbie Dome*

College of Natural Resources: after graduation in the west lobby of the Natural Resources Building

College of Science: after graduation in the Idaho Commons Food Court

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Matthew Thompson
Meghan Calhoon
Nicholas Whitaker
Rachel Winston
Roberta Santos
Collinetti
Shannon Miller
Stacie Robinson

Ph.D.

Robert Breckenridge
Anna Pidgorna

**GRADUATE from page A1**

College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP.)

Her husband, a former CAMP program assistant, said he knows firsthand the wonderful opportunities it makes available.

"(CAMP) provides financial support to students from families who participate in hard physical labor for (at least) 180 days in the year," he said, noting the intense agricultural work Venegas Christensen and her family have done.

The program, which is federally funded by the

Department of Education under the Office of Migrant Education at the University of Idaho, helps to create bonds among its recipients.

"It's nice meeting people from the same background as me," Venegas Christensen said of the group she refers to as her second family.

Maintaining the 2.0 minimum GPA required for CAMP gave Venegas little trouble. She said CAMP's daily mandatory study tables aided in her 3.79 cumulative GPA and even motivated her to further her education with a master's degree in school counseling at BSU.

She said she signed a contract with CAMP and vowed to put her all into academics because she knows the importance of an education.

"My dad has a sixth-grade education level and my mother has a third-grade (education level)," she said.

For Venegas Christensen, choosing UI was easy. Aside

from her husband's acceptance in the law school, UI also gives sophomores, juniors and seniors scholarships after CAMP funding from their freshman year runs out.

"UI is one of the only schools that help students like me," she said.

Aside from excelling in the classroom, Venegas Christensen has also found her niche in UI Greek life. Not only is she a member of Lambda Theta Alpha, a Latina-based sorority, but she is also one of their 10 founders.

Venegas Christensen said she feels grateful for all the opportunities she has been given and plans to give back to society as a guidance counselor for students.

"My high school counselor told me I couldn't go to college," she said. "I want to be different and give students high expectations of themselves."

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Joe Robert Wilkins - MFA

Department of English

Wheeles running it home one last time

By Jeremy Castillo
Argonaut

Former Residence Hall Association president Ian Wheeles is getting ready to end his time at the University of Idaho.

His reign ended Monday when next year's president, Erik Shallman, was sworn in.

And with that, Wheeles' time with RHA was officially done. For him it's a bittersweet affair.

He's happy to be rid of the job's bureaucracy, mediating squabbles between hall presidents and resident assistants and the constant vying for his attention, he said. On average, he got 75 e-mails and 10-20 calls a day on his landline (he refused to get a cell phone) — even more during set-up of big events, such as Snow Ball.

But Wheeles says he will miss the people he's helped along the way and seeing familiar faces walk into the RHA office in the Wallace Basement.

"I enjoyed sitting in there each day at my desk, with the door open, and having friends say 'hi,' colleagues come by and ask for help or, more often than not, strangers who were getting a soda at The Underground pop in and ask me 'What's this office?'" he said.

While one of his bigger regrets is not getting more people involved in RHA during the last three years, the lives he knows he's impacted make up for it.

"I think the interactions I had with hall presidents led a lot of people, maybe 25 or 30, to really understand who they are as leaders while they're still students, in college and not sure who they're going to be in this world," Wheeles said. "I think with the lot of time I spent with the hall presidents especially, but all the residents and hall officers, they got a feel for the influence they could have and the impact they could make on people's lives just on the position they were in."

"I think that's what I'm most proud of. People will look at opening the west side doors (of the Wallace Food Court) or something obvious like that and say 'Wow, he worked really hard.' But at the end of the day, that won't change anyone's lives."

And the people Wheeles has helped or befriended over the years try to reciprocate in more tangible ways: invites to social functions, treating him to dinner and even artistic tokens of appreciation.

Taped outside his Whitman Hall dorm room is a poster reading "We (heart) Ian" from Nicole Rollofson and Kylee Disque, the co-presidents of Upham Hall. Steel House president Cyndil Markert invited him to see "Oklahoma!" the play she was stage manager for.

Shallman aims to have that same rapport with his colleagues next year when he's running the RHA show.

"I want to maintain the same relationships. That is where Ian was very strong," he said. "He built strong relationship between the hall presidents and the E-board. I learned a lot from Ian and I hope some of it rubbed off and I can continue what he started."

Wheeles, for as much as he'll miss RHA, is equally excited to make it, and his time at UI, history.

Graduation is not marked on any of the three calendars tacked up in his dorm room. His black cap and gown haven't been tried on or even taken out of the cellophane wrapping. But the thought is there.

For him, the past year has been, at its base, a countdown for returning to his hometown, Anchorage, Alaska. He says he never wanted to leave, but the state's lack of law schools gave him no choice.

But coming to Idaho wasn't Wheeles' first move out of state lines. For his freshman year, he attended the Illinois Institute of Technology in

downtown Chicago.

His older brother, Lem, attended the same school, so Ian followed in his footsteps and stayed around for his first love: baseball.

"I always dreamed about playing baseball in the pros," Wheeles said. "That's what I wanted to do most when I got out of high school."

He even played for IIT's school team during his one year there. Even today, his love for America's pastime is obvious.

Caps of his favorite teams — the Oakland Athletics and Atlanta Braves — fill a shelf in his dorm room. During warm months, he'll hit a bucket of balls on Guy Wicks Field three times a week.

He even admits he'll watch two games simultaneously: one airing on TV, another streaming live over the Internet.

Wheeles doesn't care about how negative a rap it gets, he'll always have a soft spot for the sport.

"A lot of people think baseball's a lost art, that it's boring or archaic," he said. "I see the niceties of it, the finer grace, and the romanticism of a game from America's past and it hits me pretty deep."

As a kid, his little league jersey number was five, which he adopted as the middle name he never had. The vanity license plate on his Chevy Blazer simply reads "Five."

But eventually, he realized school was his right path and IIT, primarily an architecture and engineering college, offered him nothing beyond sports.

"They don't have anything to do but (those majors)," Wheeles said. "I didn't really want to do either of those, which meant transfer or put up with it."

He chose the former and went home to the University of Alaska-Anchorage. Three years later, he got his bachelor's in political science as training for law school.

Wheeles always knew he wanted to be a lawyer, inspired by John Grisham novels and films such as "Erin Brockovich" and "A Civil Action."

His goal may be achieved this July when he takes the Alaska Bar exam.

"Hopefully, I'll pass on the first try," Wheeles said.

He plans on studying throughout the summer months with breaks in between to play baseball or work in a church.

In addition to his law courses and RHA work, Wheeles taught the college Bible class at the Pullman Church of Christ on Sundays.

He wants to continue that in some capacity in Alaska with a different age group, but doesn't fret over which denomination.

"I think if you (worship God) the right way, it doesn't matter what building you sit in or what the sign says outside," Wheeles said.

With so much responsibility, Wheeles' friends wonder when he rests. He says he averaged four hours of sleep per night and takes swigs of A-1 steak sauce to stay awake.

"I'm one of those 'I'll sleep when I'm dead' types," he said.

But maybe Wheeles will get some extra winks in the last days before his graduation next weekend.

His classes are over. His finals will soon be in the books. Then it's only waiting before walking to the Kibbie Dome to accept his diploma and heading back to Alaska.

"I was pretty thrilled (last) Friday when I had my last class because I knew that was the last class I would have in this life. That was pretty awesome," he said. "But I'm going to miss being with a lot of the friends I've made this year and the past couple years."

"It's tough when you go to school out of state. You know when you go home, you're not going to see those people very often or ever."

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Dog gets spray-painted message for owner

CHUBBUCK — Animal control officers in Bannock County had to decide if they were investigating vandalism or animal mistreatment after someone spray-painted a dog.

A Chubbuck-area resident reported that he found the words "Go Home" spray-painted on the sides of his large white dog late last month. The animal had been allowed to roam freely, Capt. Mike Sanders said.

"An animal like that is domestic property, so technically that's vandalism," Sanders said. "It's really not the dog's fault. He's just doing what dogs do."

It could have been worse, Sanders said. Idaho law requires an unfenced dog to be either on a leash or under supervision of its master. And landowners are allowed to shoot a trespassing dog if that dog is harassing livestock.

Sanders said detectives have not determined who spray-painted the animal. They decided to drop the case, partly because the dog's owner shouldn't have let the dog roam free.

It's both inappropriate and unusual to paint a dog, Sanders said.

"It's a little novel. It's different in the respect that it sends a message," Sanders said. "That's what always appealed to me about this work: It stays interesting."

Idaho inmate gets 37 months for Bush threats

BOISE — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced an Idaho inmate to 37 months in prison for writing a letter threatening President Bush earlier this year.

Ricky Arnell Ward, 20, was already serving time in the Ada County Jail when he sent the letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Boise, according to federal prosecutors.

The letter read, in part, "Why I'm writing you is because for the past 6 months I have been planning to kill the President of the USA... Why I am doing this is because he is a stupid ... man and someone needs to kill him before he gets all the people in the USA killed."

The envelope also contained Ward's name and return address at the jail.

Ward confirmed to Secret Service agents that he wrote the letter, but said he suffered from depression, anger and hallucinations. He later pleaded guilty in a plea agreement, federal prosecutors said.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge said Ward will finish his state sentence on a felony conviction for making threats to a state judge before serving the federal prison term.

Judge finds fault with ATF findings gun shop

TWIN FALLS — A federal judge has allowed a local gun shop to buy and trade guns again — for now.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives stripped Red's Trading Post of its license in March after an audit found numerous record-keeping violations over a five-year period.

But this week U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled that the agency had exaggerated and omitted some of the findings it used to revoke the license. Lodge stayed the ATF's sanctions, saying the gun shop can continue operating until the judge decides whether the license revocation was legal. Lodge has not yet scheduled a hearing on the matter.

Shop owner Ryan Horsley said he was thrilled by the ruling.

"I am ecstatic. I was just waiting. For nearly two months this has been exhausting," Horsley said. "Getting all our advertising back in place, getting all our orders set, arranging — it's just kind of nuts. It's not over yet."

But federal officials stand by their investigation and decision to revoke Red's license.

"The report provided to the court was accurate and ATF stands by our initial inspection," said Julianne Marshall, spokeswoman for the ATF in Seattle. "We will await the court's final determination."

In his ruling, Lodge wrote that though the ATF mentioned violations found during inspections in 2000 and 2005, the agency failed to reveal that additional investigations in 2001 and 2007 revealed no problems. The ATF also counted some violations twice, Lodge found.

- Associated Press

Idaho solicits bids for treatment center again

BOISE (AP) — After two false starts, the Idaho Department of Correction has again solicited bids to build a 400-bed treatment center for drug abusers convicted of crimes.

Besides helping offenders overcome drug addictions and reducing the chances of them becoming repeat offenders, officials would also like to save money by not having to ship inmates out of state because of overcrowded prisons in Idaho.

The state withdrew the first bid request in August after two companies complained it prevented them from collaborating.

The second bid was withdrawn after it drew only one bidder.

The third request for bids went out April 25, and has a closing date of June 15. That request was put together with help from companies that might submit bids.

"We wanted to make sure we had it right," Rod Leonard, who led the bidding development team, told the Idaho Statesman. "After the first two times, we needed to make sure everything was squared away."

He said that if everything goes

as planned the state could award the contract by early August.

Lawmakers a year ago approved money to build the center, which is expected to cost about \$22 million. "That thing should have been going by now," said Rep. Darrell Bolz, R-Caldwell.

About 450 Idaho prisoners are serving time out of state.

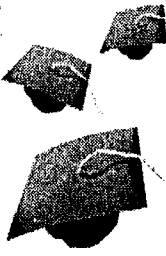
Brent Reinke, who became director of the Department of Correction in January, said he wanted to avoid the kind of problems that thwarted the earlier bid requests with the latest effort.

"With my coming on board, what I wanted to do was make sure we dotted all of our I's and crossed all of our T's," Reinke said. "I just don't want to see this fall on hard times (another) time."

He said he hopes the center could be completed within a year. Some companies had asked that the most recent bid request be designed to separate construction of the center from operating the center.

That didn't happen, but Leonard said he met with companies and they were comfortable with the wording of the bid request.

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British queen stresses diversity, healing in Va.

By Bob Lewis
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Queen Elizabeth II arrived Thursday for the commemoration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary and praised the cultural changes that have occurred since she last visited America's first permanent English settlement 50 years ago.

The last time the queen helped Virginia mark the anniversary of its colonial founding, it was an all-white affair in a state whose government was in open defiance of a 1954 Supreme Court order to desegregate public schools.

"Over the course of my reign and certainly since I first visited Jamestown in 1957, my country has become a much more diverse society just as the commonwealth of Virginia and the whole United States of America have also undergone a major social change," the queen said in speech to the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, the first stop on her visit.

"The melting pot metaphor captures one of the great strengths of your country and is an inspiration to others around the world as we face the continuing social challenges ahead," she said.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said the message couldn't be more timely or appropriate.

"This is a moment that brings Virginia together ... in the aftermath of a hard time," Kaine said at a news conference, referring to the April 16 massacre at Virginia Tech.

After the speech, the queen met briefly with students and faculty from Virginia Tech, including three who were wounded. Among them was Katelyn Carney, who was shot in the hand during the massacre and presented the queen

with a bracelet with 32 polished stones — one for each person slain — in the school's colors, maroon and orange. Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger also presented the queen with a school pin.

"My heart goes out to the students, friends and families of those killed and to the many others who have been affected, some of whom I shall be meeting shortly," the queen said during the speech. "On behalf of the people of the United Kingdom, I extend my deepest sympathies at this time of such grief and sorrow."

The plane carrying the 81-year-old queen landed mid-afternoon, and 20 minutes later she emerged with her husband, Prince Philip.

Hundreds of people stood in lines for hours in a cool drizzle, some since dawn, to enter the grounds of the freshly refurbished 219-year-old Capitol.

"How often do you get to see the reigning monarch, much less in your own town?" said Keith Gary, the first spectator through the gates.

Inside the Capitol, the queen met briefly with the lead construction worker on a \$105 million, two-year Capitol renovation project that was completed Monday, with high school student body leaders and with 100-year-old Oliver W. Hill.

Hill is a civil rights attorney whose litigation helped bring about the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

Frail at 100 years old and in a wheelchair, Hill greeted the queen in the rotunda of the Capitol that once was the seat of Confederate government. He said later he was pleased she noticed the social changes he helped broker.

"My heart goes out to the students, friends and families of those killed (at Virginia Tech) and to the many others who have been affected."

Queen Elizabeth II
British monarch



Bill Tiernan/AP
Jean Hogg of Gloucester, Va., who works at Colonial Williamsburg, dances with her granddaughters, from left, Kelsie McManus, 9, and Regan Hogge, 2, as they wait for the arrival of Queen Elizabeth II for a carriage ride along Duke of Gloucester Street in Williamsburg, Va. Thursday afternoon.

"It's not every day you bump into royalty," Hill said.

In the evening, the queen arrived in Colonial Williamsburg in an open carriage, where she waved a gloved hand at the several thousand people who lined Duke of Gloucester Street, the main street of Virginia's restored 18th-century capital.

She rode in a mustard-yellow carriage called the Landau, named for the town in Germany where such carriages were made. Two horses pulled the carriage less than a half-mile down the tree-lined street, past some orig-

inal and reconstructed 18th century homes, stores and taverns.

Judy Stillman of Portola Valley, Calif., timed a visit to her daughter in Williamsburg specifically so she could see the queen. "She's our history," said the 70-year-old Stillman. "England started everything we have now: the law, the wonderful Magna Carta, democracy. We need to know about England. We need to know about the queen."

Associated Press writers Larry O'Dell in Richmond and Sonja Barisic in Williamsburg contributed to this report.

Police: Boise homicide victims lived at home where bodies found

By John Miller
Associated Press

BOISE — Two apparent homicide victims were identified Thursday as part-time residents of the home where their bodies were found — one in a crawl space beneath the house and the other buried in the back yard.

The bodies of 48-year-old Jeffrey Alan Willett and 36-year-old Jody Collingsworth were found after police and firefighters responded to a fire at the home last week. The body found in the home's crawl space was recovered

Monday; the other was found in the back yard on Sunday evening.

Todd C. Hagnas, 38, was arrested for investigation of first-degree arson and remained jailed pending an initial court hearing May 11. Hagnas was renting the home, and Willett and Collingsworth were his part-time roommates, police said.

Police have said Hagnas is also a suspect in what they're calling two homicides.

Willett died from blunt force trauma to the head, and Collingsworth from a slashed neck, the Ada County coroner's office said.

Phone calls by The Associated Press to police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower and Coroner Erwin Sonnenberg to request information on the location of the respective bodies, the times of their deaths and whether they had been reported missing weren't immediately returned.

Last Thursday, police dispatchers received an anonymous call around 7 a.m. from a man telling them they would be busy and that they'd need to bring cadaver dogs. The man hung up without identifying himself or his location, but two hours later, dispatchers were called by the same man, now believed to be Hagnas, saying his home was ablaze.

When firefighters arrived, Hagnas was sitting on a porch swing just feet from where the flames were consuming the house, authorities said. He had to be forcibly removed from the home, and in questioning later indicated that two homicides had taken place, police said.

Officers then searched the home's crawl space, finding the decaying body of a dog as well as what

appeared to be freshly moved dirt and human remains.

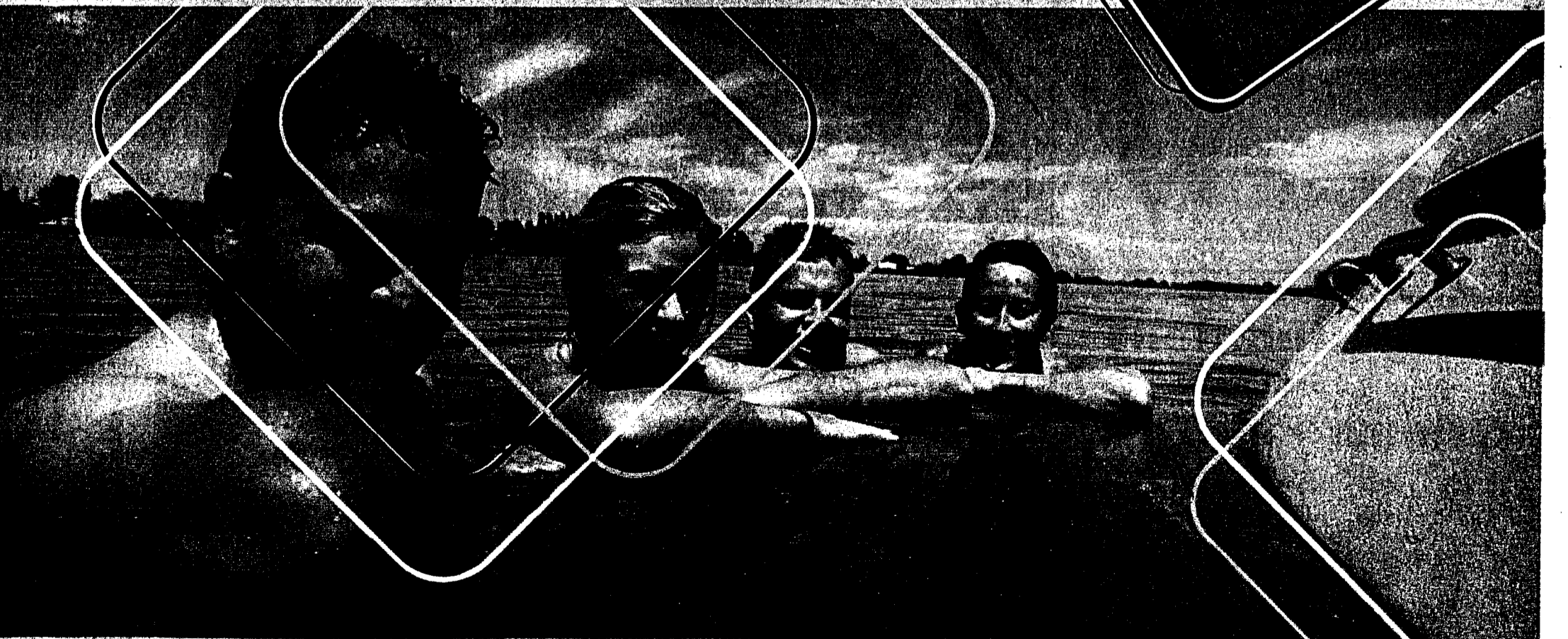
Ada County records identify the home's owner as Monica L. Bronson. Efforts to locate her Thursday were unsuccessful.

On two occasions, once in 2005 and again in 2006, the home where the bodies were found was the subject of separate Boise city zoning enforcement actions after somebody complained of "misc. boxes, junk and trash in the front yard and driveway," according to Boise Planning and Development Services documents.

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A history of UI's dating game

By Lauren Lepinski
Argonaut

As time changes, so does the dating culture. Dating can be a tricky game, especially in a small town like Moscow. But it hasn't always been the same game.

"Dating was a fun time back then," said Nancy Lyle, an alumna of the University of Idaho. Lyle attended UI from 1952 - 1954, studying pre-medicine. She is also an alumna member of the Alpha Phi sorority.

"There weren't as many women as men," Lyle said. "We'd date several different people. Dating was all just for fun. We weren't too serious about it."

In the '50s, women in the sorority had a curfew of 10 p.m., but some would still go on two dates in one day.

"The hours were kind of strict, but we would still have fun, just a little earlier in the day," Lyle said. "There were a lot of double-dates and group dates too."

Most of the activities couples participated in occurred on campus, since Moscow was much smaller then, Lyle said.

"The fraternities would throw dances, and a lot of people would go," Lyle said. "They'd do fun themes like costumes. And every once in a while, the university would have a big school-wide dance in the Memorial Gym. They'd hire a group to come and play big band music for it. And the ROTC would have dinners and military balls."

The best places to go on a date changed as well. Today students might go to Tucci's, West of Moscow or Sangria Grill for a nice dinner and Peter and Peter's for the mystery appearance of the end of the world.

the Student Union Building.

"The inside of that building has changed so much since I was a student," Lyle said. "It used to have a very popular food court and a very nice coffee shop. Most dates were dates for coffee or lunch at the SUB. The Blue Bucket was also really fun."

The Blue Bucket was a dance club on the second floor of the SUB, where the ballroom is now. It was open Friday and Saturday nights. Students would go and listen to music, dance and drink sodas.

But the SUB wasn't the only place to go, Lyle said.

"The Nest was a restaurant on campus, and we'd go there," Lyle said. "The Perch was also popular, but I don't remember much drinking. We'd also drive over to Pullman and go to their Student Union."

Washington State University would hold jazz concerts on Sundays in their SUB.

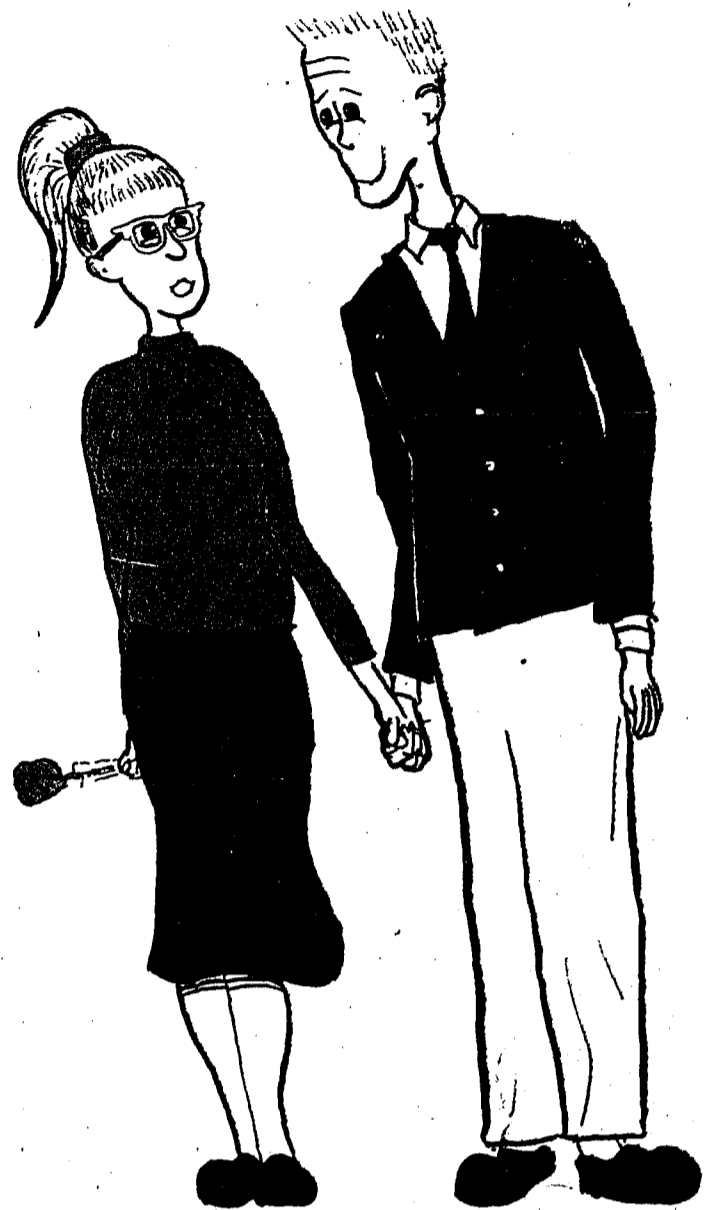
"With everyone bopping around, it was like a big café," Lyle said.

In the summer, students who stayed in town would have street dances.

"We would pull all our cars into a big circle and tune all the radios to the same station and have a great time," Lyle said. "Everything was easy and light. It was a happy time."

Even with most dating being

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Food and drink of the gods

By Susan Joy
Argonaut

Nikki Woodland, chef and co-owner of Nectar Restaurant and Wine Bar, defines nectar as "essence ... a ripe, alive, growing thing," while Miriam-Webster defines nectar as a drink of the gods or the raw material of honey.

Thriving on the southwest corner of Sixth and Main in downtown Moscow, Nectar is a new eatery that embraces both definitions.

Nikki said she and her husband and co-owner, Brett, always knew they wanted to have their own restaurant.

"As soon as we moved (back to Moscow) this was the plan," Woodland said. "We thought Moscow could use a restaurant like this."

The atmosphere is serene, and diners can sip red or white wine around the bar, or relax at tables aligned through the intimate space. Lighting is low, but not dark and the brick walls compliment their pale yellow

counterparts. An outside patio provides additional seating.

The Woodlands say their goal is to provide fresh regional cuisine, and their love of the Inland Northwest and the Palouse is evident.

"We want to really provide something different to the people of Moscow," Woodland said. "Not a starch on every plate."

Nikki's favorite dish is the wild Alaska salmon with honey glaze on a bed of lentils.

The availability of fresh ingredients influences the simple yet varied menu.

"We've been open one month and the menu changed four or five times," Woodland said.

When asked her culinary specialty, Brett answered, "deliciousness!"

"I'm known for my crab cakes among family and friends," Nikki said with a smile. "I love fresh food. Simple using the best ingredients."

Nikki wants to encourage novice wine drinkers to come into Nectar.

"I want to encourage people not

familiar with wine to take chances," she said. "There are no set rules - don't follow rules."

Their wine list features regional and seasonal fares, such as wines from Washington, and even wines from Italy, France and Australia. Brett said wines from Camas Prairie will eventually grace the menu at Nectar.

Originally from the Inland Northwest, the Woodlands gained experience in the industry in other places.

Brett managed a wine bar in Portland while Nikki attended culinary school and managed an Italian restaurant and a deli. The Woodlands moved back to the Palouse so Brett could be a part of the family business, Woodland Apiaries.

After that, it was only a matter of time.

"It took eight months worth of work and we did everything ourselves," Woodland said.

Changes required by the city of Moscow, such as electrical and plumbing, were completed by professionals.

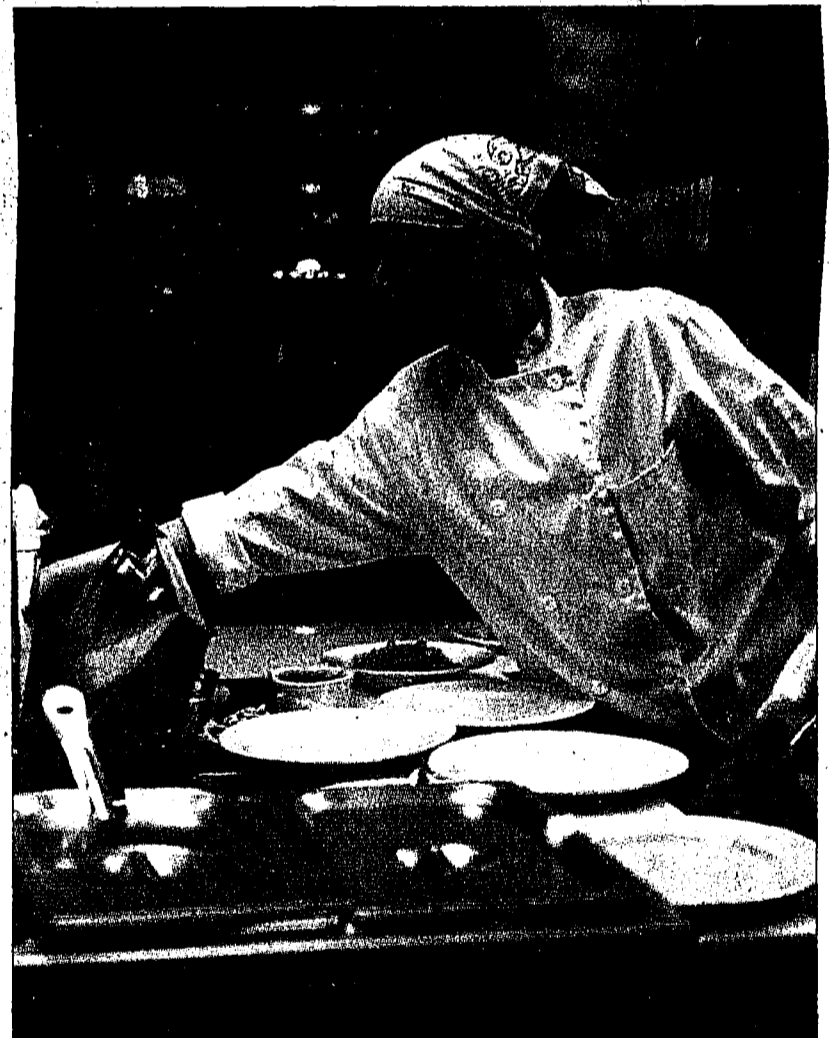
With a smile, Nikki said they tried to get out of a few fire rules with the fire station next door.

Nectar is open from 5-11 p.m. and serves food until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For reservations call 882-5914.

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Nikki Woodland
Co-owner of Nectar



Gina Baldwin/Argonaut
Nikki Woodland prepares a spring pea risotto with pesto, fresh spinach and Parmesan cheese Wednesday evening in the kitchen of Nectar.

Bringing a family to the Renaissance Fair

By Lauren Lepinski
Argonaut

This year's Renaissance Fair features a schedule packed with activities for children and their families.

Donal Wilkinson, the executive director of Adventure Learning Camps, is orchestrating two whole days of activities for children.

"I am teaching a whole bunch of classes," Wilkinson said. "They're each about an hour long. The subjects range from bird and plant identification to how to cook a backpacking dinner to Native American storytelling."

The classes are all things participants in Adventure Learning Camps trips would do in the field, Wilkinson said.

As an employee of Adventure Learning Camps, Wilkinson plans and guides trips into the wilderness for children and their families.

"We are a nonprofit organization," Wilkinson said. "Right now the trips only cost about \$100, and we are working to get them free. We want this to be a chance for kids to get outside that normally wouldn't."

Besides the classes, Wilkinson is also overseeing an obstacle course and a

"touch table."

"A touch table is just a table full of things for the kids to handle and examine," Wilkinson said. "I usually have things like antlers, bones, elk teeth, bugs and turtle shells."

The obstacle course is built for children to climb through ropes and tires.

"It's kind of like a non-plastic and non-metal jungle gym," Wilkinson said.

Jennifer Whitney, the fair's publicity director said people go to the Renaissance Fair for the sense of community.

"Donal's activities will bring children into that sense of community," Whitney said.

There will also be a Pirate Treasure Hunt for children to participate in.

Betsy Bybell, a part-time librarian and puppeteer/storyteller will lead this event with the assistance of her daughter, Tanya Gale.

"My pirate name will be Batsy," Bybell said. "For the treasure hunt, I will be roaming the park with my parrot puppet and handing out treasure maps with simple clues that lead to my treasure chest."

Gale, also dressed as a pirate, will be waiting at the chest to hand out small prizes to the children who find her. She will also make balloon animals and

activities for KIDS

The Pirate Treasure Hunt will be from 1-3 p.m. and Donal Wilkinson's "Touch Table" will be set up at the Renaissance Fair Saturday and Sunday at East City Park.

For information about Adventure Learning Camps, go to www.adventurelearningcamps.com.

swords.

"I chose pirates because they are a popular subject with kids, and some adults," Bybell said. "I also decided that my activity would be a fun treasure hunt."

This will be Bybell's 10th year with the Renaissance Fair.

"I play a different persona each year," Bybell said. "I've been a pirate before, but they weren't as popular as they are now. I've also never done a treasure hunt. It makes kids sit and think, and they still have fun."

The treasure hunt will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Renaissance Fair this Saturday and Sunday at Moscow's East City Park.



File Photo

A variety of artists and musicians will play at the annual Renaissance Fair Saturday and Sunday at East City Park.

A musician remembered: William "Bill" Billingsley, 1922-2007

By Brandon Macz
Argonaut

William "Bill" Billingsley was a man with fortune on his side, said friends and family. A man who survived the harsh seas of World War II, rose up from the death of radio and gave the University of Idaho 30 years of music and laughter. Saturday, only a month after his passing, the Lionel Hampton School of Music will celebrate his life by performing some of his greatest compositions.

Billingsley was born June 28, 1922 and raised on a ranch eight miles outside of Glasgow, Mont., and from a very early start, music was destined to be his life, said his wife Doris Billingsley. They had been married for over 60 years.

"If you could say that a kid was born a musician, you could say that about Bill," Billingsley said. "He put paper over combs and pretended he was a radio station outside the window, which charmed his family. So his father got him a harmonica, which charmed Bill."

In high school, Billingsley joined the band and his parents bought him a trumpet, his instrument of choice the rest of his life. The school system brought a musician from Chicago to direct the band.

"This was in the depths of the depression, so where money was, people went," Billingsley said.

Billingsley was playing with professional musicians by age 16, from the rise of night clubs in Montana. When the band director left the school for not allowing the group to play for the King and Queen of England on their visit to Canada, Billingsley finished high school in Buffalo, New York where he had a private theory teacher.

By the year 2000, Billingsley was afflicted with a progressive memory disorder thought by doctors to be

Alzheimers, his wife said. What never left his mind, however, was the time spent in the navy during World War II.

"It probably shaped the last year or so of his conscious life," Billingsley said.

He served aboard the U.S.S. Honolulu, a light cruiser that eventually made base in Pearl Harbor in 1942. Prior to that, Billingsley sailed as far as Lakey Gulf where the historical battle with the Japanese ensued.

One night, another battleship got lost in a fog and found its way back in front of the Honolulu. The Japanese had been threatening to destroy the ship. They mistook the other ship for the Honolulu.

"When the Kamikazes came out, they sank that battleship and bragged that they'd gotten the Honolulu," Billingsley said.

He cheated death several time aboard the battleship, having been relocated from a station where a torpedo struck, and watching his gun captain and friend killed no more than an arm's length away from him. Sailors would lean over the rails after battles and make bets on whether an American or Japanese soldier would float alongside it.

"... So when his friend was killed, he really couldn't take that," Billingsley said. "War was hell, and they really had hell."

Billingsley met his wife in 1947, just after she had graduated from George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Two members of the navy had been going to her church to sing where she played the chapel organ. They offered to take her and a friend out to lunch and a musical comedy before they would be transferred.

"And when we got out of the church service, Bill Billingsley was there to meet them to see if they'd go to lunch with him," she said. "So they invited

him to tag along. We got acquainted and then he was getting transferred to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He kept coming back."

Billingsley visited Doris every weekend and they were married eight months later, and spent the next two years in New York City.

"We had a lot of fun together, so it was easy to stay married," she said.

Playing for a band in the navy, Billingsley was able to play the bugle at a World Series game and met Babe Ruth and Gene Audrey. He was at the ship christening when famous singer Kate Smith couldn't break the champagne bottle against the hull of a ship.

After the navy, Billingsley was accepted to Drake University where he received his masters in 1953. When his "Symphony for Winds and Percussion" was performed at the National Music Educators' Convention in 1954, a UI music faculty member asked him to join the school.

He came to teach trumpet and direct the varsity band, but when the theory and composition instructor fell ill, the school asked Billingsley if he would teach those courses too.

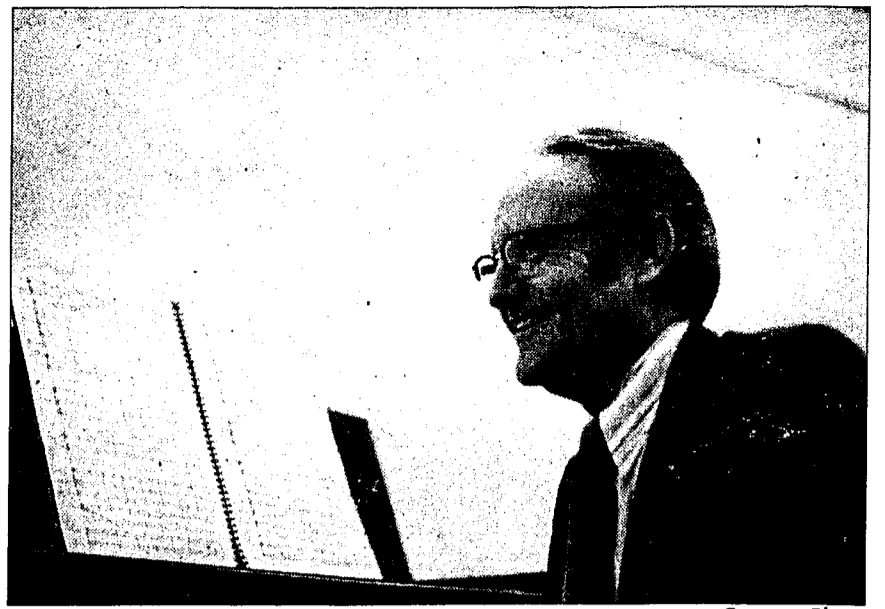
"He got initiation by fire," Billingsley said. "He didn't even know if he could teach."

Billingsley retired in 1984 but continued to frequent the school of music to offer advice and to keep up with the current events.

"He took as much pleasure in the success of his students as he did in the success of his own music," Billingsley said.

Billingsley started working for the UI the same year instructor Dan Bukvich was born. Bukvich, professor of music at the Lionel Hampton School of Music, became a student of Billingsley's in 1976 and continued to be mentored by him years later.

"He created an environment of new music and openness to new ideas and



Courtesy Photo

William "Bill" Billingsley passed away last month.

new concepts, and a willingness to experiment and be yourself as a composer," Bukvich said. "That's his legacy."

Former students and faculty will be returning to Moscow for the Billingsley Memorial Celebration 3 p.m. Saturday to play some of his original pieces, a few of which were written for those specific guests.

Former trumpet professor Rich Warner will travel from Seattle to play a piece written for him in 1972. Robert McBride who works for National Public Radio in Portland will serve as master of ceremony.

Billingsley said her husband was not only musical, but humorous as well.

Bukvich said his humor stood out at the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

"He loved puns," he said. "He was staring off out the window during one composition lesson and I said, 'Mr. Billingsley, are you all right?' He said, 'Yeah, but I was just thinking, if it

weren't for these Venetian blinds, it would be curtains for all of us."

"A day when he could make somebody else laugh was a red letter day for him," Billingsley said. "He liked people, humor and music, in the reverse order."

Billingsley's wife will be joined at the celebration by their three sons, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and their niece and nephew, "which would have pleased him," she said.

The one thing Billingsley liked more than composing music was to see it performed, said Alan Gemberling, director of the wind ensemble. Gemberling frequently met with Billingsley after his retirement and said he too will miss the humor.

Bukvich shared nostalgic sentiments.

"I wished I could have seen him one more time," he said.

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Students design smart infant-wear

By Rebecca Bujko
Argonaut

When it comes to fashion, senior engineering students may not be considered traditional candidates for designing new lines of clothing. But with the help of the textiles department, Team SleepSound is gaining recognition with their design for safety-conscious fashion. All engineering majors have to complete a senior design project in order to graduate, and Team SleepSound was given the task of developing an infant monitor to help prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Not only did the SleepSound team meet the requirements, but they also

won two awards and made it to the semi-finals in a national competition. "It was great bringing someone onboard from the textile department," said Chris Curtis, a senior biological systems engineering major on the team. "We were looking more at functionality, safety and cost, but it was great to see new insights on fashion and aesthetics which would definitely help with the marketability of the product." The requirements their sponsor, Dale Wahlquist, gave them were that the wireless device had to be under three hundred dollars and be completely safe for the infant. The product would cost an estimated \$125 if it were to go on the market. The seven-member team has

designed a line of sleepwear for infants up to one year old that feature built-in monitors that track the baby's breathing, since breathing is directly linked to SIDS. If the baby stops breathing an alarm in the built-in monitor will sound, notifying the guardians. The monitor is based off of new technology that the group came up with and perfected. "A coiled piece of wire is wrapped around a really elastic material," Curtis said. "When the baby breathes (the material) stretches, and changes the inductance on the metal coil. The electrical properties change and we are using a computer logic system to track those changes." The monitor is made into the gar-

ment, sewn in between two layers, so the wires are not accessible to the baby or the guardian. The device is run by a battery that is just smaller than the size of a cell phone battery. The component that picks up the signal is a small device that can fit into a toy or rattle that would attach to the infants ankle. "The sensor can be made in such a fashion that it is pretty much undetectable by the baby wearing it," Curtis said. To get some help with making the actual garment, the team asked Laila Cornwall, a senior clothing, textiles and design major, for some help. "I wanted to make sure the garment was easy to put on and take off the baby because babies are not very

cooperative when you get them dressed to begin with," Cornwall said. "I also wanted to make sure that it was safe ... and to look at today's fashions." Since the team had seven members in it, the students had to learn how to communicate their ideas. "Communication is huge and I don't think that engineering emphasizes that enough," said Jennifer Hasenoehrl, a senior mechanical engineering major on the team. Cornwall said the product has another purpose, other than protecting the infant. "A lot of new parents tend to be really stressed out by SIDS," she said. "Having this product will also help to ease their minds."

Spidey-sense predictions and fan guide

Spider-Man, the new emo superhero

By T.J. Tranchell
Argonaut

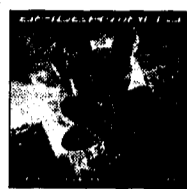
"Spider-Man 3: Music from and inspired by the Motion Picture" isn't a bad album. It is something worse: inconsequential. It's a marketing ploy to generate more income for people who already know their movie over the summer. No one will remember the songs from the soundtrack 10 years from now. Except "The Twist." If Chubby Checker is banking some major dough from this album, then bravo for him. Maybe he'll make enough that he can take a break from playing at malls in Reno for a couple years.

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Black Mountain, and Sounds Under Radio appear on the album, sealing up Spidey's status as the emo superhero. Given that the hero's darker side is due to come out in the film, having somewhat darker

songs on the accompanying soundtrack is to be expected. Simon Dawes' "Scared of Myself" is the record's message song, and one of the few that seems pertinent to the story line of the film. Soundtrack producers learned how to make money of albums that don't appear in the film by adding the subtitle "music from and inspired by..." to their products. "Scared of Myself" is a song that lends itself to a heartbreaking moment of introspection. When that moment happens in "Spider-Man 3" this better be the song playing. It makes one wonder, though. Were My Chemical Romance, 30 Seconds to Mars, She Wants Revenge, and Interpol too busy to be included? The most interesting track

comes from indie rock favorites The Flaming Lips. "The Supreme Being Teaches Spider-Man How to Be in Love" is not only a great song title, but a catchy, mystic-sounding song as well. It is less than three and a half minutes long but seems much longer. It's the only track that could have a longer running time, and still be a good song. Snow Patrol's "Signal Fire" starts the album off with a song that sounds just like all their other songs. This isn't the song that will turn the band into a household name, but it doesn't hurt. A decent track from The Killers called "Move Away" follows and again, isn't anything that we haven't heard from the band. The Killers might be the

only band on this album that people will remember, because it sure isn't going to be Wolfmother. One track on the album is already a bona fide classic, just from another age. Chubby Checker's '50s dance hit, "The Twist" is a welcome surprise to a record that otherwise is so contemporary, it could have been pressed today with songs written yesterday. One doesn't just toss a song like that onto the soundtrack of what might be the biggest box office draw of the year without a reason. Hopefully, "The Twist" is as enjoyable to hear during the film as it is to hear on this soundtrack. It's too bad that the highlight of this album is a song that is older than even the first Spider-Man comic. Not all of the songs are bad — they just aren't likely to still be fun to listen to 50 years from now.



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For my final comic book related-article, here's a guide to the upcoming superhero film, "Spider-Man 3" and my pre-screening guess of how the film will play out.

addition of another woman to follow, I would like to see her disappear mysteriously just like she has in the comics so many times.

Venom/Eddie Brock

Topher Grace, the skinny boy from "That '70s Show," is playing quite possibly the coolest villain that the comic book has. In the comics, Eddie Brock is about 10 years older and 60 pounds heavier than Spider-Man. I think Grace works for the film because he will add a subplot in the form of Peter Parker and Eddie Brock competing as photo-journalists. The actual fight between Venom and Spider-Man will most likely be in the last 20 minutes of the film, and will be worth the price of admission by itself. All I can say is hopefully Sam Raimi doesn't kill him off.

Gwen Stacy

Bryce Dallas Howard. The only thing I've ever seen her in was "The Village." I don't know how she will work out, but I hope she does well. She will be the girl Peter falls for while under control of the black suit. This will drive a wedge between Mary Jane and Peter. She dies at the hand of Green Goblin in the comics. I'd like to see her and Peter fall into each other's arms after the mysterious disappearance of Mary Jane at the end of this film, which would make for an interesting character dynamic in future films.



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Spider-Man/Peter Parker

We all know who he is and who plays him. He will try to further his romance with Mary Jane while dealing with more villains at once than he ever has before. The addition of the Black suit will offer him the freedom of doing what he wants while conflicting with his morals, which will be the big struggle of the film. As with all the other films, he will save the day, but still be tortured by how little a difference he seems to make. Oh well, he's Spider-Man — it's his calling. My final thought is this film will be fun and interesting, just like all the previous films. Since the film deals with three villains, I think it will move along at a faster pace than the previous. I also trust Sam Raimi and crew, who have never given me a reason to dread a Spider-Man film. With that, I know I'll be there Friday.

Sandman/Flint Marko

He's not one of my favorite villains in the comics, but should be interesting. Thomas Haden Church is a good character actor, and I think he'll turn the "sympathetic" villain of the movie into a real stand-out performance. When Spider-Man gets his black suit, it makes him rather evil. Sandman will be the villain that Spider-Man goes after and will most likely kill at some point in the film.

Unknown villain/Harry Osborn

In the comics, Harry becomes the second in a long line of Green Goblins. Although, in this movie, he becomes a villain that looks like a snowboarder. I've seen the actual fight scene involving Harry and it was good. The problem is as a villain, he is non-threatening and an almost needless addition to the villains of the film. He will be severely injured by Peter Parker, who is affected by the black suit. Harry would've worked better as a "villain-behind-the-scenes," but there is nothing I can do about it.

Mary Jane Watson

Anyone who has seen the film knows who this is. After the events of the last film, she will most likely be Peter Parker's fiancé. I've never liked her as she is portrayed by Kirsten Dunst, but that's me. Still, with the

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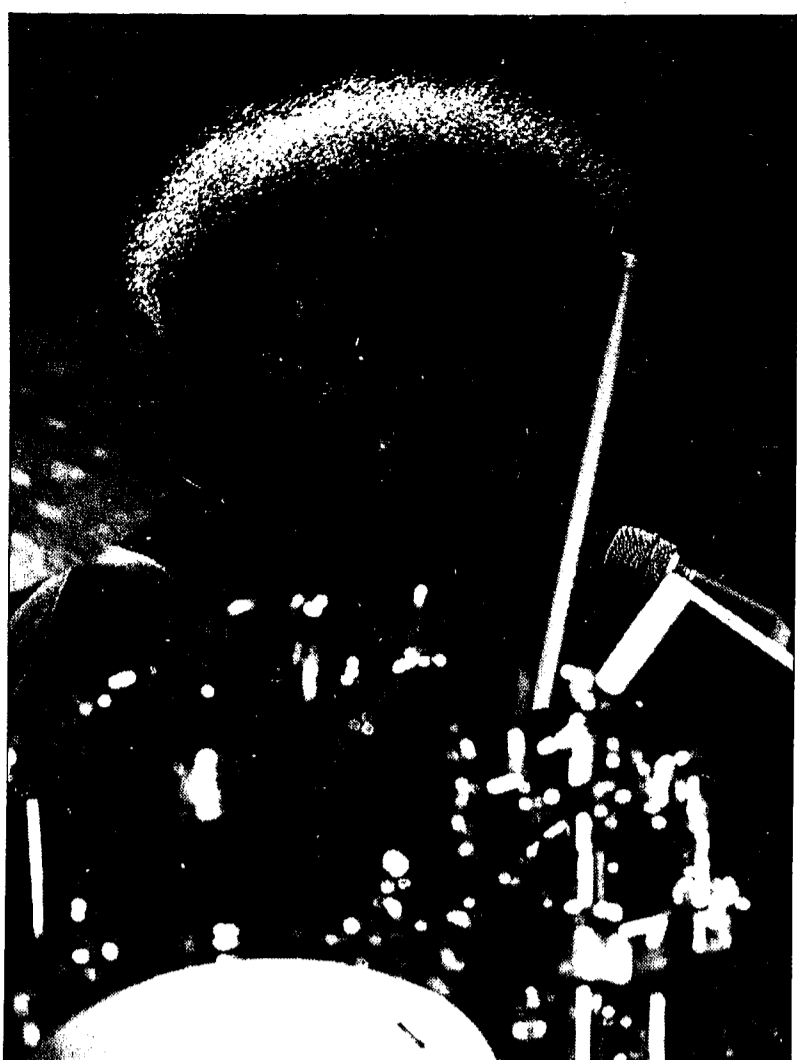
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Above: Kamal is on keyboards while Capt. Kirk plays guitar at The Roots concert Wednesday night in the Kibbie Dome. Left: Questlove multitasks drumming and singing, contributing to The Roots' sound. A Dead Week treat, ASU's Vandal Entertainment board organized the free concert for students as the semester comes to an end.

A chance to dance at African Dance Party

By Kyle Farmer
Argonaut

After being chosen to host this year's African Music Party, dubbed "Rockin' the bikes for Ghana," Mikey's Gyros is one hot spot.

Today's festivities start with something new to the mix — a free West African dance lesson and an auction to raise money for "The Village Bicycle Project."

The lessons are free and open to anyone who feels like joining in.

Eudoxie Peckham, an employee with the University of Idaho's International Programs, will be giving the lessons and has spent much of her time in western Africa.

She's 21 years old, and according to event director, Dave Vollmen, she knows what

she's doing.

"She's from Gabone, West Africa," Vollmen said. "So she's really familiar with their style of dancing."

After the half-hour lessons are over, Peckham and two of her friends will perform what the West African dance scene has to offer.

The performance style will be the same as what will be taught in the lessons.

After the three dancers perform, an open dance will start at 9 p.m.

This gives a chance for the people who took lessons to show off their new skills.

Dancers don't have to take lessons to participate in the open dance, and are free to share their own styles and expression.

There will be a DJ, with original West African vinyl brought to America from

Ghana by Eudoxie's father, Dave Peckham.

When asked about the success of past years, Peckham seemed very enthusiastic.

"We've always had a good turnout," he said. "We've been doing it the past three years, but the time of year has varied. Last year, we had a UI professor tell us that he had 'rediscovered his dancing feet.'"

After the dance, there will be a silent auction with proceeds going towards "The Bicycle Project."

The organization/fundraiser will help fund bicycle mechanics who travel to West Africa to teach people how to maintain and fix their bikes in rural villages.

The projected goal for the event is \$9,000.

Mikey's has also agreed to donate 15 percent of their sales from the night to the

same cause.

The auction will include some vintage 1970s cruisers and an original American Flyer, among other things.

Vollmen is sure of a good turnout, and said that's been the case thus far each year.

It's not just a chance to dance, but also an opportunity to experience some culture from the other side of the world, and is a definite alternative to what's typically offered in Moscow on a Friday night.

There is a request for a \$5

donation at the door, but Vollmen said no one will be turned away.

Get there early because the people who were late last year didn't get in at all.

The lessons start at 8 p.m. today at Mikey's Gyros.

ArtsBRIEFS

Pullman theatre hates Hamlet

The Pullman Civic Theatre presents "I Hate Hamlet" for seven nights in May.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. May 10-12, 18, 25, 26, and 29 at the Nye Street Theatre.

Nye Street Theatre is located at 1220 NW Nye St. Pullman.

Ticket information is at www.pullmancivictheatre.org.

Market returns this weekend

Saturday marks the beginning of the Moscow Farmer's Market's 30th year. Fifty-five vendors are set to participate in the weekly markets held from 8 a.m. to noon in the Jackson Street parking lot just off Friendship Square in downtown Moscow.

The first Farmer's Market of the year is set to include music from local favorite Chubb's Toga.

Events throughout the summer will commemorate the anniversary.

Water color artist Carla Kappler and photographer Linda Pall will present works based on images of the Farmer's Market to celebrate the beginning of this year's markets.

An opening reception will take place from 5-

7 p.m. May 11 at the Third Street Gallery located in the Moscow City Hall.

Also on display will be Tricia Gray's winning design for this year's Farmer's Market Design Competition.

The exhibit runs until June 15. Third Street Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For information on the weekly Farmer's Market or the Third Street Gallery exhibit, call the Moscow Arts Commission at 883-7036.

John's Alley ends the semester

The music scene in Moscow is looking to have a fitting finale for the semester, courtesy of John's Alley.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, Left Hand Smoke returns to the venue for an all-night show, no opening band needed.

Students can also catch Organic Flood at 9 p.m. May 9 and 10. Organic Flood features a three-piece funk and a male/female vocal team.

And if that still isn't enough for you, come back to John's Alley at 10 p.m. May 11-12 for the Ian McFeron Band. McFeron's fourth album, "Let It Ride," was released in March.

If you haven't gone back to Mom and Dad's house yet, check out the Moscow premiere of the Holden Young Trio on May 17.

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A&C offers end of the year cheers and jeers

As the semester comes to an end, the Arts and Culture staff prepares for finals, and most importantly, summer. Looking back, here's what the staff loved most about this year:

It's not something that everyone got to share in, but the best in arts this year was a class. Film as a Controversial Medium is the best film class I've taken at UI and for anyone who gets the chance to take it, it's extremely fun. We got talk about sex, violence and butter with one of UI's best teachers, Dennis West. "The Tin Drum," "A Clockwork Orange" and "Last Tango in Paris" were all on the list. I would recommend the class to anyone with an interest in film.

— Ryli Hennessey

Everybody loves a list, right? Well, here is my list of the best of the 2006-07 school year:

Best Movies: "Stranger Than Fiction" and "Grindhouse." Wildly different films, but each appealed to me in ways that no other films have this year.

Best Book: "Heart-shaped Box" by Joe Hill. Read it, love it, sit back and wait for what he will do next.

Best Music: "Straight to Hell" by Hank Williams III and "We Are Pilots" by Shiny Toy Guns. If the Hank III crowd knew I was listening to pop-phenomenon Shiny Toy Guns, I'd probably get my ass kicked. Too bad, because I like them both.

Best Comic Book: "Marvel Zombies vs. Army of Darkness" and "The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger

Born." Neither of these titles will finish until the fall but the issues released so far have been some of the craziest and most intelligent work in popular comics ever. And what could be better than zombies, Bruce Campbell's image and Stephen King drawn up by the best from Marvel?

Best Place: Sisters' Brew Coffeehouse. The best hot chocolate and most welcoming service I've had at any business, anywhere. Finals week would be a perfect time to drop \$3.50 for the chocolate espresso cake.

— T.J. Tranchell

The best thing by far that happened this year was "Death of a Salesman." It is my all-time favorite play, and I was ecstatic when I heard the theater department was producing it. When I went, I got the perfect seat — about a third of the way up, and right in the middle. Dan Peterson, the guest actor who played Willy, was a very talented and convincing actor. It was a great rendering of Arthur Miller's poignant play.

— Lauren Lepinski

Of all the movies, music and plays I've witnessed this year, "Death of a Salesman" stood out because it was a well-done performance of an award-winning play that really challenges the senses.

— Brandon Macz

The best thing about this year was being able to take a more active role in reviewing comics. I got to step out and share my passion and the expert-



Dan Peterson as Willy Loman rehearses a dramatic scene from "Death of a Salesman" with fellow cast member Matt Smith in October

ise that I have in comics with The Argonaut. I got to share cool comic talk with some of my fellow writers and tell people what comics I like and why I like them.

As it is with the rest of my career at The Argonaut, I'm also glad that I got a chance to be exposed to some great art around Moscow.

— Michael Howell

• With summer around the corner, jobs, movies, concerts and death

metal lie on the horizon.

Here's what A&C is looking forward to:

There are a lot of concerts coming up over the next few months for anyone lucky enough to be on a tour stop. The show I am most looking forward to is the Slayer/Marilyn Manson tour.

MM has a new album coming out soon called "Eat Me, Drink Me," the tour will support and I'm looking for-

ward to that, also.

Having Slayer open the show is a bonus that few people deserve to see. The band's best days might be behind them, but that doesn't mean Slayer can't bring the pain for a live show.

If death metal isn't your thing, maybe you can go see Panic! At The Disco or whatever emo/pop/wuss band is popular that week.

— T.J. Tranchell

I am looking forward to exploring the surrounding areas of the Palouse and seeing why, of all the people who come here, so many have stayed. The parks, camping and hiking all seem like they fit in well on the Palouse.

— Brandon Macz

Again, this one is all comics. I'm looking forward to having a steady job that will allow me some comic book money. I also look forward to having more free time to write some reviews for www.silverbullet-comics.com.

— Michael Howell

I really hate summer blockbusters, but I always look forward to watching and bitching about the bad ones. I'm really looking forward to complaining about Johnny Depp in the new "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie and making fun of my friends and family for actually paying to watch another crappy "Shrek" movie. One movie that might be so ridiculous that it is actually good: "Live Free or Die Hard." I love bad action films.

— Ryli Hennessey

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purely for fun, sometimes a couple would become serious, and decide they were "going steady." After going steady for a while, sometimes the man would "pin" the woman.

"Pinning was when a man in a fraternity gave his girlfriend his fraternity pin," Lyle said. "It was like you were engaged to be engaged. A lot of girls would put the pin on a chain with their own pin."

Women who were pinned would have a small ceremony with their sorority or living group. The men would have to go through much more: a ritual

called "tubbing."

"Tubbing is where the other boys in the fraternity loosely tie the guy up and dunk him in a trough," Lyle said. "Someone would come tell the girlfriend what they'd done, and she'd have to rescue her boyfriend from the tub and untie him. It was pretty fun."

Lyle herself was pinned only once. In the spring of 1953, the boyfriend she had been dating most of the fall gave her his pin.

"He did it even though he knew I was leaving for the University of Oregon," Lyle said. "We did the tubbing and all that. We stayed pinned all summer, but decided not to get engaged in the end. It was kind of a rite of passage I thought I

needed to go through."

Into today

As time passes, some traditions fade.

Jessica Brown, 20, is the current president of the Alpha Phi sorority.

"I have heard of pinning," Brown said. "The frequency of it has dropped though. It still goes on, but not nearly as much. I think it's changed because of our culture."

According to Brown, dinner dates are very popular.

"Dinner is a great way to get to know someone," Brown said. "Sangria is a good place to go for a nice dinner date."

Group dates aren't as popular as they used to be, Brown

said.

"For most students, I don't think it's as widespread," Brown said. "But for sororities and fraternities, it is. We tend to throw functions that require lots of people in one place."

Instead of large school-wide dances, sororities and fraternities hold events such as "tie exchanges." Fraternity men bring over a box of ties, and Alpha Phi members pick a tie. Their date to the event is the owner of the tie.

"They are really fun," Brown said. "You meet men you might never otherwise see."

Alpha Phi women also do progressive dinners. They eat four different courses at four different fraternities.

Brown said a good place on-

campus for a date is The Perch.

"It's a central location," Brown said. "It's a fun place, and you can meet a variety of people."

Off-campus, Brown suggests the bars.

"There is a big bar scene in Moscow," Brown said. "A lot of people like the Corner Club. Personally, I prefer the Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company. It's the right place for a good quiet dinner."

As for how much people "date around," Brown said it is frequent.

"People do date around," Brown said. "But I know as many people that only date one person. But I think people feel like college is the time to have fun before they settle down."

As technology progresses, new avenues are opened for people to find dates. One such development is online dating. Sites like Match.com and Cupid.com charge an application fee for users to create a profile and find personality matches.

"I think it's definitely a dating resource," Brown said. "It seems like a good way to weed out people that you wouldn't get along with."

Brown said personally she would never use the Internet to find a date.

"I know a lot of people that do it," Brown said. "But I need to be around people and see how they react around my friends, and if they're sociable."

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Tea gets funky bags, serious provenances

By J.M. Hirsch
Associated Press

So long stodgy image. With surprising speed, tea has mimicked coffee's almost comedic transformation from simple morning jolt to hip have-it-your-way drink (Will it be organic soy froth or hormone-free, fat-free cream with your shade-grown, fair trade dark roast?)

Those reliable bags of black tea your grandmother carried in her purse have given way to a rainbow of hues, a cornucopia of flavors, satchels of all sizes and shapes, and a whole new language for describing the minutia of it all.

"In the next couple years you're going to see movies and TV shows making fun of people who drink tea the way they do now about people drinking lattes," says Mark Blumenthal, executive director of the American Botanical Council, which tracks tea trends.

The growth of the tea market has been impressive, going from a \$1.8 billion industry in 1990 to \$6.5 billion last year, according to the Tea Association of the USA. And the group, which represents the tea industry, predicts continued strong growth.

Why now? Studies touting tea's good-for-you qualities are a big part of it. But so too is the insatiable American appetite for the new and the different. And when consumers came looking for better options than the bitter brews of the past, the industry answered.

So basic black has been joined by red, white, green and a plethora of herbal blends. And they come in traditional bags, spacious conical sacks, perforated foil tubes, loose leaves, even as whole dried flowers which "bloom" as they unfurl and fill your teapot.

Of course, there also are the hugely

popular bottled tea drinks, which account for the majority of tea consumed in the U.S. And though they represent a small piece of the market, organic and fair trade teas are lining up to tempt the socially conscious drinker.

Call it the Starbucks effect, says Marshall Malone, president of Somersworth, N.H.-based Portsmouth Tea Company, which markets dozens of tea blends and even offers a tea sommelier service to help customers match the right tea to their event.

Thanks to the cafe culture that persuaded Americans that fancy hot drinks can be an everyday indulgence, more people are taking tea much more seriously, he says. And companies such as Malone's — among many, many others — were quick to respond.

"It's a sexy product," says Malone, whose creatively named teas include Sun Blossom, Dragonwell Extra Special and Budding Love. "It smells good. It tastes good. And now we're talking about tea and food pairings, and cooking with tea."

While all this has stirred much excitement among industry insiders, some nevertheless urge caution.

Starbucks didn't transform coffee overnight, says Michael Cramer, marketing manager for Clifton, N.J.-based Adagio Teas. And many convenience-driven Americans simply aren't ready to embrace the more labor-intensive loose and specialty teas.

"Don't jam loose tea, gourmet tea and high-end procedures down their throats," he says.

It's a lesson he says many restaurants learned after rushing to offer tea services, then quickly canceling them when they proved too troublesome for the staff and not sufficiently popular with customers.

And while spending on tea is up, with the exception of breakfast tea, consumption across the day has been

mostly flat, say Harry Balzer, of market research firm NPD Group. Consumption of tea during breakfast has seen modest growth.

Whether the tea industry takes big or baby steps in coming years, the budding interest has prompted serious innovation in a beverage that otherwise has been mostly unchanged for thousands of years.

Here's some of what you already can see (and sip):

Variety

Think you don't like tea? You clearly haven't tried any lately. Not because they are so much better than before (though many are). Rather, that variety now is so overwhelming it's hard not to find something to like.

Tea companies large and small offer overwhelming options, from sit-up-straight black teas to mellow whites and greens to fruity reds and herbals (properly called tisanes) with the fragrance and flavor of Kool-Aid.

Tea aficionados are quick to point out that herbals (such as rooibos, yerba mate and chamomile) aren't true teas (only those made from the leaves of the camellia sinensis plants qualify), but that hasn't slowed the growth of these easy-to-enjoy drinks.

And have you checked out the beverage cooler lately? Ready-to-drink bottled teas (the fastest growing of the tea categories) come in dozens of brands and varieties, including long-timer Snapple and the

un- (and barely) sweetened drinks of Honest Tea.

Realizing the power of the iced tea market, many companies (such as Numi) also have introduced tea bags specifically for iced tea.

Technology

Still using traditional tea bags? How old school.



Assuming you even still buy bagged teas, the traditional satchel is so not hip. Today's teas come in cone- and pyramid-shaped bags, the gist of which is to provide more space to allow a freer flow of water around the tea leaves.

While some of it is marketing hype, these bags can brew better tea, says Denise Hall, an instructor at the Culinary Institute of America who specializes in tea and coffee. That's because the better the flow of water, the better the brew.

Tea sticks are another innovation.

These perforated foil straws contain tea and allow for simultaneous stirring and steeping.

And of course there are all sorts of electronic gizmos, such as timers and coffee maker-like brewers, which Malone of Portsmouth Tea Company says has helped attract a younger, more tech-driven demographic.

But it's not just the gear. Understanding of the science behind tea also has developed. Tea companies are working hard to educate consumers about the need to brew different varieties of tea at different temperatures and for different lengths of time.

White teas, for example, do best with just 3 to 4 minutes of brewing in 180 F water. Herbals and pu-erh teas (sometimes called aged black teas), on the other hand, do better with a longer steep in water at 205 F.

Provenance and Politics

Like coffee and chocolate, tea can have serious labor and agricultural politics attached to it. As in so

much of the food world, organic and fair trade are emerging issues that are expected to become substantial forces in the market.

"It's probably less than 5 percent of the total market, but that 5 percent represents a very important, or very pregnant segment," says the American Botanical Council's Blumenthal. "You could very easily see that become 20 or 25 percent during the next five years."

Also increasingly common are single estate teas, or teas that come from one region or even one farm.

'American Idol' creator says change and charity are good

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

"American Idol" creator Simon Fuller was determined to stretch the boundaries of the hit TV show this season, staging an ambitious charity special and a songwriting contest.

So far, he's more than pleased with the results.

The online competition to create the new idol's first single got off to a robust start with

nearly 30,000 entries, which were winnowed down to 20. Voting on those was to begin after Wednesday's show, with the most popular song performed later this month by the top two finalists and the winner recording it.

The entries were screened by Fuller and series producers and include "a handful of world-class songs," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Any tinkering with the Fox series — the centerpiece of a hugely lucrative franchise that includes albums and concerts — is carefully considered but vital, Fuller said.

"When you're sitting in the amazing position of having the biggest show, it's a great opportunity to experiment," he said. "You either sit there and think, 'It's great' and wait for it to fall apart, or say, 'Right, we're No. 1, how do we

maintain, improve the show and the interactivity with our viewers?'"

His eye and ear for what the public wants is undeniable — other accomplishments include managing the Spice Girls and Annie Lennox. On the just-released annual list of Britain's richest musical figures, Fuller landed in the top five along with Paul McCartney and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

But Fuller's clout didn't make it a breeze to turn TV's top-rated series into a charity vehicle.

"I think with everyone ... primarily the network, there was a little bit of trepidation. We have a good thing going and when you look to change it in a way that's never been done before, it makes people nervous," he said.

"With credit to all concerned, they backed me on it," Fuller said. "Along the way,

there were a lot of questions asked, lots of worrying faces. But we pulled it off."

He was inspired to act by friend and filmmaker Richard Curtis ("Notting Hill," "Love Actually"), a founder of Britain's Red Nose Day charity event.

Curtis had long wanted to stretch his fundraising to America and suggested that "American Idol" would be the perfect vehicle.

"Idol Gives Back," last week's two-night fundraiser for relief agencies serving needy families in America and Africa, drew pledges of \$70 million with the help of borrowed star power from Bono, Celine Dion and others.

President Bush weighed in on the results in a taped appearance on Tuesday's show, thanking viewers "who have shown the good heart of America."

One element in "Idol Gives Back" that Fuller concedes could have been done differently: Although it was decided to refrain from bouncing a contestant last Tuesday in the spirit of the evening, the show briefly made it appear that Jordin Sparks was in jeopardy.

That drew sharp criticism from some viewers — in hindsight, Fuller said, they might have handled it differently.

He has no second thoughts about this season, which some have called lackluster although ratings have remained strong.

"This has been an intriguing year. It's been a slow burn in terms of getting to know the talent ... It's more of a journey than ever this year," he said. Two or three "terrific" contestants have emerged that Fuller sees dueling until the last.

"No names," he said, diplomatically.

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Bigotry saves the day, the Cartman way

By T.J. Tranchell
Argonaut

"South Park" has come a long way since the days of killing Kenny every week and Cartman's constant intolerance. The show is more mature in its eleventh season and is no longer as subversive as it once was. Just kidding. If anything, the current season is taking many of the same risks previous seasons have, and some even more outrageous. Seven episodes into the season and creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone have already topped some of their best work while keeping at the forefront of current events. The first episode followed Stan Marsh's dad, Randy, after he missed the final round puzzle on "Wheel of Fortune." The clue was "people who annoy you," and the answer — "naggers." Randy ends up apologizing to

Jesse Jackson and later meets up with Michael Richards of "Seinfeld" fame. Eventually, the group Randy and Richards belong to convinces Congress to pass a law banning the use of the N-word any closer than seven words to the word "guy." It's reverse racism at its funniest and most revealing. Only a show like "South Park" could get away with something like this. The best line from the show is when Token, the only black child in South Park Elementary, tells Stan that Jesse Jackson is not the king of black people. "He told my dad he was," Stan answers. Cartman fights a midget, too. Or was he a dwarf? Or a little person? Everyone has a line that can't be crossed and the second episode probably crossed it for many. Cartman and Butters get caught in a compromising situation and Butters gets sent to "Bicurious Christian Camp."

Many of the boys at the camp are driven to suicide because they can't come to terms with feelings they may not even have. Overzealous camp counselors push the boys to places they shouldn't go, and the results aren't pleasant. The episode addresses one of the toughest issues Stone and Parker have ever tackled, and is one of the few times they fall short of whatever goal it was they were trying to accomplish. When "South Park" takes on more political issues, the show gets back on track. "Lice Capades" is the third episode and while not great, it isn't bad. The point is everyone has lice, either literally or figuratively. Get over it. Episode four, "The Snuke," is the best of the half-season. The episode sets itself up as a "24" spoof, taking shots at the popular FOX show better than many other attempts at such. A new kid joins the class and Cartman instantly suspects the Middle Eastern

boy of being a terrorist. He calls the CIA, not knowing that Hillary Clinton is on her way to South Park for a rally. Cartman enlists Kyle and his computer skills to help track the alleged terrorist. It turns out that there is a terrorist plot unraveling in South Park, but Cartman's suspect is not involved. Instead, Russians have planted a nuclear device inside Clinton, but even they are not the instigators of the foul plot. Without revealing the twist, let's just say that the true terrorists are on the other side of the Atlantic, but not as far as we've been led to believe. Cartman takes credit for stopping the terrorists even though his original idea proves false. "You see, my racism and bigotry saved the day," Cartman says, with the vigor only a truly intolerant person could have. Next is another religion-bashing episode involving a secret organiza-

tion called "The Hare Club for Men," which protects a dark mystery surrounding the beginnings of Catholicism. Crazy Easter bunnies, delusional cardinals and a lame-duck pope all get in on the fun. Much bloody mayhem ensues but the only people who learn anything are the South Park boys. The Church goes on its merry way, just with a new and furrier leader. A spoof of "300" with Mr. Garrison defending a lesbian bar and "Night of the Living Homeless" in which a plague of homeless people takes over South Park, complete the first half of the season. Each has its moments and warrant further viewing. Season 11 has the potential to become the best year of "South Park" ever, reaching the heights of seasons three and nine, widely regarded as the tops for the show. Time, and the remaining episodes, will tell.

Prosecutors suggest 45 days in jail for 'Simple Life' star Paris Hilton

By Sandy Cohen
AP Entertainment Writer

Paris Hilton will have a very unglamorous new address if prosecutors get their way: the Los Angeles County jail. The city attorney's office filed documents in Superior Court recommending the hotel heiress and TV star be jailed for 45 days for violating terms of her probation for an alcohol-related reckless driving conviction. Prosecutors also want Hilton to stay away from alcohol for 90 days and wear a monitoring device that will chart whether she complies. And they are seeking to have her license suspended for an additional four months. The recommendation will be reviewed by a judge when Hilton appears for a probation violation hearing on Friday. The judge can accept it or impose a different penalty. The maximum penalty is 90 days in jail. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo said Hilton is being treated the same as anyone else. "Anyone who would have conducted themselves in a way that resulted in this set of facts, we would have made the same recommendation

of 45 days in county jail, regardless of whether they were a celebrity or not," he said Thursday. Delgadillo said he is requesting Hilton serve her time in the county jail, but where she is incarcerated is up to the judge. He said Hilton could request to be housed in a jail of her choice but if the judge grants that she would be required to pay the costs of her incarceration. Hilton, 26, pleaded no contest in January to reckless driving stemming from a Sept. 7 arrest in Hollywood. Police said she appeared intoxicated and failed a field sobriety test. She had a blood-alcohol level of .08 percent, the level at which an adult driver is in violation of the law. Hilton said she had only a single margarita at a charity event that evening but may have been "speeding a little bit" while on her way to get a hamburger. A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is equivalent to a guilty plea for determining sentencing. She was sentenced to 36 months probation, alcohol education and \$1,500 in fines. Two other traffic stops are what landed Hilton back in court. On Jan. 15 she was pulled over by California Highway Patrol. Officers

informed Hilton she was driving on a suspended license and she signed a document acknowledging she was not to drive, according to court papers. She then was stopped by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies on Feb. 27 and charged with violating her probation. Police said she was pulled over at about 11 p.m. after authorities saw the car speeding with its headlights off. Hilton's spokesman, Elliot Mintz, said at the time she wasn't aware her license was suspended. A call Thursday to Mintz was not immediately returned. Prosecutors say by signing the document after the first incident Hilton knew she was not to drive. They also note that as of April 17 she had yet to enroll in the required alcohol education program. Hilton, heiress to the Hilton Hotel fortune, first gained notoriety for her hard partying as a teen. She attracted worldwide attention when a sex tape she made with a boyfriend was released on the Internet. She stars in the E! reality-TV series, "The Simple Life," now in its fifth season, with Nicole Richie. She appeared in the 2005 film, "House of Wax" and recently finished filming "The Hot Chick and the Nottie." She also is a handbag designer and has a namesake perfume.

MTV moving VMAs from New York to Las Vegas

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Music Writer

The MTV Video Music Awards are synonymous with debauchery, so it makes sense that the annual event has found a new home in Sin City — Las Vegas. After broadcasting from New York last year, the awards will air live from the Palms Casino Resort on September 9. But the network promises that the awards show will not be a one-day offering, but a three-day bash with several events leading up to the big night. "We really want to showcase a lot of new talent ... and have performances all around town, really driving into the show on Sunday," the show's executive producer, Jesse Ignjatovic, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "It's going to be a full weekend event." MTV plans to use every inch of the Palms for the show, including its suites and rooftop club, to move away from a stage-show format. In addition, the repeats of the VMAs that have always saturated the network in the days after the event will be no more. Instead, MTV

will broadcast "remix" versions of the show, with viewers helping to determine what clips will be replayed. "We really want it to be you tune in that night and what happens you might not see again," Ignjatovic said. "The versions that follow the premiere will all be unique and original and different from the actual show. September's show will mark the show's 24th year. In recent years it has been criticized for being staid, a far cry from its zany past and the jaw-dropping moments it generated, like the Britney Spears-Madonna kiss. Ignjatovic, who has developed several shows for the network, says that by moving the show to Las Vegas and changing the way it's produced, "that's going to inject a new kind of life into the format, hopefully." "It's really shaking up the way things are done," he said. "It's really taking people out of their comfort zone, taking some chances." This isn't the first time MTV has moved the VMAs out of their hometown of New York. In 2004 and 2005, Miami's American Airlines Arena hosted the event.

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OurVIEW

The Argonaut's Turkeys of the Year 2007

A few weeks ago, former Argonaut editor Michael Kirk stopped by the office. While here, he showed the current editors one of his crowning achievements: a 1971 cover story featuring an administrator he'd named "Turkey of the Year."

We dig tradition here at the Arg, so here's a little end-of-the-semester fun. The Argonaut's Turkeys (and Heroes) of the Year 2007.

The Turkeys

Wendy Shattuck: The associate vice president for marketing and strategic communication isn't the only person behind the \$900,000 "Open Space. Open Minds" ad campaign, but she's certainly its driving promotional force. The pricey campaign has been met mostly by dislike or disinterest among students — not exactly a whopping success.

Shattuck has also taken the "strategic communication" part of her title a little too strategically, and certain branches of University Communications and Marketing have turned into public-relations monsters that seek to manipulate the media and kill any information that might make the university "look bad." And to anyone who thinks The Arg should also be a PR vehicle for the university — you dudes are Turkeys, too.

Dennis Erickson: Mr. "I'm a Vandal 'til I retire" bolted for Arizona State as soon as the smell of sweet, sweet cash came drifting his way. He stopped only to insult the

players and leave the university feeling like chumps on the way out of town. Hey Dennis? You didn't exactly give us a winning season, anyway.

Lloyd Mues: The newest vice president of finance and administration has done a decent job, but his big failure was a honking huge one. The Wheatland Express funding situation could have been solved in one easy move early on, but instead it dragged on and on. When Mues finally decided to give the bus the money it needed, it was a little too late to look benevolent.

The ASUI Senate (sometimes): The Senate has done some good work this year, but it's been so buried under petty squabbles and time-wasting that it's hard to tell what that work was. Special Turkey shout-outs go to any senator who contributed to the death of the redistricting amendment, and to Sen. Justin Kempf for writing the total-waste-of-time Punschcan voting bill.

The State Board of Education: The SBOE supposedly supports students, yet it confusingly cut money from a modest fee proposal that was largely supported by students. UI needs money for programs, maintenance and more, and the SBOE has to approve it. Guys, we're drowning here. Toss us a life jacket instead of an anchor.

• We criticize things at UI because we love this place and want it to be continuously better. But it would be wrong to call out Turkeys without recognizing the people

whose work has made UI a happier, more effective place. Here they are...

The Heroes

Jack Brown, biodiesel guru: Brown, a UI professor of plant breeding and genetics, has kept UI at the forefront of alternative energy by helping secure a \$2 million, five-year biodiesel research grant for the university. Brown is working to breed high-quality oilseed plants to create high-quality biofuel, and he's involving UI students in the process. This research further proves that UI has the people and programs to make it a powerhouse in the alternative fuels market.

UI track and field and women's golf teams: These upstanding student-athletes stomped all over the notion that Vandal athletes have no chance of winning. Women's golf recently raked in first place in the WAC tournament. Several members of the track and field team broke records and were nationally ranked during the indoor season, and the men's team placed third in the WAC. These students showed exemplary effort and teamwork, and are excellent representatives for UI.

The ASUI executive branch (sometimes): When leadership was necessary in the Wheatland Express bus debacle and the university bureaucracy wasn't providing it, ASUI President Berto Cerrillo and Vice President Travis Shofner stepped in with a solution that made students happy. There were other moments when the guys got caught up

in ASUI infighting, but the bus move was so smooth it makes their record as three-semester leaders shine.

Robb Akey: He's not Dennis Erickson, and for that we're thrilled. Akey has stepped in to provide solid leadership for a football team in need. His professional handling of the recent Marvin C. Jones Jr. coke-dealing case proves that he's got the skills needed to whip the team into shape off the field as well as on. Akey may not get the worship Erickson did, but he doesn't need it. He can be an excellent coach without billboards and T-shirts emblazoned with his face.

Volunteers: Alternative Service Break, KaBOOM!, Kids on Campus, blood drives, food drives, book drives — UI students have stepped up to offer their money and time to better the community and the world. Not only has the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action grown, there are hundreds of quiet acts of kindness at UI every day. Whether it's picking up trash or building someone a new home, students are there to help, and we thank them.

• And that ends our list — for this year. Another semester will be here before we know it, and everyone at UI has the choice to be a Turkey or a Hero. Pick the best one. — T.R., for the editorial board

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

'Tis the season

True pros in the journalism field, our editors are taking this last issue of The Argonaut to show what they've learned at UI by breaking every rule of journalism ever taught to us by student media advisor Shawn O'Neal. Enjoy.

Red pens

You know something really funny that happened at The Argonaut this year? All our red pens were stolen!!!

When asked why he stole them, KUOI News Director Andy Jacobson said he thought it was funny.

"It was funny," said Jacobsen in an e-mail.

We at The Argonaut didn't think so then, but we think so now! Here's hoping the University commends you on your comic effort, Andy!!!

— Tara
"Hear me on this — boxes are for sim-pletons. There is no need for you to surround your text on all sides to set it off."
— Shawn

A fond farewell

I'm kind of at a loss for what to say, this being my last off the cuff. Well... have a great summer! I here are some things you should try to do:

- Enjoy some time in the sun (even if you have to travel far to do it!)
 - Make some money, but don't work too hard, cause that defeats the purpose of vacation!
 - Read a good book!
 - Relax, so you can feel recovered for the coming school year! (Or your life, if you're graduating)
- Miranda

"Every time you use an exclamation point, God kills a kitten."
— Shawn

Pertinent issues

As those of you who follow my writing may know, I feel strongly about raising awareness about pertinent issues; it is so important for people to know and understand everything going on in the world. You know, there's like death and stuff going on all over; and something needs to be done; This is a call to arms! Let's start a task force to raise awareness about pertinent issues on campus!

— Savannah
"Cynthia, what is with you and the I. You kill more kittens than anybody I know. Does that make you happy? Does it!?"
— Shawn

Peace out!

I am going to miss this place so much! Not! Well maybe a little! I mean I've had some good memories here; some I remember, some I don't! I know that sounds cliché, but I love clichés! And exclamation points!!! Because I am a human exclamation point! P.S. A little shout out to the two guys I'm going to miss most! Here's to you Shawn and Max!

— Cynthia

"Getting shot hurts"

I, personally, am not always a fan of former President Regan's policies when he was in office; but I can still respect the man; and I find his life fascinating. All talk and no action, that wasn't him. Though some feel he made an impact because he sent us down the slippery slope of economics: It's all the more interesting now that his diaries from the years he was in office are being offered in published form... In the end, they're a great read so far — better than a sharp stick in the eye.

— Nate

TTYL

In my experience so far, college has been a family affair. In a few days though, I will sit amongst my relatives and watch my brother walk towards the stage and receive his diploma. I don't know what be his chosen profession, but up until now he has been a constant advisor and steadfast friend. We didn't see each other as often as I would have liked, but our mom sent us money on our birthdays each year so we could have a nice diner together. We spent the money on taquitos and beer, and that's what it's all about. So good luck my friend, I'm sure you'll find your niche. Just remember, go for the glory!

— Alec
"We need to get away from the word 'glory' — as it means nothing. It's a nebulous word that has no real meaning."
— Shawn

Oh, the glory days

Christmas came early this year and it's graduation already. I guess in the end you start thinking about the beginning. Well, I really feel like I gave

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MailBOX

Trading Post site at risk for scam artists

Everyone running ads on ASUI Trading Post Web site needs to be aware of the scammers that come along on there. Recently, Monday night this week, I received a letter from a Jennifer Woods, looking for a place to live and wanting me to send her my full name and address so that she can send me a money order. I wasn't advertising a room/house etc. for rent. I was selling a boat. That is a big clue that she is scamming.

The administrative assistant for the ASUI office isn't responsible for these matters, so don't bother sending her any information, they won't pass it on. So I am attempting to warn all those that may not be aware of how easy it is to be scammed by people. Please be wary and don't ever, ever send your full name and address out to anyone. If they are purchasing something from you, it's better to wait until they are here in person to give the information.

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Freshman, family and consumer sciences

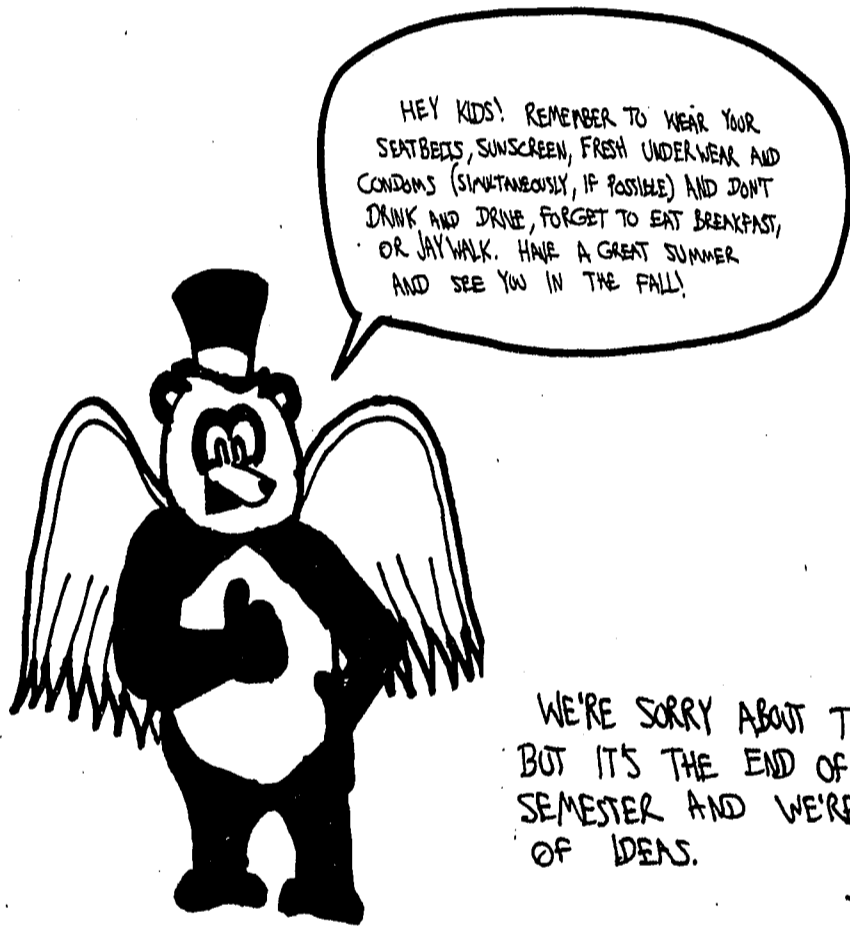
Thank you for Saturday of Service

The Women in Science Stateline Wetland Project would like to thank lots of people for making the Saturday of Service tree planting at the wetland so successful. We planted more than 240 shrubs and trees on Saturday morning. Thank you to David Tighe, Megan Steele, Amy Huddleston, John Adkins, Adam Thuen, Ryan Hruza, Christina Lords, Amanda Gray, Christine Tiddens, Andrew Faulman, Melissa Allowatt, Katelyn Foiles, Melissa Larser, Brittney Goodwin, Lindy Merida, Kelli Dronen, Thomas Opryszek, Justin Doble and Dan Jaklich.

You all pitched in and made the tree planting fast and fun. Thanks also to Trish Heekin from the Latah Soil & Water Conservation District for putting us on the give away plant list. And thanks to the following for donating plants: Free Conservation Trees and Shrubs for Fish and Wildlife Habitat, distributed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Clearwater Region and the Latah Wildlife Association. Finally, thanks to Tracy Brown at PCEI for all her expertise and the crew for mowing the area we planted.

Lissa Firor, Christine Keehner, Brooke Knutzen-Kreger, Marie Pengilly, Chris Dixon
Women in Science

STUDIES STILL INDICATE THAT COLLEGE STUDENTS TEND TO REMEMBER THINGS THAT THEY HEARD FROM WINGED TOP-HAT WEARING PANDA BEARS, SO HERE'S YOUR TYPICAL BEGINNING-OF-SUMMER WISDOM...



WE'RE SORRY ABOUT THIS, BUT IT'S THE END OF THE SEMESTER AND WE'RE OUT OF IDEAS.

Paul Tong/Argonaut

La Vida Lohan: A Mother's Day tribute

I have a little thing for Lindsay Lohan.

When I look at Lindsay, I'm overcome with a powerful feeling. Disgust? Admiration? Both?

She ODs. She wears lawn-chair-print clothing. She loses 30 pounds in a week. She's late on the set. She uses poor grammar. She's orange-colored.

But I have a soft spot for psychos. Lindsay rose high in my heart after her erratic behavior when she broke up with Wilmer. Skeletor, non-Skeletor, Lindsay makes losing weight look like throwing a yo-yo.

After "Mean Girls," la Lohan became my household saint. She's like a younger, sluttier, less interesting but way more approachable Kate Moss. Plus, the little Lolita and I have a lot in common. We're same age, we both have red hair. Immediately, I bought leggings and started to carry bigger bags.

In understanding la vida Lohan, one must know that Lindsay's most necessary accessory is her mother, Dina, who is in last month's Harper's Bazaar.

Like many features in a fashion magazine, the emphasis is on the visual. Dina Lohan wears the clothes well but the woman could spearhead a sunscreen campaign as whole families could reside in the folds on her face. She is what we call a cougar.

Regardless of what she looks like, out of this woman's magical gams emerged the lovely Lindsay, the impish little thing with the strange fashion sense and open Ecstasy habit.

The focus of the piece was on this cougar's prowess as a mama. The American public has made up its mind about Dina and Lindsay's obvious disregard for social norms. Because her daughter acts like a nitwit and Dina lets Lindsay, at 21 years of age, fall on her head and publicly embarrass herself, we've decided she's a bad mom.

In the interview, Dina describes her life as a mother as a dream. "I'm just living the dream," she said gripping a glass of bubbly. With those words, Dina handed the critics a loaded gun. What kind of mother has a dream that involves her child's drug use, illicit sex and unwarranted fashion risks?

But I'm asking, what kind of public doesn't see the distinction between a child and an adult? What kind of public judges a parent who lets their adult offspring live their own lives?

I'm sick of the judgment. It's easy to slam into mothers like Dina who wear silly clothes and go clubbing. What isn't easy is to realize that we're dealing with adults here on all sides. Dina is under no obligation to play the



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Bush can veto himself

Sometimes I get the feeling that giving "the commander guy" in chief the power of veto was a bad idea. Bypassing historical examples from the past, the latest event in D.C. really gets me choked up.

Premier Bush vetoed an Iraq war spending bill Tuesday apparently because he disagreed with the specifications of a timeline that explained just when troops would be vacating Iraq.

"The question is, 'Who ought to make that decision, the Congress or the commanders?'" Bush said. "As you know, my position is clear—I'm the commander guy."

Personally, I preferred it when he was just "the decider," because it didn't emphasize an idiot's arrogance so much. Now, it should be obvious that this man has lost his mind. You know it's bad when the guy is giving himself nicknames.

The question is, why can't the president commit to a deadline? What miracle is he waiting for in the Middle East? Perhaps the Shiites and Sunnis will put down their guns and pick up the hookah.

Bush used his first term in office to lie his way into Iraq and now, with no hope of running in '08, he's using every power at his disposal to stay

there. But, why? What more, militarily, can the United States offer?

Besides, we have many more enemies out there that pose a greater physical (not economic) threat to this country. With Hussein out of the picture, one would think Bush had made his daddy proud and was ready to deal with current international threats. Suckers!

"It didn't make any sense to impose the will of politicians over the recommendations of our military commanders in the field," Bush said.

For the proud patriot that President Bush claims to be, he seems to forget domestic advice as quickly as he uses

military advice to sustain his own campaign of terror on the Middle East. Perhaps if he had read a couple memos near the beginning of his first term in office, he wouldn't have a national tragedy to fall back on.

Isn't anyone else tired of hearing the rants about the "evildoers" from Iraq when everyone knows the majority of terrorists responsible for 9/11 were from Saudi Arabia? I never hear anyone bring this stuff up. If 9/11 was the catalyst for reinvigorating the nation's lust for conquest, why hasn't anyone suggested hopping over to Saudi Arabia?

We had no real premise for going into Iraq so why not play hop-sotch with our military might?

Is it because the Bush Family has a close relationship with the Saudi government? Is it because Vice President Cheney has been assessing our energy policy with millions of dollars from oil profits in his pants? Who knows for sure how contemporary politics works?

This veto can't all be blamed on the president, however, since Congress failed to override the veto with a two-thirds vote. What all of this suggests, considering America is technically in debt up to its oversized ears (PATRIOT ACT reference, hope you got it) is that it isn't really about how much the United States is willing to spend in Iraq, but the amount of time.

Perhaps the fault lies in this sappy critic. It just seems that a war between a reformed Christian president and the sensitive balance of the Muslim world will only end in heartbreak... or leg amputations.

So, Congress, would you please do something about Bush? I know it is hard and sometimes he cries when he doesn't get his way, but drawing out this war on Iraq is a waste of time, money and life, life being most important.

Welcome to life, hope you enjoy it

Another school year closes out and leaves us all to wonder: What next? For many of us the answer is easy. Another 1-3 years left before graduation, before having to face the bigger question looming over the heads of graduating seniors.

For those students with a few more years to go, see you in August. Have a great summer of interning or traveling the world or lounging out on your parents' couch.

Whatever it is you want to do, come back safe. For students graduating or — say it isn't so — just not coming back, welcome to the real world. Hope you brought your security blanket because you are going to need it.

The good news is that you should be better prepared for the onslaught of torture than if you'd jumped into the fire right out of high school.

I did that and, look at me now. If I get my B.A. before I'm 30, I'll be happy. But it does give me a chance to pass along some advice.

Do not take the first job you are offered.

Just because you have a degree in a certain field, doesn't mean that is what you have to do. John Grisham was a lawyer before becoming a best-selling author. Besides, after studying the same thing for four years, do you really want to start the next 40 years of your life doing the same thing? Or even 20 years? Welcome to life. You'll be lucky to have job that long.

Take a vacation.

Before the first financial aid bill comes to your mailbox, use a few bucks and go somewhere. Go somewhere you've never been and enjoy it before you never get to go anywhere again. Go somewhere you visited before college and notice if you see it in a different way. Just go.

Read a book, please.

So many people stop reading once they finish school. Reading another book is not the first thing on the mind of a new degree holder, but if you stop reading now, you may never read again.

Don't be afraid of novels or travel books either. It is fine to dumb down.

Don't expect to change your diet.

So you won't get to eat at Bob's anymore, but you can still eat all the ramen you want. In fact, ramen will remain your friend until you have that first six months on the job under your belt. Memorize the various fast-food dollar menus and their hours of operation.

Get more sleep.

If you miss a morning class, you can still make up your work. If you can't wake up by nine now, you might be in trouble. Bosses in the real world do not like employees that won't clock in on time. You don't need to be partying all night anymore. Be a grown up and go to bed after the news, even if that news is still "The Daily Show."

Don't forget your friends.

Think of all the times you've wanted to get together with your friends from high school. It's going to be even more difficult to stay in touch with your college friends. The biggest difference is that your college friends could become your new employment network. The likelihood that your friends are in the same field as you is rather high, so keep those contacts updated. You never know when you might need a new job. Or when you can help someone else get a job.

Don't forget your instructors.

The best instructors are going to know people in the working world you want to be in. If you weren't a jerk for the last four years, you might be able to use one of your teachers for a reference. Don't abuse the privilege, but don't forget it is there.

Remember the good days and move on.

Do you ever talk to your high school buddies that didn't go to college? How many of them are convinced that high school was the best time of their lives? Don't let college be like that for you. Sure, the last years might be some of the best days of your life, but why limit yourself? Keep looking forward. It is possible that things could get even better.

There you have it. A few tips and suggestions from someone who went out to the real world and learned some things the hard way before coming back. You might have to spend some time back with the parents, but at least you'll be able to read to them.



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CUFFS

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a 110 percent out there this year and really brought my A-game to the office every night. I just took one paper at a time with the idea in mind that the best offense is a good defense. Here at The Argonaut, this team, we show a lot of heart and a bit of pride but know that our readers really are the 12th man this year. It was a total team effort to come out

on top. We had to dodge a few bullets and suck it up at times, but overall, we clawed and chewed our way to the glory for more than enough razzle-dazzle issues.

It's crunch time for most of the graduates to find a job but Shawn helped me take it up a notch to find a job in Jackson, Wyo.

It's going to be war out there in the real world but I think Shawn has prepared me to stay hungry. It's going to be a whole new ball game out

there. Someday, I'll think of the glory days and all that Shawn has taught from the textbook plays to the Statues of Liberties.

What am I doing next? Going to Disney Land, of course. Or maybe graduate school — oh wait, I failed the GRE.

— Mackenzie

"OK, I've babbled on too long already..."

— Shawn

We think so too, Shawn.

— The editors

LOHAN

from page B8

She's ditched the mom jeans in favor of slimming Sevens. She blows me off to go to the beach.

When a mother acts contrary to cultural norms, we douse her with judgment. But adults have adult relationships. Like nearly everyone else in my life, I have an adult relationship with my mother. It's private and it's good. We talk now about men, health, clothes, career and diet. We talk about the stuff of life. She is my best friend, the best resource I have. As far as the mother-duck-safety-stuff goes, I know now at 21 that dancing on tables and illicit sex and overindulgence has gnarly consequences. But, I also know

that when I fall on my head, while she won't stop it, I count on my mom to be around to pick the splattered brains and still be my biggest fan.

I don't want the American public to script my relationship with my mother and it's unfair to do that to Dina and Lindsay.

I don't need any more vitamins. Instead of relying on her for food and to put my hair in a bow, I call my mother for a hand. I call her to ask whether or not I'm in the right or the wrong. I call her with confessions, for cooking suggestions. I call her for advice. Her job duties have shifted from life-line to guidance counselor. I can only suggest that Lindsay might do the same.

Commenting on Lindsay's uncanny ability to irritate is old hat but I think there's a

real lack of commentary on the unwavering support of her mother. The public's impression of Dina is unfairly critical. She shows up, she's her daughter's biggest fan and that's the role of momma after her babies turn 20.

While I don't know the Lohans personally and will continue to make Lindsay jokes, I admire their unique mother-daughter relationship and Dina's refusal to conform to the behavior prescribed by spectators. 21-year-olds don't need a diaper change. Instead, we need an adult who thinks we're pretty great.

Whether your mom acts like June Cleaver or Dina Lohan, don't forget her this Mother's Day. There is nobody — nobody — who likes your dorky ass more.



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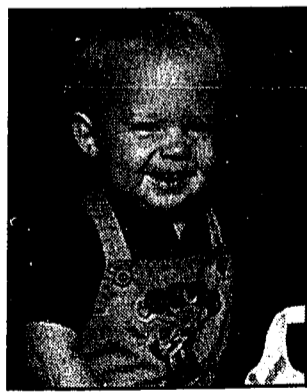
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I'm so proud of you! You are such a success. Cheers to you!

Love you, Mom

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Nicholas M. Jordan

Yesterday is a memory, tomorrow is a vision of hopes. I'm proud of you, Nick!

Love, Dad

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Amanda Michelle Page Ballinger

Your family is so proud of you! May God bless you and your future endeavors.

Loving you always, Mom, Dad, your Husband and Brothers

Ul: Class of 2007



Alberto Castro

Tu has abierto un nuevo horizonte, y una puerta a un futuro exitoso.

Te quieren, Mama y Papa

Ul: Class of 2007



Bridget Pitman

We are proud of you... "Oh, the places you will go!"

Love, Mom & Dad

Farewell, or something vaguely like it

It hasn't hit me yet. Today is my last regular day of college. I'm not going to dance around the Writing Center hyped up on Pixie Stix again. I'm not going to fall asleep in history again. I'm not going to sit in the Admin Lawn for writing workshops again. I'm going to take down my comics collection from the walls of my office. I'm going to clean out my notebook. I'm going to take one more final and be completely, entirely done. And it just hasn't hit yet. Farewell columns — totally cliché, I know. But I'm giving it a shot because



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I'm hoping it will finally convince me that I'm leaving, done, gone, graduated, all that good stuff. I'm at the point where I'd kind of like to start bawling and think of all the things I'm going to miss and all the things that will never be the same. College is awesome. I keep trying to write out all the things that have been awesome about it, but there's something about that past tense — "Classes were," "my friends were" — that doesn't feel right. Maybe it's because I'm going straight to work in town after graduation, and plan to stick around Moscow for another few years. Maybe it's because my brain is so used to 17

years of summers off, it still thinks we'll be back in the old swing of things come late August. But no matter what, no matter how hard I try, I can't make "farewell" stick. I can't even manage a retrospective of all the cool memories. I'm feeling insecure about this whole leaving thing, I guess. I know in my head that I can handle it, just as much as I know in my head that I'm leaving. But that more emotional, gut-truth of it isn't there yet. And, my gosh, I want to say something significant in this column! I want to leave you all with that warm fuzzy feeling you should get from reading about a happy, somewhat well-adjusted young person's venture off into the world. More importantly, I

want you to feel like you didn't just waste a couple minutes of your life reading this sucker. So I'll do what I normally do. I'll tell some stories. When I was 5, I started kindergarten. I was terrified of my teacher, so I hid under the table for the first few days of school. Eventually they coaxed me out, showed me that I could read books and play with blocks and make some friends. When I was 10, I had to move from the city I'd grown up in to a tiny little town far away. We spent the first night there in my grandma's basement, sleeping on the living room floor and watching a TV with only one channel that came through in shades of green.

When I was 17, I walked at high school graduation with my Swiss best friend, who though caps and gowns were ridiculously hilarious. I gave my speech and said some brief goodbyes and took off as fast as I could from a school I was tired of. Robert Frost wrote "I can sum up all I know about life in three words: It goes on." I used that quote in my high school yearbook, and I use it again today (though less cynically.) Four years ago I came here, where I met my husband and some wonderful friends, had some good times and a few cruddier ones. But like anything else, it's part of a bigger life. It's been a good part, but it's time to change, and I'll be fine — whether I realize it or not.

America's betrayal of itself and history

Modern America is the age of the Patriot Act and a laundry list of unreasonable legal constructs. Liberty is slowly being hedged in by "security" and the social values of political interest groups that espouse their own versions of morality. If the Founding Fathers could be resurrected they would be disgusted with what their progenitors had done to their dream, a nation of freedom and ideology. Americans are a people taught from birth that they live in a nation of freedom and opportunity. Yet, as time goes on, legislatures pass law after law restricting these freedoms. Politicians have sold their votes to representatives of industry instead of the people they're elected to represent. The captains of American industry have abandoned the American worker, preferring instead to move their operations overseas. There was a time when leaders of industry were patriots and charitable. There was a time when they would have solved the woes of labor costs at home with innovation, now they rely on the capacity of foreign markets to fix their troubles. This nation is slowly betraying itself. What has happened to our vision of America? The answer may be simple: there no longer is a single vision of America. Although the Founding Fathers had their disagreements, they all shared a



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common vision, an open society with respect and defense for personal liberties. This common vision has all but disappeared. The disparate factions of personal and political ideology are actively and ever increasing playing tug of war with the values of this nation. But isn't that the problem? America isn't supposed to have values. America isn't supposed to have morals. America is supposed to be an agnostic nation that pays no favors to one world view over another. The nation may be ruled by the power of a majority but the rights of minority are never to be infringed upon. American media is obsessed with the fabricated liberal versus conservative rift in America. Politicians routinely capitalize on the perceived differences between a liberal and conservative. Americans should be educated enough to know that the idea of differences between liberals and conservatives are nothing more than media fabrications to separate party platforms. Political parties have become reckless and only serve to harm the interests of the American people. Neither party has any interest other than maintaining its own position of power. Ideological debates regarding the rights and needs of the people have become extinct. All that is left in the halls of American power

is making the right votes to get one's self re-elected and preserve the standing of the party will pay for that election. The nation is entrenched in foreign wars, yet partisan politics have come between the men and women fighting these wars and possible success in their endeavors. We have sent nearly 4,000 Americans to their deaths in the War on Terror and now the nation is ready to tuck tail and run. There was a time when this country sacrificed 400,000 men in the defense of liberty in Europe and Asia. So different than the War on Terror, a war we never wanted to be part of. America may be troubled, but we are the strongest people the world has ever known. It is time we stop living in complacency of what goes on around us. Stop consigning ourselves to the pathetic belief that we as individuals can't change anything. Stop drawing senseless party and liberal versus conservative lines through society. It's time to restore the vision that was once America. A nation of true and uncompromising liberty. A nation where values are personal and not imposed on others. A nation where political parties serve to unify individuals of similar mind, not shamelessly maintain power for the sake of power. A nation where educated masses shrug the ignorance and irresponsibility of the media. A nation that defends liberty abroad. A nation of common vision of what America could be, never settling for what it is.




Magazine's influential list doesn't include president

By Corky Siemaszko
New York Daily News
He's the president of the United States, the leader of the free world, the most powerful person on the planet. But President Bush doesn't have enough juice to make Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world list. "We felt that he has lost much of the influence he once had," Time's deputy managing editor, Adi Ignatius, said Thursday. "Democrats now

control both the House and Senate, and he has lost support from many of the United States' traditional allies and even from many prominent Republicans." The White House did not return a call for comment. Adding insult to injury, Time included Al Gore — the man Bush defeated in the disputed 2000 presidential election. Even a fake journalist, "Borat" buffoon Sasha Baron Cohen, was deemed list-worthy. There were some other sur-

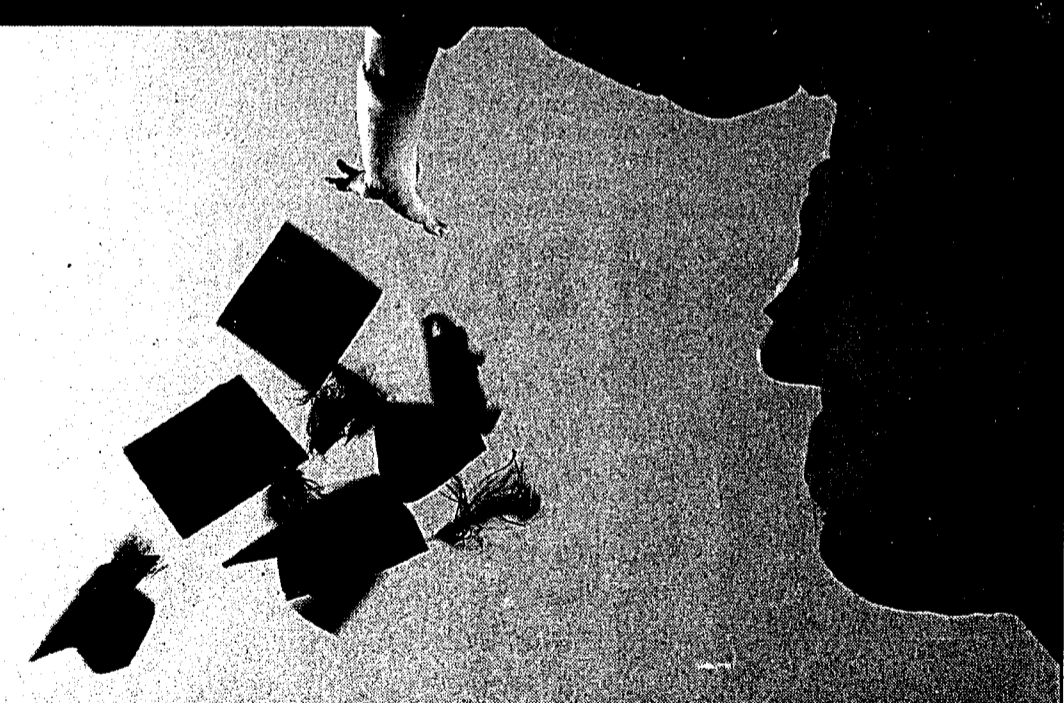
prising omissions. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg made it, but Rudy Giuliani didn't. Elizabeth Edwards got the nod, while her husband, John, the presidential candidate, didn't. And Sen. Hillary Clinton is on the list — but not Bill. Hollywood was represented by the likes of George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Tina Fey, Leonardo DiCaprio and others. "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller is also on it. And so is Osama Bin Laden.

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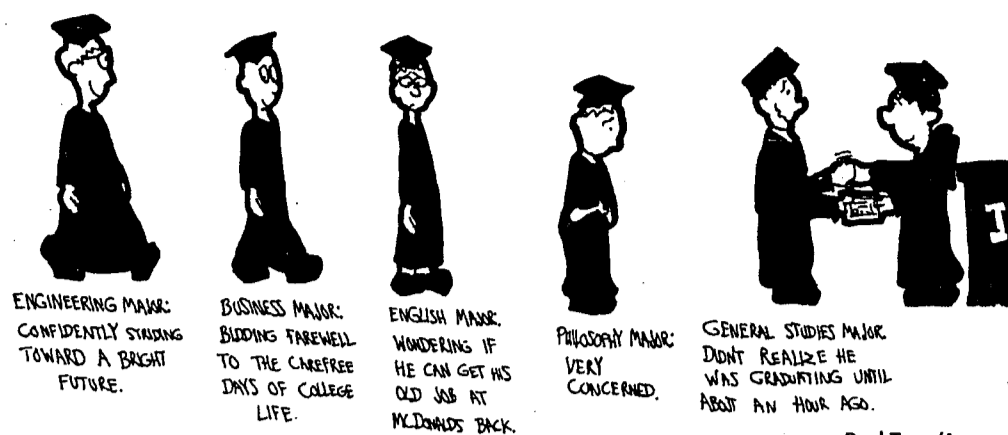
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Reality bites Democrats

By Michael Goodwin
New York Daily News

It's almost enough to make you feel sorry for the Democratic presidential candidates. Just as they're settling into their game plans, one inconvenient truth after another emerges to disrupt them. And that doesn't even include Al Gore's weather forecasts.

Last week was especially nettlesome. It started with GOP front-runner Rudy Giuliani laying down the marker that America would be safer with a Republican president, a surprise attack that put the Dems' Gang of Eight on the defensive. Then in quick succession came former CIA Director George Tenet's warning of likely al-Qaeda attacks in the United States and a report that Saudi Arabia had arrested 172 militants who were plotting to blow up oil installations in the desert kingdom.

The cumulative effect was to remind the nation that the war on terror, or whatever it's called these days, is far from over. That reminder served as a warning to the candidates that wooing liberal primary voters with too much peace talk could put the party's nominee at odds with swing voters in next year's general election.

Even attacking President Bush on Iraq offers no politi-

cal haven. Just as Dems in Congress finally pushed through a unified bill requiring Bush to start bringing the troops home, our commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, was in Washington warning that a pullback would mean even more violence. In response to some Democrats who say Iraq is so bad our actions don't matter much, Petraeus laid down his own marker: "It can get much, much worse," he said.

Sen. Hillary Clinton expressed the squeeze she was feeling, saying, "We don't want Democrats being blamed for our troops not being well-equipped" even though they want them home.

Campaigns, of course, are never smooth and easy. Surprises don't come only in October. An event can come out of nowhere and instantly change the dynamics, making a mess out of assumptions and strategies. The position that looked smart Monday can create a new vulnerability Tuesday.

For Democrats, nothing has the power to disrupt politics like terrorism. The belief that Bush was better at fighting it cost John Kerry the election he should have won in 2004.

Although public disgust with Bush's handling of Iraq won Dems both houses of Congress last year, the ability of gen-

uine threats of terrorism to create a new sense of insecurity among voters remains just a headline away.

The subject even caused a stir in the sober first debate on Thursday. Moderator Brian Williams' surprising question about a hypothetical attack on two U.S. cities forced the candidates to snap out of their bring-the-troops-home, Bush-bashing party and play commander in chief. Given how anti-war activists are pulling the party leftward, the question seemed to catch nearly all the candidates off guard at first. Sen. Barack Obama recovered to issue a strong rebuke to the peaceniks on the stage, but it's clearly not a big subject in any of their campaign playbooks.

But reality has a way of intruding. Coincidentally, Tenet, in a new book devoted mostly to trying to resurrect his reputation and trash Vice President Cheney's, also raises the possibility of new attacks. He writes that he is puzzled that al-Qaeda has not unleashed "suicide bombers to cause chaos in a half-dozen American shopping malls on any given day."

He goes on: "I do know of one thing in my gut. Al-Qaeda is here and waiting."

And now Democrats know it, too. Whatever else happens, they can't say they weren't warned.

NSA has different goals

By Rosemary Huskey
Guest Columnist

New Saint Andrews College (NSA) offers students an education suitable for religious and political leadership, in 14th-century Europe. The crafty political machinations of Cardinals and Kings governed life in this world — and purportedly, in the next. Ubiquitous religious persecution and institutionalized bigotry were celebrated as effective ways to preserve doctrinal purity. Scientific inquiry and investigation based on magical thinking and superstition was a remote ancestor to current analytical methodology. Gender and family connections defined, and limited, cultural roles and opportunities. In this distant world we find a happy niche for New St. Andrews students and graduates.

NSA is Doug Wilson's effort at providing a post-secondary education for the children of like-minded Reformed Evangelicals. The impression fostered by NSA administrators that NSA offers an academic program comparable to — or exceeding — programs offered at regionally accredited universities and colleges, is false. I invite readers to visit the New Saint Andrews Web site and consider the curriculum and course descriptions in order to ascertain this for themselves: www.nsa.edu/academics/courses.html

Leading educational institutions, both public and private, generally seek regional accreditation. The accreditation difference between New St. Andrews College and the University of Idaho is not predicated on institutional size or sectarian beliefs, but rather the quality of educational standards adopted by each. The University of Idaho and Washington State University are regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges

and Universities.

NSA administrators chose to be accredited by a less rigorous agency, Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools — a.k.a. TRACS. TRACS appears to be less intent on academic rigor than certifying a lock-step adherence to their sectarian values. TRACS embraces an ultra-conservative religious worldview. Consequently, TRACS will not consider colleges for accreditation unless the prospective candidate institution adheres to TRACS "Foundational Standards," a set of rigid doctrinal positions. Faithful adherence to the "Standards" is binding on all board members, administrators and faculty associated with the candidate college.

Considerably less attention is paid to curriculum, course work, faculty credentials, and administrative oversight. For example, at the time of accreditation, 25 percent of the faculty was related to Doug Wilson. This curious hiring practice would cause most accrediting agencies to question the integrity of administrative management particularly since Wilson is a permanent member of the Board of Trustees of NSA, as well as a permanent member of a three person Executive Board who ultimately is responsible for the management of the school.

NSA administrators concede that they are not interested in providing vocational or technical training. The New St. Andrews College catalog [p6] describes secular education in disdainful terms:

"America began to abandon the classical Christian approach to higher education and vocation in 1862 with passage of the Morrill Act, which established federally funded land-grant universities. These novel secular institutions replaced Christian education with supposedly religiously neu-

tral vocational-technical training at the undergraduate level. The 'modern' secular university was born. Institutions caught in the grip of this new paradigm — obsessed with vocational-technical training, degree choice, paper credentials, dormitories, intercollegiate athletics, recreational facilities and government financial aid — soon found their academic standards, spiritual integrity and student morals plummeting. Colleges pressured students to choose career paths prematurely and provided little or no spiritual or intellectual preparation to face a culture increasingly hostile to the Christian faith."

The emphasis placed on a narrow sectarian education severely limits the opportunities available to NSA students following graduation. They are not equipped with the competitive, marketable, employment skills generally found among graduates of conventional university programs. This is an internal issue for NSA administrators to sort out. Perhaps they need to amend their curriculum to reflect contemporary rather than medieval life. It is not, however, a problem that the University of Idaho needs to solve for them.

If NSA can demonstrate to a regional accreditation agency that they met the same academic and administrative standards that the University of Idaho embraces, of course their course work should be transferable. Until that time, the University of Idaho administrative personnel and faculty have neither the obligation nor the time to engage in endless discussions, unnecessary reviews and appeals from New St. Andrews administrators and students.

Rosemary Huskey has a B.S. and M.A. from the University of Idaho.

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Ghana Through My Eyes

March 26, 2006
Legon, a suburb of Accra, Ghana

"On the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of victory sat down to wait-and waiting, died."

—George W. Cecil

The clouds are swelling up again, I hold my finger out in front of me, and pretend that I am twisting up those angry spirals. It is going to rain soon and in Ghana, when it rains, it pours. My new favorite time is the rainy season, which is just on our heels. If I'm near my dorm and hear the thunder clap I'll race up to the fourth floor to watch the light show. The best is when the power goes out and life all around is pitch black. One lonely light glows feebly from the gas station generator about a mile away. The tradition is to wait out the storm with a plastic cup filled with boxed red wine. Once it's over you can see all of campus light up again from one end to the other like the sun dances over the crests of the waves on the ocean. It is quite a sight.

Last month marked the beginning of another long string of beautiful memories. I started volunteering at an orphanage called Madamfo Pa. Primary-Secondary Education is free in Ghana, but parents are expected to pay for books and uniforms. In the Welfare district, many parents can't afford to pay those fees, let alone feed their children. Kwame and his wife, Fati, organized Madamfo Pa in 2002. Nine of the children are orphans and about fifteen other children from the neighborhood still live with their parents, but Madamfo takes care of their school fees and feeds them. After the children finish school, I go there and tutor different

subjects and play with them for awhile. The adults make patchwork quilts and try to sell them to help finance the orphanage. Madamfo also owns a plot of land north of Accra. Kwame goes there every weekend to pick up food, which he either sells or brings back to feed the children. I spent a weekend out at the village. A few exchange students raised money at the dorms for Madamfo Pa to buy cement to start the school. It's a beautiful site, nestled in the hills amidst orange, mango, and coconut trees. Kwame even found a 4 foot python near the house the other day! We spent the weekend working on clearing the ground for them to start building. Everything here is a slow process, but what I'm learning through it all is that my ideas of efficiency may not always be the most beneficial, especially at the expense of enjoying life as it happens all around. Though volunteering can be exhausting and dirty work, I love every energy draining thing about it. I cannot even imagine how Kwame and Fati do it on a day-to-day basis, tirelessly pouring out their love and energy. These children are amazingly resourceful, and their smiles brighten up the entire world. My friend Joy says that every time they smile it is like a row of white flowers blooming across their faces.

A couple of weekends ago, I went to a rural village in the Volta Region. The villagers welcomed us like family, lots of music, dancing, card games, and canoe rides. The first thing we did when we arrived was to present the gift of Apeteshie liquor to the chief, with which he took us to the beach and used to perform a libation ceremony. He prayed and poured the Apeteshie out on the ground, blessing our stay

and keeping bad spirits from harming us. One of the village women lost her house to a fire that Saturday morning. What a reality check. There was no running water, so we had to run with buckets on our heads back and forth from the river. Lots of time was spent wondering and talking about what the term 'development' really means for Africa, contrasted with what the term 'development' really means for America.

I spent another weekend on the Western coast of Ghana, next to the Ivory Coast. A young English couple dreamed up an eco-tourism project called Green Turtle Lodge. Many parts of the lodge are ecologically sustainable and in cooperation with the village of Busia, they're attempting to conserve the sea turtle population through tourism. Many of the proceeds go back to the schools and the community of Busia as a whole. The only downside was that our get-away was so far removed that our tro-tro driver refused to take us all the way in. We had to trek down an amazingly long road at night, during which we experienced the hatching of millions of little white moths. It was beautiful, but also a lot like what I imagined the Egyptians went through during the plague of locusts.

Contrary to popular belief, I am still going to school, after all, is that not how this all started? Today I had a class where we got into a heated discussion on women's rights in Africa, and traditional marriage customs. Many things here remind me of the 1960's. Through globalization this country is importing American and European culture and trying to incongruently mix it with their past. Daily conversations and experiences are helping me to understand how colonialism and globalization have



The author, Emily Seaman, in a village near Accra.

affected people's lives here, and what role it places them in as an actor in the contemporary global community. Marcus Aurelius said, "Everything is only for a day, both that which remembers and that which is remembered. Observe constantly that all things take place by change, and accustom thyself to consider that the nature of the universe loves nothing so much as to change things which are and to make new things like them. For everything that exists is in a manner the seed of that which will be". Sometimes I wonder if we're not just repeating the same mistakes over and over again.

The best part of being here is knowing that Ghana is exactly where I'm supposed to be right now. There's nothing better than waking up in the sweaty morning under a mosquito net to chickens pecking at the coconuts used to anchor down your anti-malaria zone, and wondering how you got there. The only thing that is consistent here is



inconsistency. Life is at once completely spontaneous and supernaturally so. That's why I put that quote at the beginning. I take it as a blessing to have peace in the insecurity of my situation, knowing that every morning I have the choice to seize the day, accept it for what it is, and to see everyone that I meet as completely as I see myself. I heard a song yesterday that said, "Don't be afraid to open up your eyes, you weren't born blind". The world keeps spinning, just like those angry clouds up there. It's starting to pour.

Sabor de la Raza



On April 6, 2007, Sabor de la Raza had its main event of the year at the Administration Auditorium, University of Idaho. The event was called "From Cuecas to Chilenas: Folkloric Dances from Latin America." A variety of colorful dances from Mexico, Chile, Peru, Argentina, and Bolivia were performed. Although all these dance forms have a common root, each of them has evolved independently in each country and taken on local features.

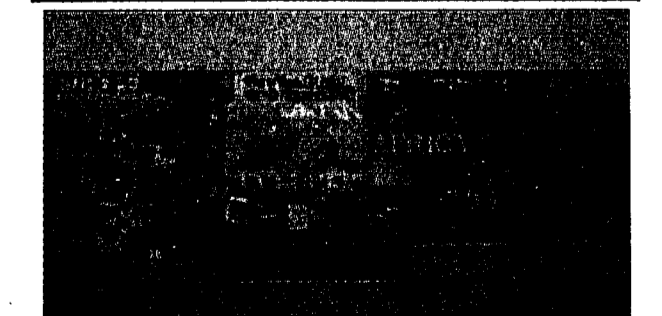


Meet the International Student Council



Sitting from left to right: Sayantani Dasgupta, Andres Mendez. Standing from left to right: Jill Kellogg Serna, Chelsea Kidney, Teddy Linley, Emily Seaman, William Gitau Munge.

The Wall



The International Student Council was set up in November, 2006 to serve as a means of bridging the gap between American and international students at the U of I campus.

The first project that we undertook was the creation of The Wall, a gigantic collage depicting life on the various continents of our world. The collage was put up on the wall connecting TLC and the Idaho Commons.

We made our second appearance at Cruise the World 2007. Our most ambitious project to date is Cultural Quotient, a newsletter committed to bringing the world closer for all of us at this international campus. We are interested in hearing your stories and seeing your pictures, maybe of the time you went abroad to pursue a field of study or on vacation, or when you learnt a foreign recipe, or when you became friends with someone from a different culture and learnt something from them while teaching them about your own way of living.

The ISC logo was designed by Kwapi T. Vengesai. Send us your contributions (stories, essays, photographs, recipes) that showcase multicultural identity at cq-isc@uidaho.edu.

India Nite 2007



On March 25, 2007, the Indian Students Association at the University of Idaho presented their biggest annual event — India Nite. The venue was the SUB Ballroom. Kumkum or vermillion dots were applied on the forehead of all the guests at the entrance as a form of welcome before ushering them into the Ballroom.

The program started with the national anthems of the two countries, US and India, followed by the inaugural address by Nagasrinivasa Prasad Tosakana, the President of the Indian Students Association. The highlight of the evening was a play, written, directed and performed by the students themselves. The play revolved around the experiences of four

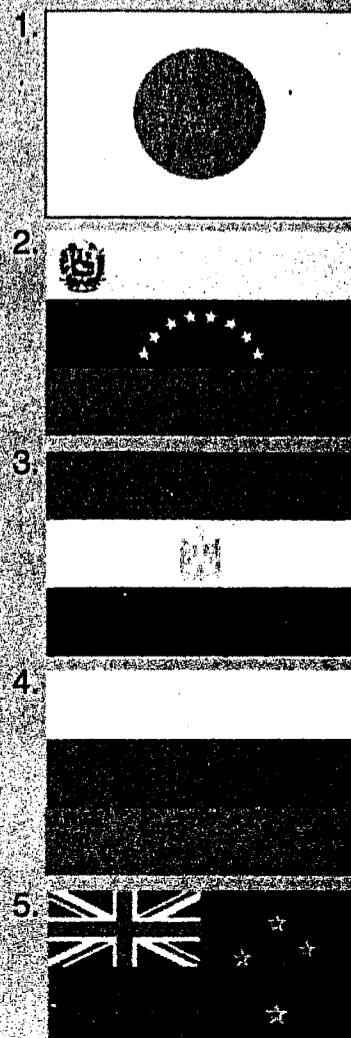
Indians who were all students at the University of Idaho, and it brought to life several cultural differences as well as similarities between the two cultures. The audience was also treated to several traditional songs and dances and multimedia presentations in order to give them a better idea about India.

The draw of the evening, however, was the banquet with all its Indian spices intact. Guests savored wonderful dishes such as chicken curry and gajar ka halwa, the dessert made from condensed milk and grated carrots.

The evening was a success and one that the U of I community will surely look forward to next year.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

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Men's golf season ends in Reno



File Photo

Gabe Wilson watches his ball fly down the fairway of the 12th hole during a Tuesday afternoon practice of the Idaho men's golf team. Wilson, a senior, played in the WAC Tournament this week.

By Nick Heidelberger
Argonaut

The University of Idaho golf team saw the full spectrum of results at the Western Athletic Conference championships.

After a first-place finish by the women, the Idaho men followed it up with a last-place showing.

The University of Nevada, playing at home, won the eight-team tournament with a total of 850, edging Hawai'i by one stroke. The Vandals finished with a 54-hole 885.

Idaho started the three-day tournament Monday on the wrong foot, with an eight-over-par 296 leaving them 18-strokes behind first-place Nevada.

"We didn't do our best, but we didn't shoot ourselves out

it," Idaho coach Brad Rickel said after the first day. "I feel like we learned a lot about the altitude and the greens today. We feel like we've identified what we can do better. Tomorrow's going to be a better day."

He was right. On day two, the Vandals shot a four-under-par 284, with the consistency they had been looking for all season. Four Vandals shot rounds of one-under for a single-day total that was 12 strokes better than day one.

The Vandals moved into seventh place with a two-day total of 580, but still trailed first-place Nevada by 26-strokes.

"Last night, I talked to the players about sticking with our game plan," Nevada coach Rich Merritt said after day two. "We

wanted to have the low round of the day. That was our goal. We knew that if we could have the low round again today, no one could catch us."

On day three, the Vandals collapsed, and any momentum they may have had on day two was gone.

Idaho shot a 17-over par 305 to secure its eighth-place finish in the tournament.

Idaho sophomore Russell Grove finished with a five-over par 221, and tied for 22nd with fellow Vandal Brad Tensen, a freshman. Junior Colter Kautzmann tied for 27th at 233, while senior Gabe Wilson was 33rd at 225 and Ben Weyland finished tied for 34th at 226.

Idaho's finish in the tournament was nothing new for the

Vandals this season, who struggled to find consistency throughout the year.

Nevada will move on to the NCAA regional golf championships May 16-19. The NCAA national championship tournament is May 30-June 2 in Williamsburg, VA.

The Idaho women's golf team is seeded 15th in the West Region of the NCAA Championships.

"Fifteen is pretty good," Rickel said. "I'm pretty happy with that."

The Vandals head to Provo, Utah next week for the May 9-12 regional competition.

"We've played that course each of the last two years," Rickel said. "We have to go play it the best we can."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seniors' farewell

By J.R. Conrow
Argonaut

Efrat Leopold and Patricia Ruman came to the University of Idaho to play tennis. And while they both completed their senior seasons one week ago, their journeys to Idaho were very different.

Leopold's home is Ra'anana Israel and her family still lives in Israel.

"I had wanted to come to America to go to school," Leopold says. "I was in contact with numerous schools, but eventually had an offer from UI and I signed on."

Those options helped Leopold focus on school after spending two years in the military.

"It's mandatory that women be in the military in Israel," Leopold says. "It was an honor to be able to serve my country and after I finished I came out with so much more."

Ruman came from San Diego and says she originally had planned to attend school in California, either at the University of San Francisco or the University of California at Irvine, but the offer of a full-ride scholarship to UI gave her an option.

"They offered me a full-ride scholarship right away, and I told them I had to think about it," Ruman says. "I'm a big city girl, but it's been nice to live in a small town and people everywhere are just friendly. I think the experiences here have made me a more well-rounded person."

On the court this season, both players have made life-long memories during their best year to date.

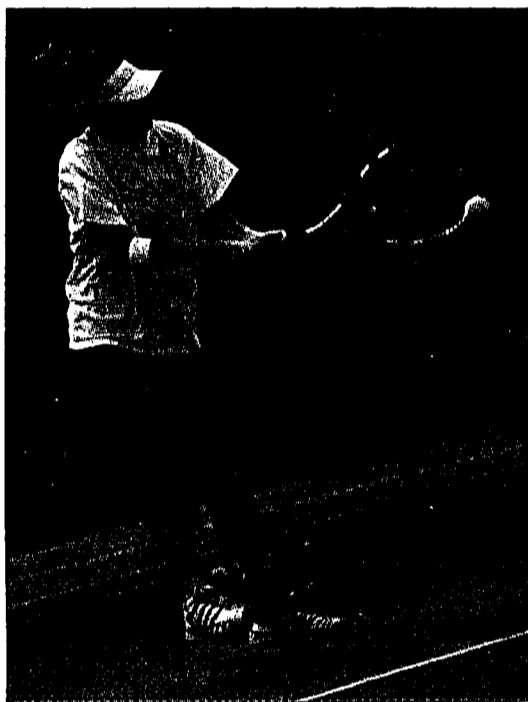
"I left my heart out on the court," Ruman says. "I would not change anything. This year I played my best tennis, and I want to leave Moscow with good memories."

Their season ended with a loss in the second-round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament on April 27 to Fresno State, but both Leopold and Ruman ended the year with honors from the Western Athletic Conference.

Both were named to the second-team all-WAC singles team on Monday. Ruman was given a second honor being named to the second-team all-WAC doubles with her partner senior Mariel Tinnirello.

"With a new coach for us and improving our maturity I think was a combination that helped us this year," Leopold says. "We all had to step up and had to give everything we could."

Ruman played at the No. 1 singles position and went 13-9 in singles this spring. She also went 13-6



File Photo

Senior Efrat Leopold returns the ball during practice on April 19 at the UI outdoor tennis courts.

in the No. 1 doubles spot with Tinnirello.

Leopold was impressive this season as well. She won 19 matches overall this spring and nine last fall.

But it wasn't always easy, as Leopold had to overcome injury woes early in her college career.

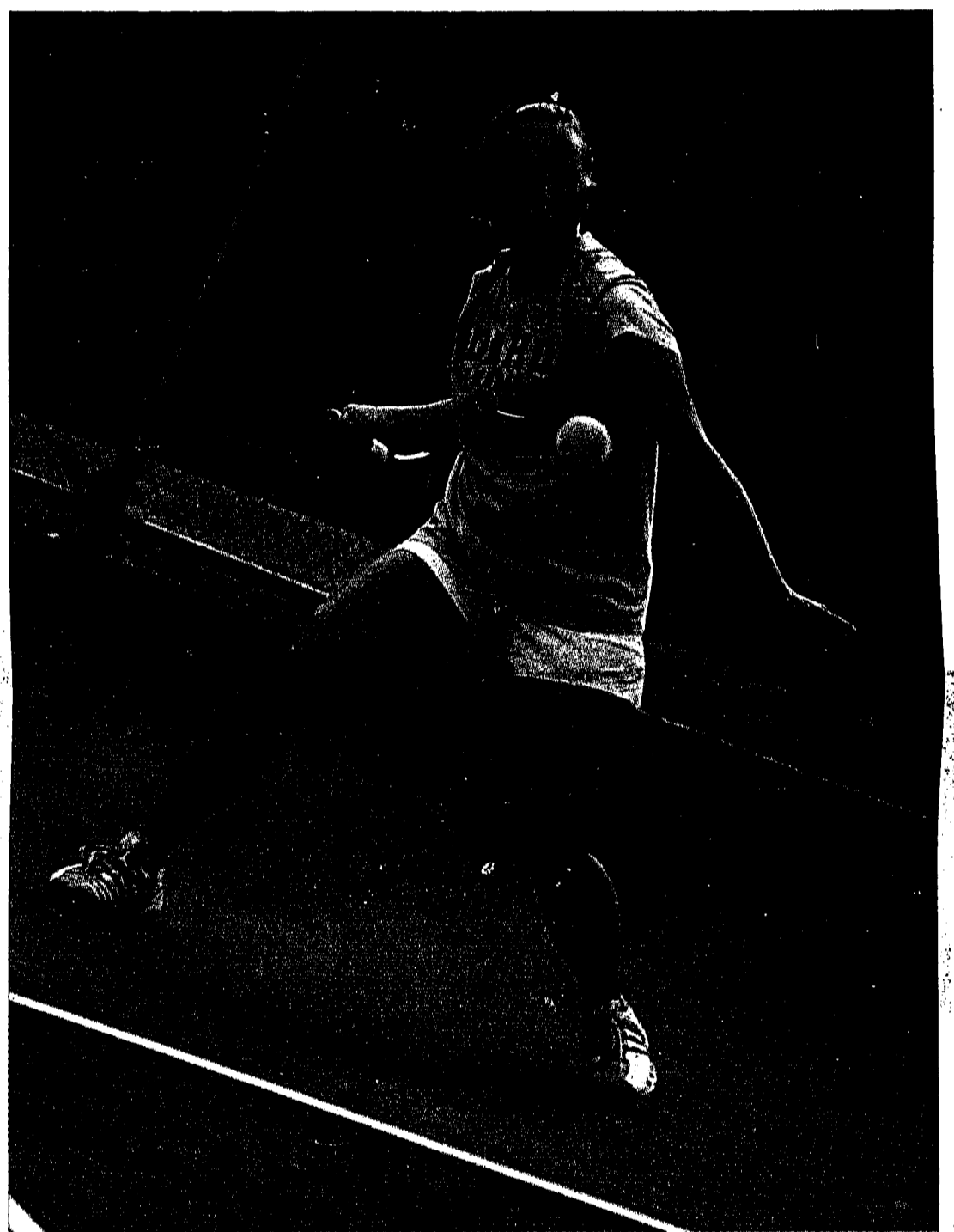
"My freshman year I had to have surgery on my shoulder, and I was out for about a year," Leopold says. "I could never fully recover from the surgery, but I learned how to play with it."

Learning to play with an injury was something Leopold was willing to sacrifice and tennis for both players has long been entrenched in their lives.

Leopold who is majoring in biology with a minor in business, says her parents played tennis for fun and encouraged her to try.

As for Ruman, she says her mom used to take tennis lessons for fun and she would go along.

"Eventually a close friend would teach me some



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Patricia Ruman returns the ball during tennis practice on April 19 at the UI outdoor tennis courts.

UI TRACK AND FIELD

Vandals close out season

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

After an outdoor season filled with injuries, redshirted athletes and surprising performances, the University of Idaho track and field team finishes its regular season this weekend at home with the Vandal Jamboree.

"I really like having our home meet now," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "It is perfect timing, everyone has final exams so not having to travel allows us to prepare maybe a little better than if we were on the road."

And while the timing comes in handy for the student-athletes, Phipps said the team also loves to run at home.

"I think the kids really like to perform well at our home meet," he said. "It is a pretty neat environment."

One area the team likely won't excel at this weekend is in the distance events where Phipps said numerous athletes will be resting.

"It is also an opportunity to rest some of my distance runners who have been going pretty hard the last couple weeks, they will get a chance to rest this weekend," Phipps said.

That rest will be much deserved for a distance crew that has performed exceptionally well so far this season.

At last weekend's Cardinal Invitational, junior Diego Moreno moved into Idaho's all-time top-five in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase with a WAC-leading, NCAA-Regional time of 8 minutes, 51.12 seconds. That time moved him to 16th in the nation.



Clifford Murphy/Argonaut

Darcy Collins fine tunes her approach for the javelin throw during a Thursday afternoon track and field practice at Dan O'Brien field.

"I think this meet was really important for (Moreno), not just for giving him a good time to qualify for nationals, but also because his last few races have been, by his standards, a little disappointing," Phipps said.

On the women's side, senior Bevin Kennelly also turned in her best time of the season, and second-best of her career in the steeplechase with a Regional-qualifying time of 10:23.95. That time moved her into the top-15 in the nation. "(Kennelly) has kind of had a

rough year because she has been battling a little bit of an injury this year," Phipps said. "She's not running full-strength right now, so for her to come out and run 10:23 is really amazing. Running the second-fastest time she's ever run right now is really great. With the way things are going, I really think she can be a finalist at NCAAs."

Finally, sophomore Allix Lee-Painter, perhaps the biggest surprise of the outdoor season, continued her improvement in the women's steeplechase.

She ran a 13-second personal best time of 10:39.43 and qualified for the NCAA Regional.

"Allix has come into this season almost like a totally different person. She's taken a totally different approach this season and it shows," Phipps said. "She's just cutting huge amounts off each weekend."

And even though some of his big guns won't be running, Phipps remains excited about the regular season's final weekend.

"We are really excited about our home meet. We always get good performances, good marks out of it," Phipps said. "Hopefully that is going to help us as we head off to conference. We are hoping the successes and the rest we can get from the home meet are going to carry over to conference. And we still have a couple more people we think we can get to the regional meet and we feel we can get a handful to nationals to which would be great considering the number of people we are redshirting."

Trimming the fat will mean football success

In one short announcement Friday, Robb Akey proved that there is hope for the culture of football on this campus.

Akey, University of Idaho's new football coach, said football player Marvin C. Jones Jr. was dropped from the team after his arrest for distributing cocaine to undercover Moscow Police officers.

The arrest was the latest in a new chain of student-athlete charges, including a player charged with three questionable counts of assault against Pullman police officers and another charged with robbing a house and pistol-whipping his victim.

In dropping the alleged coke peddler, Akey showed that UI's Athletic Department may finally address the root of these problems: the culture that has flourished in college sports for decades, especially money-makers like football and basketball.

It's no secret that sports can make or break a university. As much as some hate to admit it, fielding a healthy top-tier sports program can mean the difference between abject poverty and more facilities money than you can shake a stick at.

As a result, athletes such as football players become mini-celebrities. Look at the way the Boise State football team is treated down south. They can do no

wrong for the moment, and it's bound to go to their heads.

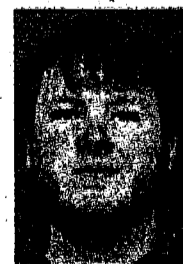
Athletic departments are left with the task of managing these prepubescent professionals. Being a football player carries academic and social responsibilities along with it. But it also means you're part of a culture that encourages aggressiveness and pushes for perfection.

For most, that's not a problem. Most of the football team is smart enough to not commit armed robbery or sell drugs. But there will always be some players who feel the temptation and run with it.

The problem isn't helped by the role models college athletes have. Look at the number of NFL players who were

involved in the last couple of years in fights, robberies and drug deals. For every upstanding Joe Montana-esque figure who can counter the image of football players as brutish thugs, there's a "Pacman" Jones.

Sadly, it will be hard to change all this. No sports program is going to intentionally hobble itself by downplaying itself and returning its athletes to the status of everyday students. And the legions of fans who connect a sports program with its university are quick to label any criticism as trashing on "school pride."



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In the ring with UI's boxing club

By Andrea Miller
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Sophomore Bailey Wilson stepped into the ring April 21 for her first official boxing match. This was the first time she had seen another female boxer and the first time she would ever hit another woman.

Wilson, from Caldwell, fought a woman at a tournament in Spokane who was 10 pounds heavier than her and had a lot more experience.

"She'd had six fights," Wilson says. "But Pat (Pellett, her coach) thought I was ready."

The three rounds, two minutes each, were the longest minutes of her life Wilson says.

"With amateurs, it's constant punching for points," Wilson says. "No time to step back."

Wilson lost the match in a close contest. Points are awarded to each of the boxers by the number of times the white part of their gloves hits their opponent.

"I couldn't be prouder of Bailey's effort and her 'won't quit' attitude in the face of equipment difficulties," Pellett says.

Pellett says Wilson experienced problems with her headgear fitting correctly in the third round on top of

the stress she was feeling from her first fight.

Wilson may have lost that match but she won weight class. It was by default though—she was the only one in the tournament in her weight class.

"I lost and still got a trophy. That's pretty cool," Wilson says.

Wilson and her opponent were the only women who fought at the tournament.

Wilson has been boxing for a year, after a friend told her about the University of Idaho Boxing Club.

"It sounded fun," Wilson says. "I love all contact sports."

And Wilson says boxing has come reasonably easy for her.

"Boxing came pretty natural for me, you just need to be athletic and dedicated to succeed," Wilson says.

UI's boxing club practices three times a week in the basement of Memorial Gym. Pellett is the club's coach and a mentor to Wilson.

"Pat is definitely a mentor and father figure to me," Wilson says.

"He is the reason I fight, I want to make him proud of me."

Pellett came to Idaho from Madison, Wis. where he worked out with professional boxers. He calls himself an "average club fighter" but

came to Moscow with a lot of experience and has helped members of the boxing club improve dramatically.

"I have learned over the past few years to break down concepts into smaller digestible bits, and we have had some success with that," Pellett says.

Wilson says there is a range of experience among within the club's 30 members. But Wilson says beginners who want to start boxing shouldn't expect to immediately start hitting people.

"People come to the club and think they'll start hitting right away," Wilson says. "But it's three months before we let you do that."

Aki Koyama, the club's vice president, had similar feelings about people who come out for the club to just try things out.

"(Wilson) is one of the few exceptions who are very motivated, work out independently and likes the sport," Koyama says.

Beginners start by learning technique in front of the mirror, Wilson says.

Koyama, who helped start the club in 2001, also helps the beginners learn their technique.

Koyama started boxing in 2001 with friends at a downtown gym in

Moscow. He believes boxing is a simple sport, but mastering it requires respect for other fighters and the gym.

"We emphasized that we need to respect each other in the club," Koyama says.

Koyama's respect to the sport has helped certify boxing as a club sport at UI. He has participated in five smoker ring boxing matches and is undefeated so far.

Intermediate boxers use practice time to hit the boxing bag or work on the speed bag. And the advanced members of the club, like Wilson, spar or fight other members of the club.

"I usually spar with Aki," Wilson says.

Koyama says Wilson has shown a lot of improvement in the short amount of time she has been boxing.

"She gives commitment to the sport, which is tough to find in this sport," Koyama says.

UI's boxing club is part of the Inland Northwest Boxing Region and has competitions in Montana, Washington and Oregon.

There is only one other member of the boxing club who has fought in official matches. Esteban Chavolla fought for the first time last summer

and lost. He fought again three months ago in Spokane, this time coming out victorious.

Wilson currently uses 12 oz. boxing gloves in her fights, which correspond to her weight class. This summer she will try to slim down to the 152-pound weight class and use 10 oz. gloves.

"They hurt more because there is less padding," Wilson says.

Wilson's family hasn't been thrilled about her newfound passion for boxing.

"My mom doesn't want to hear about it," Wilson says.

Wilson's dad is supporting her in whatever she wants to try but she says he's not enthusiastic about her boxing.

Wilson has gone unharmed so far, although she says she has dealt out a few bloody noses. She joked that she was looking forward to her first black eye.

Wilson says she plans on competing in at least three fights, at the 152-pound weight class, this summer so she may be eligible for the national qualifying tournament next summer.

Some fighting words, and the promise of a fight to save boxing



Associated Press

Boxers Oscar De La Hoya, left, and Floyd Mayweather Jr. face off at a news conference Wednesday. De La Hoya will defend his WBC super welterweight title against Mayweather on Saturday.

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

At the sports book inside the massive MGM Grand hotel-casino, the squares were trickling in to bet the big fight.

As squares usually do, they were going for the dog, who on this day wore a big smile underneath his ball cap.

Oscar De La Hoya hasn't been in this position much, but it doesn't seem to bother him. Maybe that's because he's going to make \$30 million or so no matter what the odds are when he steps into the ring against Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a megafight that harkens back to boxing's glory days.

The wise guys who bet the big money will mostly be putting it on the favorite in this fight. But casual fans, or squares to the bookies who take their money, are believers when their fighter talks about himself.

Or maybe he just believes in himself more than he believes the wise guys who set the odds.

"Don't be surprised if I'm faster than Mayweather," De La Hoya warned. "I don't see this fight going the distance."

Those, of course, are fighting words, though a bit tamer than the ones the two boxers have been throwing at each other since they launched this promotion a few months back in a big city tour.

By the time they finished at a surprisingly quiet final news conference on Wednesday, there was more than enough material for HBO to fill its reality show. And there was more than enough animosity between the two fighters to guarantee there will be at least some bad blood, if not real blood, spilled when the two finally meet Saturday night.

"This is not golf. This is not tennis," Mayweather said. "It's a brutal sport. Blood, sweat and tears."

Money, too, if you're a marketing machine like De La Hoya or good enough to be the fighter many consider the best pound-for-pound in the world, like Mayweather.

Their fight will likely be the richest ever in a sport that's supposed to be dying, and both fighters will be well compensated.

De La Hoya will take the biggest cut because, well, he's the golden boy. He's not only the main attraction in the fight, but the promoter as well, and he figures to bank twice as many millions as his undefeated opponent.

Not that Mayweather is lacking for cash. As he is quick to point out, he lives in a 12,000-square-foot mansion, drives Bentleys and Maybachs, and employs people to take care of his every whim.

OK, so he was wearing an \$8 T-shirt at the press conference. But on his left wrist was a diamond-studded watch worth \$500,000. Around his neck was a glittering cross and chain worth another \$300,000. On his pinky finger was a \$200,000 ring, bringing this day's jewelry tab to a cool mil-

lion dollars.

In his pocket was a wad of bills. Some walking-around money, nothing really serious.

"About 30 thousand," Mayweather said.

Mayweather has more than earned his keep for this fight, even before he steps into the ring to challenge De La Hoya for the 154-pound title. He's not only the most gifted fighter of his

era, but he's generated enough subplots for this fight to fill a full season of the "Sopranos."

Chief among those is his relationship with his father, who taught him to box and trained him before the two had a bitter split and Floyd Sr. went on to train De La Hoya. The elder Mayweather isn't doing that for this fight, not out of love for his son but because De La Hoya wouldn't meet his asking price of \$2 million.

Father and son briefly reunited, but split again when Floyd Jr. insisted on being trained by his uncle, Roger, instead of his father.

Roger Mayweather became available when he was released from a local jail in March after serving a six-month sentence for domestic assault.

"Like the OJ trial is how they had me," Roger Mayweather said. "But it was OK. I did my time."

Roger Mayweather sat next to his fighter on the dais Wednesday, while Floyd Sr. watched from the cheap seats of the Hollywood Theater. Floyd Sr. will be at the fight because De La Hoya gave him two ringside tickets.

That seemed to irritate Floyd Jr., who said he would have been more than happy to give his father tickets.

"I've got plenty of tickets for my dad. I've got a half million dollars worth of tickets," he said. "I love my father."

De La Hoya loves his family, too, as evidenced by video clips so sugary you wonder whether he was being nominated for fighter of the year or sainthood.

"When you have a good soul, good things happen to you," De La Hoya intoned on the big screen behind the dais.

De La Hoya wasn't the only one doing some selling at this final opportunity to sell. The man representing the official tequila of the fight opened a bottle on the dais, poured a shot and drank it.

Next to him, official cans of fight beer were prominently displayed, and a woman from Southwest talked about how she was honored to work for the official airline of the fight.

No one, though, was more honored than Jose Sulaiman, head of the World Boxing Council, which will make a nice chunk of change for sanctioning the fight. Sulaiman compared it to historic fights like the two between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling — minus the Nazi overtones, of course.

And, in a fight full of outlandish claims, Sulaiman saved the most bizarre for last.

"We hope this fight will show that boxing is the cleanest of all sports," he said.



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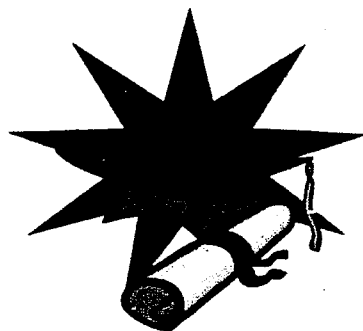
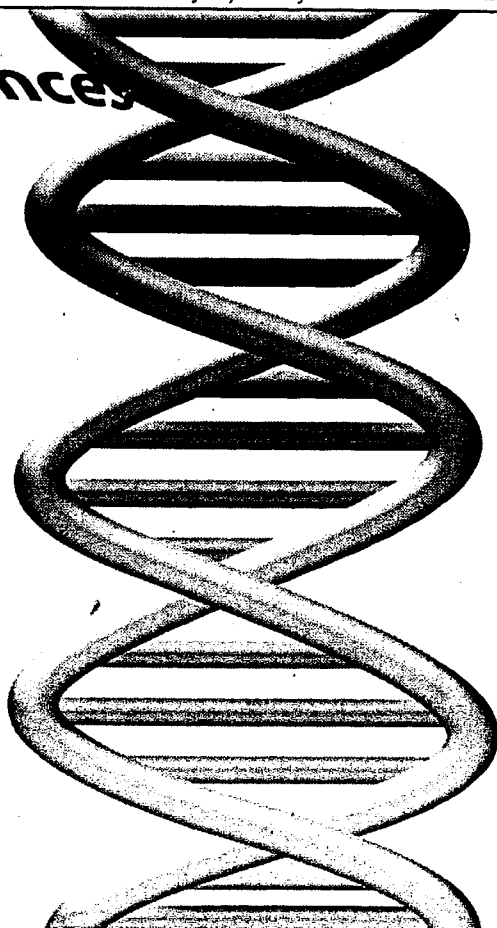
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Sending hope, flags to the heavens

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

A group of 11 climbers did more than just scale Stevens Peak last weekend. They took with them messages of hope.

The University of Idaho Women's Center, the UI Outdoor Program and a mountaineering class (REC 221) combined efforts to fly prayer flags bearing names of local survivors and victims of cancer in "Climbing For a Cure."

"This has been a great program combining an educational experience with a social cause like cancer that has affected and touched so many peoples' lives," said Outdoor Program Coordinator Mike Beiser. "I am proud to have been a part of it."

The program started last fall through the Women's Center and Outdoor Program. Jessica Helsley and Pam Rogers, outdoor programmers for the Women's Center, came up with the idea.

"It was an idea that I had heard of through the American Cancer Society and through some organizations in mountaineering," Rogers said.

And for Rogers, the idea hit close to home.

"Cancer has been a part of

my life for over 10 years or so," she said. "My mom died of cancer and a couple of my aunts are cancer survivors so I have always been involved with things like this."

Still, the event had a bigger purpose, to raise overall cancer awareness.

"Working in the women's center and working with that population, I thought this would be a great opportunity to do something that incorporated mountaineering and cancer awareness," Rogers said.

Both the Women's Center and Outdoor Program had been collecting flags and donations throughout the year, with donations given to the American Cancer Society to aid in the fight of cancer.

And while the final monetary total wasn't huge, the impact was great.

"I think it had a lot of impact," Rogers said. "The small amount of flags that we had, we didn't really raise very much money at all, but it was just a really cool thing. It is a healing thing in a way, it has been really amazing to be a part of."

In all, over \$200 was raised and the hope is to keep the "Climbing for a Cure" program active and growing for



Members of the Women's Program, Outdoor Program and mountaineering class fly prayer flags in April on Stevens Peak. The prayer flags bore the names of local survivors and victims of cancer.

Courtesy Photo

years to come.

"Mike Beiser is a huge supporter of the program and of climbing for purposes. He has been part of several climbs in the past year," Rogers said. "I think he and the outdoor program have been huge supporters of this. With Beiser, and whoever leads the outdoor program for the women's pro-

gram, hopefully there will be another one next year."

Originally, the plan was for the group to climb Mount Borah, the highest peak in Idaho, last fall, but thanks to two feet of snow, the trip had to be postponed until this spring.

"We were going to do a climb last fall but got snowed

out. That is a part of the life of mountaineering," Rogers said.

But in the end, everything worked out and the prayer flags reached the summit of Stevens Peak.

"They had quite a few flags," Rogers said. "Prayer flags are something that have been used by many cultures and religions as a way to send

messages. Messages of hope, messages to people who have died, messages to god, messages to all kinds of different things. Being a part of this process for me has been really nice, I made a flag for my mother and kind of like to think the message I sent to her got to her on top of that mountain."

UI cracks down on players with saliva drug tests

By Lauren Shrubbs
Argonaut

For any athletes at the University of Idaho thinking they can cheat the drug testing system, be warned: athletic trainers have a new trick up their sleeve.

This semester, the standard drug testing policy in the Athletic Training Department has had a makeover to now include a saliva test, in addition to the previously relied-on urine test.

"We're just trying to stay up to date," said head men's basketball athletic trainer and drug testing authority Nick Refvem. "There are ways to cheat the urine test, but you can't cheat the saliva test. We want to make sure that we've covered all the bases."

This new test focuses on the use

of five different street drugs, such as marijuana and cocaine.

The policy was changed to include the saliva test on Jan. 10, when athletes were informed of the change.

It states that when randomly selected for a drug test, the athlete has two hours to produce a sample, whether that is a urine test or a saliva test. In those two hours, the athlete is held under observation, or else the test is considered an automatic positive.

The saliva test was widely

rumored to detect alcohol as well, which would mean no drinking for minors, but Refvem claims this to be false.

It is merely a way for the athletic department to ensure that all its athletes are making healthy decisions and are not in need of help.

The current drug policy states that athletes are issued a warning after the first positive test, along with drug and alcohol classes and mandatory testing monthly for one year.

A second positive test leads to

similar consequences as the first, though this time the athlete must miss one week of practice as well as 10 percent of competition.

A third positive test leads to dismissal from the athletic department.

While this may sound relatively relaxed to some, athletic training staff are quick to point out that the reason for the testing is not to catch someone, but to ensure the safety and well-being of the athletes in the program. The goal is to get help for anyone who may have a problem, not to punish them.

This new saliva test may very well be the answer to this problem, as student-athletes are quickly becoming aware that there are no ways around it, contrary to the urine test.

"The way the new test works is

that saliva is taken up into a plastic tube, run for 10 minutes, and will then show either a positive result or a negative result," says Refvem. "If we see a positive result, further measures will be taken to specify exactly what illegal substance is present in the saliva if it does not immediately show up."

While the new test may not be the final answer to a problem that most certainly exists on most college campuses, it will definitely help in detecting drug problems and dependencies early on before they can develop and become more serious.

So the next time student-athletes consider taking illegal drugs, the saliva test will almost certainly be in the back of their mind, hopefully preventing poor decisions the urine test could not always prevent.

"There are ways to cheat the urine test, but you can't cheat the saliva test. We want to make sure that we've covered all the bases."

Nick Refvem
Men's basketball athletic trainer

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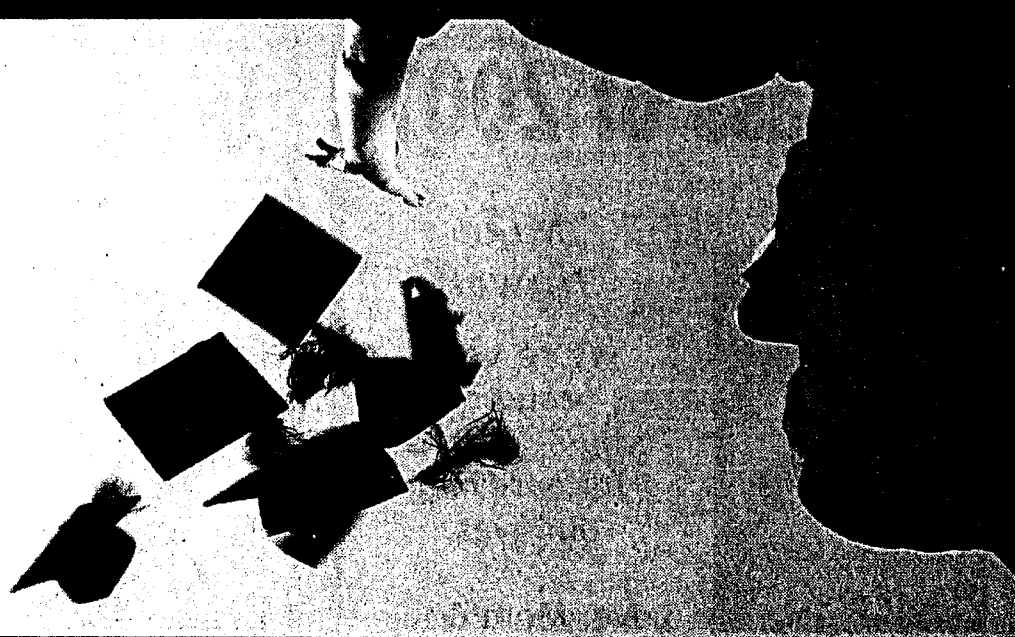
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Bonds just can't win

When is Barry Bonds going to catch a break? That might sound like a stupid question to ask about a man who is making over \$15 million this year playing baseball, but seriously, when are people going to get off his back?

I've seen the word "allegedly" so many times I'm beginning to think it's part of his name. "Now batting, number 25, Barry Bonds Allegedly."

I hate to be the bearer of bad news for all of you Barry Haters out there, but the guy still hasn't been found guilty of anything. I guess the whole innocent until proven guilty thing is only for people everyone likes.

We are potentially months away from what at one time was considered the greatest record in all of sports.

This is a record once held by Babe Ruth! This is a record that as Hank Aaron approached it in the 70's he received death threats from fans not wanting to see an African-American player top the games most legendary white player. This is a record that the sports world should be buzzing with anticipation over.

Unfortunately, this is a record that will be tarnished with the words "allegedly" and "steroids."

Please don't mistake my desire to see this historic event take place for naivety.

I'm not going to say Bonds hasn't taken steroids because he's already admitted as much in court. Of course, it was by accident.

However, there is a long list of high-profile players that have either tested positive for steroids — I'm looking at you Rafael Palmeiro — or come completely unglued in front of a government panel when the subject was brought up, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Big Mac and Sammy were two of the main-eventers that helped bring Major League Baseball back from its slump after the 1994-1995 strike that cancelled the World Series, but there's no outrage towards those guys. Who could possibly be upset with those two giant teddy bears? Heck, Sosa's back in the game playing for the Rangers and I haven't heard two words about him.

Even with those players basically out in the open they aren't the only ones to have dabbled in the juice.

When it comes to doping, Jose Canseco has dropped more names than a government witness in a mob movie.

It's generally accepted that a majority of players are guilty of using steroids during that time period, but since Bonds is about to break a record he's the only one being singled out.

Now that Bonds is only

14 home runs shy of the record, the anticipation is really starting to mount — not about when he'll break the record but rather how some key figures will react.

Hammerin' Hank Aaron has already announced he will not be present when Bonds breaks the record. He says it's simply too difficult at his age to hop on a plane and fly across the country.

Sure, that could be true, but isn't there a pretty good chance Hank's just not too keen on Bonds being the man to supplant him in the record books?

Similarly, Commissioner Bud Selig is in a quandary. Obviously the steroids scandal is going to go down as the biggest event in Selig's tenure. With that being said, how will he react after Bonds sends numbers 755 and 756 sailing out of the park?

If he attends the event he's giving de facto approval for whatever Bonds has "allegedly" done. If he doesn't show up he's both condemning Bonds as guilty and missing out on what should be a monumental occasion for MLB and everyone involved.

Bonds' chase for the record has become so potentially radioactive even the "Worldwide Leader in Sports" doesn't want to touch it.

The number of Giants' games on ESPN so far has been minimal. Now that Bonds and the Giants are surging, there are a few more games on the horizon but ESPN is being very careful in how they portray this event.

Aside from some Sportscenter highlights, the network that brought us Barry's reality show, "Bonds on Bonds," last year has been remarkably quiet

about the impending record-breaking homer.

Quite frankly, I find myself wondering if this debate would be happening if the player in question was a media darling rather than a historically surly and obnoxious guy like Bonds.

If the past has created any precedent, for example the Sosa-Big Mac chase, the media loves a feel-good story about people everyone loves. Sure, there were a few questions about the Andro that was in McGwire's locker that summer, but they eventually faded away.

Bonds, however, is an easy guy to dislike. Reports and personal accounts have shown him to be a bad teammate, a bad husband and usually an awful interview.

The sad part of this whole thing is people are using those things to chip away at his credibility, or should I say deservedness to be the one to break the record.

If Barry is guilty of using steroids illegally he is going to be punished. The big question right now is why hasn't anyone made the move to bring the truth to the public?

MLB has its own investigation going on, as does the U.S. government, so why hasn't anyone gathered enough evidence to prove Bonds' guilt? Until that takes place I'm going to abstain from making any judgment.

Instead I'm going to watch Bonds every chance I get. I'm going to defend Bonds as being just as deserving to break this record as any other player in the game today. Most importantly, I'm going to appreciate the chase for the record for what it is — history.

Vandals head to the NFL

By Ryan Atkins
Argonaut

yards — an average of 14.5 yards per catch.

Keith Greer

Seven rounds were completed in the NFL Draft last weekend and no University of Idaho football players were chosen, but that hasn't stopped them from continuing their journey to the next level. Two Vandals signed free-agent contracts this week and one more has been invited to a tryout.



Luke Smith-Anderson

Luke Smith-Anderson

A tight end standing at 6 feet 7 inches and 260 pounds, Smith-Anderson was Idaho's best bet to get drafted last weekend. Pre-draft buzz upped the expectations for Smith-Anderson, but it wasn't until after the draft that his dream to play in the NFL came true.



Keith Greer



Jade Tadvick

The lesser known of Idaho's tight-end tandem, Greer also signed a free-agent contract, this one with the New Orleans Saints. But for Greer, his days as a tight end appear to be over. The 6-foot-1-inch, 248-pound native of Santa Ana, Calif., was signed as a fullback by the Saints. Greer recovered from a career-threatening leg injury his sophomore season (2003) to play in all 23 of the Vandals' games over the past two seasons. Greer was used predominantly as a blocker and caught 13 passes for 107 yards last season.

Jade Tadvick

Offensive guard Jade Tadvick also heard from the NFL Sunday night, and he travels to Detroit this week for a two-day tryout with the Lions. Tadvick, a 6-foot 5-inch, 314-pounder, started 35 games for the Vandals since his redshirt freshman season in 2003. He earned First Team All Western Athletic Conference honors for his work along the Idaho offensive line last season.

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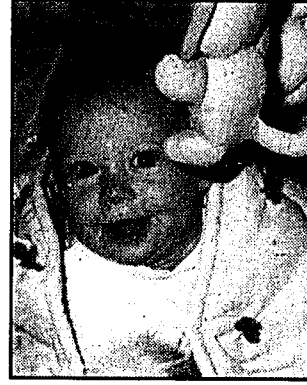


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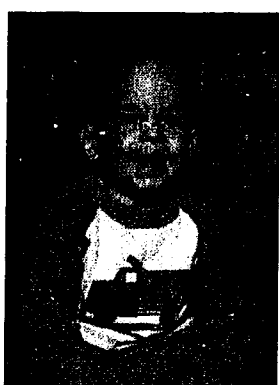


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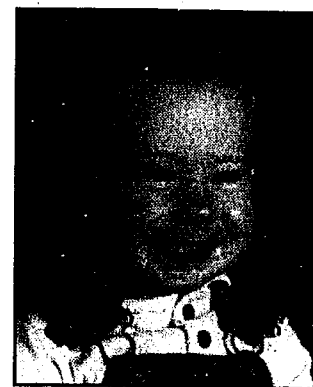


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Congrats! Mom, Dad and Katy

SportsBRIEFS**Idaho walk-on leaves basketball program**

Aaron Smith, a walk-on for the UI men's basketball program, will transfer to a junior college.

Smith, a Troy (Idaho) High School graduate, sat out last season as a red-shirt. He has been with the program since 2005.

"At the end of the season, Aaron and I discussed his future as it relates to basketball and college and I know he spent time with our staff discussing different avenues," Idaho coach George Pfeifer said. "He expressed to us he would like to get away from home and he would like to go somewhere where he can play a lot of minutes."

Smith averaged 1.4 points and 0.9 rebounds per game as a freshman for the Vandals during the 2005-06 season.

"We support him 100 percent on his decision and our staff has been very supportive of Aaron. We wish him the best because he is a great person," Pfeifer said.

Smith has verbally committed to Salt Lake Community College.

"My decision to leave was based on the fact I would like to have a scholarship to play and more playing time," Smith said. "Salt Lake Community College will offer me both of those things. Also, having lived in this area my entire life, I would like to explore and see what it's like to live in a bigger city."

Owen wins conference athlete of the week

Idaho senior pole vaulter Melinda Owen has been named WAC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week after her performance at the Duane Hartman Invitational last Saturday.

Owen, a 2007 NCAA Indoor All-American and four-time WAC pole vault champion, cleared 13-5 1/4 to win the women's pole vault at the Duane Hartman Invitational in Spokane, hitting her fifth-straight NCAA Regional mark of the outdoor season and moving into a tie for eighth place nationally in the event. Owen is also ranked fourth in the latest Trackwire.com Dandy Dozen rankings and has been ranked as high as third during the season.

The 13-5 1/4 vault is a season-best for Owen and is just one inch below her outdoor school record of 13-6 1/4, which she set at last year's WAC Outdoor Championship. Owen also leads the WAC in the event with a four-inch lead over the second-place competitor, teammate K.C. Dahlgren.

The honor is the third of Owen's career. She was named WAC Athlete of

the Week in February after breaking her indoor school record at the Husky Classic and also in April of the 2006 outdoor season after setting a meet, stadium and school record at the Pelluer Invitational with a vault of 12-9.

Owen and the rest of the Vandal track and field team will be in action this weekend as the team hosts the Vandal Jamboree on Friday and Saturday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

UI tennis earns three conference honors

Three UI women tennis players earned second-team all-Western Athletic Conference honors. Efrat Leopold and Patricia Ruman were named to the second-team all-WAC singles team and Ruman and Tinnirello earned honors at second-team doubles.

"The WAC is a very strong tennis conference with a lot of nationally ranked players and teams," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "For these players to be recognized is a great honor."

Senior Efrat Leopold was a strong force for Idaho playing at No. 3 singles. Leopold went 19-5 on the spring season which included an 11 match winning streak.

Playing at No. 1 singles, Patricia Ruman provided much needed wins at the top of the lineup for the Vandals. Ruman posted a 13-9 record and won key matches during the season.

The team of Ruman and Mariel Tinnirello anchored Idaho's doubles play during the spring. The No. 1 duo went 13-6 and helped win many doubles points for the Vandals.

The conference honors mark the end of a successful season for the Idaho women's tennis team. The Vandals finished the season with a 16-9 record and tied for third in the WAC.

Elk River community hike set for Saturday

A community hike will take place in Elk River and the various short hikes near it.

Hikers will meet early in Uniontown or Moscow and drive to Elk River. From there, hikers will visit the three falls on Elk Creek. Then, weather and energy levels permitting, hikers will complete the nearby 7/10th of a mile trail around the Morris Creek Cedar Grove and then visit the Giant Cedar. The total mileage for the day should be under five miles, and the elevation gain and loss will be minimal. The group will end with huckleberry ice cream at Huckleberry Heaven.

For information and to sign up for the hike contact Mary Aegerter at (509) 229-3672 or aegerter@oakesdale.net

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of the games and I just loved it," she said.

Ruman is majoring in public relations with a minor in communication and says she plans to return to San Diego to take some time off to relax and think about the future.

While she takes time to relax, Ruman says she plans to coach a summer tennis camp for kids.

Ruman says that one of the young girls in the camp, 11-year-old Sabrina Zaks, could possibly end up playing in college if that's something she wants.

"(Sabrina) loves to play tennis," Ruman says. "When all of the others are on break, she still wants to play and she's getting better every year. She reminds me of when I was a kid."

Ruman also says that tennis coach John Nelson helped her game rise to the level she plays at today.

"He (John) taught me simplicity, it was all about the strategy and mental aspects," Ruman says. "I owe a lot to him, I even had talked to him about

Moscow and he knew of the coach here at the time, Greg South, and said it was beautiful."

Nelson was the men's tennis coach at San Diego State, but is now the men's coach at the University of Hawai'i.

While Leopold has been attending school at UI she says that she misses her family but that she keeps a close bond with her siblings and her dad, who have been supportive of her schooling and tennis career. Her mom died of cancer about five years ago.

"I miss my mom a lot, but I'm very dependent on my dad to this day," Leopold says. "I still ask him for advice on things and call him twice a day and he's always there to listen. I can't wait to go home this summer to spend time with my family, including my older sister who just had a baby boy about a month ago."

Leopold says that she's looking to pursue a master's degree and may consider coming back to UI in the fall. In the future Leopold says she wants to continue to play tennis.

"Tennis has taught me how to learn to control my anger, responsibility, respect and time management," Leopold says. "I've played for

the love of the game and when I'm out there I give everything I have."

Ruman says she plans on playing tennis as long as she can.

"I've learned if I want to achieve something, I can be successful at anything that I choose," Ruman says.

Later this summer Ruman plans to compete in the Acura Classic Tournament in San Diego. Professional tennis stars Justine Henin and Maria Sharapova will compete in the event, which is part of the Sony Ericsson World Tennis Association Tour.

But with graduation on the horizon, Ruman and Leopold both said they felt this year was wonderful with the success on the courts and the style of head coach Jeff Beaman.

"Jeff's a laid-back coach and he made the game fun," Ruman said. "It felt like there was less pressure on this year and maybe that helped with our success."

And as for advice for the rest of the team, Ruman says to cherish their time here.

"College goes so fast so the team just needs to take their time and have fun and enjoy the experience," Ruman says.

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Ah, school pride — the theory that just because someone goes to college, they have to automatically love sports and love all the sports teams. I'm indifferent to sports.

I have pride in our agricultural work. I have pride in our very active

engineering students. I have pride in our journalism program. I don't really have pride in our football team — though I don't hate it either — and more importantly, I don't feel the need to have pride in these men we've trained to feel as important as small John Elways. I can have pride in them another way, as the friends I sit next to in class who aren't any better than other students.

A low-tolerance policy such as Akey's is the start to pruning athletic culture of those who don't quite get what college should mean. Spending money to reinvest our football program is a necessary reality. But it's a shame if in the process, we keep finding students who can't handle the aggression and proto-fame, and end up behind bars as a result.

National/BRIEFS**Spurs, Suns move on**

Michael Finley led the way with eight 3-pointers and the Spurs beat the Denver Nuggets 93-78 on Wednesday night to win their first-round series in five games.

Finley set a San Antonio playoff record for 3-pointers and finished with 26 points.

After losing the opening game at home, the Spurs won four straight, ensuring themselves of at least a few days rest before the second rounds gets under way against the Phoenix Suns.

The Suns reached the second round thanks to a 119-110 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Wednesday night. Phoenix won the series 4-1.

Amare Stoudemire and Shawn

Marion combined for 53 points to lead the Suns. Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 34 points.

Game one of the Spurs-Suns series is Sunday afternoon in Phoenix.

AC Milan reach final

With a 3-0 rout of Manchester United on Wednesday, AC Milan earned a 5-3 aggregate victory and moved into soccer's Champions League final against Liverpool.

Two years ago, the English club rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat Milan on penalty kicks for the crown.

Milan, which has won the European Cup six times, will make the trip to Athens on May 23 for its 11th appearance in the final and third in five years.

Liverpool, a five-time European champion, beat Chelsea 4-1 on penalties Tuesday after a 1-1 win put the

team level on aggregate.

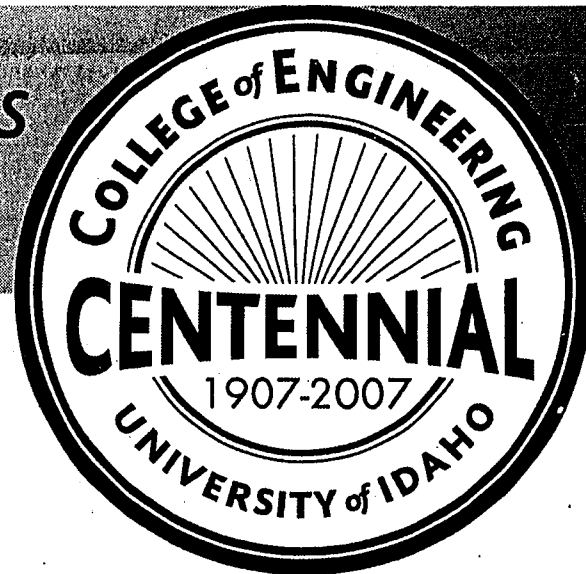
Beckett moves to 6-0

The Boston Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 6-4 on Wednesday night and Josh Beckett won his sixth straight start to move to 6-0 on the season.

Beckett is the only pitcher with six wins this season and he became the eighth Red Sox pitcher to win at least his first six starts. The team record of eight is shared by Babe Ruth in 1917, Dave Ferriss in 1945 and Roger Moret in 1973.

In the game, the injury-plagued Athletics also lost Mike Piazza, who was sidelined for 4-6 weeks with a right shoulder injury suffered when he dove toward third base in the sixth and collided with third baseman Mike Lowell.

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Peterson, family reflect on back's long, hard journey to NFL

By Mark Craig
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

For about five years during the 1990s, Nelson Peterson coached his son's youth sports teams, traveled the country with his AAU basketball squad and considered himself a good father. He also sold crack cocaine out of a Wal-Mart warehouse in Palestine, Texas.

Until, of course, that fateful day in 1998. Federal agents closed in, putting Peterson out of business and behind bars for eight years — or the entire length of young Adrian Peterson's teenage years.

"It was a hard time for me with my dad being snatched out of my life like that," Adrian said. "But I had to find a way to cope with it."

Last weekend, less than 24 hours after the Vikings had selected him with the seventh overall pick in the NFL draft, was the culmination of just how far Adrian has come. The former University of Oklahoma running back was basking in the afterglow while seated between Nelson and his mother, Bonita, inside the Vikings' Winter Park facility Sunday. "Adrian's a pretty unique kid," Bonita said. "He's had big obstacles to overcome in his life. But with a lot of prayers, we made it from Point A to Point B."

Peterson has experienced a lifetime of heartache in his 22 years. When he was 7, he saw his older

brother, Brian, 8, get struck by a drunken driver and killed while riding his bike. Then, this February, on the eve of the NFL scouting combine, Peterson discovered that his step-brother, Chris Parish, had been shot and killed in Houston. An elite draft prospect who could have skipped the workout, Peterson impressed teams with an outstanding workout that included a 4.38-second 40-yard dash.

"The strength of God has helped me," Peterson said. "Just knowing that he will never give you more than you can handle or bear. It's really how you take everything in and what you make of it. Just look at it in a positive way instead of hanging my head down and having a reason for failure."

Nelson Peterson was raised by two loving, hard-working parents. Drugs weren't a part of his childhood, he said.

But drugs infected his adult life. According to court documents obtained by the Dallas Morning News for a story last fall, Nelson and 22 others were charged with running a crack cocaine operation that did \$4 million in sales.

"I was a young guy who made a mistake," Nelson said Sunday. "I got involved in the drug world that I shouldn't have gotten involved in. I was involved in selling drugs and laundering money and stuff like that. I never used them myself."

Nelson and Bonita were outstanding athletes growing up. Nelson, whose best sport was basketball, was a 6-4 guard who was good enough to play for Idaho State and get a tryout with the Philadelphia 76ers. Bonita was a track sprinter who once ran an 11.3-second 100-meter dash and earned a scholarship to the University of Houston. She swears she would have become an Olympian had she not gotten pregnant with Brian early on in college.

"I got a little bit of my mom in me," said Adrian, who said he once ran the 100-meter dash in 10.26. "My mom, she's funny. She's got a heart of gold. My dad raised me to be a man. He wasn't there for me physically, but mentally he was there."

According to the Dallas Morning News, Nelson's first drug arrest came on Christmas Eve in 1991. He

was caught with .25 grams of crack and more than \$18,000. He received five years' probation.

It was a different story in 1998. He received a 10-year sentence and spent the first two years in the Texarkana, Texas, Federal Corrections Institution.

"Even though I had no previous history of being a violent person or anything like that, I spent maybe two years behind the fence and the barbed wires and all of that," Nelson said. "It was pretty high security. Not a super-max prison."

After two years, Nelson's sentence came up for review. He was moved to a lower-security prison for good behavior and spent the next six years there.

"I was in the same kind of camp that Martha Stewart went to," Nelson said with a laugh.

For eight years, Adrian visited his father on weekends and spoke to him on the phone twice a week. Sometimes more.

"When I got incarcerated, I realized, 'Hey, you did wrong. You got to pay the consequences,'" Nelson said. "But I never got caught up in the prison life and the things that go on in prison. I knew I still had responsibilities as a parent, to raise Adrian and the other (nine) kids and teach them right."

Bonita was the physical rock, holding Adrian together when the pain of missing his father was at its

strongest. She and Nelson never were married, but Adrian always lived with Bonita and her husband, Frankie Jackson.

Nelson was released from a halfway house in Oklahoma City late last fall. He attended the Sooners' game against Iowa State on Oct. 14. It was the first time he saw Adrian play in person since pee-wee leagues, and it also was the game in which Peterson broke his collarbone.

Since his release, Nelson has been working as a BMW car salesman in Oklahoma City. He also speaks to high school kids about the dangers of drugs.

"I'm enjoying that," he said. "There are just so many different things going on that the young community isn't aware of and can get caught up in."

Although Nelson regrets not being there for Adrian for eight years, he said getting caught was for the best.

"It slowed me down and put me in a safe haven," Nelson said. "When you're out there in that drug world, there are so many things that can happen. You can get jacked, you can get killed during the transaction, people follow you and know what you're doing. Getting caught put me in a good place that I knew I should have been all along."

British lab looking for signs of poisoning in slaying of Pakistan's cricket coach

LONDON (AP) - A British forensic laboratory said Tuesday it is analyzing toxicology tests done on the slain coach of Pakistan's national cricket team, but has not yet reached any conclusions on whether poison was involved.

The tests, taken after Bob Woolmer was found strangled in his hotel room in Jamaica during cricket's World Cup tournament, were sent to Britain's Forensic Science Service to be independently verified, Jamaican deputy police commissioner Mark Shields said Monday.

The government-owned lab, which is the leading supplier of forensic services to police forces in England and Wales, confirmed it is examining the tests, but said it had nothing to report.

"We wouldn't comment on ongoing cases," lab spokeswoman Laura Mackin said. "We can confirm that we've got (the tests), but other than that, until there's some kind of conclusion,

we wouldn't talk about the work that we're doing with the police."

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported earlier that a toxicology test on Woolmer's body showed the presence of a drug that would have incapacitated him.

The BBC's "Panorama" program did not identify the drug or the source of its information, but said results of toxicology tests were due to be given to Jamaican police within the next week.

Shields, a former Scotland Yard detective, has said in the past that foreign investigators would examine theories that Woolmer may have been drugged. He said that would have made it easier to strangle a man as large as Woolmer, a former member of England's cricket team.

Woolmer, 58, was killed in his room March 18, the day after his squad was upset by Ireland and eliminated from the World Cup.

Pilot misjudged U-turn in October crash that killed Yankees pitcher and flight instructor

By Devlin Barrett
Associated Press

New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor did not realize their misjudgment of a U-turn until it was too late to avoid their fatal New York City plane crash, investigators said Tuesday.

They had several options in how they handled that maneuver, the probe found.

In presenting their findings, National Transportation Safety Board members said they still didn't know whether Lidle or his flight instructor Tyler Stanger was piloting the plane in the Oct. 11, 2006, crash.

Both were killed when the Cirrus SR-20, owned by Lidle, slammed into a high-rise apartment building. The NTSB declared Tuesday that the cause was "inadequate judgment, planning and airmanship" by Lidle and Stanger.

The Lidle and Stanger families are suing the plane's manufacturer, and their lawyer criticized the NTSB's conclusions.

"It's not surprising, the Safety Board always blames the pilot in an accident," said the lawyer, Todd Macaluso. The families fault the plane's steering mechanism, though the NTSB found no evidence of system, structure or engine malfunction.

Investigator Lorenda Ward told board members that the turn above the East River could have been made safely if the plane had begun the turn further

east or banked harder in the turn.

NTSB Chairman Mark Rosenker said the pilots had a third option: If they'd risen briefly into restricted air space above the Manhattan skyline, "they'd be alive today to explain why they had to do that."

NTSB investigators said the pilots apparently did not factor in a 13-knot wind, pushing the plane toward Manhattan as it turned.

As the plane drifted toward Manhattan, the pilot sought to correct the turn but instead lost altitude, possibly because the engine stalled, the investigator Ward said.

"The increase in bank angle was too late," Ward said.

Lidle, a 34-year-old right-hander, died days after finishing the baseball season. Investigators have had surprisingly little hard evidence to go on in reviewing the accident that killed him.

The global positioning device and cockpit display unit were too badly damaged to provide any information. There was no cockpit voice recorder because they are not required in small, privately owned planes.

The issue of who was at the controls is critical to the ballplayer's wife and young son, who filed suit against insurer MetLife Inc., claiming she is owed \$1 million under Major League Baseball's benefit plan.

That plan, however, contains an exclusion clause for an aircraft incident in

which the player is "acting in any capacity other than as a passenger," a phrase that would appear to bar Lidle's family from collecting anything more than the \$450,000 basic life insurance benefit.

Lidle and Stanger had departed from a New Jersey airport for a midday trip past the Statue of Liberty and north up the East River. The plane ran into trouble attempting to turn around and head back south.

After the accident, the Federal Aviation Administration temporarily ordered small, fixed-wing planes not to fly over the river, which runs along Manhattan's East Side, unless the pilot is in contact with air traffic controllers.

The NTSB recommended Tuesday that the ban be made permanent, and the FAA has already indicated its desire to do so.

Small planes could previously fly below 1,100 feet along the river without filing flight plans or checking in with air traffic control. Lidle's plane had flown between 500 and 700 feet above the river.

The collision and explosion of the plane destroyed several apartments in the building. One resident, a dentist, filed a \$7 million lawsuit against the Lidle estate.

At Yankee Stadium, Lidle's locker will remain unoccupied all season, and his widow and 6-year-old son threw out ceremonial first pitches on Opening Day.

'Twin' is a boost for MLS

By Michelle Kaufman
McClatchy Newspapers

OK, so he's not David Beckham. Not even close. And his wife isn't a paparazzi magnet. But Guillermo Barros Schelotto is a legend in Argentina, and his recent signing with the Columbus Crew should pay off for Major League Soccer.

Schelotto, known as "El Mellizo" (The Twin), has won 15 titles with Boca Juniors, more than any player in the history of Argentine professional soccer. He won six league titles, three Copa Libertadores, two Intercontinental Cups and two Copa Sudamericas. He also scored 25 goals for the Argentine national team, though he was not a regular on the roster.

Like megastar Beckham, who is joining the L.A. Galaxy this summer, Schelotto is in the twilight of his career. He turns 34 next week. But even past his

prime, he should raise the level of play of his teammates because of his vast experience.

Who can forget the impact Carlos "El Pibe" Valderrama had on the players around him when the aging, mop-haired Colombian joined MLS? He wasn't racing around the field at full speed, but he always offered "the promise of magic," as former Fusion coach Ray Hudson liked to say.

And "El Mellizo" might still have some magic in those feet.

Schelotto's final appearance for Boca came two weeks ago in the "Superclasico" against arch-rival River Plate. When he entered the game, he got a rousing ovation. A special ceremony in his honor is scheduled for today in Buenos Aires.

Schelotto's pro career began 16 years ago with Gimnasia and Escriba de La Plata, where he played with his twin brother, Gustavo, the source of his nickname.

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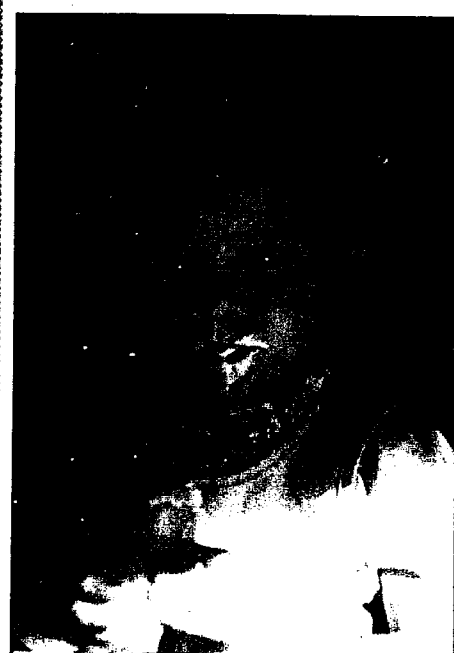


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Firefighters focus on fitness to reduce illness, injury

By Mary Knowles
The Orlando Sentinel

Orange County Fire Rescue recruits have just jogged down the driveway of their training facility in a double conga line. Now, they're sitting in a circle, chanting in chorus while doing leg lifts after their workout.

"Lean on me, when you're not strong," they sing.

The 19 recruits meet from 7 to 8 every morning to exercise, practice teamwork and prepare themselves for the dangers and stresses of battling fires and rescuing victims.

And the daily fitness routine won't stop when they graduate.

The Orange County Fire Rescue Department mandates that all of its firefighters exercise for an hour every day. It's one way to fight the diseases and injuries that can afflict firefighters. Research about the occupation's health hazards shows that heart disease causes 45 percent of deaths among U.S. firefighters on duty.

Orange County wanted to combat those odds, so it installed workout equipment in most stations. At stations without equipment, firefighters head to local gyms or the main training facility.

And to make sure the workouts are having their intended effect, a specially outfitted "fit" mobile unit visits all 40 substa-

tions in Orange County for yearly checkups of firefighters' heart rates, strength, flexibility and endurance. Firefighters also face an annual test to gauge their abilities to haul hoses, bodies and ladders.

The focus on fitness started six years ago, when Chief Carl Plaughter joined the department with the goal of making firefighters healthier. The department asked the National Association of Counties for a grant to start the program to pay for equipment, gym memberships, medical exams and other expenses.

Since then, the number of workers' compensation cases has decreased 43 percent, from 295 in 2001 to 167 in 2005. Workers' compensation claims cost the department about \$672,400 in 2005, down from \$1.84 million in 2001, according to department reports. In the same period, the department's ranks grew from 750 to 1,100.

Orange County's program appears to be among only a few in the nation. About 70 percent of firefighters are volunteers, and their departments often don't require them to work out, a recent study published in The New England Journal of Medicine found.

At Orange County Fire Rescue, cardiac and lung conditions and lower-back injuries

top the list of complaints. These conditions can stem from lifestyle habits such as diet and smoking, and injuries can be triggered by high-stress fire calls that demand physical exertion.

"You're going from zero to 60 in three seconds or so" when fighting a fire, said Lt. Juan Atan. "That's a lot of stress."

The dangerous aspects of the job won't change, but preparation is key, officials say.

"We want to emphasize that they need to stay in shape," said Lt. John Sabat. "The public depends on us."

The feeling of getting in shape drives DeVon Burns to give his best in the early-morning workouts.

"It gives me motivation," said Burns, 25, who moved from Jacksonville, Fla., to join the department as a recruit. Burns helps lead the "cadencing," or rhythmic calls that energize the recruits.

Since joining the department, Burns also is watching his health by eating more fruits and vegetables.

A healthy diet and exercise set apart the new generation of firefighters from their predecessors, said Robert Kelley, 51, who was running on a treadmill Monday to regain strength after a shoulder injury.

"My father's generation didn't physically take care of them-



Firemen trainees do leg lifts during early morning session of physical training April 2. Fireman training for Orange County Fire Rescue includes plenty of physical training at their facility.

elves. They smoke and drank and ate crappy foods," said Kelley, who has been a firefighter for 26 years.

The exercise requirements build teamwork and help prepare firefighters for the physical and mental challenges of their jobs, officials say.

"You are an athlete as part of

the nature of your job," Lt. Anthony Willis tells the recruits. Willis is a peer fitness trainer, one of 35 who give their comrades exercise tips, healthy recipes and motivation.

Fun has its place, too. The firefighters are quick to note that they won a regional "Guns and Hoses" basketball tourna-

ment among local public-safety agencies last week. Keeping in shape has personal, not just public, benefits, Atan said.

"What we're trying to do is have these firefighters go through their 25-year career and enjoy their retirement," Atan said.

Academic progress reports better for football, not basketball

By Chip Brown
The Dallas Morning News

Improvement in academic progress is being made in football and baseball, but not in men's basketball, according to NCAA officials who released the latest round of Academic Progress Rate figures for their member schools on Wednesday.

"Football and baseball have been improving over the last three years, but we have not seen that improvement in basketball," said NCAA president Myles Brand. "Unless a team has significant improvement over the next year, there will be more penalties. It could be significantly

more than we've seen this year."

The latest APR figures assessing graduation rates and academic progress at NCAA institutions are based on data collected from the 2005-06 academic year and over a three-year period spanning the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years. Schools must maintain an APR of 925 or receive a waiver or exemption to avoid penalties such as scholarship cuts, reduction in practice time and even postseason bans.

The only Big 12 schools penalized with scholarship reductions on Wednesday were Texas Tech (a loss of 1.17 in baseball and 1.16 in cross country), Kansas (a loss of .12 in base-

ball) and Iowa State (a loss of two in basketball). Texas-Arlington lost is 1.17 scholarships in baseball for having an APR of 859.

Several schools in the Big 12 were below the 925 APR cut off in one or more sports but received a waiver or exemption to avoid being penalized.

North Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Kansas all had below a 925 in football, but were not penalized.

The future APR for men's basketball could be a concern for several schools, including Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, TCU, Texas-Arlington, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, Iowa State and

Colorado. All of those schools registered an APR below 925 for basketball but received an exemption or waiver to avoid penalty.

The biggest exemption is what NCAA officials call the "squad-size adjustment." The adjustment gives teams a statistical benefit of the doubt for academic performance until four years of data can be collected. The APR is only three years old.

For many teams, that adjustment has meant the difference between being above or below 925 in the first three years of data collection. Beginning next year, the squad-size adjustment will be removed because NCAA officials feel four years of

data will provide an accurate picture of a school's academic progress.

According to NCAA officials, without the squad-size adjustment, 44 percent of schools falling below the 925 APR in men's basketball would have been penalized this year.

"We've sent letters to these institutions telling them they need to show improvement," said Walter Harrison, chair of the NCAA Committee on Academic Performance.

"This year, to a large extent, should be a warning to the presidents, athletic directors and coaches that this would be a good time to get a plan in place to show improvement."

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Two powerful icons hook up between the ropes

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The gallery stood a dozen rows deep and spilled down both sides of the fairway, the kind of scene Tiger Woods is used to seeing on the weekend at a major championship. This was only a pro-am round Wednesday at the Wachovia Championship.

And for once, Woods felt part of the crowd.

This is what happens when two of the most celebrated icons in sports are together on the golf course in a public event for the first time. Woods, owner of 12 majors, gladly shared the stage at Quail Hollow with Michael Jordan, owner of six NBA titles and five MVPs.

"This is great," Woods said as he waited on the 10th tee. "No one knows I'm here."

That much was clear when he walked out of the clubhouse toward the practice range and some three dozen people didn't even realize he was there because their eyes trained on Jordan pulling his car up to the valet.

Jordan is part-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats, and although he doesn't spend much time in town, he wanted to play in the pro-am. Woods first played golf with Jordan in 1997 in Chicago. While they often get together on the golf course, his camp asked tournament officials if they could be paired on Wednesday.

"We know a few people," Woods said with a laugh. "No, the tournament was nice enough to put us together. He's been like my big brother, so it's been great to have him be part of my life. We had a great time today. We always have a great time."

For a pro-am round, it did not lack for entertainment.

Woods and Jordan needle each other endlessly during their private rounds, and they brought the banter to Quail Hollow.

With a cigar in his mouth, Jordan made an 8-foot par putt on the seventh hole, then mimicked Woods as he walked off the green, delivering a fist-pump in slow motion and holding his pose until he was sure Woods was looking.

The showmanship picked up on the back nine.

Woods was waiting for the 11th fairway to clear when Jordan walked by and kicked his ball off the tee toward a young boy in the gallery. "You can have it," Jordan told the boy.

Woods re-teed, and at the top of his back swing, Jordan cleared his



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the third hole Wednesday during the pro-am for the Wachovia Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. Michael Jordan joined Woods on the green during the round.

throat loud enough to make Woods stop. The world's No. 1 player set up over the ball again and hit a hard draw down the middle of the fairway, locking eyes with Jordan in a mock staredown. Jordan then ripped his driver down the fairway, and as he stooped to pick up his tee, looked back at Woods and returned the stare.

The chatter was endless, and as always, Jordan was doing most of the talking. He was asked after the round how many majors Woods might have won if he had to be paired with Jordan during the final round.

"Not as many," Jordan said. "I can get in his head."

Woods doesn't argue.

"He wins all the time," Woods said of the trash-talking battle. "I'll just throw out a jab every now and then, but basically this is my home court, so it's a little easier for me. On his court, it would be a little different deal."

Woods can pick his moments, though.

Jordan almost chipped into the

water from right of the 17th green, but the ball stopped on the last patch of land. Woods scooped his ball up with the putter to flip it to Jordan. And, with Jordan holding out his hand, Woods flipped the ball backward and into the lake.

Filling out their threesome was Skipper Beck, who owns an import car dealership (he supplies the courtesy cars at the tournament) and is a minority investor of the Bobcats.

"I'm comfortable being around Michael," he said. "Throw Tiger in the mix, and I tightened up a little bit."

What added the sizzle to the Tiger & Mike show was the amount of people watching, which was extraordinary for a pro-am round.

Every seat in the grandstand behind the practice range was taken at 7 a.m., and fans stood four-deep behind the ropes for a 75-yard stretch down the range, all of them straining to see Woods and Jordan hitting balls. Almost everyone had a camera, and an opinion.

"No cigar until you make par," one man yelled out to Jordan, who lit up his first cigar on the second tee.

Even with so many people, it wasn't hard to distinguish between golf fans and sports fans. Jordan hit from the forward tees, and drew the largest bunch of people. The golf fans went all the way back at every tee to take pictures of Woods.

The two have made millions pitching Nike products (although Jordan had Ping clubs in his bag). They often talk about the similarities in their lives, whether it's coping with celebrity or how to gain a competitive edge.

"We talk about our respective sports — which is harder, to win six championships or four Masters?" Jordan said. "I think it's tougher for him. As an individual, you're playing against so many different opponents. In my game, if I have a bad day, I've got someone to cover for me. For the most part, he does it by himself."

Woods has leaned on Jordan for advice since winning his first Masters at age 21 in 1997 and says he can "cherry pick the knowledge he's accumulated over the years."

"We're not the only ones," he said. "But because we're such great friends, I've been able to have a person I can talk to on all these subjects because he basically went through it before me."

Next to Muhammad Ali, he's probably the most iconic figure athleticwise that America has ever had."

And where does Woods fit in?

"I'm somewhere down the list," he said.

Those conversations are for the grill room at private clubs, when they don't have an audience. This was mostly about golf, and the fans did not go home disappointed. It might be the biggest buzz all week at the Wachovia Championship.

So big, in fact, that also playing the pro-am Wednesday was Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning. Hardly anyone noticed.

Square-headed drivers the newest trend in golf equipment

By Joe Logan
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Nary a year goes by that the golf club manufacturers don't come out with something new,

improved, radical or maybe only tweaked that they hope will send us running out the door to spend a few bucks to save a few strokes.

Some years, the innova-

tions are more compelling than others. Like, say, the melon-sized 460cc titanium drivers that gave us a bigger sweet spot without adding weight. Or the perimeter-

weighted irons that granted us more forgiveness and the graphite shafts that are lighter and softer in the hands. Before that, of course, steel shafts were stronger, truer than the original wood.

This year, most of the hype centers on a couple of big, stark-looking, square-headed drivers — the SQ Sumo2 from Nike and the FT-i from Callaway — that have cost millions to develop and market with a promise of more accuracy, more fairways hit.

No question, both Nike and Callaway will take all the buyers they can get, but the primary targets for the more forgiving drivers are the mid- and high-handicap players who need all the help they can get.

"You hit it long and straight," said Michelle Szyal, spokeswoman for Callaway. "For the average golfer, they should have such a problem."

Because the science behind the FT-i an SQ Sumo2 makes them fight to correct a poorly hit shot, just as perimeter-weighted irons do, it is the rare touring pro-

fessional who puts them in his or her bag.

Not only do the best players rarely mis-hit a shot, they also want to be able to "work" the ball — fade it or draw it — when needed. Fades and draws are exactly what these new clubs are designed to correct.

That said, ironically, it is Callaway's top player, Phil Mickelson, ranked No. 3 in the world and famous for switching out his clubs often, who occasionally packs the FT-i.

With Nike, only K.J. Choi regularly plays the SQ Sumo2, winning with it late last year at the Chrysler Championship. Nike's top player, Tiger Woods, recently practiced with the Sumo2, but he still plays the company's SasQuatch Tour.

For plenty of golf purists, before they succumb to the lure of hitting more fairways, they must first get past the idea of standing over a driver that looks more like a toaster.

It's the need by the manufacturers to innovate in order to sell clubs that led, eventually, to this year's square clubs.

Having hit the wall on the limits imposed by the USGA on the size and spring-like effect of drivers, the manufacturers found a new frontier in "moment of inertia," or MOI, in the parlance and advertising of golf.

What's MOI? "A measure of a body's resistance to angular acceleration," or, put in layman's terms, the "twisting" of the clubhead when it hits the ball, especially on off-center hits. With the square-heads, the manufacturers are up against the limits of physics and the USGA.

MOI is not a new principle in physics, and not even in golf. In the 1960s, MOI led Karsten Solheim, an engineer and frustrated recreational golfer, to come up with a revolutionary heel-toe-weighted putter that was more forgiving and went "ping" when he struck a ball with it. Hence, the name of the successful golf company he founded, Ping. Since that day, much of golf-club design — putters, irons and drivers — has arguably descended from the MOI principle and Solheim's concept.

Frank Thomas, former longtime technical director for the USGA, doesn't quibble with the indisputable physics of MOI or the club-head design: push the weight away from the clubface as far as possible.

But Thomas, now an equipment consultant to Golf Digest, suggests that this latest generation of square-headed drivers has stretched the MOI principle to the point of diminishing returns.

Earlier generations of drivers from a variety of manufacturers — drivers that were big and bulbous but not yet square — were already producing about as much MOI forgiveness as the physics would allow, Thomas said.

"I don't want to knock it because the concept isn't bad," said Thomas, who has written extensively on MOI on his Web site, www.franklygolf.com. "But it isn't much improvement" over the last generation.

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Boost energy with yoga

By Irene Kraft
The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

You don't have to work at a physically demanding job to come home feeling completely exhausted. The demands and stress encountered by the millions of Americans who don't suits to work each day are major energy zappers that send many to the coffee shop or machine by midday for a dose of caffeine for a temporary boost.

Caffeine, however, can leave you drained when its effects wear off. A healthier, more revitalizing way to boost your mood and energy while lowering your blood pressure and heart rate is yoga, says New York City yoga instructor Edward Vilga.

"Nonsense," you say to the idea of striking a few power poses in your office or cubicle?

It's anything but nonsense, says Vilga, whose clients are primarily "suits — corporate types who have climbed the ladder of success brilliantly," but are usually in desperate need of the balance that can be obtained through an orchestrated combination of breathing and easy stretches.

"It's when you're in the thick of things — navigating the corporate jungle, negotiating with clients or stuck in traffic on your way to a major meeting — that you need the calming benefits of yoga the most," says Vilga, who has assembled a "yogic tool kit" for corporate types in his new book "Yoga for Suits: 30 No-Sweat Poses to Do in Pinstripes" (Running Press, \$14.95).

From "Upward Spiral" and "Attitude Elevator" to "Rat Race Release" and "Climbing the Corporate Ladder," Vilga's cleverly named poses can be accomplished by just about anyone who's healthy. The more

high-pressured your life, the more you need to weave a little yoga into it, he says.

Yoga in the workplace, Vilga says, improves attitude, reduces stress and allows greater focus.

You don't need a mat, change of clothes, props or a shower afterward for Vilga's "Yoga for Suits" poses. All can be accomplished with minimal effort right at your desk. They are designed to bring peace of mind as they release tensions in the body. The end result: revitalization.

The next time you start crumbling to the stress of multitasking, why not give it a try. Here's an easy pose for starting your day:

Keyboard warm-up

Interlace your fingers into a soft fist. Stretch the fist above your head. Keep fingers together, but turn wrists up and open the palms to the sky. Lengthen the arms even further skyward, keeping your gaze where there's no strain, either upward or straight ahead.

Lengthen your breath in and out as you stretch.

Add movement by bringing your soft-fisted hands behind your head as you exhale. Breathing through your nose as you exhale again, lengthen your arms up. When they are straight up, draw your shoulders blades down the back. If you notice your shoulders coming up by your ears, relax them as you exhale. On the next inhale, re-straighten arms upward, then relax them behind your head on the exhale.

Benefits: Stretches fingers, hands and wrists for daylong keyboard work. Also warms up shoulders and releases tensions in the front of the body. Repeat throughout the day to prevent tightening from stress.

Walk each day and count on losing weight

By James A. Fussell
McClatchy Newspapers

If you haven't gotten your 10,000 today, maybe you should.

Steps, that is. Many of today's fitness regimens recommend walking 10,000 steps per day. There's only one problem: Almost nobody knows how far that is.

Do you burn 200 steps putting around your dorm or apartment in the morning before school and/or work or a thousand? Does a walk around a city block knock off 5 percent of your daily goal or less than 1? Sure, you can guess or try to count all your steps. But that's inaccurate at best and annoying to say the least.

Recently, in the name of good health, we bought a pedometer and measured various daily activities step by step. Walking the dog around the block? Going to the grocery store? Two hours of clothes shopping at a local mall?

We know how many steps it takes.

But we didn't stop there. Just for fun we set out to find how far we'd go if we walked 10,000 steps all at once.

The answer: much farther than we thought. With our 10,000th step we wound up where? More than five miles away.

We can hear your incredulity now.

"I have to walk five miles to reach 10,000 steps?"

Relax. You don't have to do it all at once. Remember, every step counts.

But why even bother trying to get 10,000 steps per day?

Two words: your health.

And, yes, just by walking, you can make significant gains.

"I think 10,000 steps should be everybody's daily goal," said Kristie Harbaugh, owner

walk to LOSE WEIGHT

How many steps per day are enough?

Use the following chart as a guide.

Under 5,000 steps = sedentary lifestyle
5,000-7,499 = low-active lifestyle
7,500-9,999 = somewhat active lifestyle
10,000-12,499 = active lifestyle
12,500 plus = highly active lifestyle

Source: Catrine Tudor-Locke,

of Twin Fitness in Overland Park, Kan. "I tell my clients to buy a (pedometer) and see how many steps they get," she said. "Most people only get about half that."

The idea of walking 10,000 steps per day is enjoying a renaissance in the United States. It originated in the 1970s with Japanese researcher Yoshiro Hatano, who advocated walking to help slim down his increasingly obese country.

Today walking has gained popularity for many reasons. It's easy, there's no equipment to buy and, unlike jogging or other high-impact exercises, there's virtually no risk of injury.

And talk about health benefits. A University of Tennessee study published in the journal Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise revealed women who averaged more than 10,000 steps per day had 40 percent less body fat and waist and hip measurements that were more than eight inches narrower than those who averaged fewer than 6,000 steps.

Then there's the Amish. Researchers measured the daily steps of 98 Amish adults and found that men took an

assistant professor of Health Promotion at Arizona State University, in the January 2004 issue of Sports Medicine magazine.

Steps taken in everyday activities:

Taking the stairs to the third floor instead of the elevator — 62
Walking in to get your fast food instead of using the

drive-through — 74
Getting ready for work in the morning — 245
Going to church — 528
Walking around an average suburban block — 535
Walking around an average city block — 594
Going to the library — 680
\$100 grocery trip — 790
Two hours of clothes shopping at a mall — 1,800
One-mile walk — 2,060
2.5-mile walk — 5,200

average of 18,425 steps and women took 14,196. Compare that with about 4,000 steps for the average American adult (other studies put this number at less than 3,000), and it is easy to see why only 4 percent of Amish adults are considered obese compared with 31 percent of the general population.

But you don't need to walk long to see benefits. In an eight-year study involving 6,000 women, researchers at the University of California at San Francisco found that even a little extra walking can help you hold onto the neurons you have. High-energy walkers, the study found, held the line on cognitive decline far better than the more sedentary subjects.

By all accounts, your brain loves to walk. Walking increases blood circulation, and because it's not particularly strenuous, your leg muscles don't hog all the extra oxygen and glucose it produces. As you walk, you're oxygenating your brain. It's good for the rest of your body, too.

It increases your breathing, your heart rate and your lung capacity while shaping and toning your muscles. What's more, numerous studies of senior citizens who walk regularly showed significant improvement in memory skills compared with non-walkers. Walking also improved their learning ability, concentration and abstract reasoning.

Additionally, one study noted, stroke risk was cut by 57 percent in people who walked as little as 20 minutes per day.

Dixie Thompson, director for the Center for Physical Activity and Health at the University of Tennessee, said that because extra walking lowers blood pressure and helps the body process glucose, it also can dramatically reduce your risk for heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. Of course slow walking isn't as good as fast walking, Thompson said, but it beats inactivity and still has health benefits.

There are even social and family-bonding benefits.

"People can walk in groups of two or three," said Harbaugh of Twin Fitness. "The time passes very fast. That's key, because people often become bored with their workout. If we can make it more fun, people will work out more. And I encourage families to go on walks right after dinner twice around the block and take their dog with them. If children see their mom or dad walking, that's going to encourage them to become active, too."

Bottom line? There's nothing to lose by aiming for 10,000 steps per day. Look at it this way, experts say: Even if you reach only 8,000 steps, you've still doubled your amount of daily walking.

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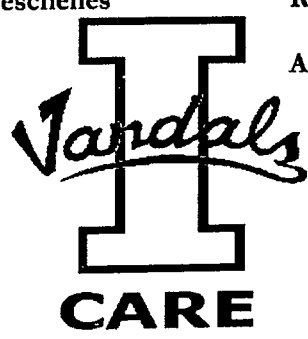
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The woman behind Prada's America's Cup boat

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

After Beth Lurie's three children leave for school each day, she might straighten up the house. She might play in the yard with her standard poodle. Or, she might settle in at the computer to do her part-time job: working on the design of what could be the sailboat to win the America's Cup.

Lurie is a performance analyst for Luna Rossa Challenge, the Prada-sponsored boat currently competing in the Louis Vuitton Cup in Valencia, Spain.

It's the qualifying race to decide which team will challenge Swiss champion Alinghi in the America's Cup, held at the end of June.

She's the only woman on the design team, although there is another woman who runs the sail repair loft. There are no women sailors.

Hers is a technical job. Lurie's academic background is in naval architecture with degrees from Dartmouth University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Working on the Luna Rossa yachts brings together her skills — testing different configurations of the boat's rudder, keel and bulb in giant wind tunnels, for example — with her lifelong love of sailing that blossomed cruising the Long Island Sound as a young girl raised in Larchmont, N.Y.

The perfect marriage was unexpected. Most naval architects work

for the military, so she had settled on the idea of working in engineering. In 1997, she joined United Technologies Research Center as an associate research engineer initially charged with developing quieter air conditioning fans for Carrier.

Fortuitously, that was about the time the company decided to join the AmericaOne team that aimed to bring the America's Cup back to the U.S., which last won in 1992.

"I was at the right place at the right time," she says.

Lurie became the engineering team's deputy leader and developed novel instrumentation, similar to what she does now.

But after two failed runs, United Technologies backed out of the syndicate — syndicates in sailing are what the rest of the sporting world calls teams — and Prada came calling in 2004 to work on the boat that would mark their third try to win after losing to Team New Zealand in the America's Cup 2000 and then failing to make it out of the Vuitton semifinals three years later.

Switching from an American team to the Italian entry wasn't much of an adjustment.

The sailing world is much smaller than you'd think, she says, and she found herself once again working with people from her AmericaOne days.

The vessels have a sleek appearance, a black hull with a stripe or red and Prada written in white

block letters. There are no fashion gimmicks but the style certainly is in keeping with the company's minimalist image.

But it's not designer Miuccia Prada who is the force behind Luna Rossa, it is her husband, Patrizio Bertelli, who also is Prada's chairman. It's his dream to win the Cup, a dream he didn't know he had until talking with a yacht designer in 1997 about the construction of a new cruising boat.

There are always 17 sailors aboard Luna Rossa plus room for a guest. They're outfitted in silver and white windbreakers. The jackets are made from two new fabrics, Dry Fast, which has a high titanium-dioxide content to enhance resistance to wear and weather, and Jersey Windbreaker, a thinner version of traditional jersey that also is water- and wind-repellent, breathable, insulating and offers UV-ray protection.

There is now a temporary retail store in Valencia devoted to Luna Rossa paraphernalia, ranging from the windbreakers to tote bags. For women, slim-cut T-shirts are emblazoned with the red Luna Rossa flag across the chest.

The May/June issue of Men's Vogue features an on-board tour of the Luna Rossa, which describes the \$40,000 headsails laced with 260 feet of carbon fiber that expand in the wind to look like molded aluminum.

Lurie, 38, does most of her work from her spare home office in her bright contemporary Fairfield County home. The only clues about her job are the single boat model that sits on a shelf and a handful of nautical photographs on the wall. But her work takes her around the world.

She's gone back and forth several times first to Milan, Italy, to work with the other designers, each assigned a specific section of the boat.

She's been to Seattle to test a one-third scale model in one of those aforementioned wind tunnels more often used by Boeing on its planes. Recently, she went to Valencia to run tests on the 75-foot Luna Rossa boats in the water.

Lurie says her amateur sailing friends at home try to tap into her skills.

"I get pumped for information a lot," she says with a laugh.

But even with her best educated guesses, Lurie says the entire sport of sailing is more at the mercy of luck and Mother Nature than any technical know-how.

However, she does acknowledge — with a sheepish grin — that she and her husband do fare pretty well in local boat races.

"I race recreationally, but it's the difference between a pickup game of basketball versus being a professional sports player," she says.

Speed, however, isn't what sets America Cup sailors apart from the

crowd. Their boats travel at the relatively slow rate of 10-15 miles per hour, and Lurie says the boats would have trouble holding up in environments other than the calm seas and light winds that the America's Cup dictates.

"It's made to go fast in certain conditions. It's not built to last. If the wind is too fast, it might fall apart," Lurie explains. "At one point last year, there was a sudden gust and I thought it would fall apart. I looked how far we were from shore and I said, 'I can swim that.'"

To put this in perspective for landlubbers, Lurie says her own 35-foot boat can withstand winds up to 40 miles per hour.

And even though the Luna Rossa is a Prada boat, there are no luxuries on board. Lurie describes a completely bare hull.

"I sit in what's basically a cave, sitting on carbon fiber, looking on a computer. It looks like the boat's not done. There is no table, no trim, no wood."

There are two boats per syndicate. Some choose to have two of the same design but Luna Rossa has different ones, with the theory that one or another might be better in different conditions.

Right now, Luna Rossa is tied in first place at the Louis Vuitton Cup with the American BMW Oracle Racing syndicate. The top four finishers after this stage of the regatta advance to the semifinals on May 14-24.

When humor and sports become offensive to some

By Mike Downey
Chicago Tribune

Aside from winning a Super Bowl, this city's fondly remembered 1985 Bears team became immortal for one particular thing:

A rap video. Walter Payton sang: "They call me 'Sweetness' and I like to dance. Runnin' the ball is like makin' romance."

Willie Gault sang: "I'm as smooth as a chocolate swirl. I dance a little funky so watch me, girl."

Otis Wilson sang: "I'm mama's boy Otis, one of a kind. The ladies all love me for my body and my mind."

Richard Dent sang: "We stop the run, we stop the pass. I like to dump guys on their —."

OK, you tell me: Innocent or in bad taste?

Good, clean, harmless fluff or naughty, improper, objectionable filth?

By 1985's standards, the "Super Bowl Shuffle" was pretty outrageous stuff.

Anybody with a relatively dirty mind could read between the lines: Payton was referring to sex. Gault was inviting women to check out his body. Wilson was bragging that women already did check out his body.

A body part identified by Dent and Wilson in the song's lyrics was used because it rhymed. It had to be bleeped out.

For 2007, this stuff would be

pretty tame.

Grown men comparing football to lovemaking, boasting of their physical prowess and using (or pretending to use) language that might be unwise to use on radio and TV where it might be heard or observed by a child ... it did push the boundary of respectable behavior somewhat.

But in the long run, no harm was done.

The athletes' reputations did not suffer. If anything, they were enhanced. Everybody generally wrote it off as a group of happy-go-lucky football players being funny and cute.

Bears first-round draft pick Greg Olsen, on the other hand, has been raked over the coals this week for a profane rap song he made with University of Miami teammates while still in his teens.

Olsen appears otherwise to have a sterling reputation. The 22-year-old tight end said he very much regrets having participated in that offensive song in 2003 and that he and his school friends meant it to be funny, nothing more.

Be offended if you like. It is a citizen's right to speak out against certain words like the ones Olsen and friends sang. You are not required to give an offending party the benefit of the doubt.

Humor is a funny thing, though, particularly the outrageously broad, cutting-edge kind.

A few weeks ago, Super Bowl champion quarterback Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts was guest host of NBC's long-running, satirical television show "Saturday Night Live."

Manning starred in a sketch that millions have found to be hilarious. It has been viewed countless times on YouTube and other Internet sites.

In it, Manning deliberately hits children with a football. He verbally abuses them, curses like a sailor and teaches them how to jimmy the lock of a car. He makes a crude pass at a woman. His words need to be bleeped out several times.

It was a scripted routine. It was for an audience's amusement. It did not intend to express the actual attitudes or behavior of Manning, a popular and wholesome football star.

Manning has taken no public flak over appearing in this skit. On the contrary, he has received kudos for being such a good sport.

A few years ago, NFL wide receiver Terrell Owens took part in a similarly scripted comedy routine on a major TV network.

As part of a "Monday Night Football" promotion, ABC worked up a bit wherein Owens goes into a locker room to dress for a game only to be greeted by a scantily clad actress, one of the stars of the network's hit show, "Desperate Housewives."

She came on to him. She

dropped her towel. It was highly suggestive, bordering on lewd.

But it was meant only to be funny.

ABC took a hit and Owens did as well. It was another example, many said, of a pro athlete demonstrating irresponsible behavior, not being a role model, going too far. A lot of people were put off.

I was. It happened on a family-hour TV show with no history of provocative humor. Kids were watching. Parents expected to see the Philadelphia Eagles kicking off, not a Desperate Housewife

taking it off.

Owens tried to be outrageously funny, as Manning did. Some people can get away with it. Some can't.

Even in private, what the Bears' new kid did went too far. Olsen and the Miami guys are sorry now. Everybody didn't care that they were only messing around. Being funny and being filthy are two different things.

Without being too raw, you could do a pretty funny parody of the "Super Bowl Shuffle" of old, starring the Bears' players of 2007.

"I play defensive tackle —

they call me Tank. The warden locked me up and the bars went clank."

"My name is Ricky; you know who I am. I beat up a dude at Denny's at 3 a.m."

"I'm No. 54 and the best, they say. But the NFL just fined me a hundred K."

Take it from there. Think up some more.

Be funny. Be clever. But most of all, as Greg Olsen and others are learning the hard way, be careful. To somebody out there, what you need is a rap in the mouth.

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Las Vegas' hunt for a major pro team

By Michael Hirsley
Chicago Tribune

The desert entertainment mecca of Las Vegas claims a metropolitan area of 1.8 million permanent residents, 133,000 hotel rooms and 135,000 visitors daily, and on NBA All-Star weekend it lavishly reaffirmed that it can host a big-league party.

But can it permanently host a big-league franchise? Mayor Oscar Goodman, the martini-savoring, show-girl-squiring, easily re-elected mayor who has added savior of downtown Las Vegas to his credentials as a former mob lawyer, is betting it can.

Goodman has submitted a written proposal to the NBA — his town's pitch for a franchise. He also made inquiries when the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins were thought to be amenable to relocation last year.

Vegas interests also bid for the Montreal Expos before Major League Baseball moved them to Washington, D.C., and renamed them the Nationals for the 2005 season.

The NBA's board of governors viewed Goodman's letter at an April 20 meeting.

"Consider this the opening of parries back and forth," said Brian McIntyre, the league's senior vice president of communications. "We now know they want us to bring a team to Las Vegas."

One potential sticking point is Commissioner David Stern's insistence that betting on NBA games be disallowed in Vegas sports books. Goodman doesn't see that happening.

"I believe it would be hypocritical for us to even suggest it," he said. "We have to be true enough to ourselves."

In his letter to the NBA board, Goodman cited Las Vegas' system of regulating gambling as a model of "integrity and operational excellence" that should eliminate any "concern of corruption or interference by unsavory individuals."

Ironically, the presence of hundreds of "unsavory individuals" engaging in gunplay and other acts of violence was a serious blemish on what the NBA otherwise regarded as a successful All-Star weekend.

Las Vegas police reported more than 300 arrests, and since-suspended Tennessee Titans defensive back Pacman Jones has been questioned about a shooting at a strip club that left two men critically injured.

Stern's opposition to gambling is well-documented; he got Canada's sports lotteries to exclude NBA games before awarding expansion franchises to Toronto and Vancouver.

But for Las Vegas, gambling appears to be a secondary issue to getting a suitable arena. The All-Star game was played at UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center, which McIntyre described as "insufficient."

"We made it clear that no NBA team would come into it as its home arena," he said.

Stern and Goodman have indicated flexibility on the gambling issue, Stern because "enough owners have said they have no problem with it," McIntyre said.

Many local observers believe the gambling question is a red herring. The real issue, they say, is whether Las Vegas, with its other attractions and distractions and a relatively small TV market, can support a major league team.

Of the betting issue, taxi driver Bill Bachunas said, "You can get a point spread on games in any city in the country, so why single out gambling in Las Vegas?"

Bachunas came to Nevada from Chicago 16 years ago. "I think there would be support for a team, enough to build a venue," he said. "But I don't think chances of us getting a pro team are very good."

The Sacramento Kings, embroiled in an arena dispute in the California capital, are believed to be Las Vegas' best bet. The Maloof family owns the Kings as well as the lavish Palms Hotel-Casino

and other Las Vegas properties, and Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof spearheaded Las Vegas' effort to land the All-Star game.

Goodman views landing an NBA team as a top priority of his final term, but he doesn't have everyone in town convinced it's a good fit. They note that while Las Vegas' population is sufficient, it lags as a TV market. Further, they say, an owner would have to spend more to market a sports team here than in most cities, where there are fewer competing entertainment options.

"Las Vegas is a different model from most American cities," said Alan Feldman, senior vice president of public affairs for MGM Mirage. "The small TV market will look more like Portland or Indianapolis, but the entertainment competition is more like Chicago or New York."

Feldman also raised the universal issue of who foots the bill for an NBA-caliber facility.

"It would be terrific to have a professional sports team here, but no public money should be involved in making it happen," he said. "It should be financed by the tenants, not by taxpayers' dollars."

Owner of 10 Las Vegas hotel-casinos, including the MGM Grand, Bellagio, Mandalay Bay and Mirage, MGM Mirage is Nevada's largest landowner, taxpayer and employer, with 60,000 employees.

Feldman insisted the prospect of a sports team competing for entertainment dollars is no problem. "This is an economy that grows and thrives with competition," he said. "But don't look to public funding for money to build a facility that will compete with us."

Don Logan, president and general manager of Las Vegas' minor league baseball team, the 51s, views Goodman's quest as a pipe dream.

"What the mayor doesn't get is that just because he wants it doesn't mean it will make sense for a sports busi-

ness to come here," he said.

Noting that the city came up short in its bid to land the Expos, Logan said, "A lot of things in Las Vegas mitigate against it."

He cited a few: "Tourists aren't here for ballgames."

"For a lot of our residents, this is a 24-hour, three-shift town. So one-third of the population is working, one-third is off and one-third is sleeping at any given time."

"It's hard to get people into 110-degree heat to watch a professional baseball team."

The 51s are named for Area 51, an infamous Air Force flight test center in remote Nevada whose secretive research into enemy aircraft and weapons has long spawned UFO conspiracy chatter, leading to government efforts to deny access to it or that it even exists.

Logan sometimes feels his Pacific Coast League team, Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, is similarly off the map.

"We have a pro sports team here, we just don't have a major-league team," he said before a recent 51s game.

Like two other pro teams in town, the Arena Football League's Gladiators and the East Coast Hockey League's Wranglers, the 51s struggle to attract fans, averaging 5,000 per home game at 10,000-seat Cashman Field.

Las Vegas would rank among the smallest TV markets in pro sports and is isolated from other populated areas, Logan said.

"Also, it would be hard to imagine a sizable contingent of fans from another NBA city planning a visit to Vegas around a game. You might do better with baseball, where a visiting team would be here for a three- or four-game series."

If there is one thing this town loves, it's wagering on sports. And even if the odds are against Mayor Goodman's bet on winning over a major league team, so far there is nothing to lose by trying.

Web site helps diners choose healthier dishes

By Mike Zapler
San Jose Mercury News

Dining out can be a disaster for those waging war against the waistline.

But a new Web site — healthydiningfinder.com — allows consumers to plug in a city or zip code, and up pops a list of restaurants in the area with a selection of menu items that meet certain healthy criteria, such as lower calories and fat content.

The site was produced by a San Diego company in tandem with the National Restaurant Association, and so far it's dominated by chains that pay a fee to be listed.

But the California restaurant association, which opposes current efforts by lawmakers to force its members to provide nutritional information on menus, is encouraging others to participate.

Dieticians and health advocates called the site a welcome development in the fight against obesity and diabetes, among other growing health epidemics. But some skeptics question how many people would bother to log online for a research session before heading to Chili's.

Others suspect a public relations stunt by the restaurant industry to fend off tougher government rules.

Jot Condie, chief of the California Restaurant Association, said the site strikes a balance between giving health-conscious diners nutritional information, and trusting that information at others who just want a happy, guilt-free meal. He said the timing of the launch had nothing to do with the proposal in the Legislature.

Jumpstarted with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the San Diego company Healthy Dining has been working on the site for more than a year, but officials just began promoting it in California this month. It's clearly a work in progress.

Many of the restaurants listed on the site are fast-food spots, such as Burger King —

think Whopper Junior, hold the mayo and cheese, garden salad and bottled water. A search for restaurants in San Francisco, one of the top dining destinations in the world, turns up establishments such as Chevy's, Bucco di Beppo, Domino's and Hooter's. Several restaurants (including Hooter's) actually have no menu items listed; the site says they are "coming soon."

Whether the site can attract the people who would benefit from it most — and not just hard-core health junkies — remains to be seen.

Two diners who were digesting lunch at a P.F. Chang's — one of the Healthy Dining's participating restaurants — debated that question Tuesday afternoon. Count Denise Brown, a retired state worker who tends her own herb garden at home, as a fan of the idea.

Had she looked at the site beforehand, Brown said, she might have ordered the mixed veggies or the asparagus. Instead she and her husband, David, shared the calamari and the moo shu pork.

But both also said that having the health information at the restaurant would be preferable to looking it up online.

"I'd like to have the information on the menu," David Brown said, "even though I might not pick it."

Another lingering question is whether those inclined to check out menus ahead of time might come away disappointed with healthydiningfinder.com's heavy offerings of fast food and chain restaurants.

But the site's backers say they expect the listings to grow exponentially in the coming months, as word spreads, to include smaller independent restaurants. Currently about 250 restaurants — with 30,000 locations — are listed.

"Our vision is to include one-unit independent restaurants to large chains," said Erica Bohm, a Healthy Dining vice president and director of strategic partnerships, "and everything in between."

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Get ready to roll: Learn nuts, bolts of bicycle tuneup

By Andrew Wineke

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

If your bike has been gathering cobwebs in the garage all winter, take a few minutes to give it a once-over before you hit the trails. Bad brakes, flat tires and squeaky chains can wipe the romance right out of those early season rides.

Chris Kuhn is a bike mechanic at Bicycle Village in Colorado Springs, Colo., who teaches a free weekly class on basic bicycle maintenance. Kuhn gives the rundown on where to turn a wrench before you turn those pedals.

Basic Maintenance:

Seat height:

It sounds silly, but if your seat isn't properly adjusted, you can't transmit the power from your legs to the pedals.

Adjust the seat so that when you're sitting on the bike with your heel on the pedal, your knee should be just slightly bent.

"I see a lot of people riding around with their seats really low," Kuhn said. "If your seat's way low, you only have about half your strength."

Cleaning:

The first commandment of cleaning is: "Thou shalt not hose thy bike down." Unless it's totally caked in mud, that is. Use a rag and a spray bottle to wipe the bike down.

"If you notice, there's no hoses besides air hoses" in the shop, Kuhn said. "We don't wash bikes, we wipe them down."

Adjusting the Brakes:

Make sure the brake pads are square on the wheel surface. There are adjust-

ment springs on both sides that you can adjust with an Allen wrench if the brakes are pulling harder on one side than the other.

A hex nut on the brakes above the wheel adjusts the amount of slack in the line — there's also a fine adjustment at the barrel on the brake levers on the handlebars. Most people like a medium amount of pull to engage the brakes.

Lubrication:

First, wipe the chain to get any accumulated dirt off. Then, pick a lube.

"In Colorado, we always recommend a drier lube (for mountain bikes) — something that dries to a film," Kuhn said. "The wet lubes, the lube stays on chain a little better, but it attracts all kinds of dirt."

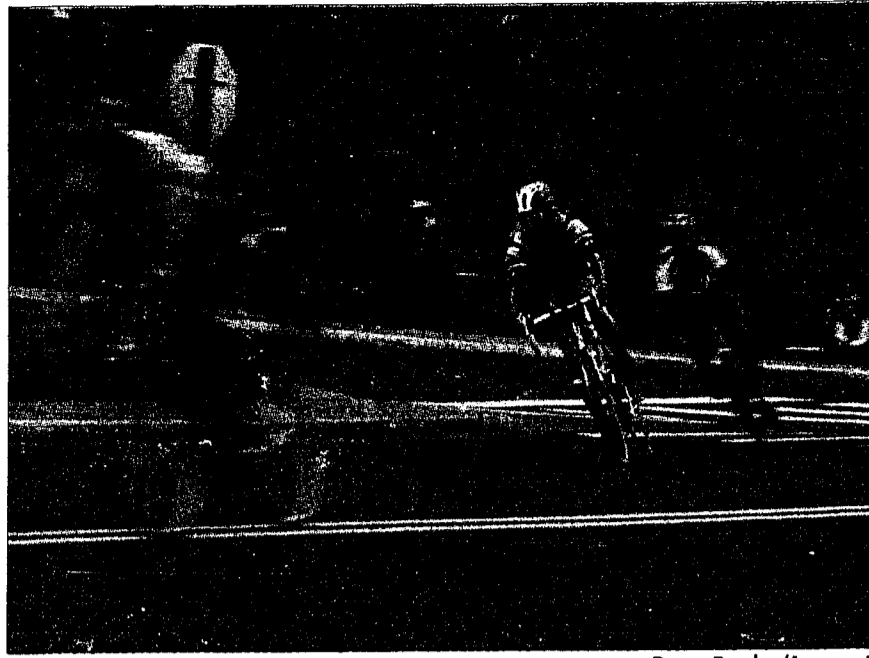
Run the lube down the center of the chain and then wipe the chain thoroughly. Anything left on the outside will just collect dirt. Make sure you don't drip any lube on the wheels, where it can get on the brakes.

If you want to go a little bit further, you can brush off your cassette (the rear gears). You can also floss your cassette a little bit (running a rag through the gears like a piece of floss).

Almost as important is what you DON'T lube: everything else. Putting lube on the headset, crank or frame pivots will only attract dirt. Those parts are all internally greased. Use WD-40 on your cleps pedals; otherwise, keep your bike clean and leave it alone.

"To put chain lube anywhere other than chains is a bad idea," Kuhn said.

When to lube? When the chain starts to squeak, has a dry, ratcheting feel, or if you're riding in the rain or going for an exceptionally long ride.



Bicyclists hug the corner of Sixth and Stadium during the NWCC criterium on Sunday morning.

Changing a flat:

It happens to the best of us. A thorn, a shard of glass, a nail, a twig, a pinch between two rocks ... the list goes on. Changing a flat is easy enough if you have a set of tire levers, spare tube and a pump.

Pull the brake quick release, loosen the hub quick release and pull the tire off. Stick a lever between the tire and the rim, pry off the bead and hook the lever onto a spoke. Use a second lever to slide along the tire and run the sidewall off the rim. Pull out the tube. Run a finger along the inside of the tire to

check for thorns or other sharp objects.

Pump a little air into the new tube to give it some shape, put one side of the tire back on the rim, then put the tube inside the tire, starting with the valve. Snap in the other edge of the tire and inflate. Tighten the hub quick release enough that you need to use your palm to close it.

Crank:

The crank bolts can work themselves loose and if they go, so do your pedals. These bolts are steel on steel, so don't worry about using some muscle to get them good and tight.

Checking for problems:

Here are a few other things to look for. If you find a problem here, you'll probably need to take your bike to the shop for a fix.

Spokes — Pinch your spokes to look for loose ones. Note that on the rear wheel, the drive-side spokes will be tighter than the offside spokes.

Headset — Hold your front brake and wrap your fingers around the top of the headset (where the handlebars and the front fork come together with the frame). Rock the bike back and forth to check for looseness.

Rear derailleur hanger — With the bike in a middle gear, get behind your bike and check the hanger (the sprocket the chains run through below the rear gears) for straightness. It often gets knocked around and bent in. If it's bent far enough, the hanger will catch the spokes and rip them out. Ugly.

Hubs — Rock your wheel side to side to check for play in the bearings. Loose bearings mean everything will wear out faster.

General — Go through your bike with a set of Allen wrenches and just check the bolts for tightness. Note that most of the bolts are steel and most bikes are aluminum, so just make them tight, don't overmuscle the wrench and strip out the bolt holes.

You got a question? Take your bike to a shop.

Almost anyone will give you an estimate, a quick safety check or an explanation of how things work, for free. "If you can't figure it out, don't be shy about asking," Chris Kuhn said.

Derby favorite Curlin draws No. 2 post position

By Dan Gelston

Associated Press

Carl Nafzger is back in a familiar, successful spot at the Kentucky Derby.

The trainer has Street Sense leaving from the No. 7 post, the same position Unbridled was in when Nafzger won the 1990 Derby. There is one difference: Unlike Unbridled, Street Sense could be the favorite by post time.

"I was hoping to be 20-1 like Unbridled," Nafzger said. "I don't care what the morning line is. I'd just like to be No. 1 to the wire."

Street Sense, last year's 2-year-

old champion, barely missed being the favorite by a whisker. Undeclared and unchallenged Curlin was made a slight 7-2 choice Wednesday over 4-1 Street Sense.

There were no hard feelings for Nafzger. Street Sense was sensational in his final Derby drills, and the favorable single-digit post position could make a difference for a horse with only two prep races.

Still, no Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner in 23 years has gone on to win the Derby; no 2-year-old champion has won since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

If Nafzger and jockey Calvin Borel are counting on an old win-

ning number to bring them some luck this year, Curlin has a digit on his side: No. 2. The imposing chestnut colt gets the nod from that post for Saturday's race, starting in the same spot Affirmed did on his way to winning the Triple Crown in 1978 — the last horse to do so.

Curlin will be ridden by Robby Albarado in a full field of 20 3-year-olds going 1 1/4 miles.

"We don't know how good this horse is, but he's just been dominating," Churchill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia said.

Curlin, though, faces his own obstacles. Like Street Sense, Curlin is relatively inexperienced with only

three career races. Curlin didn't compete as a 2-year-old and it's been 125 years since Apollo won after sitting out his 2-year-old season.

Only the filly Regret in 1915 has won the Derby with less experience than Curlin.

Trainer Todd Pletcher will try to end his 0-for-14 skid in the Derby with a record-tying five entries: Any Given Saturday, Circular Quay, Cowtown Cat, Sam P. and Scat Daddy.

Circular Quay was made the 8-1 co-third choice, along with Nobiz Like Shobiz, trained by Barclay Tagg, who won in 2003 with Funny Cide. Circular Quay, coming off an

eight-week layoff, will start in the No. 16 post.

Wood Memorial winner Nobiz Like Shobiz will leave from the No. 12 post.

Florida Derby winner Scat Daddy was installed as the 10-1 fourth choice and will break from the No. 14 post.

Pletcher's other horses were not among the favorites. Any Given Saturday was listed at 12-1; Cowtown Cat and Sam P. were both 20-1.

Sedgefield, a 50-1 shot, will break from the rail, while Inawildandcrazyguy, purchased for \$17,000 and is also 50-1, got the

No. 5 slot.

Much like Smarty Jones, Afleet Alex and last year's champ, Barbaro, the Derby will have another Pennsylvania feel with Hard Spun. Opening with 15-1 odds, owner Rick Porter's horse was bred in Pennsylvania and broke his maiden at Delaware Park, like Afleet Alex and Barbaro.

Hard Spun, which got the No. 8 post, turned some heads Monday when he ran one of the fastest

Since the 20-horse rule began in 1984, the race has gone off with a full field twice: in 2005 when Giacomo won at 50-1 odds and last year when Barbaro won by 6 1/2 lengths.

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